

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was unavoidably detained in traffic on Tuesday, January 29 while returning to the Capitol from my congressional district. This forced me to miss the vote on House Resolution 335, a resolution commending Catholic schools. Had I been present, I certainly would have voted for the bill.

As a graduate of Catholic elementary school and one well acquainted with the many first-rate Catholic educational institutions in my congressional district, I would have been delighted to vote for a resolution that "congratulates Catholic schools, students, parents and teachers across the nation for their ongoing contributions to education." I regret that I missed this opportunity to celebrate the merits of a Catholic education.

INTRODUCTION OF THE IMMEDIATE HELPING HAND DRUG ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2002

HON. ROB SIMMONS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, I believe most of us agree that the modernization of the Medicare program must include prescription drug coverage for seniors. Senior citizens are right to be concerned about having to pay for prescription drugs out of their own pockets and they are right to wonder when lawmakers will take action.

Congress seems poised to take action. But what if? What if Congress doesn't pass a Medicare reform bill that includes a drug benefit? What if partisan politics cause inaction? Then what?

I believe the solution lies in my legislation, the "Immediate Helping Hand Prescription Drug Assistance Act of 2002," which closely mirrors the plan President Bush put forth in early 2001. My bill will provide \$48 billion over seven years to states to help seniors afford prescription drug coverage. This national program is similar to the state of Connecticut's "ConnPACE" program and other state-funded prescription subsidy plans that help seniors purchase medication at a low cost.

Under my legislation, states would receive block grants to provide a drug benefit for low-income Medicare beneficiaries, either through the creation of new state drug assistance programs or through the expansion of existing programs. With this targeted approach, states would be able to provide much-needed dollars to drug programs, allowing more of our nation's seniors to afford prescription drugs.

While I would prefer adding a prescription drug benefit to a modernized Medicare sys-

tem, election-year politics may make this task virtually impossible. We cannot wait any longer—we must act now to provide seniors with a "helping hand" toward providing real prescription drug coverage.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to introduce this bill with three of my colleagues—Mrs. HART, and Messrs. KOLBE and MANZULLO. I urge others who truly care about providing prescription drug coverage to our low-income seniors to cosponsor my Immediate Helping Hand legislation.

ESTABLISHING FIXED INTEREST RATES FOR STUDENT AND PARENT BORROWERS

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 24, 2002

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 1762. This bill helps expand opportunities for higher education by establishing fixed interest rates for student and parent borrowers.

Our country is the land of opportunity, where one can go from rags to riches. A few land unique and rare opportunities for successful ventures that reap them financial security. The majority of the population, however, rely on a college, or more advanced, education.

The future of our Nation lies in educating the next generation of young people. But the cost of an education these days is phenomenal—tens of thousands of dollars per year for tuition alone. Add in the cost of books, room and board, and maybe a movie now and again. And for those who continue on to law or medical school, a significant amount of expenses is added on.

Most students get through college by working and taking out loans. Education loans are good investment in our economy and in our citizens. College graduates earn an average of 80 percent more than individuals with only a high school diploma. Over a lifetime, the earnings difference individuals with high school and college degrees can be more than \$1 million.

Education loans give everyone and anyone the opportunity to a college education because they are guaranteed. This legislation is crucial to ensure that education loans are accessible to help future generations realize the American Dream.

IN HONOR OF DAVID P. LEMAGNE

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true hero. On the tragic day of Sep-

tember 11, 2001, David P. Lemagne of New Jersey, working along side the Port Authority Police of New York and New Jersey, sacrificed his own life for the lives and well being of others. Today, I would like us to join together in a moment of silence to recognize the life of a truly outstanding man.

Since childhood, David Lemagne has helped those in need. In 1985, he worked as an Explorer in Post 525 with the Union City Volunteer Ambulance Corp. This was just the beginning of a career dedicated to assisting others. In 1990, he received his EMT Certification from the Bergen County EMS Training Academy and started working with the Union City Volunteer Ambulance Corp. Upon completion of high school, he was hired as an EMT with the Jersey City Medical Center, and worked as an EMT for the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey through 1993.

David studied hard and worked his way through the ranks, earning him respect, seniority, and greater responsibilities, including: a position as a Paramedic with the Jersey City Medical Center; as Ride Master of UMDNJ EMS Bike Team in 1995, where he served through 1999; as Tour Chief of the New Jersey Medical Center in charge of Emergency Services; and as a Team Paramedic of the NJSEA Meadowlands Arena. David saved countless lives throughout his selfless service to the community.

David Lemagne graduated from Hudson Catholic High School in 1992; received an Associates Degree in ParaMedicine from UMDNJ in 1994; and began studying Sports Medicine at Kean University.

David is survived by his parents, Ruth Myriam and Prudencio, his sister, Magaly, his brother-in-law, Salvatore Alfano, and his grandmother Lupe, and grandfather Guillermo.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating the life of David P. Lemagne, forever a hero in the eyes of all Americans.

TRIBUTE TO MS. CLAIRE SALVIANO

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of a woman I am proud to represent in Congress and even more honored to call my friend, Ms. Claire Salviano. Claire was recognized on Thursday, January 31, 2002 for her 25 years of dedicated service at the Department of Transportation for the Paterson Board of Education.

It is only fitting that she be honored, in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth, for she has a long history of caring, leadership, and commitment to the children of her hometown.

Claire Salviano was born in Paterson, New Jersey to Herbert and Clara Huntington. After

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graduating from a local high school, Claire married Virgil Salviano and raised five children. Once her children were grown, Claire decided to continue her education at Rutgers University and William Paterson University.

Her intense involvement in the Paterson community began while her children were in elementary school. Claire served on the School #9 PTA as a member, organizer and a 10-year officer. As Claire's interest in serving the needs of children grew, she became deeply engaged in the Paterson Boys Club. She founded the New Jersey Auxiliaries of Boys Clubs and was the first woman to serve on the Board of Directors for the Boys Club. During her tenure as a board member, Claire led the fight to admit school-aged girls as full members of the club. She was successful in her crusade, thus beginning a new era, the Paterson Boys and Girls Club.

Claire Salviano's service to the City of Paterson continued to grow as she founded and organized the South Paterson Neighborhood Association and the citywide neighborhood Crime Watch Program.

In 1977, Claire was appointed to serve as a Commissioner on the Paterson Board of Education. As a member and later President, she brought honor and distinction to the Board. Her efforts there did not go unnoticed as the Federation of Italian Societies recognized Claire as the Outstanding Woman of the Year.

Claire initially served as the Supervisor and eventually became the Director of the Department of Transportation for the Board of Education. In this new position, she was responsible for overseeing the transportation of 7,500 students. She joined the School Transportation Supervisors Association and was President from 1995–1997. As President she chaired the annual state conference and was elected to represent the Eastern Division of the State Directors Association.

The job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the accomplishments of individuals like Claire Salviano. Her concern for the safety and well being of children is unparalleled and we are grateful for her years of dedication and hard work on behalf of the Children of Paterson.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the City of Paterson. Claire's family and friends, all those who have been touched by Claire and me in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable service of Ms. Claire Salviano.

HONORING OLIVER GALE AS A
GREAT LIVING CINCINNATIAN

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a friend and constituent, Oliver Gale, who will be formally honored on February 20 by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce as a Great Living Cincinnati. The recipients of this prestigious award are selected on the basis of special achievement in the world of work, but the criteria also includes an awareness of the needs of others; civic service; leadership; and distinctive accomplishments.

Oliver Gale is a 92-year old Cincinnati legend—and Cincinnati is his adopted hometown! He has been a major force behind every Cincinnati civic improvement project over the past forty years. After graduating from Choate in 1937 and Harvard in 1941, Oliver began his career as a reporter and writer for the Boston Herald. He spent twenty years at Proctor & Gamble, joining the company in 1937 and rising to becoming an assistant to the company's legendary president, Neil McElroy. In 1957, Oliver became a special assistant during Mr. McElroy's tenure as U.S. Secretary of Defense under President Eisenhower.

In November, 1960, Oliver turned his attention to assisting Cincinnati landmark institutions. He has served as trustee and president for the Cincinnati Zoological Society at the time when the Cincinnati Zoo became internationally recognized. Oliver led the effort to join the Cincinnati Historical Society with the Museum of Natural History to establish the Cincinnati Museum Center at historic Union Terminal. With the Museum of Natural History, Oliver served as trustee, secretary, president and chairman. He served on the Museum Center board for twelve years, and he remains an honorary board member.

His civic associations do not end there. Oliver also dedicated his talent to the Cincinnati Ballet Company, the Oral History Foundation and the Friends of the Parks.

All of us in Greater Cincinnati thank Oliver for his service to our community, and congratulate him for being named a Great Living Cincinnati.

HONORING THE 32 YEARS OF
SERVICE OF TED EILERMAN TO
SAINT ELIZABETH'S MEDICAL
CENTER

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 32 years of service of Ted Eilerman to Saint Elizabeth's Medical Center in Granite City, Illinois.

Ted Eilerman's accomplishments are considerable. He has served for more than 32 years as an administrator at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, including 17 years as President and CEO. He has also served on the boards of Union Planters Bank, the Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville Foundation, Junior Achievement and FOCUS St. Louis.

He is past president of the Granite City Optimist Club, past Chairman of the Southern Illinois Industrial Association and Tri-City Civic Alliance and the Tri-Cities Area United Way Campaign. He is also the past president of the Leadership Council of Southern Illinois and is past chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois State Hospital Association. Ted's awards include the Jaycees Distinguished Service Award in 1970; the Illinois Hospital Association's Outstanding Public Service Award in 1979 (this award was given out only 5 times in the Association's history); the Department of Health Care Administration's Honorary Membership Award-St. Louis University in 1986; the De La Roche Award from the Board of Directors at St. Elizabeth's Medical

Center in 1991; and most recently the Chamber of Commerce of Southwestern Madison County's Citizen of the Year in 2001.

Last year, St. Elizabeth's Medical Center treated more than 27,000 people in the hospital's Emergency Room. The hospital is a 193-bed full-service medical center and provides medical care for the entire metro-east area.

Ted Eilerman's leadership has been outstanding. His vision, commitment and tenacity have made him a local, regional and statewide health care advocate. His commitment to providing quality health care to all people, regardless of their ability to pay, leaves a legacy of caring in Granite City, Illinois and all surrounding communities.

Ted will continue to serve as a consultant to the hospital, which is now under the management of Community Health Systems.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 32 years of service of Ted Eilerman to St. Elizabeth's Medical Center and wish both he and his family the very best for the future.

HONORING SGT. DWIGHT MORGAN

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, last September 14th I spoke on this floor and said that my dream as a Member of Congress was to never have to vote to send our American men and women into combat. At that time, our nation had just been victim to a horrific attack, and I joined my colleagues in Congress in voting to authorize our government to use military force to prevent the terrorists from striking again. I return to the floor today, saddened but proud, to honor a brave young man from my district who gave his life to protecting our nation.

Dwight Morgan, a Sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps, died in a helicopter crash near Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan. Dwight was only 24 years old, and was a native of Napa and Willits, California. He was a proud, hard-working Marine. His life-long gift for mechanics led him to be a specialist in helicopter hydraulics and electronics.

All those who knew Sergeant Morgan praised his work ethic, his sincerity, and his dedication to his family. School principals, football coaches, and teachers who had the opportunity to have Dwight under their guidance are unanimous in their respect for the way he conducted himself as a student, an athlete, and a young man.

Before Dwight died aboard a CH-53E "Super Stallion" helicopter, the Marine Corps had nominated him for a promotion to Staff Sergeant, which will now be awarded posthumously. His promotion is testament to his dedication to the Marine Corps. Since high school, his dream was to be a United States Marine. He served for over 5 years, and was most recently a member of the Flying Tigers, a helicopter squadron based at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar.

Dwight was highly regarded by those who knew him because of his commitment to his family. Soon after high school, Dwight married Teresa Morgan, who is pregnant with their

second child. One of Dwight's greatest joys was being a father to their son, Alex.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Sergeant Dwight Morgan for sacrificing his life to protect the citizens of the United States. At a time when all citizens are being asked to be vigilant in a war that has struck our homeland, we should have a high regard for the courage and dedication of Dwight Morgan.

A TRIBUTE TO THE VICTIMS OF
SEPTEMBER 11TH

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, the tragedy of September 11th touched all Americans in some way. Many of us in Congress lost people from the districts we represent.

Today, I would like to recognize one such man, John Hofer of Bellflower, California. Mr. Hofer was a passenger aboard American Airlines Flight 11, the hijacked flight that hit the north tower of the World Trade Center. He was on his way home to California from a golfing tournament on Cape Cod, Massachusetts. It was his first trip to the East Coast and he was excited about seeing a Boston Red Sox baseball game at Fenway Park.

John was known for his love of golf and was traveling with one of his golfing buddies, John Wenckus, 46, of Torrance, when their plane hit the World Trade tower. The two of them were regulars on the Skylinks Golf Course in Long Beach, California.

Mr. Hofer also was a businessman in his hometown of Bellflower. He owned John's Sharpening Center, a small business that sharpened pet-grooming tools. Mr. Hofer is survived by a daughter.

TRIBUTE TO MATT SMITH

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank publicly a member of my District Office staff for years of exceptional service to me and to the residents of the Second Congressional District of Oregon.

Matt Smith has been steadfastly true to a legacy of selfless public service that has long been a tradition in the Smith family. As the son of Kaye and Chairman Robert F. (Bob) Smith, who served Oregon so effectively as a leader for 36 years in the Oregon House and Senate and then in the U.S. Congress, Matt was raised with the knowledge that the most meaningful rewards in life come from helping others. Countless Oregonians have benefited from Matt's advocacy on their behalf and from his role as an integral participant in helping me address issues in the district that have directly impacted thousands of hard-working Second District residents.

Whether stepping in to save a rancher's grazing permit or helping to hone the finer details of my legislation to save the Steens Mountain area from unwarranted national monument status, I have counted on Matt to

get the job done. He has been a loyal and dedicated public servant on such issues as saving the Elk Creek Dam from wasteful demolition and protecting lives and resources by keeping the Medford Air Tanker Base open.

Matt has brought to his work a bright mind and a natural ability to work well with others. Not only have the people I represent placed great faith in his abilities, but so have his co-workers. Matt has been a team player in every respect and could always be counted on to solve tough problems and help others to reach their potential. Perhaps most importantly, Matt is a dependable friend with a great sense of humor.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of what Matt has accomplished and am proud to have had him on my staff. For someone who looks up to his father as much as I do, it has been a delight to watch Matt grow and mature into a man who must make his father very proud. Matt's stellar career has not gone unnoticed by others and many new opportunities have presented themselves. This month Matt is going to follow his expanded horizons by taking a position with Smith-West, a distinguished government relations firm. I have every confidence that in Matt's new job he will continue his own strong record of public service.

Matt Smith will continue to help others and make Oregon a better place. He will continue to be an impact player and make a difference. I am sorry to see Matt leave and lose his invaluable assistance, but I am so very proud of what he has accomplished and the good work I know he will continue to perform.

I join Matt's coworkers in saying thank you and congratulations for a job well done. We will miss you as a colleague, Matt, but we know in our hearts that you will always be our friend.

OUR FRIENDS IN CANADA

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, as Americans, we were all deeply moved when, during the days following September 11th our friends in Canada extended a helping hand to our shaken Nation. Our neighbors to the north deserve our thanks and praise for their enduring friendship.

The world watched as trans-Atlantic flights were diverted to Canadian airports in Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. Personal accounts from constituents of mine, stranded in Canada because of the events of September 11th, show how remarkable the response was from the Canadian citizens who helped to care for stranded passengers. There were hot meals, showers, cots, blankets, and TV sets to watch the first news of what was happening back home. There were also teddy bears and "field trips" to local sights.

It is during these troubled times that you find out who your real friends are. Thanks to the service men and women, and also to the citizens of the great Nation of Canada for their kindness. Your hospitality will not soon be forgotten.

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 4, 2002.

Lt. Cmdr. M.A. MORRIS,
*Commanding Officer, HMCS Cabot,
St. John's, Newfoundland.*

DEAR COMMANDER MORRIS: No one expected on the morning of September 11th what that day would be like. I expect that is especially true of you.

Ash and Susan Collins, two constituents of mine from Placitas, New Mexico, told me of your professionalism and kindness following the diversion of so many guests to your station.

I wanted to thank you for all you did for them and others in the same situation.

It is in the tough times that you find out who your real friends are. Thank you and your service men and women for your hospitality and kindness. We won't soon forget it.

Warm Regards,

HEATHER WILSON,
Member of Congress.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 4, 2002.

Hon. MICHAEL F. KERGIN,
*Ambassador, Canadian Embassy,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR: I had read a few stories in the paper about how well Americans were treated by our Canadian friends in the days following September 11th. Two of my constituents, Ash and Susan Collins of Placitas, New Mexico, took the time to tell me of their personal experience.

It is in the tough times that we find out who our real friends are. Please accept my thanks to you and your countrymen for your kindness and friendship. We won't soon forget it.

Warm Regards,

HEATHER WILSON.

ASHTON B. COLLINS, Jr.,
Placitas, NM, October 29, 2001.

Hon. HEATHER WILSON,
*House of Representatives, Cannon House Office
Building, Washington, DC.*

DEAR HEATHER: It was certainly good to be with you and Jay on Friday night. We appreciate your interest in our comments about the extraordinary response and support by Canadians on September 11.

On September 11, 2001, when U.S. and offshore airspace areas were closed, trans-Atlantic flights were diverted to Canadian airports in Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. More than 17,000 persons from 136 planes landed in Newfoundland alone. We enclose a photo of the Halifax, Nova Scotia airport to illustrate the dimensions.

We were on one of the 27 wide-body airliners with a total of approximately 4,300 passengers and crews landing at St. John's, Newfoundland. The St. John's airport was under major construction and normally receives one jumbo jet daily. Passengers were held for several hours on their planes while Canadian authorities developed plans.

Ultimately, we were allowed to carry only wallets for men, purses for women and passports into the terminal. Upon deplaning in darkness, we were each greeted with a warm, "Welcome to Canada", a sandwich, liquids, and solid assurance that we would be cared for. And we were cared for with astonishing efficiency on the part of all Canadian authorities, agencies, public institutions, businesses, and individuals.

The Canadians' sense of solidarity with their American neighbors was and is an indelible memory. A lot of Americans learned a lot about their neighbors to the North in a hurry.

Here are a few highlights:
Individuals from all over Newfoundland pitched in, each in his own way. We "airplane people" slept in churches, convents,

schools, e.g., we stayed at the HMCS Cabot naval reserve station on cots in a classroom. (We enclose a letter just written to Lieutenant Commander Margaret Morris, Commander of the Cabot facility for further detail.)

Teddy bears were bought by private citizens and delivered to children at various sites.

A cab driver offered us his home and a home-cooked meal.

Prescriptions were refilled and supplied gratis by the Red Cross.

The Canadian flags were flown at half-staff. This gesture, alone, moved many Americans to tears.

Sympathy cards to the United States handmade by Nova Scotia school children were posted on walls at the Halifax airport.

Newspapers were dominated by stories of events at home and Canadian support. (We enclose examples.)

Words cannot adequately express our appreciation, respect and admiration for our Canadian friends.

We will be glad to give further details should that be helpful.

Special thanks to you for your consideration of a reference to Canadian support and HMCS Cabot in the Congressional Record . . . and a mention to the U.S. Ambassador.

Sincerely,

ASH AND SUSAN COLLINS.

ASHTON B. COLLINS, Jr.,
Placitas, NM, October 29, 2001.

LCDR M.A. MORRIS,
*Commanding Officer, HMCS Cabot,
St. John's, Newfoundland.*

DEAR COMMANDER MORRIS: Some time has passed since we were with you and your HMCS Cabot personnel, as your guests in the days following the tragedies of September 11.

We will never be able adequately to express our gratitude for the extraordinary qualities of welcome, warmth, empathy, support, and solidarity that you gave us . . . all the "airplane people" . . . so generously and spontaneously.

We also will never know how, when so many people descended on HMCS Cabot so unexpectedly, you were able to anticipate so efficiently . . . and gracefully their needs, ranging from the obvious, such as hot meals (and the quality of which was outstanding!), cots and blankets, hot showers, and a variety of amenities to the less obvious but vital such as TV sets strategically placed so we could get our first news of the unfolding events and analysis.

And you were superb in your information flow to us . . . letting us know when you knew of potential and actual plan for ultimate departure.

Your people also were great about keeping track of all of their new "guests" and were sources of all manner of helpful information about St. John's and Newfoundland.

It is clear to us that this quality of response to extraordinary events comes from the heart, and from outstanding leadership. You exhibited both, in high measure; we salute you.

We Americans learned a lot about our great neighbors to the North, in a short time. And it was all of the best.

Now, in a modest turnabout, we enclose a small token of our New Mexico, with the sincere invitation to you to visit us in our home (photo enclosed) to let us show you something of our American Southwest.

We also enclose a check for your discretionary use in behalf of all the great people of HMCS Cabot.

Sincerely,

ASH COLLINS.

ALARMING DEVELOPMENTS FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN KAZAKHSTAN

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, troubling amendments to the current Kazakh law on religion await President Nursultan Nazarbayev's signature to enter into force. Both the lower and upper houses of the Kazakh parliament passed the amendments without any substantive modifications. As a result, if President Nazarbayev signs the legislation into law during the ten-day window, Kazakhstan would seriously undermine its commitments as a participating State in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) to ensure the freedom of the individual to profess and practice their religion or belief.

Introduced without public consultation in late November 2001, the amendments passed the lower house on January 17 and the upper house on January 31 of this year. The sudden rush to passage was surprising. Kazakhstan had been working with the OSCE Advisory Panel of Experts for Freedom of Religion or Belief to craft a law in harmony with its OSCE commitments. In fact, an earlier draft heavily criticized by the Advisory Panel was withdrawn in August 2001. The Advisory Panel issued a report on the latest draft on January 16, 2002, highlighting serious deficiencies in the text. However, it appears little heed was given to their critique. Reportedly, the executive branch pushed vigorously for legislation providing stricter controls on minority religious groups, which would explain the rapid consideration.

In response to these unfolding events, myself, Chairman BEN NIGHORSE CAMPBELL and six other Commissioners of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Helsinki Commission, wrote President Nazarbayev last week about these developments. The text of that letter which I am submitting for the RECORD, highlights several, but not all problematic elements of the recently passed legislation. Of particular note are the increased hurdles for registration and vaguely worded articles, which could allow for arbitrary denials of registration for religious groups, and consequently their legal existence. Accordingly, there is great concern for the future of religious freedom in Kazakhstan, whether for Muslims or Christians.

Mr. Speaker, in the letter we respectfully asked President Nazarbayev not to sign the amendments into law.

Our concerns are not based on mere supposition; related laws and regulations have been utilized to suppress faith communities in Kazakhstan. For example, this past summer Article 375 of the Administrative Code was introduced, requiring the registration of all religious groups and including language penalizing unregistered religious groups. Police have since justified several raids on religious meetings citing Article 375, resulting in harassment and imprisonment as well as reported beatings and torture. Actions late last year against unregistered Baptist pastors is an illustrative example.

On October 27, 2001, Pastor Asylbek Nurdanov, a Baptist leader in the Kyzyl-Orda

regional city of Kazalinsk, went to a police station after his church was raided for failing to register. Once there, he was reportedly severely beaten and stripped, with one officer attempting to strangle him with a belt. Another threatened to cut off his tongue with scissors if he did not renounce his faith. It was also reported that on November 10, Pastor Nurdanov was forcibly taken and detained in a psychiatric hospital in Kyzyl-Orda. While he was released on November 16, such abuse is unacceptable. Other reports of police harassment and detention of Baptist pastors who have not registered their faith communities also exist. For example, on September 25, 2001, the Aktobe public prosecutor initiated legal proceedings against Baptist Pastor Vasily Kliver on the charge of "evading the registration of a religious community." In October, Baptist pastor Valery Pak was jailed in Kyzyl-Orda for five days on the same charge.

These reports of harassment, torture and detention indicate a serious failure to uphold Kazakhstan's human rights commitments as an OSCE participating State. As is evident, our concerns about Kazakh authorities utilizing the proposed amendment's restrictive nature to harass, if not condemn, religious groups are borne out by past practice in Kazakhstan. Mr. Speaker, it is my hope that President Nazarbayev will honor the obligations his nation freely chose to uphold as a participating OSCE state and not sign the amendments into law.

Mr. Speaker, I request that the text of the letter sent to President Nazarbayev last week be included in the RECORD.

January 30, 2002.

His Excellency NURSULTAN NAZARBAYEV,
*President of the Republic of Kazakhstan,
Astana, Kazakhstan.*

DEAR PRESIDENT NAZARBAYEV: We write today to express our concern over the proposed amendments to the Law on Freedom of Religion and Religious Associations. We view the amendments, scheduled for consideration by the Senate on January 31st, as problematic, since they would seriously undermine Kazakhstan's commitments to human rights as a participating State in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). Therefore, should the Kazakh Senate approve the amendments, we respectfully ask that you not sign them into law.

The OSCE Advisory Panel of Experts on Freedom of Religion and Belief issued a review of the proposed amendments on January 16, 2002. The review found the proposed amendments, while an improvement from an earlier draft withdrawn in August 2001, seriously deficient in many respects. In addition, the OSCE Centre in Almaty has stated the current religion law meets international standards and found no justification for initiating the new provisions. Therefore, we believe the remarks contained in the OSCE Advisory Panel critique should be followed fully.

Problematic areas include, but are not limited to, permitting the registration of Muslim groups and the building of mosques only after a recommendation of the Spiritual Administration of Muslims of Kazakhstan. In addition, the number of individuals required to form a religious association would increase from 10 to 50, regardless of religion. Furthermore, the proposed amendments would permit dissolution of a religious group should individual members of the group commit repeated violations of the law. Each of these examples would allow the government to arbitrarily deny registration, and thereby

legal existence, on specious legal grounds not in harmony with OSCE commitments.

Reportedly, your government's justification for the new requirements in the current amendments, which create hurdles for registration, is to combat religious extremism. Yet the definition of "religious extremism" in the amendments is vague and inherently problematic, potentially categorizing and prohibiting groups on the basis of their beliefs, rather than on their having committed illegal actions. Such vague language would allow the arbitrary interpretation of a group's beliefs and uneven implementation of the law.

Our fear of Kazakh authorities harshly employing new requirements against religious groups is not unfounded. While the existing religion law does not require registration of faith communities, Article 375 of the Administrative Code, a provision added last year, requires the registration of faith communities. Since the promulgation of that article, we have received several reports of unregistered groups being penalized through criminal sanctions, as well as individuals being beaten while in custody. The harassment, detention and beating of individuals for merely belonging to unregistered religious groups, as well as disproportionate criminal charges for an administrative violation, are in direct violation of OSCE commitments.

In calling for these actions, we remind you of the 1991 Moscow Document in which the OSCE participating States declared that "issues relating to human rights, fundamental freedoms, democracy and the rule of law are of international concern" and "are matters of direct and legitimate concern to all participating States and do not belong exclusively to the internal affairs of the State concerned." It is in this light that these requests are made.

Last autumn, your government made a wise decision by choosing to honor its OSCE commitments and withdrawing the earlier version of the amendments. Recognizing the crucial importance that the very highest standards of religious freedom and human rights agreed to and proclaimed in various Helsinki documents be upheld, we respectfully urge you to take similar steps and not sign the amendments into law, should they pass the Senate without substantive modification.

Sincerely,

Ben Nighthorse Campbell, U.S.S. Chairman, Steny H. Hoyer, M.C., Zach Wamp, M.C., Alcee L. Hastings, M.C., Christopher H. Smith, M.C. Co-Chairman, Joseph R. Pitts, M.C., Robert B. Aderholt, M.C., Louise McIntosh Slaughter, M.C.

TRIBUTE TO OFFICER WILLIAM JIMENO

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to call to your attention the story of an American hero, Officer William Jimeno of the Port Authority Police Department. Officer Jimeno of Clifton, New Jersey miraculously survived being buried for fourteen hours in the rubble of the World Trade Center after heroically responding to the scene on the morning of September 11, 2001.

September 11, 2001 has emblazoned so many unforgettable images in our minds. Per-

haps none is more vivid, however, than that of courageous men and women in uniform working so valiantly to save the lives of others. It is therefore only fitting that Officer Jimeno be honored, in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth.

A member of the Port Authority Police Department for only nine-months at the time of the attack, Officer Jimeno and two fellow officers immediately rushed from the Port Authority Bus Terminal to the Twin Towers after the first plane hit. Soon joined by two additional officers, Will and his colleagues secured axes, air packs, and helmets to help evacuate the buildings.

The officers were in the lobby of Tower Two on their way back to Tower One when an indescribable noise pierced through the air. Tower Two was coming down.

Officer Jimeno found himself and four others from the PAPD, Sergeant John McLoughlin, Officer Dominick Pezzulo, Officer Antonio Rodriguez, and Officer Chris Amoroso, buried alive, crushed under steel and concrete and surviving inside an air pocket made by part of an elevator.

After fourteen hours, and after losing three of his fellow officers who had been trapped near him, Will was pulled from the rubble.

Officer Jimeno's actions that day, and everyday of his recovery since, are a testament to his character and spirit. Rather than be daunted by the tragedy that occurred, he is steadfast and resolute in his commitment to serve others.

As Will himself has said, "As soon as I'm better I'll put my uniform back on and go back to work."

Those who attacked us on September 11 thought our commitment to freedom and to each other made us weak. They never met Will Jimeno. The bravery and love he exhibited in the face of terror make him an example for us all.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the City of Clifton, Will's family and friends, myself, and a truly grateful nation in honoring a great American, Port Authority Police Officer William Jimeno.

HONORING EMILY WATKINS SPICER AS A GREAT LIVING CINCINNATIAN

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Emily Watkins Spicer, an educator and community leader, who will be honored on February 20 by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce as a Great Living Cincinnati. The recipients for this prestigious award are selected on the basis of their achievement in the world of work, but the criteria also includes an awareness of others; civic service; leadership; and distinctive accomplishments.

Emily Watkins Spicer grew up in Cincinnati during the 1940s—a time when many young African-American women were not able to realize their career goals. At Withrow High School and later at the University of Cincinnati, she remembers some teachers would not call on her in class. Never allowing herself

to become bitter, Emily turned her formidable energy and talent to becoming a teacher, her lifelong dream.

After graduating from Withrow in 1944, Emily earned a bachelor's degree in teaching from the University of Cincinnati in 1948. She worked for the Cincinnati Recreation Commission for ten years, then accepted a job teaching physical education at Lincoln Heights High School. While earning her master's degree in guidance counseling at U.C., she taught health and physical education at Heindel Junior High. Completing her master's degree in 1963, she held teaching and counseling positions at Aiken High and Woodward High. In 1971, she was named assistant principal at Woodward.

In 1976, Emily became principal of Merry Junior High in Mt. Adams, where she had the task of supervising 1,000 seventh and eighth graders who were bused from other parts of the city. Her accomplishments were noticed by the Superintendent of Cincinnati Public Schools, James N. Jacobs, who named Emily principal of Taft High School. Emily's appointment marked the first time a woman was named senior high school principal for the Cincinnati Public Schools. At Taft, Emily was credited with giving the high school—then in deplorable physical condition—a new spirit as well as a new look.

Although she retired in 1983, Emily remains active in community and educational pursuits. She served four years on the Greenhills-Forest Park School Board, and helped open a charter school, the Hamilton County Math and Science Academy. In 1979, Emily was recognized as a "Woman of the Year" by the Cincinnati Enquirer.

All of us in Cincinnati area are grateful for Emily Watkins Spicer's dedication to our community, and congratulate her on being recognized as a Great Living Cincinnati.

HONORING THE REVEREND DONALD PIERCE WEEKS

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Reverend Donald Pierce Weeks. He has been an outstanding member of the clergy, working tirelessly for the people of his community and our nation.

Reverend Weeks served in East St. Louis, Illinois at the Holy Angels Shelter for Women and Children from 1981 to 1988, by giving advice and sharing personal experiences. In October 1986, St. Clair County dedicated this month to him in recognition of his work. He also traveled to Cairo, Illinois to teach individuals how to read and write, so they could pass voter tests administered years ago.

After his service in Illinois, he was sent to work at Saint Patrick's Abbey in Oakland, California. While there, he was elected the Benedictine Monk in 1999 and has served in this position ever since. His dedication to fairness and justice is demonstrated daily by continually helping men and women recover from their alcohol and drug addictions. In addition, Reverend Weeks selflessly serves his community by feeding and counseling homeless men,

women and children suffering from AIDS and other communicable diseases. his graciousness and unflinching courtesy have set a high standard for all of us to follow.

Mr. Speaker, Reverend Weeks has achieved impressive levels of achievement and accomplishment. He is an extraordinary individual, and I know my colleagues join me in expressing our appreciation for his dedication to service and our very best wishes as he continues his work.

RECOGNIZING MR. JOHN DANIEL MORGAN OF WAUCONDA, WASHINGTON

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in paying its respects to the late Mr. John Daniel Morgan, a former resident of Colorado. Mr. Morgan was a member of what television journalist Tom Brokaw named "the Greatest Generation," and serves as a source of pride for all generations. Today, we recognize and mourn the passing of this great man and to celebrate all he has contributed to this great nation.

I wish at this time to enter into the RECORD a letter I received from his son. Mr. Morgan embodied the spirit of an upstanding and honorable American. He was both a veteran of the Second World War and the father of eight children. In his retirement, he worked to restore the pristine forests of his state. A devout Christian and family man, the success of all his children is a testament to the strong character of Mr. Morgan.

America was built by men like him and it is truly an honor for me to recognize his accomplishments today before my esteemed colleagues. I wish to encourage all Americans to recognize the accomplishments of those who came before them, and to look to such role models as Mr. John Daniel Morgan. On behalf of the citizens of Colorado, I ask the House to join me in extending appreciation to Mr. John Daniel Morgan and his family.

To: President George Bush and Members of the 107th Congress.

From: Bill L. Morgan.

Re the loss of a great American and father.

My name is Bill Morgan and my father, John Daniel Morgan, has recently been diagnosed with advanced acute leukemia. This letter however, is not to inform you of his impending death, but to tell you of the life he has lived and the service he has provided this country. He has always been my role model as an American and given me the pride I feel for this great country.

Dad was born May 30th, 1921 to William Lloyd and Mary Ellen (O'Brien) Morgan in Victoria B.C., Canada. Both his parents were of old Spokane, Washington families. After graduating from Victoria High School, Dad moved to California where he worked for Douglas Aircraft just prior to World War II and attended both the Cummock School and City College of Los Angeles. In early 1942 he volunteered for the US Army at Fort Bliss, TX. Shortly thereafter Dad was among the early volunteers for the parachute troops, training at Fort Benning, GA in the 551st Parachute Infantry Battalion. He saw service in the Caribbean Theater preparing for an assault drop on enemy-held French Mar-

tinique. After returning to the U.S., Dad was injured in a parachute training accident and transferred to a Tank Destroyer Unit that saw action in Germany during the final months of World War II. He was among the U.S. troops liberating Dachau Concentration Camp in southern Germany, and remained there until late 1945 as rescue and rehabilitation efforts continued for the released prisoners.

Following his release from the Army in 1946, my Dad first attended Gonzaga University in Spokane and then later graduated from the School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, in Washington, D.C. in 1950. At Georgetown he participated in the ROTC program and was commissioned in the Air Force Reserve in 1949 at Lowry AFB, CO.

Most of Dad's work and military career was in the field of national intelligence, including the Central Intelligence Agency, both in Washington, D.C. and the Far East. He also served at the Army Missile Intelligence Command at Huntsville, AL, and numerous Air Force assignments throughout the US. In 1970 he entered the US Customs Service and worked various posts in the Port of Seattle, including temporary assignments at Nighthawk near Loomis, WA.

It was during his assignments at Nighthawk that Dad "discovered" the Okanogan region and began planning to retire in this area. After his retirement from both his military service and his Customs inspector position in December, 1977, Dad moved to Wauconda, Washington, and built a home on Mount Toroda. He established the Morning Song Reforestation Project to demonstrate ecologically sound practices to reclaim over-logged land and establish a sustainable forest operation.

Additionally, during his "retirement" years, Dad wrote eleven books ranging from the definitive history of the 551st Parachute Infantry Battalion to poetry and personal memoirs. He created a series of videos of music and scenes for meditation. He produced many original watercolors and stained glass windows.

Dad was a life-long member of the Catholic Church and a Secular Franciscan for more than forty years. He was a past officer of the 551st Parachute Infantry Association and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Dad belonged for many years to the Washington Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, based on descent from Private Jonas Morgan of the Virginia Continental Line.

Of the eight children he and my mother raised, five have served in the Armed Forces. Daniel, the oldest was in the Air Force during the Vietnam War. Ric, the third oldest, retired from the Navy as a Commander in 1999. During his distinguished career in Naval Intelligence, Ric participated in virtually all United States Navy campaigns since the Iran Hostage Crisis. Ric now serves as the Veterans Affairs Officer in Elbert County, CO, and is attending law school in hopes of becoming a "country lawyer" upon his graduation. Suzy, my oldest sister, served with the United States Army as a nurse, and later transferred to the Air Force. She was well known and respected for her knowledge and professional capabilities at Fort Bragg and Fairchild AFB. Mary, the youngest sister, once served as an enlisted computer technician assigned to the 9th S.R.W. at Beale AFB, CA. Her efforts helped insure that the reconnaissance missions of the SR-7 Blackbird, U-2, and TR-1 aircraft were a success. She left active duty long enough to get her nursing degree and re-enlisted as an Air Force Officer. She now serves as an emergency care nurse at Travis AFB, CA. As for myself, the youngest of the bunch, I served with the 1st Special Operations

Wing at Hurlburt Field, FL. As an Aircraft Pnedraulics Technician, I helped maintain the AC-130H Gunship, MC-130E Talon II, and MH-53-H helicopters now being used in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. During my tenure at the 1st S.O.W., I served in direct or support roles for Operation Urgent Fury, Operation Just Cause, and Desert Storm. I am currently enrolled in paralegal courses and on my graduation hope to help my brother Ric in his legal practice.

My other brother and sisters have become a computer engineer, a licensed mid-wife and apple grower in Washington State, and an owner of a book store respectively. As you can see, my father did not raise under-achievers. We have all grown to serve our community and nation as we best saw fit.

But working for the United States government and raising a family was not enough for Dad. In 1976, he purchased 220 acres in north central Washington State. This land was heavily logged and left to erode and fend for itself. Working either by himself or with help from my brothers and sisters, he cleaned up the slash piles left behind, thinned the undergrowth that takes over in these kind of lumber operations, and planted more trees. Today, the land that was once an eyesore to all who saw it, is a beautiful, wooded piece of land for our future generations to enjoy and appreciate. The "Morning Song Project" now encompasses over 600 acres and has had a lasting, positive impact of the population of Wauconda, WA.

In the mid 1970's, Dad started contacting members of the 551st Parachute Infantry Battalion, which was his unit early in WWII. This unit, all but annihilated during the Battle of the Bulge, was disbanded after the battle and its surviving members distributed among other units. Through my father's efforts and other unit members he located, the veterans of this unit were able to come together again a hold an annual reunion. He, along with a few other members of the Battalion, were able to restore and preserve the history of this heroic fighting unit. Throughout their efforts there is a now memorial at both Fort Bragg and Bastogne, France commemorating the men of the 551st Airborne Infantry Battalion, a unit otherwise lost to history. In October, 1999 the 551st Parachute Infantry Battalion was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation with Valor, for their extraordinary courage during the most difficult phases of the Battle of the Bulge, which wiped out their unit. My Dad was the principal driving force behind this belated recognition of American heroism on distant battlefields.

I felt it important to let you, the Government of the greatest nation on earth, know that in these trying times, there are still people who cherish the freedoms that come with being a United States citizen, and go above and beyond to ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy these same freedoms. My Dad will be gone soon, but not too soon to recognize the courage reflected in his life, and the great heritage which he, and countless other great Americans of his generation have preserved for us all, and for which we are most deeply indebted. One of God's greatest blessings, to this great nation is the patriotism and devotion to duty characterizing his life, and the lives of millions of his countrymen, that has wrought such remarkable benefits for this great nation, and future generations across the globe.

Most sincerely yours,

BILL L. MORGAN.

HONORING DELTA SIGMA THETA

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, In 1916, twenty-two women came together at Howard University in Washington, D.C. to establish an organization of motivated African-American women. These women believed not only in the ideals of high morality, but also the maintenance of scholastic achievement and philanthropy among women. As a result of this meeting, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was established.

To date, Delta Sigma Theta has over 200,000 members worldwide, with branches of sisterhood reaching as far as West Germany and Korea. The women of Delta Sigma Theta have continued their founders' initial pledge to serve others, carrying out the tradition of acting as a public service organization rather than a social club. Realizing the issues reach across the globe, the members of Delta Sigma Theta have outlined five points to which they hold themselves and each other accountable. These goals include educational development, economic development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and—particularly poignant of all of us—political awareness and involvement.

I am pleased to say some years ago, Atlanta area alumnae of Delta Sigma Theta realized the need for a solid alumnae presence, so on February 22, 1986 the Marietta-Roswell Alumnae Chapter set its charter. It has grown to over 300 members. At the core of this alumnae group is support for their collegiate sisters, bringing to light the scholarship program. Funds for the prize monies are raised through its annual dinner dance, "An Affair of the Heart," and the debutante cotillion program.

My fellow members of the House, I am happy to report the Marietta-Roswell alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta will be giving out more than \$25,000 in collegiate scholarships awards on February 16, 2002, saluting promising African American women leaders of tomorrow. I ask you to join me in applauding the past and present efforts and activities of Delta Sigma Theta. Their outstanding leadership and true community spirit of both alumnae and active members are to be commended and exemplified.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASHLAND LIONS CLUB

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Ashland Lions Club. The club began serving Hanover County, Virginia on February 26, 1952.

The Ashland Lions Club's 50 years of community service is a remarkable accomplishment. Many dedicated members have volunteered their time over the past 50 years to serve the citizens of Hanover County. The Lions Club's generosity is invaluable and

something for which we are all extremely grateful. I am honored that such an exceptional organization resides in the seventh district of Virginia.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Ashland Lions Club for its 50 years of service.

IN MEMORY OF LOWELL F. RUPP

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay homage to a man of my district, Lowell F. Rupp, who passed from this life on Monday, January 7, 2002 at the youthful age of 73. Mr. Rupp was a long time and much loved civic and business leader in Fulton County, Ohio.

Born a family farm still operational in Fulton County, Mr. Rupp eventually purchased the farm from his father. He produced corn, soybeans, and wheat, selling the seed as well. Even though I came to know him through politics, for me the picture of Mr. Rupp remains with the land, for he was a farmer in his very soul.

Entering German Township politics, he "sought elective office out of a love for people and a desire to make a difference in their lives." That, indeed, he did. After serving for ten years as a German Township Trustee, Mr. Rupp was elected a Fulton County Commissioner. He served in that position for sixteen years, retiring at the end of his final term in 1994. His tenure as commissioner brought a great deal to the residents of Fulton County: he most assuredly did make a difference in their lives, improving their livelihoods, bringing positive progress to the county and always moving forward. Under his stewardship, he helped establish the Fulton County Courthouse Plaza, a new county health department building and senior centers in four regions of the county. He helped to obtain expansion for water lines into the county and improvements to its fairgrounds.

Those who worked with Mr. Rupp in pursuit of projects benefiting the county—myself included—found him to be a most able and honorable man. One of his colleagues describes him as a "rock-ribbed Republican" who never let partisanship get in the way of doing the best job he could for the public good and noted, "He was a gentleman to work with. We were both opinionated and agreed to disagree." Mr. Rupp practiced a style of politics from which all could take a lesson, and though driven to achieve what he thought was right, still understood the art of compromise.

A man of great yet quiet faith who lived his beliefs, Mr. Rupp was a lifelong member of the Evangelical Mennonite Church. He was also a member of Gideons International and the Archbold Rotary.

Lowell Rupp and his wife Ardith celebrated nearly 53 years of marriage together. As deeply as he surely loved them, words can do little to assuage the grief felt now by Mrs. Rupp, their children Beverly, Pamela, Bruce, Larry, and Leslie, sister, brother, and grandchildren. May the tangible legacy he leaves behind in what his public service gave to his community help them as they find their way now. Lowell Rupp's memory, his talent, his en-

ergy, and his service are the gifts he has left to his family, and to us. While we are saddened at his passing, we are grateful for his life.

TRIBUTE TO THE SHEA FAMILY

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to 2002 Winter Olympian Jim Shea, Jr., of West Hartford, Connecticut. Shea Jr. took second place at a World Cup race in December earning him one of the three spots on the U.S. Men's Skeleton Team in the Winter Olympic Games.

This recent victory and the gaining of a berth on the Olympic team are only the latest accomplishments in a distinguished athletic career. He won a gold medal at the National Championships in 1996. Shea was the top finisher for the U.S. in every race of the 1998–1999 season. He was first American to win a gold in the Skeleton World Cup in 1998 and the first American to win the Skeleton World Championships in 1999. He also won gold at the Inaugural Winter Goodwill Games in Lake Placid in 2000. Shea finished third in the overall World Cup standings for 2000–2001.

Perhaps even more captivating than Shea's athletic record is his family history. When Jim Shea Jr. qualified for the Olympic team, the Sheas became the first family in American history to send 3 generations to the Winter Olympics. The Nelson family accomplished the same feat with the Summer Olympics in the sport of cycling. Jim's father, Jim Shea Sr., competed in Nordic skiing in the 1964 Olympic Games. Jack Shea, Jim Jr.'s grandfather, won two gold medals in speed skating at the 1932 Olympic Games in Lake Placid. Jack was also selected to compete in the 1936 Winter Olympics, to be held in Germany, but refused to participate in protest to Hitler's persecution of the Jews. Jack symbolized true Olympic sportsmanship, and in Jim Jr.'s words, Jack "always felt it was not who won the gold; it was about bringing the world together in a peaceful setting."

Unfortunately, Jack Shea will not be able to see his grandson compete in the Games. Jack was killed in a drunk driving accident in his hometown of Lake Placid last week. I would like to honor the Shea family for their great spirit of participation and sportsmanship, and I wish Jim Jr. good luck in Salt Lake City.

IN HONOR OF JOHN "JACK"
PHIPPS, SR.**HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John "Jack" Phipps Sr. who will be retiring from the Harmonville Fire Company No. 1 in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania after twenty-one years of service as Fire Chief.

Since 1960, Jack has served the Harmonville Fire Company with pride and distinction. In 1963, he was a member of the

SCUBA team which at the time had the most complete fire and rescue operations in the area. He was elected Financial Secretary in 1963 and held this position for nine years until 1971. Jack advanced to fire line officer when he was elected to be Battalion Chief in 1976 and 1977. He became Fire Chief in 1981. Jack has held the position of Fire Chief of the Harmonville Fire Company longer than any other person in the history of the fire company.

Jack has been involved in his community as a member of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, the Plymouth Township Relief Association, and numerous other civic activities. He has selflessly given his time and energy to projects such as the building of a substation in Plymouth Valley. In addition, Jack played a crucial role in obtaining a rescue helicopter for Montgomery County.

I am pleased and honored to recognize Jack Phipps on his great career of service. His dedication to his community has been truly outstanding.

TRIBUTE TO OFFICER PAUL
LASZCZYNSKI

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to call to your attention the life of an American hero, Officer Paul Laszczynski of the Port Authority Police Department. Officer Laszczynski of Paramus, New Jersey, was killed in the Line of Duty while heroically responding to the attack on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

September 11, 2001 has emblazoned so many unforgettable images in our minds. Perhaps none is more vivid, however, than that of courageous men and women in uniform working so valiantly to save the lives of others. It is therefore only fitting that Officer Laszczynski be honored, in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth.

A sixteen-year veteran of the Port Authority Police Department and member of the Port Authority's Emergency Services Unit, Officer Laszczynski was no stranger to emergency response. Having repelled down elevator shafts, climbed the top cables of the George Washington Bridge, and rescued people from burning buildings throughout his distinguished career, Paul Laszczynski once again placed the lives of others ahead of his own on September 11th.

Trained in hazardous materials response, Officer Laszczynski was a member of the PAPD's Chemical Identification Response Team. Always one to take on additional tasks, Officer Laszczynski also served as the PATH Command's Fitness Coordinator, a Police Academy Pistol Range Instructor, and as a member of the Honor Guard.

During the bombing of the World Trade Center on February 26, 1993, Officer Laszczynski helped rescue a handicapped man by carrying him to safety from the 72nd floor. His efforts that day earned him two distinguished citations: The Meritorious Citation for Exemplary Police Actions and the Individual Valor Award.

Paul Laszczynski's dedication to serving others and the community at large did not stop

with his service at the PAPD. He was a proud member of a motorcycle club made up of fellow officers that organizes charity rides for sick children and meets other community needs.

He has touched countless lives for the better, and we are all better for having him as part of our American family.

On Tuesday, September 11th that family was attacked in a way we had only seen in our very worst nightmares. The actions carried out on the people of this nation were unspeakable acts of war, targeting the very foundation of what makes us Americans. That day we all witnessed the very worst of mankind.

What the perpetrators of these acts did was not realize the unwavering commitment to liberty and humankind felt by Paul Laszczynski and his fellow heroes. The bravery and love he exhibited in the face of terror make him an example for us all.

We will honor Officer Paul Laszczynski by trying to live our lives as he lived his. We will honor Paul by loving his family as he did, and continuing his work to make our community a better place.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Paul's family and friends, myself, and a truly grateful nation in honoring the life of a great American, Port Authority Police Officer Paul Laszczynski.

HONORING LYLE EVERINGHAM AS
A GREAT LIVING CINCINNATIAN

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a friend and constituent, Lyle Everingham, who will be honored by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce on February 20 as a Great Living Cincinnati. The recipients of this prestigious award are selected on the basis of special achievement in the world of work, but the criteria also includes an awareness of the needs of others; civic service; leadership; and distinctive accomplishments.

Lyle Everingham's success is a classic American story of "working your way to the top." Fresh from a tour of duty with the U.S. Army in the South Pacific, twenty-one year old Lyle applied for a temporary position stocking shelves at a Kroger store in Adrian, Michigan. He thought it would be a nice summer job until school started that fall. Instead, he stayed on with the company, and decades later, oversaw the Kroger Company's entire operation—retiring as Chairman of the Board in 1991. Along the way, he assumed greater responsibility—as store manager, district manager, general district manager and manager of operations. He served as manager of merchandising in the company's Toledo Division, and it was there that he sharpened his administrative skills. Under Lyle's leadership, Kroger became one of the nation's largest food chains and retained its ownership, fending off a hostile takeover attempt by two out-of-town investors. He consistently championed innovative ideas to improve the customer's experience—such as incorporating bank branches right into the Kroger store.

Kroger is truly all in the family for the Everinghams. Lyle's brother, Bob, four sisters,

mother and wife Rlene have all worked for Kroger. Rlene and Lyle have three children and six grandchildren.

Lyle's volunteer activities are many. He led the first capital campaign for Hospice of Cincinnati and the second capital campaign for St. Rita's School for the Deaf. He served on the Smale Infrastructure Commission, the Buenger Education Commission, and was active in United Way. A past president of the Commercial Club and a past co-chair of the Cincinnati Business Committee, Lyle also served as a trustee of the University of Cincinnati and on the board of Bethesda, Inc.

All of us in the Cincinnati area salute Lyle Everingham as he is recognized as a Great Living Cincinnati.

HONORING THE AMERICAN HERITAGE
ACADEMY, CHEROKEE
COUNTY, GEORGIA

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, in 1999, a private school opened its doors to the north Georgia community in Cherokee County. Since its inception the American Heritage Academy has become an integral component of Georgia's education system, becoming a home to advanced and gifted students, motivating new goals, and challenging students to entertain a wide range of various ideas.

The school operates on a college prep format and combines a versatile range of racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds; giving its students a diversified look at the world from the start. At the heart of the American Heritage curriculum lies a balanced combination of academic development, community service, and individual creativity. Each class holds a maximum of 15 students, ensuring personal attention and the opportunity for every student's voice to be heard. For now, the school operates on a preschool through middle school scale, but soon it will unveil its newest extension. Students will be able to begin their formative school years at American Heritage, and continue on through high school, right up until they graduate and depart for the next phase of their education.

American Heritage has become a flagship school to Cherokee County. Its presence has initiated a partnership between public and private schools that provides an important choice to parents. The school has grown not only in numbers, but also in reputation, in just a short while; it will no doubt continue to do so in the future.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. VIRGINIA
STRICKLAND ROGERS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to honor a native of Como, Mississippi who celebrates her centennial birthday today. In 1902, the year Mrs. Rogers was born, Theodore Roosevelt was our nation's twenty-sixth President. Throughout his

tenure as President, he prided himself as a "steward of the people". Mrs. Virginia Strickland Rogers, whether consciously or not, has lived and continues to live by this motto as well. She has been a public servant and a distinguished member of her community for most of her lifetime. She is an active member of her church, the Cistern Hill Missionary Baptist Church, where she sits on the church's Board of Mothers and February Club. When she is not in church, Mrs. Rogers, who is a retired food service worker, drives the elderly in the community to their doctors' appointments and escorts them on shopping excursions. The latter of these tasks she does not mind though, because she reportedly is an "avid shopper". Also, in her spare time, Mrs. Rogers loves to show off her "green thumb". She enjoys gardening and is known to tinker around in her garden for hours at a time.

I cannot even begin to imagine the volumes of historically significant events Mrs. Virginia Rogers has witnessed with her own eyes over her lifetime. The town of Como is lucky to have such a resident who is so involved and committed to community. I hope that other members follow her example as well.

Among the celebrants at Mrs. Rogers' "centennial bash" will be her friends in the community and also her 10 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren, and 35 great great grandchildren.

Happy one-hundredth birthday Mrs. Rogers! I wish you the best on your day and hope you see many more.

A TRIBUTE TO ROBERT
HERTZBERG

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, today California says goodbye to Assembly Speaker Robert Hertzberg and says hello to incoming Speaker Herb Wesson. Speaker Hertzberg served in this position with abundant personal energy and unbridled enthusiasm. He clearly loved this job and worked hard for the people of California.

Hertzberg is affectionately known as "Speaker Hugsberg" for his propensity to enthusiastically embrace friends, foes, and strangers. Indeed these famous hugs have spread beyond California to many of us on Capitol Hill and most recently to members of the Hazardous Materials team charged with decontaminating the Hart Senate Office building.

These hugs will never end, but Hertzberg's term-limited position as Speaker ends today. Speaker Hertzberg will also leave the Assembly seat he has represented in the Legislature since 1996 at the end of the year. Speaker Hertzberg's presence in the institution will far outlast his two years as Speaker and he leaves a permanent mark on the State Capitol.

Hertzberg instituted some groundbreaking changes during his brief tenure. He opened an on-site childcare center and upgraded technology throughout the Assembly. He founded the Capitol Institute, which now bears his name, to establish innovative training courses for freshman Members and legislative staff. California is the world's fifth largest economy

and Speaker Hertzberg opened the Speaker's Office of International Relations. He injected a humorous touch of his heritage into the Capitol's culture by publishing a guide on Yiddish, so everyone in the Legislature and Capitol Press Corps could translate the colorful phrases he so frequently uttered during floor sessions.

Hertzberg understood working together means just that and maintained a continuous presence in Washington, D.C. through an Office of Federal Relations. He was quick to point out that what happens in Washington, D.C. matters in California. He frequently led delegations of legislators to D.C. to discuss state issues with federal officials. Hertzberg was determined to work with all of us in Washington, D.C. to maximize California's share of federal dollars.

Hertzberg is a gifted and tireless legislator, who worked to enact long-needed reforms of California's foster care system, significantly expand access to low-cost health insurance for working families, and help pass the two largest park bonds in state history. He was also the lead negotiator during extended discussions that led to the passage of the largest school construction bond in state history.

After September 11, he moved quickly to establish a statewide task force to assess the impact of terrorism on California's economy and to recommend steps to improve public safety and restore public confidence. He visited Washington to meet with federal officials and coordinate terrorism preparedness and response activities. In December, he led a delegation to Taiwan and Japan, to address post-September 11 tourism and to promote trade with California.

As we celebrate Speaker Hertzberg's achievements, I wish him all the best in his next endeavor. I know he will be extremely successful. All the best for the bright future to Speaker Robert Hertzberg, his wife Dr. Cynthia Telles-Hertzberg, and sons Daniel, David, and Raymond.

REMEMBERING SUKHBIR SINGH
OSAN

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I was saddened to hear of the passing of Khalistani journalist Sukhbir Singh Osan. He died of a heart attack on January 19, 2002. Mr. Osan was only 31 years of age.

Mr. Osan was a terrific reporter who exposed many scandals through his website, Burning Punjab. He reported many stories showing India's pattern of terrorism against its own people. In addition to running his website, he wrote for several Indian newspapers.

The Indian government had banned the viewing of Burning Punjab in Punjab and a few neighboring states. When that did not shut down the site, India brought a fake criminal case against Burning Punjab, falsely claiming it was a "newspaper" operating out of Punjab. These actions make it clear that Mr. Osan's reports were greatly disturbing to the Indian government.

Sukhbir Singh Osan was a courageous reporter, one of the few who would stand up to

the Indian government. He will be greatly missed by the people whose interests he served, the Sikhs of Punjab, Khalistan, and by all the people who care about freedom in South Asia.

The Council of Khalistan put out an excellent press release on Mr. Osan's passing. I am placing it in the RECORD in his memory. In addition, I would also like to insert a February 1, 2002, article from PPA News regarding the killing of Kashmiris by Indian soldiers.

IN MEMORY OF S. SUKHBIR SINGH OSAN

LONGTIME JOURNALIST, FOUNDER OF BURNING PUNJAB, EXPOSED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, REPORTED ON FREEDOM STRUGGLE—GOVERNMENT HAD FILED FALSE CASE AGAINST BURNING PUNJAB, BANNED IT

WASHINGTON, DC, January 21, 2002.—Sukhbir Singh Osan, 31, journalist and founder of the website Burning Punjab (<http://www.burningpunjab.com>), died of a heart attack over the weekend. Sardar Osan also wrote for several Indian newspapers.

"The passing of Sardar Osan is a great loss for the Sikh Nation," said Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan. The Council of Khalistan is the government pro tempore of Khalistan and leads the struggle to liberate the Sikh homeland, Khalistan, which declared its independence from India on October 7, 1987. "He was an excellent reporter and a stalwart Sikh who exposed the human-rights violations against the Sikhs by the Indian government and reported on the Sikh freedom struggle," he said. "His website, Burning Punjab, is one of the best sources available for news from Punjab, Khalistan." Osan was also a lawyer.

Recently, the Indian government filed a false case against Burning Punjab, falsely claiming it was a "newspaper." The Indian government had banned the viewing of Burning Punjab in Punjab and elsewhere in northwest India. A Deputy Inspector General was specifically assigned to "deal with" Sardar Osan. "I think the stress from that false case may have brought about his heart attack," said Dr. Aulakh.

"Sardar Osan was one of the leading voices in exposing the Indian government's repression of the Sikhs," Aulakh said. "He exposed phony Sikh leaders such as S.S. Mann, Dr. Jagjit Singh Chohan, Didar Singh Bains, and others. This was an extremely important service," said Dr. Aulakh.

According to a report in May by the Movement Against State Repression, India admitted that 52,268 Sikh political prisoners are rotting in Indian jails without charge or trial. Many have been in illegal custody since 1984. The Indian government has murdered over 250,000 Sikhs since 1984. Over 75,000 Kashmiri Muslims have been killed since 1988. In May, Indian troops were caught red-handed trying to set fire to a Gurdwara (a Sikh temple) and some Sikh houses in Kashmir. Two independent investigations have proven that the Indian government carried out the March 2000 massacre of 35 Sikhs in Chithisinghpura. In August 1999, U.S. Congressman Dana Rohrabacher said that for Sikhs, Kashmiri Muslims, and other minorities "India might as well be Nazi Germany."

"The service Sardar Osan gave to the Sikh Nation was immense," said Dr. Aulakh. "He is one of the few people in Punjab who was not afraid to tell the truth. The Sikh Nation will miss him very much," Dr. Aulakh said. "On behalf of the Sikh diaspora, I would like to offer my condolences to Sardar Osan's family. I can only hope that Burning Punjab will be continued in his memory."

[From the PPA News, Feb. 1, 2002]

INDIAN SOLDIERS KILL 376 KASHMIRIS IN JANUARY 2002, 107 WOMEN, CHILDREN AMONG KILLED IN POLICE CUSTODY

ISLAMABAD (PPA).—The Indian army during its genocidal operations in the month of January 2002, killed 376 innocent citizens in held Kashmir including 107 killed in custody.

According to statistical data compiled by the Research Section of the Kashmir Media Service, those who fell victim to Indian army's brutalities included 246 men, 11 men and 12 kids.

During the month under review, 625 common people were tortured or critically injured by the Indian troops in the course of crackdowns upon villages, towns and cities. 630 people were arrested during the outgoing month without any valid charge against them while 139 houses and shops were arsoned by setting them on fire on using dynamite blasts.

Twenty-one persons had been kidnapped or reported missing. Relatives of these persons forcibly disappeared by the Indian army have no access to them and they are worried about their missing loved ones.

Molestation of women is one of the weapons being used by the Indian forces to terrorize people and 32 cases of gang rape and molestation were recorded during the month under review. Police and civilian authorities are reluctant to register complaints in this behalf and the victims are left to suffer their fate. The army personnel even threaten their victims of dire consequences if the matter was reported to the authorities.

TRIBUTE TO OFFICER JOHN SKALA

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to call to your attention the life of an American hero, Officer John Skala of the Port Authority Police Department. Officer Skala of Clifton, New Jersey, was killed in the Line of Duty while heroically responding to the attack on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

As the tragic events of that fateful morning unfolded, Officer Skala was assigned to the Lincoln Tunnel Command. He immediately responded to help evacuate the towers after the first plane struck World Trade Center Tower One.

September 11, 2001 has emblazoned so many unforgettable images in our minds. Perhaps none is more vivid, however, than that of courageous men and women in uniform working so valiantly to save the lives of others. It is therefore only fitting that Officer Skala be honored, in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth.

John Skala was born in Passaic, New Jersey and attended high school at nearby Clifton High. At the age of twenty-two, he received an appointment to the Port Authority Police Department. His distinguished career in law enforcement showed him to be a man with the courage of a lion, yet also someone who had a kind and gentle heart, willing to help anyone in need.

A recipient of two Meritorious Service Awards, Officer Skala exhibited the high standards of excellence associated with the

traditions of the PAPD. From assisting in the arrest of armed suspects to the performance of first aid during extreme conditions, John Skala was a public servant in every sense of the word.

Officer Skala's dedication to serving the community at large extended far beyond his work at the PAPD. He dedicated his free time to serving as a paramedic with the Passaic-Clifton Mobile Intensive Care Unit, as a member of the Ukrainian American Youth Association, and as a volunteer with the New Jersey Special Olympics and the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. John Skala was a hero, both on the front lines and behind the scenes.

He has touched countless lives for the better, and we are all better for having him as part of our American family.

On Tuesday, September 11, our American family was attacked in a way we had only seen in our very worst nightmares. The actions carried out on the people of this nation were unspeakable acts of war, targeting the very foundation of what makes us Americans. That day we all witnessed the very worst of mankind.

What the perpetrators of these acts did not realize was the unwavering commitment to liberty and humankind felt by Officer Skala and his fellow heroes. The bravery and love he exhibited in the face of terror make him an example for us all.

We will honor Officer John Skala by trying to live our lives as he lived his. We will honor John by loving his family as he did, and continuing his work to make our community a better place.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the City of Clifton, John's family and friends, myself, and a truly grateful nation in honoring the life of a great American, Port Authority Police Officer John Skala.

“REWARDS THAT FOLLOW GENEROUS HEARTS”

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, something wonderful recently occurred for many folks in Rome and Floyd County, Georgia. Steve Edwards, owner of a local insurance company in Rome, and his wife Marie, read of the plight of 1200 families in Floyd County who had their gas service discontinued for lack of payment of the previous year's gas bills.

Steve and Marie read of the plight of these families and knew they had to do something. They could not save every family, but they could save at least one. They made a gift to the local Salvation Army for one family's unpaid gas bill. The sense of reward was so powerful, the Edwards decided other families might want to experience it as well. With no budget and no organization, Steve began to challenge families within the First Baptist Church of Rome each to pay for one family's gas bill. The response to his challenge was overwhelming. His vision quickly spread beyond their congregation and beyond Baptists. He believed there were enough generous Christians in Floyd County to turn on the heat for the remaining 1180 families. Steve called

an impromptu meeting of various helping organizations, and “One Family helping One Family” was born.

Joel Snider, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Rome, expressed the enormity of the situation when he stated, “Imagine being 80 years old and in poor health. All your income is represented by the \$600 per month Social Security check that arrives each month. You pay \$150 a month for the portion of your prescriptions not covered by Medicare. The remaining \$450 covers rent, groceries, phone, utilities, and everything else. Then one day, you receive a gas bill for \$800. The meter is running on your current bill also. What do you do? How do you ever scrape together enough money to catch up?”

“One Family Helping One Family,” while working with Good Neighbor Ministries, the Salvation Army, and Floyd County Baptist Association, have helped 167 families as of January 18, 2002. Four hundred and seventeen total donations had been received by these agencies. Many contributions came from individuals and families; however, some contributions represented the combined efforts of Sunday School classes and student groups. The total amount given up until that date was \$112,522. Every penny has gone to help a family in need.

The entire community, including the staff at Rome Housing Authority, Atlanta Gas Light Company, the staff of the “Rome News-Tribune”, Rome/Carrollton District of the United Methodist Church, Good Neighbor Ministries, Major Kerns of the Salvation Army, Lynne Barton at Info Line, Bruce Day at Floyd County Baptist Association, Susan Seagraves, John Pinson, Armin Maier, Mary and Allen Shropshire, Doug Walker, and many others, have pulled together.

Imagine, if you will, what might happen if each and every community had a “Steve Edwards?” We owe a debt of gratitude to each person who has contributed to this effort. As Pastor Snider so eloquently phrased it in the “Rome News-Tribune” in December, “On behalf of all the families that are warm today because of your gift, I ask God to grant you the richest blessings of this holiday season. May the rewards that follow generous hearts be yours into the New Year.” Amen.

TRIBUTE TO MARGARET GOBLE MADIGAN OF LUTHERS MILLS, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. DON SHERWOOD

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. SHERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, it is with a profound sense of loss that I inform the House that on Sunday, January 20, 2002, Margaret Goble Madigan of Luthers Mills, known across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as Peggy, passed away.

Although Peggy Madigan is deserving of many superlatives, to say that she was known across Pennsylvania is no exaggeration. She was the wife of Senator Roger Madigan, and she was known and loved by the many individuals whose lives she touched. She was truly unforgettable.

Peggy had an exceptional grace about her that can only come from a deep love of others. Her son, Nick Madigan, in his moving eulogy, described her rare ability to treat every

individual with dignity and respect. She genuinely enjoyed people without regard to title or position. She always—remarkably, given her hectic schedule—made time for everyone.

Peggy was a volunteer, active in many worthy causes including promoting literacy and serving as a director of the local chapter of the American Cancer Society.

A distinguished leader of the Republican Party in Pennsylvania, Peggy Madigan was a role model for all of us. She was a woman who was not only a tireless advocate of family values—her love for her family seemed boundless. They include her husband of 49 years, Roger, her daughter, Vicki Lynne of Carlisle, Annette Madigan Carr, of Annapolis, Maryland, Nicholas Jay Madigan of Towanda, and Steven Gary Madigan of Emmaus. Of all of her many accomplishments, I know that her greatest joy came from the recent birth of her grandson, Matthew Roger Madigan to her son Steven and Carrie May Madigan.

Peggy Madigan was truly family to people across our region and around the Commonwealth. I grieve her loss for her entire family.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO EMMETT
HEITLER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Emmett Heitler and thank him for his extraordinary contributions to his community and to his state. As a resident of Colorado, Emmett has dedicated his life to improving the state by selflessly giving his time and energy to his job, his family and his community. His remarkable business and philanthropic accomplishments are surpassed only by the level of integrity and honesty with which he has conducted himself each and every day of his life. As we celebrate his tremendous accomplishment of being inducted into the Colorado Business Hall of Fame, let it be known that I, along with the people of Colorado, applaud his efforts and are eternally grateful for all that he has done for our state and our community.

Born in Denver in 1909, Emmett excelled academically, graduating with honors from the University of Colorado with a degree in engineering before he was twenty years old. Shortly after, he took a job with General Electric as an electrical engineer, and later became a partner and founder of Fashion Bar stores in Denver. After marrying his wife, Dot, in 1937, Emmett went to work for Shwayder Bros. Inc., a manufacturer of Samsonite Luggage. Over the course of his career with Shwayder Bros. and Samsonite, Emmett advanced to General Manager, and eventually to Executive Vice President. He was instrumental in building Samsonite from a small local business into the world's largest luggage manufacturer and pioneered Samsonite's movement into new, cutting edge technology, most notably using plastics in manufacturing sleeker, more durable luggage.

Emmett was not only an extraordinary businessman, but he was also a true philanthropist. Despite his demanding schedule, he always found time to give back to his community and lend a helping hand to anyone who

might need it. He was active with the Jewish Community Center, serving as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and was a founding member of the Mile High United Way. He served as Executive Trustee of the Eleanor Roosevelt Institute for Cancer Research, was Chairman of the Board of the National Jewish Hospital and was a Member of the Board of the Denver Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, Emmett has contributed a significant amount of time to the Anti-Defamation League, chaired the effort to build Temple Emanuel and was instrumental in renovating Green Gables Country Club.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Emmett Heitler is a man of unparalleled dedication and commitment to his job, his community and his family. It is his unrelenting passion for each and every thing he does, as well as his spirit of honesty and integrity with which he has always conducted himself, that I wish to bring his efforts before this body of Congress. He is a remarkable man who has achieved extraordinary things and enriched the lives of so many people. It is my privilege to extend to him my sincere congratulations on his induction into the Colorado Business Hall of Fame and wish him all the best in the future.

A TORCH OF LIBERTY AWARD—
THOMAS C. GALLAGHER

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, on May 8, 2002, a good friend of America's consumers will receive the prestigious Torch of Liberty Award from the well-respected Jewish Anti-Defamation League. This honor has been bestowed on Thomas C. Gallagher, president and chief operating officer of Genuine Parts Company-NAPA, for his unflinching promotion of diversity and tolerance in the workforce in general and in the Office Products industry in particular, as well as his continued dedication in working for tolerance in the community.

The Anti-Defamation League has never veered from its mission of obliterating hate and bigotry. Since 1913, the ADL has moved forward to quash hatred whenever it raised its ugly head. So, this May, when the ADL in the fine state of New York bequeaths Thomas Gallagher with its Torch of Liberty Award, it will be because of its acknowledgement of people like Mr. Gallagher who never fail to take a stand to do what is right and just.

At a time when America stands unified to protect our precious freedoms, it gives us all pause that organizations like the ADL have fought the "good" battles when those battles weren't popular, that they continue to strive to recognize individuals and will continue to march forward and shine as a beacon of light with truth and justice in what sometimes seems like a world of darkness.

It has been my pleasure to personally know Tom Gallagher and see first-hand his commitment to America's consumers. It is with pride in Tom as a fellow American that I place his name in the Congressional Record for others to know the merits and values of one of America's foremost business leaders.

TRIBUTE TO SUSAN CLYNE

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I received this compassionate letter earlier this month from a constituent of mine. The letter once again gives us a sense of how many amazing people we lost in the attack on the United States of America on September 11, 2001, such as Susan Clyne. Susan was a hard working and loving individual who always fought to achieve the goals she set for herself. I ask all of my colleagues to recognize Susan and her husband, Charlie Clyne, who wrote the letter. We will never forget the innocent victims of September 11. I ask that Mr. Clyne's letter be made part of the RECORD.

Sue loved her job at Marsh and loved the view from her 96th floor office. She had just recently been promoted to SVP and she deserved it. She went to school nights after high school to get her degrees. After graduating in three years she set her sights on law school all the while working a full time job. She graduated law school and passed the N.Y.S. bar on the first try. She never stepped foot into a courtroom. She loved computers and since computer law wasn't very popular at the time, she choose to stay in insurance where she carved her niche first as a programmer (self-taught) then up the ladder to manager, AVP, VP, and SVP. She continued going to night school through the 90's for her MBA. She was upset that she could not graduate before the birth of our twins in 1990. However, as soon as she felt up to the task she completed her MBA just before the birth of our second son in 1991. Did I mention that she loved computers? She also shared her love with our kids. She would mesmerize them with cd roms of Mickey starting with shapes and colors then on to pre "K" cd's, math blaster reader rabbit etc. They could work a mouse by the time they were two and were programming by the time they were six. Her education didn't stop with three children. She continued on for various certifications all pertaining to computers until the birth of our last child in 1997. Another change took place in 1997. Her company continued to expand and decided to lease space at the World Trade Center. She was thrilled to move. She let education take a back seat for a while by taken home study courses for her CPCU. She juggled work, family and studying. Her children were her treasures. She adored them and they worshipped her. Her office was filled with their pictures. She developed a family web site with pictures, slide shows and most recently streaming video. (www.clyne.com) They were truly her angels. Sue got up every morning at 4:45 and was on the 6:00 train to the city. We never saw her that morning. We never even had a chance to say good-bye. In an instant, some radical religious moron decided it was her time.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM F. MILLER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor William F. Miller upon his reception of the German Service Cross of the Order of Merit.

The Donauschwaben's German-American Cultural Center and Consul General Michael Engelhard of the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany are honoring Mr. Miller for his 39 years of reporting German-American affairs for the Plain Dealer. In this period he has served as a columnist, reporter and assistant editor.

In 1990 Miller covered the lives of Germans, among other central and eastern Europeans, in the wake of the fall of communism. From this experience he wrote a series of articles entitled "Life After the Wall." This series won the 1991 National Writing Award of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada. Additionally the series was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

Miller was named German-American Journalist of the Year in January 1996 by the Federation of German-American Societies of Greater Cleveland. Miller also received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Journalistic Society's Cleveland Chapter in May of 1991.

Miller has also been recognized by numerous other ethnic groups. The Asian/Pacific Federation in Cleveland presented him with their Community Service award for his writings in 1989. In 1994, Miller became the first non-Greek to be awarded the Hellenic Award from the Greek Orthodox Church of North America and Canada. In addition Miller has received awards for his coverage of the Greater Cleveland German, Irish, Filipino, Italian, Vietnamese, Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Ukrainian, Latvian and Czech communities.

I ask you to join me in honoring William F. Miller upon his reception of this distinguished award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, January 29, 2002, I was unable to cast my floor vote on rollcall Number 5, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 335, a resolution honoring the contributions of Catholic schools.

Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote 5.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO FRANKLIN AND JOY BURNS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Franklin L. and Joy S. Burns for their extraordinary contributions to their community and to their state. As residents of Colorado, Franklin and Joy dedicated their lives to improving Colorado by selflessly giving their time and energy to their jobs, their family and their community. Although Franklin has passed, it is impossible to forget his extraordinary accomplishments, and we are all tremendously grateful to Joy for all that she has done and for carrying on

Franklin's legacy of achievement, philanthropy and success. As we celebrate their induction into the Colorado Business Hall of Fame, it is an honor for me to pay tribute to such extraordinary people.

In 1938, Franklin, a Denver native, went to work the D.C. Burns Realty & Trust Company, which was founded by his uncle, Daniel Cochran Burns. The company was dedicated to providing affordable housing for low-income families, selling houses for only ten percent down long before the Federal Housing Authority came into existence. At the age of 28, Franklin became President of the company and began developing subdivisions and shopping centers in and around Denver. Under Franklin's leadership, the company developed more than 13,000 pieces of property totaling \$129 million.

In 1958, Franklin met Joy Steelman Colwick at a golf tournament at Cherry Hills Country Club, and by 1960, they were married. Joy immediately contributed to the success of her husband and his company and by the 1970s she was making quite an impact of her own. Having studied business at the University of Houston, she founded The Women's Bank, now known as the Colorado Business Bank, in 1976. She then remodeled the Hampshire House, which her husband's company had bought, and turned it into what is known today as the Burnsley Hotel, a Denver landmark. The hotel opened in 1985 and Joy remained involved with it, serving as President until 1993. She now serves as President of her husband's company, the D.C. Burns Realty & Trust Company.

Not only were Franklin and Joy extraordinarily successful in the business world, but they also made significant philanthropic contributions to their community, city and state. Franklin was active in a number of charitable organizations in Denver, including the Inter-County Regional Planning Commission, Mount Airy Psychiatric Center, the United Way and Mercy Hospital. Joy, too, has devoted a significant amount of her time and energy to the community. She has been a long-time volunteer at the University of Denver, serving as the Chair of the Board of Trustees and as the President of the University of Denver's Pioneer Sportswoman. In appreciation of her tremendous contributions to the University, DU named the Joy Burns Ice arena in her honor. Joy is also the founder of the Women's Foundation of Colorado, was the only female member of the Metropolitan Football Stadium Board and serves as President of the Sports-women Colorado Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Franklin and Joy Burns have, for over fifty years, made extraordinary contributions to the community of Denver through both their business and charitable endeavors. It is not only their unparalleled business savvy that I wish to bring before this body of Congress, but also their selflessness and love for their community. Though deeply saddened by Franklin's passing, I wish to extend my sincere congratulations to Joy on their joint induction into the Colorado Business Hall of Fame, and want to take this opportunity to thank her for carrying on her husband's legacy. We are proud of you both!

HONORING NANCY PELOSI

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in honoring my esteemed colleague, Representative NANCY PELOSI of California, and celebrating her election to the post of Democratic Whip of the House.

This is not just an important moment for Representative PELOSI, it is an historic moment for this great body, and a deciding moment for women in our country.

This year, we celebrate the 85th anniversary of the swearing in of Jeannette Rankin of Montana to the Congress. Representative Rankin, the first woman elected to Congress, and a leader of the women's suffrage movement, would, indeed, be pleased and proud to see NANCY PELOSI ascend to her position of leadership in the House. And she probably would have asked, "What took you so long?"

We've never had a woman whip. We've never had any woman in one of the top leadership positions in either house of Congress.

In the race, NANCY got encouragement from unexpected places. The elevator operators, the high school pages in the hallways, the wait staff in the dining room, were whispering, "Go NANCY, Go" as she walked past.

They cheered because they saw in her a little bit of themselves—people who, traditionally, have no seat at the table or in the back room. Every time a woman or a person of color or a person with a disability enters the halls of power, they bring with them the multitudes of people whose voices, typically, are not heard.

By being in those halls, in those Chambers, in those boardrooms and backrooms, and on the podium, we make those places look a little bit more like America.

As women we bring our life experiences to the job. We can effect change because we prioritize issues as we know them, as we understand them. And because of that, having a seat at the table matters. Having a seat at the head of the table matters even more.

NANCY PELOSI brings a woman's perspective to the House leadership and it is long overdue. She also brings her keen intelligence, her political savvy, her deep-seated principles, her energy, and her desire to make our world more decent and democratic.

NANCY PELOSI now makes the leadership of our great House of Representatives look a little bit more like America and we are all better for it.

TRIBUTE TO JESSE FAYE FIELDS

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the life, community service, and family devotion of Jesse Faye Fields, the mother of my good friend and former congressional colleague, Jack Fields, Jr. Mrs. Fields recently passed away at the age of 76. With her late husband, Mrs. Fields owned and operated Rosewood Funeral Homes and Cemeteries in Humble, TX, for several decades. Together they built the business into one of the

most successful cemeteries in the area. They had a special ability to comfort and console others in their time of need.

Mrs. Fields was a true child of Texas. She was born in Pearsall, TX, and graduated from Aldine High School. The eldest child in her family, she helped raise her siblings after her father died when she was 9. Nothing in her life was more important to her than her family. An example of her loving spirit can be found in her custom of cooking dinner for her family and other relatives after church each Sunday.

Mrs. Fields touched numerous lives through Rosewood. But she touched even more as a respected citizen of the community, church attendee, and as a family beacon. Her love and steady direction served as an inspiration to her children, and with Jack, made her the mother of an esteemed U.S. Congressman. Jesse Faye Fields will be remembered as a devoted wife, loving mother, and cherished citizen of her community.

STRONG STUDENT VISA SYSTEM CRITICAL TO NATIONAL SECURITY

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member wishes to commend to his colleagues the February 4, 2002, editorial from the Omaha World-Herald entitled "Loosey Goosey Borders IV."

This editorial is one in a series of editorials published by the Omaha World-Herald which illuminate why it is entirely appropriate for the U.S. to enact strict immigration laws and, subsequently, to actively enforce those laws. Specifically, this editorial focuses upon the student visa system.

Indeed, the U.S. should be pleased that its higher education system attracts many foreign students, and, while it is important to continue the student visa system to bring vibrancy and diversity to universities and colleges, those interests must continuously and consistently be balanced against U.S. security interests. Failure to do so could place American lives at risk to terrorist attacks—among other threats—committed by those in the U.S. fraudulently under the guise of educational purposes.

Even with the strictest possible enforcement of visa controls, the system will always be susceptible to visa fraud. However, that does not mean that the U.S. should throw up its hands in surrender and throw open its borders.

[Omaha World-Herald, Feb. 4, 2002]

LOOSEY GOOSEY BORDERS IV

Slow progress is made in controlling foreign student visas.

Progress on tightening up the United States' free-and-easy borders has been slow but steady since Sept. 11—not spectacular, but at least things are moving.

Before the terrorist attack, student visas were issued to foreign nationals, some of whom came to this country and, in essence, disappeared into the general population. The Immigration and Naturalization Service didn't check whether they actually went to school or whether they left after their education was done.

Things changed on Sept. 11. Security became a greater concern. The INS is setting

up a computer system to track student visa holders. The agency has been struggling with a system for years, but it appears that it will be in place, INS officials said, by 2003.

The tracking system is not without its critics. A group dealing with foreign students withdrew its opposition after the September attack, but many individual schools have expressed the concern that a tracking system will discourage foreign students.

Security trumps that concern. So long as a student visa is the gateway to an easy and unmonitored existence in the United States for people whose motives might be other than scholarship, this is a security matter. If keeping tabs on foreign students discourages a few from coming to the United States or inconveniences a college's administration, too bad.

Besides the INS system, the Senate is expected to join the House soon in passing legislation that, among other things, would forbid the issuance of student visas to anyone from a country that sponsors terrorism unless the State Department investigates and approves the individual.

Some local INS offices are on the ball, too. Omaha-based INS officials, for instance, have been in contact with colleges and universities within their jurisdiction. But not all INS offices across the country have been as aggressive.

Better monitoring of guests to discourage those who would abuse the privilege is not onerous or unreasonable. Rather, these precautions are sensible and understandable in light of the credible threat terrorism poses to Americans. The faster security can be improved, the better for the nation.

MASSACHUSETTS SECRETARY OF STATE JAMES JAJUGA'S ELO- QUENT TRIBUTE TO HIS MOTHER

HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I was saddened last week to learn of the death of Sophie Jajuga, the mother of my good friend James Jajuga, the Secretary of Public Safety for Massachusetts and a former State Senator.

At the funeral service for his mother on February 5 at St. Lucy's Church in Methuen, Massachusetts, Secretary Jajuga delivered an eloquent tribute to his mother that deeply touched me and all others who were present. He described in vivid terms the lifelong love and support that Mrs. Jajuga gave to her family.

Secretary Jajuga's beautiful eulogy to his mother should be of interest to all of us. I ask for unanimous consent to submit it to the record:

Good morning, on behalf of my entire family, I want to thank you for attending this beautiful service here at St. Lucy's this morning, as well as for the many kindnesses you have extended to me and to both the Bednez and Jajuga families over the past few days. I would also like to thank Fr. Loscocco for his support and guidance during this difficult time and for celebrating today's mass, and Camille Peters for her beautiful voice and organ playing.

I was asked by my family to share with you some thoughts about my mother, Sophie, and am both humbled and honored to do so with you now.

In life we tend to take some things for granted. One of these things is that our mother will always be there for us, in good

times and, especially, in bad times. No one shares a child's happiness, pain, or sorrow, more than his or her mother. No one understands more how a child is feeling—really feeling deep down inside—than his or her mother.

My mother, Sophie, was a wonderful mother to me and to my two sisters, Jane and Mary. We grew up in Haverhill and moved to Lawrence. Some of us took that move better than others, but that is a story for another day . . .

A story I would like to share with you today that exemplifies the kind of person my mother was is this: When we were young children things would disappear from our house, "things" like clothes, dolls and toys, and, of course, my favorite jacket that I had only worn for a short period of time. Finally, mother told us that she had been sending our personal belongings to our relatives back in Poland because, in her own words "they need them more than you do!" When we came home from school or play, we never knew what would be missing next, and if we really valued something we knew we better find a very good hiding place to keep it safe from mother's reach.

Mother called all of us "Honey" or "Dear" and when she did call us by name it was usually someone else's name. In fact, for a while there I really wasn't sure whether my name was "Jimmy", "Stanley," or "Eddie," because she called me all three names regularly! She continued to do this with the grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well.

My mother loved us all—her children, her grandchildren, her great-grandchildren, her brothers, Stanley and Eddie, her sister, Helen, and her many dear friends. Sophie's love knew no bounds. She loved to laugh, and she especially loved to spend time with her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren. She used to play cards with the grandchildren, a variation of the game of poker called "No Peek." A game where no one was supposed to look at the cards. But of course she would always peek. They'd call her on it all the time, but she would swear that she only saw one card, when they knew she had seen them all. But they always let her get away with it.

I asked everyone in the family, including the grandchildren, what they felt were mother's strongest attributes. By unanimous proclamation they all agreed her greatest strengths were her kindness, her generosity, and her thoughtfulness.

My mother never had a bad word to say about anybody. She was always there ready to help out whoever needed it. She did not—could not—say no to anyone, no matter what was asked of her and regardless of her own situation. She shared whatever she had with others unselfishly. She never asked for anything in return.

She was a gentle woman.

She went out of her way to show she cared, always putting family and friends first even before herself.

Today, we say goodbye—for now—and though we are all deeply saddened by her untimely passing, we are comforted in our firm belief that she is in a better place, reunited with our father and with those members of our family who have gone before us.

Ma, thank you for a lifetime of memories that we will cherish forever. Thank you for always being there for all of us. We love you, we miss you, and we all look forward to playing "No Peek" with you again someday.

God bless you, Ma, and God bless you all.

THE EDUCATION, ACHIEVEMENT,
AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation designed to ensure the federal government appropriately assists parents with the financial burdens associated with their child's education. The legislation gives parents more options, and helps them as they search out the best educational setting and tools for their children.

To this end, the Education, Achievement, and Opportunity Act will provide refundable tuition tax credits per year, per child, for educational expenses incurred by parents for elementary and secondary school. The legislation would allow parents sending their child to an elementary school up to \$2,500 in tax relief, and parents with children in a Catholic or parochial high school could claim up to \$3,500 in assistance.

Parents who send their child to a Catholic school already pay twice for their child's education: once through their taxes, and a second time for the tuition. These out-of-pocket expenses can really add up and pose an enormous obstacle to the child's lifetime learning opportunities. Without federal support, many parents struggle—and in some cases forgo—a Catholic school education, or any education in a spiritual setting, because the costs are so high.

In my own district in New Jersey, a parent who feels Catholic schools are best suited for their child will pay somewhere between \$1,840 and \$2,566 in tuition costs. If you want to send your child to a parochial high school in the central New Jersey area, a parent is looking at an average tuition bill of \$5,571 per student, per year. In other areas of the country, the costs are very similar.

Middle-class and lower-income families just cannot—and should not have to—absorb these kinds of costs without some help or recognition from the government. America's children have unique educational needs and goals, and parents are the ones who are best qualified to decide what's in their child's best interest. It just isn't fair to deny a child the ability to pursue the educational program best suited to his/her needs simply because the child's parents do not have the resources to afford the education program of their choice.

We have 59,000,000 youngsters in elementary and secondary school across the U.S.; about 10 percent of these students are enrolled in private, parochial and rabbinical schools. Those families who are already sending their children to such schools, and others planning to send their children to them, would benefit enormously from this proposal, because they are often struggling to make ends meet.

Importantly, my education proposal is a tax credit, rather than a voucher, so the total amount of education resources available for all school age children will increase. Under a voucher system, if a school loses enrolled students to a competing school, that school may lose funding and have fewer resources available for their educational program. Under my plan, that outcome is avoided, because it is a "win-win" scenario, whereas voucher pro-

grams can become a zero-sum situation with "winners and losers."

I was very pleased that President Bush's \$1.35 trillion tax cut reform legislation—The Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001, now P.L. 107-16 included several child and family tax credits to help individuals with their educational priorities. The Bush Tax Cut was a solid down payment to help parents meet the educational needs of their children. Parents can now save up to \$2,000 per year in their Education Savings Accounts, and the interest that builds up in them is tax free. When the parent withdraws money for elementary or secondary school expenses, the withdrawal is excluded from their taxable income.

If we are to truly make good on our promise that "no child is left behind," we must ensure that Catholic schools are included in this national promise and goal. A child is a child, regardless of what school system they are enrolled. The children enrolled in Catholic, private, and rabbinical schools deserve nothing less than our full support and compassion.

The benefits of my legislation are available to any child, no matter what their race, creed, or national origin. And make no mistake: the public school system will continue to remain the backbone of our nation's education system. But we must never forget that the public school system was created to serve students—not the other way around. If a student is performing poorly at a particular school, a parent should have the opportunity to enroll the child in another appropriate setting which has a better chance to meet the child's needs.

I urge my colleagues to support the Education, Achievement, and Opportunity Act.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOE WAGNER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an outstanding civic and economic leader from the State of Colorado. Joe Wagner of Denver, Colorado has been actively involved in improving citizens lives through his many activities in the region. He is the founder and operator of one of the state's most successful businesses, Wagner Equipment Co, and is a well known activist and leader in many community activities. As he celebrates his induction into the Colorado Business Hall of Fame, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the many achievements and incredible dedication that have led to this extraordinary honor.

Joe founded Wagner Equipment Co., a Caterpillar tractor dealer, in 1976 after gaining experience as a senior manger for a similar operation in North Texas. His desire to begin a business of his own led Joe to Colorado, where his business today thrives after 25 years of dedicated service to his community. As a result of this success, the company is now the Caterpillar dealer for the state, enjoying over 20 locations in Colorado and internationally in Mongolia and Siberia. Wagner equipment employs over 900 workers who serve customers in mining, agriculture, forestry, power generation, construction, manufacturing, and government, as well as sup-

plying quality Caterpillar products to consumers.

Joe's success in business is one, but not the only, reason for his selection as a recipient of this award. Part of the award is based on commitment to the community and giving back to those who have supported you and allowed for your success. In this endeavor, Joe has been a valuable participant. He has been active helping Colorado's youth in the Denver Area Council Boy Scouts, the Denver Boys & Girls Club, Children's Hospital and the Children's Hospital Foundation. As a local businessman, he plays an active role in the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce and as a board member for Wells Fargo Bank. He also remains an active member of his church as an elder with Presbyterian Church of the Covenant.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly a pleasure to bring forth before this body of Congress the names of individuals who have done so much for Colorado communities. Joe Wagner has been an active civic, business, and religious leader and patron for Colorado. I would like to further extend my congratulations on the award and thank him for all his efforts in improving his fellow Coloradoan's lives. Congratulations Joe, and good luck in your future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF JANET SARINGER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a truly remarkable woman, one who genuinely exemplifies what it means to be a respected civil servant and community activist.

Janet Saringer has dedicated her life to public service and to the North Olmsted community. She has actively participated in public service since 1971 when she was elected to city Council Ward 2. She has served as ward Councilwoman, council member-at-large, and president of council pr-tem. For the past 8 years she has served as President of the Council chairing and serving on seven committees of Council. She will be truly missed as she begins her retirement after 25 years of devoted service as Department Head of the Cuyahoga County Recorders Office.

Janet has volunteered her time in the community and touched the lives of many people in the area. As a graduate of St. Augustine Academy, she has served as the alumnae association president. She also acted as president of the Greater Cleveland Suburban Council and the Stoneybrook Women's Club. She has been active on the North Olmsted Community Council as well as the North Olmsted Democratic Club and the Cuyahoga County Democratic Executive Committee. Her involvement has also benefited the Irish American community as a member of the West Side IA Club, IPAC and the IACREOT.

Janet continues to live a fulfilling and active life. Janet has been a committed wife who was recently widowed after 35 years of marriage to Robert N. Saringer, a Cleveland Police Officer. She has also been a wonderful mother of five children, Jack, Debbie, Janet, Bob and Bill. She is a grandmother to 12 children and a great grandmother to three children with one on the way. Janet is loved by

her family and the many lives in her community that she has touched.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring Janet Saringer, an extraordinary woman and devoted civil servant.

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS B. ARCIERO

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my constituent's great service to the United States of America. I ask for the text of this letter to be put in the RECORD. Thomas B. Arciero joined the Suffolk County Police Department on January 21, 1963. Upon his graduation from the Police Academy, he was assigned to the First Precinct as Patrolman #653. In January of 1967, Patrolman Arciero became Detective #322 and was assigned to the First Squad. In October of 1967, he returned to patrol, and shortly thereafter, was promoted to Sergeant #418 on January 5th, 1970 remaining in the First Precinct. He was a Sergeant in the First Precinct for seven years before being promoted to Lieutenant where he remained in the First Precinct.

In 1987, Lieutenant Arciero was transferred to the Marine Bureau. He was promoted to Captain on January 23d, 1989 and was transferred to Special Patrol Bureau as Executive Officer. After seven years, Thomas Arciero was promoted to Deputy Inspector becoming the Commanding Office of the Special Patrol Bureau. He remained there until his promotion to Inspector on February 23, of 2001 at which time he was transferred to the Chief of Patrol's Office in Headquarters, the position he currently holds. As can be seen, Lieutenant Arciero is a man worth many praises and we will be sad to see him retire on February 19th 2002. Thank you for all of your hard work, Thomas. I ask all of my colleagues to join in the acknowledgement of Thomas and his generous service to the state of New York and the United States of America.

MORE INDIAN REPRESSION OF TRIBAL AND CHRISTIAN MINORITIES

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I was disturbed to learn of more Indian repression of its tribal Christian minorities. According to a statement issued by the All India Christian Council, the Sangh Parivari, a wing of the pro-Fascist Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS), the parent organization of the ruling BJP, has been distributing weapons to Hindu militants in the tribal areas of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, and Rajasthan.

In recent months, according to the statement, it has distributed 350,000 trishuls to be used as weapons. It has set up new temples in Madhya Pradesh. In the Hindu schools, the curriculum already rewrites history. The All India Christian Council calls the curriculum "outside the pale of any academic and public scrutiny" and says it "poisons young minds."

The statement calls this RSS plan "an effort to polarize and communalize the tribal society" in these and several other states. This is a well-established part of India's ongoing campaign to establish itself as the hegemonic power in South Asia.

Given these activities, it is time to strike a blow for freedom by suspending all American aid to India until it respects all human rights for all people and by supporting an internationally-monitored vote on independence for Christian Nagaland, for Punjab, Khalistan, for Kashmir (which it promised in 1948), and for all the other nations seeking their freedom. These are very moderate measures, Mr. Speaker, but they are measures that can go a long way to help promote real freedom and democracy in South Asia.

I would like to place the recent statement from the All India Christian Council into the RECORD for the information of my colleagues.

[From the All India Christian Council, Jan. 17, 2002]

SANGH PARIVAR ACTIONS COMMUNALISING ADIVASI AREA

(The following is the text of the statement issued by Dr. Joseph D. Souza, President, and Dr. John Dayal, Secretary General, of the All India Christian Council on recent moves by the Sangh Parivar to aggravate the communal situation in the Adivasi tribal belt of North India.)

The All India Christian Council thanks Madhya Pradesh Chief minister Digvijay Singh and his government for taking effective steps to reassure the small Christian community in the Adivasi-majority district of Jhabua, which had seen much tension on the eve of the meeting organized today by the Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh wing Seva Bharati.

The All India Christian Council deputed its Gujarat unit secretary and well-known Human rights activist Mr. Samson Christian to Jhabua yesterday in solidarity with the Christians of the district, which was scene of the infamous mass rape of Catholic nuns three years ago. A vicious Hindutva communal rhetoric preceded the holding of the Sangh meeting, targeting Christians in the region. Much of the social educational and Medicare work in the Madhya Pradesh Tribal belt has been by Christian missions.

The Council has repeatedly expressed its deep apprehension at the activities of the Sangh Parivar in the contiguous tribal areas of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. In recent months, more than 3.5 lakh trishuls machined as weapons and not as innocuous religious symbols, have been distributed in the Rajasthan area. In Madhya Pradesh, the Sangh has announced the setting up of 3.5 lakh Devals, or family temples. These areas are already penetrated by Sangh's Shishu mandirs manned by RSS cadres. These schools follow a curricula and textual material, which is outside the pale of any academic and public scrutiny, blatantly rewrites history, and poisons young minds.

Taken together, these actions constitute a well thought out strategy to polarize and communalise the tribal society in the state of Madhya Pradesh and also in the states of Gujarat, Rajasthan, Orissa, Jharkand and Chhatisgarh to serve the political agenda of the Sangh Parivar. The Adivasis have strongly objected to these efforts to obliterate their culture and their identity.

The Council has called upon the governments of the concerned states, as also on the Central government to ensure that this insidious conspiracy against the Adivasi identity is not allowed to succeed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, due to official business on Wednesday, January 23, 2002, and Thursday, January 24, 2002, I was unable to cast my floor vote on rollcall numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4. The votes I missed include rollcall vote 1 on the Quorum Call of the House; rollcall vote 2 on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 700, to Reauthorize the Asian Elephant Conservation Act; rollcall vote 3 on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 2234, the Tumacacori National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act; and rollcall vote 4 on Passage of S. 1762, the Higher Education Act Amendments.

Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "present" on rollcall vote 1, and "aye" on rollcall votes 2, 3, and 4.

COACH BILL BELISLE OF MOUNT SAINT CHARLES ACADEMY

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, I wish to insert into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD letters that attest to the true spirit of competition in addition to the sportsmanship of Mr. Bill Belisle of the Mount Saint Charles Academy of Woonsocket, Rhode Island. As these letters show, Mr. Belisle has had astonishing success as head coach of the Mount Saint Charles Mounties, the school's phenomenally successful hockey team. On January 5th, 2002, Coach Belisle earned his 696th career victory, and set a new national high school hockey record for all-time coaching victories. From his 24 consecutive state championships to the multitude of talented hockey players he has developed, Coach Belisle demonstrates the fact that hard work, dedication and commitment to a goal do pay off. I hope that, with this placement in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, my colleagues here in the Congress can look to him as a model of the type of success that all Americans should aspire to.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE,

New York, NY, January 22, 2002.

Mr. BILL BELISLE, Hockey Coach,

Mount St. Charles Academy, Logee Street, Woonsocket, RI.

DEAR COACH BELISLE: I am writing to offer my most sincere congratulations on a remarkable achievement.

On January 5, 2002, you earned your 696th victory with the hockey team from Mount St. Charles Academy. The win over Toll Gate High School set a national high school hockey record for all-time career coaching victories. It is even more impressive that you reached this milestone in only your 27th season, while the previous record was set over a career which spanned 49 seasons.

The National Hockey League is pleased to recognize accomplishments, which recently have been highlighted by stories in Parade Magazine and USA Today. The fact that your team has won 24 straight Rhode Island

Interscholastic League championships is a credit to your coaching abilities and a testament to you as a motivator and role model. Your record of winning 88 percent of all your games is a mark that any coach at any level would love to emulate.

That six of your former players—Bryan Berard, Brian Boucher, Garth Snow, Mathieu Schneider, Keith Carney and Jeff Jillson—have skated this season in the NHL is a tribute to you and your program. All these players are outstanding individuals who obviously received great training.

On behalf of the NHL, please accept my best wishes on this most impressive accomplishment. I look forward to learning about what I am certain will be even more milestones ahead for you and the Mount St. Charles Academy program.

Sincerely,

GARY B. BETTMAN,
Commissioner.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 22, 2002.

Coach BILL BELISLE,
*Mount St. Charles Academy, Logee Street,
Woonsocket, RI.*

DEAR COACH BELISLE: Please accept my very best wishes on another amazing milestone in your hockey coaching career at Mount St. Charles Academy.

When Congress returns to session tomorrow after our annual winter recess, I will make certain that the rest of the nation is also aware of your latest accomplishment. The *Congressional Record* will reflect the fact that on January 5, 2002, you earned your 696th career victory. This win by a score of 6–2 over Toll Gate High School at Thayer Arena in Warwick set a new national high school hockey record for all-time career coaching victories.

It is even more incredible that you established this record in your 27th season at Mount. The old record, held by Ed Burns at Arlington High School in Massachusetts, was set over a 49-year career.

It is certainly impressive that you have led the Mounties to 24 consecutive state championships and that you have won 88 percent of all the games you have coached. But even more impressive to me is the caliber of first-class individuals that have graduated from the Mount St. Charles' program.

Dozens and dozens of your players have earned full-tuition college scholarships to major academic institutions. While many have gone on to play for the United States in the Olympic Games, or to play professionally in the National Hockey League and in Europe, even more have experienced successful careers off the ice. Their journey through adult life has been made smoother because of the great discipline and work ethic you have taught them at an early age. The "Mount Style" that you are so proud to instill in them has served these young men well in their careers well beyond their hockey-playing days.

Please accept my wishes for many more victories both on and off the ice. I also wish to extend congratulations to your wife Yvette, who has been your partner through this whole Mount Dynasty; your son David, who also doubles as your highly successful assistant coach; and the rest of the Belisle family. Congratulations again!

Sincerely,

PATRICK J. KENNEDY,
Member of Congress.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO KEVIN
DOWDELL

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I pay tribute to New York City firefighter Kevin Dowdell who passed away on September 11, 2001. Kevin died tragically while carrying out the very acts of selflessness and bravery that were the hallmark of his life. As his family mourns this loss, I believe it is appropriate to remember Kevin and pay tribute to him for his many contributions to his country.

As a distinguished firefighter in the New York City Fire Department, Kevin dedicated his life to serving and protecting others, and embodied the spirit of courage and bravery that has sustained this country during these times of tragedy and mourning. Not only was Kevin one of New York's bravest, but he was also one of this country's bravest. It is because of men like Kevin Dowdell that all of us, as Americans, can hold our heads high and take comfort in the fact that we live in the greatest country on Earth, and among the most courageous and extraordinary people on Earth.

Kevin's mother, Gloria—a long-time resident of Colorado—remembers that Kevin had dreams of becoming a firefighter from the time he was four years old. After realizing that life-long dream, Kevin excelled as a firefighter, becoming an expert in difficult rescues and garnering high praise from both his colleagues and superiors alike. Not only was Kevin an exceptional firefighter, but he was, perhaps more importantly, an exceptional father, husband, brother and son. The selflessness that propelled him to a career as a firefighter was even more evident in his family life. He tirelessly gave his time, love and energy to each and every member of his family, taking them on tours through New York, playing in his son's band and organizing family vacations. He is survived by his loving wife RoseEllen and his two sons Patrick and James.

Mr. Speaker, we are all terribly saddened by the loss of Kevin Dowdell, but take comfort in the knowledge that our grief is overshadowed only by the legacy of courage, selflessness and love that Kevin left with all of us. His life is the very embodiment of all that makes this country great, and I am deeply honored to be able to bring the attention of this body of Congress to his life. It is in times of great tragedy and hardship that true heroes emerge, and I am proud to say Kevin Dowdell is a hero not only to me, but to his family, his friends and to this country.

NATIVE SON OF SAN MATEO
SHINES IN SUPER BOWL

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, the victory of the New England Patriots in last night's Super Bowl was not just an incredibly good football game—one of the closest and most exciting

games in Super Bowl history—but it was also a cause for celebration that spanned our nation from coast to coast. Today the City of San Mateo and Peninsulans join fans in New England in celebrating the Patriots' victory. It is a shared celebration because New England Quarterback Tom Brady first showed signs of football greatness as the quarterback for Junipero Serra High School in his hometown of San Mateo in my congressional district.

Mr. Speaker, Tom Brady was the youngest quarterback ever to lead a team to a Super Bowl victory and was also selected Most Valuable Player in the game. This was a fitting end to a truly magnificent season for Tom Brady. As a sixth round draft choice in the 2000 NFL draft, Tom started his second season as the back-up quarterback, whose goal for the 2001–2002 season was simply to become a better football player. Fate, however, had different plans as he was thrust into the starting role during the third game of the season. The newfound responsibility never fazed this calm young man. He accepted his new role and led the Patriots from a 0–2 start to the season to end with eleven wins in the regular season and a trip to the playoffs.

During the playoffs, Tom faced and conquered a wide variety of adversities, from snowballs to ankle sprains, he never wavered and refused to back down as he led his team to the Super Bowl. Entering the game as heavy underdogs, Tom Brady played the greatest game of his young career in the same way he played throughout the regular season—calm, cool, and under control. After three quarters the Patriots lead 17–3, but then the Rams made a comeback and Tom Brady found himself on his own 17 yard line, facing the daunting task of moving the ball sixty yards with 90 seconds left in the game, and his team with no time outs remaining.

Mr. Speaker, many thought he should run out the clock and move the game into overtime. Brady, a true competitor, walked onto the field to begin a drive to win in the remaining 90 seconds. As he said, "I was going out to win the game." And that is exactly what he did, as he threw pass after pass to march his team into field range and set up his kicker to win the game. Adam Vinatieri's kick sailed through the uprights just as time expired, and the Patriots were champions. A roar not only erupted from the stadium in New Orleans, but a similar outburst erupted from the house on Portola Drive in San Mateo, where friends and family of the Brady family had gathered to watch the game.

Mr. Speaker, from his days of flag football on Portola Drive in San Mateo, to the fields at Serra High, to the University of Michigan, to the National Football League and being named Most Valuable Player of Super Bowl XXXVI, Tom Brady always played with confidence and charisma and found success at every level. It is obvious from watching Tom Brady play that he truly loves the game of football. He always smiles, and his enthusiasm and confidence is infectious to his team. As one of his wide receivers said, "You can't say enough about the kid. He has a tremendous amount of confidence, and it rubs off on everyone else."

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating Tom Brady on an incredible game and wishing him continued success. All of us from San Mateo and the Peninsula are proud of our native son.

COMMEMORATING THE 90TH
ANNIVERSARY OF HADASSAH

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the 90th anniversary of one of America's foremost organizations, Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America. This organization has grown to become the largest women's and Jewish membership organization in the United States, comprised of over 300,000 individuals. Hadassah will begin to celebrate its 90th year on February 26, 2002.

Since its founding in 1912, Hassadah's devoted members have helped improve the lives of women and indeed, all of humanity. Foremost among these contributions is Hadassah's incredible contributions to health care in Israel. Their flagship project, the Hadassah Medical Organization, provides health care of the highest caliber to a myriad of individuals from throughout the Middle East, without racial, religious or national prejudice, and also aids the training of health care workers. In addition, Hadassah's humanitarian mission has long made the organization a supporter of a peaceful and stable Middle East.

Within the United States, Hadassah is an active player on a number of critical public policy concerns. This includes a program for breast cancer detection and awareness, Jewish family programs, and the encouragement of civic participation. Hadassah also places an emphasis on education of both its members and the general public, especially in regard to American-Israeli relations, separation of church and state, and women's health.

I congratulate Hadassah on its commitment to improving the lives of countless people in the Middle East and here in America. The past 90 years have demonstrated the need for organizations such as Hadassah, and I wish its members nothing but continued success in the future.

TRIPARTITE MEETING ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I recently participated in the Tripartite Meeting on Climate Change and Sustainable Energy, sponsored by GLOBE USA, the affiliate of Global Legislator's Organization for a Balanced Environment (GLOBE), a voluntary non-partisan educational association comprised of Senators and Representatives from our Congress that is dedicated to promoting a balanced and informed policy regarding our environment. I applaud the work of our distinguished colleagues Representatives SHAYS, the chairman of GLOBE USA; JIM GREENWOOD, president of GLOBE International; MARK UDALL, vice president of GLOBE International and co-chair, House Renewable Energy and Efficiency Caucus, and all of our colleagues who attended and contributed to the informative sessions with our colleagues from Canada, the UK, and the EU.

One thing we all agree upon is the important role that renewable and alternative sources of energy play in our national energy policy and debate. H.R. 4, which passed in the House on August 2, 2001, contained provisions for alternative and renewable sources of energy. On December 5, 2001, the Senate Energy Committee chairman introduced S. 1766, an omnibus energy bill that responds to H.R. 4, which also contains provisions for research and development funding for alternative and renewable sources of energy. H.R. 4, drew much criticism as a result of its provisions allowing for oil exploration and drilling in ANWR and for not adequately increasing the CAFE Standards of light trucks and SUV's. It is imperative that our two legislative bodies reconcile their differences, so that our nation may have a comprehensive energy plan that makes sense for the American people. Today's meeting reemphasized the importance of renewable and alternative sources of energy in our ever evolving and dynamic global community.

I have long advocated renewable energy and strongly believe that we can not continue to utilize fossil fuels at the rate of our consumption. It is only through research and development of renewable and alternative sources of energy that our Nation can be free from its reliance on foreign sources of oil from nations that are hostile to our Nation, our democratic system of government and our way of life.

Mr. Speaker, when the price of crude oil trades at \$38 a barrel, we hold hearings, send letters to the President, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of State seeking their intervention with the OPEC nations to bring the price of oil down. Congress threatens sanctions and passes resolutions condemning OPEC. Now that the price of oil is low, and where we can purchase a gallon of gasoline for less than \$1.10, there is a tendency for all of us to become complacent and we fail to remember the exorbitant price of gasoline. The fact is, that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is a cartel, and in a very short period of time the price of imported crude may spike, and for the most part there is very little that we can do when OPEC shuts off the spigot, but watch oil prices soar. We can not out pump OPEC and the only way to beat them at their own game is to develop a robust "portfolio" of alternative and renewable sources of energy. There is an energy crisis confronting our Nation, and like cancer it is in temporary remission, waiting to rear its ugly head when we think we have defeated it and when we least expect it. When that occurs it is at the expense of the hard working people of our nation, impacting every sector of our economy.

By incorporating renewable and alternative sources of energy such as wind, biomass, hydropower, geothermal, photovoltaic, fuel cells and the hybrid-vehicle technology, not just as part of our national energy plan, but as part of our national persona, we not only accomplish our goal of energy self-sufficiency, but we will also fulfill one of our national security priorities. Former CIA Director Woolsey asserts that our reliance on foreign oil is one of the top three national security threats to our nation. By adopting a comprehensive program of research and development in renewable and alternative sources of energy, we not only will

reduce a major threat to our national security, but we will also strengthen our homeland defense initiatives, by taking a threat out of the equation.

By establishing realistic goals, utilizing and harnessing the entrepreneurial and technological spirit, drive, creativity and ingenuity of the American people in developing alternative and renewable sources of energy; we will also reduce the catastrophic effects that fossil fuel has on our environment, thereby preserving our precious environment and our resources for generations to come.

Moreover, I believe that the Administration should continue to be engaged in the Kyoto negotiations process and we should continue to use our leadership and consensus building to enter into an agreement that is both realistic and enforceable for our nation, and is amenable to its prospective signatories.

Mr. Speaker, I urge our colleagues to make alternative and renewable sources of energy a national priority. By working with our colleagues throughout the world we can achieve our shared energy goals.

IN HONOR OF EDUCATORS IN CLEVELAND

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Cleveland teachers for today's event: Salute to Teachers—Celebrating Cleveland's Educators.

Today's event celebrating the efforts of Cleveland teachers originated from the work of Fox 8 photojournalist Herb Thomas and Assistant News Director Sonja Thompson who, while working on special assignment on the issue 14 campaign, became familiar with the work and efforts of Cleveland educators. Their discovery compelled them to hold this event to inform the public and recognize the many good works of Cleveland area teachers.

Teachers are often a source of inspiration and success to many of us. Indeed, Cleveland teachers have a most important responsibility of giving our children the educational tools needed to equip them to face any challenge in their future lives. Being in contact with their students almost daily, a teacher's influence goes beyond just textbook reading, writing and arithmetic. Teachers are, by virtue of their position, often charged with the responsibility of caring and nurturing each student's personal, social and emotional development. They come to develop strong interpersonal relationships with their students which often last well beyond the elementary and secondary school years. Cleveland educators deserve high recognition for their efforts in enriching the minds and hearts of many of our community's children.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Cleveland educators who are touching the lives of thousands of students. They have given their time and dedication to the local community and have earned the respect of students, faculty, and the entire Cleveland community.

INDIA MUST RELEASE SIKH
POLITICAL PRISONERS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, many of my colleagues are strong supporters of India. They apparently believe India's claim that it is "the world's largest democracy." But why does a democracy have political prisoners?

According to a report last year by the Movement Against State Repression (MASR), the Indian government admitted to holding 52,268 Sikhs as political prisoners. Amnesty International has reported that tens of thousands of other minorities are also being held as political prisoners. These prisoners are being held without charge or trial, illegally. Some of them have been in illegal custody for many years, despite the provisions of the law. Many of the Sikh political prisoners have been in detention since 1984. That's 18 years, Mr. Speaker. Eighteen years! How can a democratic state justify this?

Now, all of us want good relations with India and with all nations, as the President said in his State of the Union speech. But we also want to support the cause of freedom for all the people in the world. That is one of the main reasons we are fighting terrorism. We should use our increasing ties to India to pressure them to release all their political prisoners. As the bastion of democracy, it is our duty to speak up for these oppressed minority people.

Leading activists like Jaswant Singh Khalsa, former Jathedar Gurdev Singh Kaunke, and so many others have been killed by the Indian government after being made to disappear. Christians have suffered an ongoing wave of persecution, which many of us in this House have detailed repeatedly. It is time for the civilized world, under the leadership of the United States, to speak out strongly against this repression. But in addition, we must take prudent, peaceful, measured action to stop the repression of these minorities.

The Sikh leadership and the leadership of the other minorities should nominate the political prisoners for office as a way to help secure their release. This would make it much more difficult for India to continue holding them.

I might note that India has also been a practitioner of terrorism. It created the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), a Tamil militant group that our government designates as "terrorist," and harbored its leaders in the most elegant hotel in Delhi. It has been reported that the Indian Defense Minister has raised money and supplied arms for the LTTE. It has also been reported that the Indian government sponsors terrorist activity in Sindh, a border province of Pakistan. As you know, Pakistan has been a strong supporter of our efforts in the war on terrorism until India's troop movements forced them to divide their effort and pull troops off the Afghan border to counter an impending threat from India.

In addition, India paid the late governor of Punjab a lot of money to generate terrorism in Punjab and Kashmir. Indian troops were caught trying to set fire to a Sikh Gurdwara. There are numerous other incidents, such as the Air India bombing, the Chithisinghpora

massacre, and other incidents, where the evidence points strongly to the Indian government.

If India cannot behave like a civilized, democratic nation, it does not deserve to be treated like one. We should stop American aid to India until the political prisoners are released and the minorities can enjoy their full rights and liberties, and we should strongly urge India to hold a free and fair plebiscite in Kashmir, Khalistan, Nagaland, and all the nations seeking their freedom. Remember that India promised a plebiscite in Kashmir in 1948. I call on India to deliver on that promise. We should work with them to bring this about. That is the way that we can help secure the blessings of liberty for all the people of South Asia.

KAZAKHSTAN AND THE U.S.: A GROWING PARTNERSHIP IN
NEED OF OUR SUPPORT

Mr. Speaker. The terror that struck our country on September 11 brought anguish to the hearts of all caring people. Events that followed have focused the world's attention on Central Asia and the war against the terrorists.

Kazakhstan, the largest nation in that region, has offered cooperation in every area of the war effort. Kazakhstan has stood with us, and we, as Americans, must join hands with them, helping Kazakhstan and our other new allies in the area as they work to stabilize this critical region.

"Kazakhstan plays a crucial role for the international community as a bulwark against regional instability and conflict," President Bush said in a recent letter to President Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan. "America especially appreciates Kazakhstan's strong support in fighting the international scourge of terrorism," the President added.

As we are nearing the end of the military phase of the Afghan campaign and turning our attention to rebuilding that country, Kazakhstan, lying 200 miles to the north of Afghanistan, can play a crucial role in the success of these efforts. There are many reasons for this: most important are Kazakhstan's strong economic record, enormous potential, political stability and success in providing equal opportunities for all of its 130 ethnic groups, and, last, but not least, its willingness to participate fully in rehabilitation efforts in Afghanistan. Kazakhstan's largely Muslim community, although secular, has a special appreciation for the suffering and the hopes of the Afghan peoples. Already 25,000 tons of grain from the fertile lands of Kazakhstan have reached the hungry in that war-torn region. More will be coming.

For Kazakhstan to be able to realize its potential to help to the rebuilding of Afghanistan and restore regional stability, the country needs firm and long-term support from the United States. There are many reasons we should become more involved with this strategically important country. Not the least are the vast oil reserves of Kazakhstan that could potentially rival those of Saudi Arabia and will help guarantee our future energy needs. Kazakhstan's cooperation in the war on terrorism coupled with our energy concerns mean that now is the time for us to support Kazakhstan and their bright future.

President Nazarbayev's recent visit to Washington strengthened the Administration's recognition of the need to develop closer ties with Kazakhstan. The Government in Astana obviously wants closer ties, and America can only benefit from working more closely.

In the Joint Statement Presidents Bush and Nazarbayev adopted after their meeting, they confirmed a "commitment to strengthen the long term strategic partnership and cooperation". I particularly welcome the Energy Partnership Declaration, which identified "a long-term energy partnership" as "one of the key elements of the strategic interaction" between Kazakhstan and the USA. I fully support those intentions, and I ask unanimous consent to put the joint statement of these world leaders in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

I believe that the decade of growing friendship and cooperation, and particularly the strong support shown to us by Kazakhstan in fighting terrorists, has proved Kazakhstan to be our true friend and worthy of all help we can provide.

Friends help friends. There are a number of very real steps Congress must take:

First, we should work to graduate Kazakhstan from an outdated Jackson-Vanik amendment to the Trade Act of 1974 and grant Kazakhstan permanent normal trade relations status. I welcome the U.S. administration's stated intention to work with Congress on this issue and I call on my colleagues to support H.R. 1318 which I proudly cosponsored. It will repeal Jackson-Vanik in relation to Kazakhstan. This step needs to be taken during the current session. It will provide a much-needed boost for the expansion of the U.S. trade ties with Kazakhstan and will directly benefit hundreds of American businesses there. I remind my fellow members of Congress, and the American nation, that American investment in Kazakhstan over the past decade totals 5 billion dollars. That makes the U.S. the largest single foreign investor in the country, and makes Kazakhstan the clear focus of American investment in Central Asia.

Second, Congress should consider earmarking assistance to Kazakhstan in the next year's budget. The assistance should go to further solidifying Kazakhstan's successes in reforming its economy and society, as well as to strengthening its military and border protection. This move will send a clear message to the people of this important ally that the U.S. is serious about its intentions to stand by Kazakhstan as they move to become the main driving force behind the development of Central Asian stability and prosperity.

Mr. Speaker, we are truly committed to seeing the whole of Central Asia develop into a truly stable and prosperous region. Only then will it cease to be a breeding ground for terrorism and a source of threats to our homeland and other peaceful nations. The time to act is now.

JOINT STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT GEORGE W.
BUSH AND PRESIDENT NURSULTAN
NAZARBAYEV ON THE NEW KAZAKHSTAN-
AMERICAN RELATIONSHIP

[The White House, December 21, 2001]

We declare our commitment to strengthen the long-term, strategic partnership and cooperation between our nations, seeking to advance a shared vision of a peaceful, prosperous and sovereign Kazakhstan in the 21st Century that is increasingly integrated into the global economy and the community of democratic nations. To this end, we will advance our cooperation on counterterrorism and non-proliferation, democratic political and free-market economic reform, and market-based investment and development of energy resources.

These goals further reflect our recognition that the threats of terrorism and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction endanger the security not only of the United States and Kazakhstan, but of the world at large. We therefore seek to develop our security cooperation to address these challenges and foster cooperation among Kazakhstan, its Central Asian neighbors, the United States, and our European friends, partners, and allies. In pursuit of these objectives, we are determined to deepen cooperation bilaterally and within NATO's Partnership for Peace.

We reiterate our intent to cooperate in the war against terrorism to its conclusion and within the framework of the international coalition. We underscore our support for a broad-based Afghan government at peace internally and with its neighbors. We also pledge our readiness to cooperate in Afghanistan's reconstruction.

Recognizing that Kazakhstan was the first country to renounce its nuclear-weapons status voluntarily, we reaffirm our mutual commitment to the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. Both sides agree on the need for urgent attention to improving the physical protection and accounting of all nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons materials in all possessor states, and to preventing illicit trafficking in these materials. We pledge to expand our cooperation on these matters under the United States-Kazakhstan Cooperative Threat Reduction Agreement.

In the spirit of partnership, Kazakhstan and the United States intend to strengthen joint activity in ensuring security and stability in Central Asia. We agree that the expansion of trade and economic ties among the states of Central Asia, and deepening of regional integration in important areas, such as the environment, water resources, and transportation systems are a basis for regional security. The United States will consider enhancing assistance programs to Kazakhstan to strengthen border security and to increase the defensive capabilities of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

We recognize that free market economies and the rule of law provide the most effective means to advance the welfare of our citizens and the stability of our societies. The United States and Kazakhstan pledge to advance our bilateral economic, trade, and investment relations, including through expanded contacts between the business communities of our countries. We will strive to further develop an attractive, transparent and predictable investment climate. Achieving this goal requires removal of legislative and administrative barriers to investment, strengthening respect for contracts and the rule of law, reducing corruption, and enhancing Kazakhstan's strong record on economic reform.

We also intend to cooperate to advance Kazakhstan's integration in the global economy by supporting Kazakhstan's accession to the World Trade Organization on the basis of standard and agreed criteria, and its graduation from the Jackson-Vanik Amendment.

We affirm our desire to strengthen our energy partnership to diversify export options for Kazakhstan's oil and gas and to diversify global energy supplies. We share the view that a key element of this effort is development of multiple pipelines that will ensure delivery of Caspian energy to world markets, unfettered by monopolies or constrained by geographic chokepoints. We welcome the recent opening of the Caspian Pipeline Consortium (CPC) Pipeline and underscore our support for development of the Aktau-Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan oil export route on commercial terms. We will also work together to

protect the rights of foreign investors and to abide by decisions of courts, particularly of international courts of arbitration.

Recognizing that democracy is a cornerstone of long-term stability, we reaffirm our desire to strengthen democratic institutions and processes, such as independent media, local government, pluralism, and free and fair elections. We also reiterate our mutual commitments to advance the rule of law and promote freedom of religion and other universal human rights as promoted by the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, of which we are both members. Finally, we pledge to enhance understanding between the citizens of our two countries by promoting people-to-people exchanges, initiatives of nongovernmental organizations, and contacts between business people.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MORLEY
BALLANTINE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Morley Ballantine and thank her for her contributions to the State of Colorado and the Durango community. Morley will always be remembered as a dedicated pillar and leader of the community. She has been honored and idolized throughout the years for her hard work and commitment to preserving the Southwestern heritage and culture. As we celebrate her exceptional honor of being inducted into the Colorado Business Hall of Fame, I would like to take the time to highlight her career and bring several of her accomplishments to the attention of this body of Congress.

Morley became a member of the community when she and her husband, Arthur, relocated to Durango in 1952 and established a local newspaper, the Durango Herald. Their passionate, lifelong pursuit of providing quality, trustworthy news to Colorado citizens has been rewarded and praised throughout the region for over fifty years. As the Durango Herald passes this recent milestone, it enjoys the ranking as one of Southern Colorado's most influential news sources in the region. Morley, along with son Richard, have led the paper's efforts to produce quality journalism and are additionally responsible for several other successful outlets, notably the Mancos Times, the Cortez Journal, and local magazine *Inside/Outside*.

In their quest to continue and promote our Western roots, the Ballantines have dedicated their resources and energy to preserving our historic cultures. Beginning in 1964, the family contributed \$10,000 to fund the Center for Southwest Studies located at Ft. Lewis College in Durango. The center is responsible for the collection and maintenance of artifacts, records, and accounts of Colorado history, most notably the ancient Anasazi Indian culture. Their initial donation was just a prelude to the enormous and generous donations of \$500,000 over the last century.

Mr. Speaker, Morley Ballantine, as well as her family, have been model citizens and icons of the State of Colorado. Throughout her life, Morley has dedicated her time and energy to improving her fellow citizen's lives through

organizations such as the Colorado Forum, Women's Foundation, and ensuring our younger generations are provided with a quality education as a trustee emeriti for Fountain Valley School in Colorado Springs. She has been a true leader for Colorado and her efforts certainly deserve the praise and adulation of this body of Congress, and this nation. Congratulations on your recent honor Morley, and good luck in your future endeavors.

NATIONAL LAMPOON ARTICLE

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to take a moment to read the following article from the satirical website magazine, National Lampoon Dotcom. Sometimes irony is the most revealing truth.

[From the National Lampoon, Jan. 29, 2002]
COMPANIES LINE UP TO HIRE ARTHUR
ANDERSEN

NEW YORK—Accounting firm Arthur Andersen stunned observers when, in the wake of the Enron scandal, the red-faced auditors reported a huge leap in new business.

"We were worried that the allegations of signing off on fake partnerships, covering up millions in losses and shredding documents would tarnish our image," stated Andersen CEO Joseph Berardino. "But it turns out that a lot of companies have seen that we here at Arthur Andersen are willing to go the extra mile for their business."

Business experts agree.

"There are a lot of companies, particularly on the NASDAQ, that could stand to have \$600 million in bogus profits right now," noted Mike Farnsworth, CEO of Temblor Telecommunications. "It makes management look good."

"Look, most of my compensation is based on options," continued Farnsworth. "Why would I hire an accounting firm that might insist on the spirit of the law, when I could hire Arthur Andersen and cash out? Those guys are pros! When I saw that guy [David Duncan] refuse to testify in front of Congress, I knew that the boys at Andersen had balls. There's no 'I' in 'Team' with them."

The rest of the big 5 accounting firms have taken note.

"At KPMG, we're not just a rubberstamp," stated Global Chairman Stephen Butler. "We're a respected rubberstamp."

Farnsworth is unmoved. "I'm going to stand in front of all my employees this afternoon and tell them that there's no better time to buy our stock, even though at the same time, I'll be dumping my shares faster than I ditched my second wife. The only reason I can do this is because I can rest-assured that the \$500 million of debt hidden in off-shore partnerships will be just between me and Arthur Andersen."

"Every time they invoke the 5th Amendment, they prove they're a name I can trust," finished Farnsworth.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM
HERMAN FAIRBROTHER

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to William Herman

Fairbrother for his service to our country. Mr. Fairbrother served his country for forty-three years and did what he loved.

William Herman Fairbrother was born in Endicott, New York, on March 28, 1923, the son of Lieutenant Herman and Caroline Fairbrother. He grew up on a variety of Infantry Posts, to include the Panama Canal Zone, and Manila, Philippine Islands. Bill entered the United States Military Academy at West Point on a Congressional appointment from the 34th District of New York. When he arrived at West Point he knew the prepared sling, the hasty sling and had qualified with the 30-caliber water-cooled machine gun. This made it easy to shoot expert with the M1 Garand plebe year. Academics, however, were something else. With the help of "Sully's Cram School" in Washington, DC the previous year he did fairly well in the first half year. But after that it was a continuing struggle to stay proficient. Because of many moves, High School had been rushed and spotty, and the four years of Academy study being rushed into three because of World War II made the task even harder. On the other hand, flying, which was his first love went smoothly. Primary flight training in Texas and then Basic and Advanced at Stewart during the three years went without problems. It was during the Plebe year that he picked up the nickname "Fair-Bee" in keeping with the academy tradition to reduce the spoken word to its simplest form.

Fair-B graduated with the class of 1944, the D-Day class, albeit rather far down the list. On the very next day, in the Cadet Chapel, he married his childhood sweetheart, Patricia Ross of Kenmore, New York and they lived happily ever after. P-40 and P-47 training, together with those of the class selected for the Fighter business, followed with time at many different bases, as the Service endeavored to stuff as much military experience into the class as they could before sending them overseas. Shortly thereafter it was the Shima Flying P-47's against the Japanese. After the war the unit moved over to Okinawa and Patricia joined him there in 1946. They, along with many other pioneer souls set up house-keeping in a Quonset hut. Number one daughter, Bonnie was born in Okinawa in 1947. In December 1947, Fair-B brought the family back to the US to Selfridge, Michigan. The duty was with the 56th Fighter Group flying F-80's and F-86's, where he was squadron adjutant and group adjutant. It was during this time, in 1948, that daughter number two, Nancy, was born. In 1951 it was off to Minneapolis in the Air Defense Control Center business. There he was assigned as an aircraft controller and control center chief with the 31st Air Division. Flying time was cadged from the local guard squadron, which was equipped with P-51s. Then in 1953 cold weather assignments continued, this time to Rapid City, South Dakota and the 54th Fighter Interceptor Squadron at Ellsworth Air Force Base. This was probably the happiest assignment in his career, with over two years of the time there being in command of the squadron. Initially, the airplanes were P-51s, then F84Gs and finally F-86Ds. He had always said that next to being a Captain and Fighter Squadron Flight commander, the position of Fighter Squadron Commander was the best job in the Air Force.

Exchange duty with the Royal Air Force at RAF Manby, England followed in June of

1956. The assignment was attendance at the RAF Flying College. The family thoroughly enjoyed this short tour living in the small East Anglia town of Sutton-on-Sea, going to English Schools, learning the language, dealing with pounds, schillings and pence, and driving the left side of the road. Fair-B accumulated a respectable amount of time in British Aircraft to include the Gloster meteor, Hawker Hunter and British Electric Canberra. In January 1957 the family arrived in Rabat Morocco. The assignment here was Chief, Combat Operations in the 316th Air Division. Further broadening and true sophistication took place during this time. Not only was the Division partially manned with French Air Force personnel but also, the family lived in a French villa and had an Arab houseboy. In addition, flights on military aircraft, with family, up to the European continent were allowed once a year. They took full advantage of this privilege and managed to visit Spain, Portugal, Italy, France, Germany and Switzerland during their Moroccan stay. The Division Fighter Squadrons were equipped with F-86D and F-100 aircraft so Fair-B was able to keep his hand in. There were many trips to Wheeler Air Force Base in Tripoli, Libya, where the squadrons when TDY for gunnery and rocketry training.

The three and a half years in North Africa went by quickly, and the return to the US happened in June 1960 with attendance at the Air War College. Following graduation from the Air War College he spent a long five years in the Pentagon, first on the Air Staff in War Plans and then as Executive Assistant in the Office of the Air Force Chief of Staff. One year with Curtis LeMay and one year with John McConnell provided rare and valuable staff experience.

After the fast pace of the Washington area, duty on the CINCPAC staff in Hawaii, starting in 1966, seemed slow indeed. Here Fair-B served on the staff of the Commander in Chief, Pacific, at Camp Smith. Not only did they take off for the weekends, but Wednesday afternoons as well. The duty was good, with many evaluation trips to the MAAG supported countries in the Far East. This, together with quarters on Hickam, and the benevolent Hawaiian weather made for a delightful tour.

Patricia stayed in Hawaii when Fair-B went to the Republic of Vietnam to join the 14th Special Operations Wing. As Vice Commander and then Commander he was kept busy monitoring the varied activities of the Wing, which were performed from nine separate bases. The little command O-2 spent a lot of time touring the country. In addition to the clandestine operations, the Wing had the AC-47 and AC-119 gunships, the psychological warfare business with O-2s and C-47s and the only armed helicopter squadron in the Air Force, flying UH-1Ns. He served the Wing from September 1969, to September 1970.

After Vietnam the next assignment as Deputy Chief of Staff at Headquarters Air Force Logistics Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio with the job of DCS Distribution. The assignment was not because of any logistics experience but mainly because the boss man wanted some operational talent on the staff. The job was fascinating and of enormous scope. Fair-B jumped in with his typical enthusiasm and his performance helped in getting him promoted to Brigadier General on April 1, 1972. Separation from the Air Force came in 1974 with Fair-B being al-

lowed to keep the wife and kids and the Air Force keeping the airplanes. His decorations and awards include the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster, Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters and the Meritorious Service Medal. He was a command pilot.

Fair-B and Patricia, hand in hand then returned to Hawaii, their choice of all the places they had tried throughout the years. They moved into an apartment on Waikiki beach and then took the time to read what there wasn't time for before, and work on the projects that had long ago been put aside. Other activities during this eight-year idyll included working with the House Republican Whip in the Hawaii State Legislature, activities with the Retiree Affairs Council at Hickam and work with the Oahu Chapter of the Air Force Association. 1982 found them in San Antonio, Texas, and in 1987 they made their next-to-the-last PAC move into a cottage at Air Force Village II. Fair-B served three years as a Trustee on the Board of the Air Force Village Foundation, and over three years as a Director on the Air Force Village 11 Board of Directors.

He died at 6 am on January 27th at Air Force Village II. He is survived by Patricia; daughters and sons-in-law Bonnie and Jerold Kreidler, Nancy and James Councilor and granddaughters Katherine and Patricia Councilor.

While it can be said he never single handedly moved the world around, he certainly participated in many worthwhile events that did. As a result those who knew him well can look back over his busy years and say, "Not too shabby, old son, not too shabby."

William H. Fairbrother lived his life according to the Cadet Prayer spoken so many decades ago.

O God, our Father, Though Searcher of Human hearts, help us to draw near to Thee in sincerity and truth. May our religion be filled with gladness and may our worship of Thee be natural.

Strengthen and increase our admiration for honest dealing and clean thinking, and suffer not our hatred of hypocrisy and pretence ever to diminish. Encourage us in our endeavor to live above the common level of life. Make us to choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong, and never to be content with a half truth when the whole can be won.

Endow us with courage that is born of loyalty to all that is noble and worthy, that scorns to compromise with vice and injustice and knows no fear when truth and right are in jeopardy.

Guard us against flippancy and irreverence in the sacred things of life. Grant us new ties of friendship and new opportunities of service. Kindle our hearts in fellowship with those of a cheerful countenance, and soften our hearts with sympathy for those who sorrow and suffer.

Help us to maintain the honor of the Corps untarnished and unsullied and to show forth in our lives the ideals of West Point in doing our duty to Thee and to our Country.

All of which we ask in the name of the Great Friend and Master of all. Amen.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Mr. William Herman Fairbrother. I salute his service to our country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, on January 24, 2002, I inadvertently missed a vote because of an electrical failure in my office which caused the buzzer system to malfunction. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on this important legislation which amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish fixed interest rates for student and parent borrowers.

SIXTH GRADE ALL-STAR
BASKETBALL EXCHANGE**HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of thirteen of my young constituents, and in recognition of the organizers of the Thirty-seventh Annual Potomac, Maryland/Windsor Locks, Connecticut sixth Grade All-Star Basketball Exchange, which took place this past weekend, February 1-3.

For the past thirty-seven years, the best sixth grade basketball players from Potomac, MD and Windsor Locks, CT have met to compete and to forge friendships that span 300 miles of Atlantic coastline. The exchange began in 1965 when two gentlemen, an Allegheny Airline pilot from Maryland and a Bradley Airport manager from Connecticut made a friendly bet on whose sixth grade basketball team was better. Every year since, parents and children from Potomac and Windsor Locks have contributed memories to the history of the exchange. This year, the weekend culminated in a Saturday night showdown at the MCI center, here in Washington. I can proudly announce to you that the game was won by the team from Potomac. The big weekend followed a January trip to the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts, where the boys got a chance to learn about the history and development of the game.

The Potomac team, coached by Rick Brown, consisted of Jamie Bloom, A.J. Brown, Brian Casey, Ben Chernow, Matt Grady, Mike Giannangeli, Ian Hendrie, Kyle Moshkin, Matt Nunez, Brendan Oldham, Colter Phillips, Blake Toll, and Ezra Weisel. The Connecticut team was coached by Mike Heneghan and Mike Barile. The team's players were Kevin Barile, Spencer Bernard, Kyle Cirillo, Bryan Doherty, Jose Forbes, Ryan Gilbert, Kevin Landry, Steve McVey, Geoff Oliveira, Tyler Pepin, Tim Quagliarolli and Matt Wadsworth.

In these days when the term "National Unity" seems to be heard on a daily basis, these boys and their parents have bridged a geographic gap and come together on the basketball court. While this tradition has been wonderful for each of its thirty-seven years, this year it serves a special role in reminding us all that while our country is vast and diverse, we need not a national tragedy to bring us together, but instead only a common interest.

I am proud of these athletic young constituents, their parents, and all those who have

gone before them to make this anniversary possible. Please join me in applauding these young people, and in wishing the organizers the best of luck in continuing to bring together the sixth graders of Maryland and Connecticut.

HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMITMENT OF KAREN
PAPASODORA-COCHRANE**HON. J. RANDY FORBES**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, last week, the President in his state of the union address called upon all Americans to reveal the better side of their nature and to take time to contribute to their communities through a variety of volunteer activities. I rise today to honor a Chesapeake, Virginia woman who heeded that call long before it was made.

Karen Papasodora-Cochrane is an attorney and mediator, a loving wife and mother for four. But, she is also an active member of her community, volunteering her time, energy, and skills to a variety of causes. Since moving to Chesapeake in 1989, Karen has volunteered to help her neighbors most in need of assistance. She has offered her time raising money for the Chesapeake Care Free Clinic, serving meals to the homeless, and working at the Clothing Closet and Food Pantry at Kempsville Presbyterian Church. Karen has also given of her legal skills, providing pro bono services at the Chesapeake Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court to help victims of domestic violence and supervising a free legal clinic in a low-income community.

Furthermore, Karen has been an active participant in the civic process that keeps our democracy moving at its most basic levels. She has been an active member and leader in the Republican Party of Chesapeake and the Central Chesapeake Republican Women's Club for many years. Later this month, she will be honored by her colleagues for this commitment as Chesapeake's Grassroots Volunteer of the Year. I can hardly imagine anyone who is more deserving of this award.

We can all learn from her commitment and dedication to the principle of public service. I am honored to know her and to have had the privilege of working by her side for the betterment of the city I call home. Her energy has been an inspiration, and I feel privileged to have the opportunity to share her spirit with this chamber today.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CHARLES
HANSEN**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life and memory of Charles Hansen, a Colorado newspaperman and visionary whose life and dedication to his community is being inducted and honored by the Colorado Business Hall of Fame. Though Charles has passed away, I am honored today to bring his good deeds

and contributions to light before this body of Congress. Charles began his career in journalism and later was instrumental in establishing the gathering of the West's most precious resource, water.

As a young newspaperman, Charles came to the town of Greeley, Colorado in hopes of furthering his career in journalism. His first job was working as a part-time reporter/editor for the Greeley Tribune, where he covered stories throughout the Western Slope of Colorado. Several years later, he bought several small local newspapers and combined their resources and created the "Greeley Republican." He further merged his resources with the Greeley Tribune in 1913 and successfully operated both endeavors as publisher and eventually as President of the "Greeley Tribune Republican Publishing Co."

Charles Hansen was a great cultural contributor to the region and was instrumental in bringing well known musicians and talent to the area. He was responsible for establishing the Greeley Philharmonic Orchestra, which enticed symphony orchestras from New York and Los Angeles to visit the state, as well as bringing in notables such as the John Philip Sousa Marching Band. As a member of his community, he was active in the Greeley Chamber of Commerce and dedicated his time and energy to the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy Districts. It was for his dedication to bringing water to the plains from the mountains that Charles will be most remembered.

As any Westerner knows, water is our most precious resource. The water in our state not only satisfies our human requirements, but also is necessary to provide moisture for our agricultural industries. Charles, well aware of the need for this resource, lobbied Congress on behalf of the region and secured funding for what came to be known as the Colorado-Big Thompson Water Diversion Project. The project not only satisfied northern Colorado's water needs but also became a model for aspiring agricultural communities throughout the world. His contributions to the project were later honored when a portion of the canal was named in his honor.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I have risen today to pay tribute to a patriarch of the State of Colorado. Charles Hansen dedicated his life to improving his fellow Coloradan's lives through contributions to his community, commitment to quality journalism, and dedication to providing his region with its most precious resource. I would like to take this time to congratulate his family on Charles' recent award and let them know that all his fellow Coloradans have benefited from his vision and sacrifice, which had made the region strong and viable today.

AMERICAN MACHINIST
MAGAZINE'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of American Machinist magazine's 125th Anniversary, the oldest metalworking publication in existence.

Since 1877, American Machinist has been dedicated to informing readers about advances in manufacturing technology. This publication has evolved with the industry. American Machinist has documented the manufacturing industry's path from the worker to the machine, and now to computers and robotics.

This vital publication to the industry includes methods and practices of metalworking, cutting, forming, tooling, robotics, quality control, plant operation, and finishing. Its technical depth and cutting edge graphics to illustrate and support each concept separate American Machinist from all other metalworking publications.

American Machinist is written to provide management and engineers in the field of metalworking with the most up to date technological information and insight into the future of the industry . . . the intent of every issue is to help readers to increase production, cut costs and to stay competitive in the global market.

My fellow colleagues, American Machinist magazine deserves the highest respects for its role and dedication to advancing the manufacturing industry. Management within the industry rely on this magazine to find the most up-to-date information on their industry. I commend this long standing publication for its 125 years of work in the manufacturing industry.

TRIBUTE TO MR. STANLEY
MARCUS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the passing of a great American, Mr. Stanley Marcus. During his lifetime, Mr. Marcus pioneered advances in the retail clothing market, helped make the Neiman Marcus department store a Texas institution and made substantial contributions to the social and cultural life of North Texas.

Mr. Marcus's father, aunt and uncle founded Neiman Marcus in downtown Dallas in 1907. Mr. Marcus graduated from Harvard University in 1925 and received a master's degree in business administration from Harvard's business school a year later.

In 1926, at the age of 21, he took over as the company's secretary, treasurer and director. He went on to become executive vice president, president, chairman of the board, chief executive officer and chairman of the executive committee. Mr. Marcus retired from the company in 1975 with the title Chairman Emeritus.

Stanley Marcus was part of the first generation to celebrate and to sell designer fashion in the United States. In the 1920s, Neiman Marcus was the first to offer personalized gift wrapping for customers and created the first weekly retail fashion show in the country. Neiman Marcus became the first retail apparel store outside New York to advertise in national fashion magazines.

His merchandising genius became legendary. Stanley Marcus believed in elegance, equating it with a keen understanding of appropriateness. He transformed a modest downtown Dallas shop into a world-renowned

synonym for quality. "Vogue" magazine in 1953 described the store as "Texas with a French accent." One example of his marketing prowess was the introduction of exotic his and-her gifts in 1960, which turned the arrival of the Neiman Marcus Christmas catalog into a major news story each year. Today, Neiman Marcus has 32 stores nationwide, from Honolulu to Boston.

While creating a retail empire was one of his greatest achievements, Mr. Marcus contributed to the lives of North Texans in other ways. He published books, wrote articles for the "Dallas Morning News", lectured, and founded the Stanley and Linda Marcus Foundation, which benefits endeavors of art and culture. He helped create the Dallas Opera and helped save the Dallas Symphony when it experienced financial difficulties. He was an art collector and connoisseur who defended the right of the Dallas Museum of Art to display controversial works. Even in his 90s, his civic devotion never flagged. Stanley Marcus is a recipient of Dallas's prestigious Linz Award, which is given for significant humanitarian and civic efforts.

I have a special place in my heart for Stanley Marcus. When I first ran for the Texas House of Representatives in 1972, I was working at the Veteran's Hospital in Dallas. Under the Hatch Act, government employees could not seek elected office. Mr. Stanley provided me a job and critical moral support during my campaign, and this opportunity gave me the political beginning that ultimately brought me to Congress.

Mr. Speaker, when we think about Neiman Marcus, we think about style, elegance, and a *joie de vivre*. Mr. Marcus epitomized these characteristics. His death on Tuesday, January 22, at the age of 96 is a great loss for the city of Dallas and the nation.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS' SUPER
BOWL WIN

HON. RONNIE SHOWS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. SHOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the New England Patriots' outstanding Super Bowl victory this past Sunday. It was undoubtedly one of the most exciting Super Bowl triumphs in recent memory.

I commend the New England Patriots for the teamwork that enabled them to overcome the 17-17 tie score that held until the last seconds of the game. While the residents of New England deservedly claim pride for their winning team's feats, I am pleased that this team's success was also born from true Southern talent. Indeed, we are all Patriots.

In Mississippi we are quite proud of the fine contributions to the New England Patriots from Bobby Hamilton, of Columbia, who attended my alma mater, University of Southern Mississippi. I also wish to commend Grant Williams, of Oak Grove and Clinton, Terrel Buckley of Pascagoula and Antowain Smith, former student of E. Mississippi Community College. These men are fine athletes and outstanding citizens and exemplify how to succeed through dedicated teamwork.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in paying tribute to the New England Patriots' triumphant success on Super Bowl Sunday.

THE CAREER OF ALLEN D.
FREEMYER

HON. JAMES V. HANSEN

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today Mr. Chairman to honor and celebrate the career of one of my longtime staff members, Allen D. Freemyer. For nine years, Allen has faithfully served me, the people of Utah and our country as senior staff on the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Resources.

It is rare that a Member of Congress finds an aide with the combination of intellect, talent and commitment that Allen offers.

Allen served six years as staff director for the Parks and Public Lands Subcommittee—the largest and most active Resources subcommittee. During those years, he shepherded more than 500 bills through the subcommittee, the full committee and the House. Most are now law. In the 106th Congress alone, more than 100 Parks and Public Lands bills became law. His track record in the 104th and 105th Congresses was equally as impressive. With Allen's assistance, Congress enacted legislation that protects, preserves and enhances millions of acres of public land throughout our beautiful country. He accomplished this while simultaneously defending the rights and interests of landowners and local communities, recreationists and sportsmen. Many a battle has been waged in the Resources Committee in recent years. With Allen's guidance and political instinct we have been able to protect our cherished way of life in the West.

This past year, he served as the Chief of Staff of the Committee on Resources. He organized the Full Committee into the same legislative workhorse the subcommittee had been. Under Allen's guidance, the House Resources Committee reported 61 bills, more than almost any other House committee.

With Allen's help, we were able to pass the mammoth 1996 Parks Omnibus Bill, which created the Presidio Trust, an entirely new concept in parks management; the Concessions Policy Act of 1998 and The Securing America's Future Energy Act of 2001. Each of these bills has a profound and positive impact on the management of our nation's parks, public lands and resources. The energy bill, which codified President Bush's energy policy, sailed through the House on a strong bipartisan vote despite the long odds and predictions of its demise that persisted through the eleventh hour. Allen's veteran legislative skills deserve considerable credit for this victory.

His service has been unfaltering. His knowledge, expertise and manner has been exemplary. This year, Allen and I are both moving on to new challenges. Allen's service and talents have been very beneficial to me, the Resources Committee and the United States Congress.

I will miss Allen's wise counsel, legislative skill and political savvy. I wish Allen much success and happiness as he pursues new challenges. I am confident, the talent and tenacity he has shown for his work for nearly a decade here on Capitol Hill, will assure his continued success.

Allen good luck and God bless.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
PAMELA MCCARTHY

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor someone very dear to my heart and very dear to the people of Missouri: my sister Pamela G. McCarthy. After 34 years of dedicated public service, she retired from the Missouri Department of Social Services on January 31, 2002.

Pamela has been a foot soldier in the evolution of social policy in Missouri. She began her service with the State of Missouri as a Caseworker II on August 8, 1967 in the Income Maintenance unit of the Division of Family Services in the Jackson County office. At this time the Department of Social Services had not been established. The department did not become a reality until seven years after Pam began her fight for adequate social services for Missouri's most needy families. Throughout the following 34 years, Pam became an expert in many areas serving as: Caseworker Supervisor, Social Services Supervisor, Program Development Specialist, Planner, and Assistant Area Director.

Since its establishment in 1974, the Missouri Department of Social Services has grown into a comprehensive department encompassing five agencies that previously operated social programs under separate administrations. The efficient umbrella structure at the organization's core innovatively combines the efforts of related agencies and promotes a cooperative approach toward delivering social programs to Missourians in need. With the efforts of Pamela and her associates, the department has developed sound policy initiatives that: provide assistance to children and their parents, help the elderly with in-home services and institutional services, aid troubled youth and furnish health care for the poor. The hallmark of these social services is the fundamental goal of helping those in need reach their full potential, a life long dream of Pamela's.

As a result of Pamela's selfless leadership the State of Missouri was able to implement many important and far reaching social policy programs that have positively impacted the lives of Missouri's working families. During her tenure with the Department of Social Services, Pam was an integral part of the implementation and evaluation of the Title XX Children's Services Block grant for western Missouri. She also established the Silver Citizen Discount Program for the Division of Aging and developed policy for the Division of Child Support Enforcement.

In 1985, Pam left the Department of Family Services central office in Jefferson City and became the Kansas City Assistant Area Director. Under her capable and devoted leadership, two new satellite offices were built, one in south Kansas City and one in Midtown. She also spearheaded the relocation of the East Jackson county office and the remodeling of the downtown Department of Family Services office on two occasions. Pam's ongoing efforts to streamline the Family Services network was demonstrated by her devotion to ensuring that all offices had access to the latest technological advancements in order to better serve

the families and children in the State of Missouri. All of these improvements grew out of her desire to facilitate access to the services provided by the Department to families.

Though Pam's retirement on January 31 is official, her service to providing adequate family services is never ending. Many colleagues and friends do not believe Pam is retiring because she has worked through her previous retirements. And Pam's dedication has proven them right again. Starting February 3, she will continue her work on behalf of children and families in a part time capacity.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating my sister, Pamela G. McCarthy, on her 34 outstanding years of service to the State of Missouri. Many people speak about dedication, but rarely do you find one like Pamela who lives it and breathes it everyday. She has truly made our state a better place.

IN HONOR OF FOREST FARLEY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Forest Farley, who has been highly committed to our nation's veterans and has just been appointed Medical Center Director of the Lexington, Kentucky V.A. Medical Center.

Mr. Farley came to Cleveland, Ohio in 1996 as the Associate Medical Center Director for the Cleveland V.A. Medical Center. In his present role, Mr. Farley is the Chief Operations Officer (COO) for the Louis Stokes Cleveland V.A. Medical Center where he is responsible for directing and coordinating all operations for the Wade Park and Brecksville Divisions. His dedicated service to Cleveland veterans since 1996 has been greatly appreciated.

Forest Farley earned his Bachelor's Degree in mass communications from the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida, in 1984. He continued his education by completing graduate studies at the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois and earned graduate certificates from the Harvard School of Public Health of Harvard University, Wharton of the University of Pennsylvania, and the University of Illinois in Chicago.

His great dedication to V.A. medical centers stems from being a Vietnam Veteran himself. During his military career with the United States Marine Corps, Mr. Farley was awarded three Purple Hearts.

Mr. Forest Farley began a career in Veteran Affairs in 1981 at the St. Petersburg, Florida, Vietnam Veteran's Outreach center. His honorable career has also included assignments as Deputy Regional Manager of the Central Regional Adjustment Counseling Service at the Hines V.A. Medical Center, Acting Regional Manager, Acting Director, Acting Associate Director and Associate Director-Trainee at the Chicago West Side V.A. Medical Center. Additionally, Mr. Farley has served the Vietnam Veteran's Outreach Center in both Tampa and St. Petersburg, Florida.

We in Ohio will greatly miss Mr. Farley's devoted service to our veterans, but wish him the best in his future career in Lexington, Kentucky. Mr. Farley is respected by many including his wife and five children.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in congratulating the noble achievements of Mr. Forest Farley and his recent appointment as Medical Director of the Lexington, Kentucky V.A. Medical Center.

ACADEMY NOMINEES FOR 2002

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, every year, more high school seniors from the 11th Congressional District trade in varsity jackets for Navy peacoats, Air Force flight suits, and Army brass buckles than any other district in the county. But this is nothing new—our area has repeatedly sent an above average proportion of its sons and daughters to the Nation's military academies for decades.

This shouldn't come as a surprise. The educational excellence of our area is well known and has long been a magnet for families looking for the best environment in which to raise their children. Our graduates are skilled not only in mathematics, science, and social studies, but also have solid backgrounds in sports, debate teams, and other extracurricular activities. This diverse upbringing makes military academy recruiters sit up and take note—indeed, many recruiters know our towns and schools by name.

Since the 1830's, Members of Congress have enjoyed meeting, talking with, and nominating these superb young people to our military academies. But how did this process evolve? In 1843, when West Point was the sole academy, Congress ratified the nominating process and became directly involved in the makeup of our military's leadership. This was not an act of an imperial Congress bent on controlling every aspect of the Government. Rather, the procedure still used today was, and is, one further check and balance in our democracy. It was originally designed to weaken and divide political coloration in the officer corps, provide geographical balance to our armed services, and to make the officer corps more resilient to unfettered nepotism that handicapped European armies.

In 1854, Representative Gerritt Smith of New York added a new component to the academy nomination process—the academy review board. This was the first time a Member of Congress appointed prominent citizens from his district to screen applicants and assist with the serious duty of nominating candidates for academy admission. Today, I am honored to continue this wise tradition in my service to the 11th Congressional District.

The Academy Review Board is composed of nine local citizens who have shown exemplary service to New Jersey, to their communities, and to the continued excellence of education in our area—many are veterans. Though from diverse backgrounds and professions, they all share a common dedication to seeing that the best qualified and motivated graduates attend our academies. And, as is true for most volunteer panels, their service goes largely unnoticed.

I would like to take a moment to recognize these men and women and to thank them publicly for participating in this important panel. Being on the board requires hard work

and an objective mind. Members have the responsibility of interviewing upwards of 50 outstanding high school seniors every year in the academy review process.

The nomination process follows a general timetable. High school seniors mail personal information directly to the Military Academy, the Naval Academy, the Air Force Academy, and the Merchant Marine Academy once they become interested in attending. Information includes academic achievement, college entry test scores, and other activities. At this time, they also inform their Representative of their desire to be nominated.

The academies then assess the applicants, rank them based on the data supplied, and return the files to my office with their notations. In mid-December, our Academy Review Board interviews all of the applicants over the course of 2 days. They assess a student's qualifications and analyze character, desire to serve, and other talents that may be hidden on paper.

Last year, the board interviewed over 40 applicants. Nominations included 10 to the Naval Academy, 10 to the Military Academy, 5 to the Air Force Academy, and 4 to the Merchant Marine Academy—the Coast Guard Academy does not use the Congressional nomination process. The Board then forwards their recommendations to the academies by January 31, where recruiters review files and notify applicants and my office of their final decisions on admission.

As these highly motivated and talented young men and women go through the academy nominating process, never let us forget the sacrifice they are preparing to make: to defend our country and protect our citizens. This holds especially true at a time when our nation is currently fighting the war against terrorism. Whether it be in Afghanistan as part of "Operation Enduring Freedom", Bosnia, the Persian Gulf or in other hot spots around the world, no doubt we are constantly reminded that wars are fought by the young. And, while our military missions are both important and dangerous, it is reassuring to know that we continue to put America's best and brightest in command.

And while a few people may question the motivations and ambitions of some young people, the academy review process shows that the large majority of our graduates are just as highly motivated as the guidance from loving parents, dedicated teachers and schools, and from trusted clergy and rabbis. Indeed, every time I visit a school, speak at a college, or meet a young academy nominee, I am constantly reminded that we as a nation are blessed with fine young men and women.

Their willingness and desire to serve their country is perhaps the most persuasive evidence of all.

ACADEMY NOMINEES FOR 2002, 11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, NEW JERSEY

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