A new, clear vision where people can live in harmony within their families, their communities and within themselves. A new clear vision of peaceful coexistence in a world of tolerance.

At this moment of peril we must move from paralysis of fear. This is a call to action to replace panic with expanded peace. This is a call to action to place the very survival of this planet on the agenda of all people, everywhere. As citizens of a common planet, we have an obligation to ourselves and our posterity. We must demand that our nation and all nations put down the nuclear sword. We must demand that our nation and all nations:

Abide by the principles of the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Stop the development of new nuclear weapons. Take all nuclear weapons systems off alert. Persist towards total, worldwide elimination of all nuclear weapons.

Our nation must: Revive the Anti Ballistic Missile treaty. Sign and enforce the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. Abandon plans to build a so-called missile shield. Prohibit the introduction of outer space. We are in a climate where people expect debate within our two party system to produce policy alternatives.

However both major political parties have fallen short. People who ask, “Where is the Democratic Party expected to have a new vision?” may be disappointed. When peace is not on the agenda of our political parties or our governments then it must be the work and the duty of each citizen of the world. This is the time to organize for peace. This is the time for new thinking. This is the time to conceive of peace as not simply being the absence of violence, but the active presence of the capacity for a higher evolution of human awareness.

This is the time to conceive of peace as respect, trust, and integrity. This is the time to tap the infinite capabilities of humanity to transform consciousness which compels violent action at a personal, group, national or international level. This is the time to develop a new compassion for others and ourselves.

It is necessary that we do so, for at this moment in our world is being challenged by new and premonitions of nuclear annihilation. When terrorists threaten our safety, we must enforce the law and bring terrorists to justice within our system of constitutional justice, without undermining the very civil liberties which permits our democracy to breathe.

Our own instinct for life, which inspires our breath and informs our pulse, excites our capacity to reason. Which is why we must pay attention when we sense a threat to survival. That is why we must speak out now to protect our world from war with expanded peace. This is the time to challenge those who believe in a nuclear right. Challenge those who would build new nuclear weapons. Challenge those who seek nuclear re-armament. Challenge those who would seek nuclear escalation. Challenge those who would make of any nation a nuclear target. Challenge those who would threaten to use nuclear weapons against civilian populations. Challenge those who would break nuclear treaties. Challenge those who think and think about nuclear weapons, to think about peace.

It is practical to work for peace. I speak of peace on earth, but not just for the sake of peace itself. But, for practical reasons, we must work for peace as a means of achieving permanent security. It is similarly practical to work for total nuclear disarmament, particularly when nuclear arms do not even come close to addressing the real security problems which confront our nation, witness the events of September 11, 2001.

It is practical to work to make war archaic. That is the purpose of the Human rights movement. It is a bill to create a commission of Peace. HR 2459 seeks to make non-violence an organizing principle in our society. It envisions new structures to help create peace in our homes, in our families, in our schools, in our neighborhoods, in our cities, and in our nation. It assembles the human community and the capacity to create conditions for peace worldwide. It considers the conditions which cause people to become the terrorists of the future, issues of poverty, scarcity and exploitation. It is practical to make outer space safe from weapons, so that humanity can continue to pursue a destiny among the stars. HR 3616 seeks to ban weapons in space, to keep the stars a place of dreams, of new possibilities, of transcendence.

We can achieve this practical vision of peace, if we are ready to work for it. People worldwide need to be meet with likeminded people, about peace and nuclear disarmament, now. People worldwide need to gather in peace, now. People worldwide need to march and to pray for peace, now. People worldwide need to be meet with each other on the web, for peace, now.

We are in a new era of electronic democracy, where the world wide web, numerous web sites and bulletin boards enable new organizations, exercising freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom of association, to spring into being instantly.

We need web sites dedicated to becoming electronic forums for peace, for sustainability, for renewal and for revitalization. We need forums which strive for the restoration of a sense of community through the empowerment of self, through commitment of self to the lives of others, to the life of the community, to the life of the nation, to the life of the world. Where war making is profoundly uncreative in its destruction, peacemaking can be deeply creative in its destruction, peacemaking can be deeply creative.

I welcome your ideas. We can share our thoughts and discuss ways in which we have brought or will bring them into action.

Now is the time to think, to take action and use our talents and abilities to create peace: in our families, in our block clubs, in our neighborhoods, in our places of worship, in our schools and universities, in our labor halls, in our parent-teacher organizations. Now is the time to lead the world to the new way of life he touched, and he will be sorely missed.
by all who knew and loved him. He was a per-
son of unquestioned integrity and of unparal-
leled morality, and is truly an inspiration to us all.
As his family mourns his loss, I believe it
is appropriate to remember John and pay trib-
ute to him for his warm heart, and his many contribu-
tions to Saguache County and the State of Colorado.

John was born and raised on his family’s
homestead just southeast of Saguache, Colo-
rado, which was founded in the 1890s by his
grandfather and great-uncle. He completed his
higher education at Colorado State University,
and then returned to the ranch, working with
the land as both a rancher and a cowboy.
John was a life-long rancher and ranching ed-
cuator, creating pamphlets and other materials
on the subject. During World War II, he took
rise off from ranching to serve his country in
the Pacific theatre. John continued his service
to his fellow citizens by becoming Saguache
County Commissioner, selflessly serving three
terms beginning in 1958. His service and dedi-
cation to his community and to his state are
exactly the attributes that made John the in-
credibly good man that he was. I, along with
the people of Saguache County, am grateful for all
of the hard work and passion that he lent to
his job and to his fellow citizens.

Mr. Speaker, we are all terribly saddened by
the loss of John Woodard, but take comfort in
the knowledge that our grief is overshadowed
only by the examples of courage, selflessness
and love that he left with all of us. His dedica-
tion to the community of Saguache County
was extraordinary, though his life was more
so. John Woodard’s life is the very embed-
mation of all that makes this country great, and
I am deeply honored to be able to bring his
knowledge to the attention of this body of Congress.

COMMENDATION OF THE MOBILITY
PROJECT

HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, March 20, 2002

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to
commend the work of The Mobility Project, an
organization which serves the underprivileged
with disabilities in other nations.
The Mobility Project has distributed wheel-
chairs and other mobility aids, along with
plus medical supplies and physical therapy
equipment, free of charge to the disabled poor
in Vietnam, Mexico, El Salvador, Nicaragua,
Pakistan, Afghanistan, and refugee camps in
Kashmir. The volunteers with The Mobility
Project give a tremendous amount of time and
thorough care into ensuring that each wheel-
chair or mobility aid is properly adjusted to the
individual for whom it is intended.

As you may know, in many places of the
world the disabled are resented or are pushed
out of active participation in society. Some are
left in as virtual prisoners in their rooms.
The work of The Mobility Project gives hope to
people and offers an avenue for the disabled
to be productive members of their society. In
addition to giving wheelchairs and other aids
to those in need, The Mobility Project helps to
provide them with job training, sports programs,
and job training for the disabled poor.
I have seen the faces of refugees and other
suffering people who have received the gift of
mobility as a result of the work of this organi-
zation. I watched the face of a young Paki-
istani girl who received a wheelchair—it will
change her life.

Mr. Speaker, it is important to honor those
in our world and in our nation who quietly,
humbly, and ably serve people in need. The
Mobility Project volunteers, particularly Presi-
dent and co-founder and Vice President and
co-founder Ray Terrill, are role models for us
all.

COMMENDING KANSAS YOUTH FOR
THEIR COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY
SERVICE

HON. DENNIS MOORE
OF KANSAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, March 20, 2002

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to
congratulate and honor three young students
from my district who have received national recog-
nition for exemplary volunteer service in their
communities. Ashley Wright, Aishling O’Connor, and Emily Gipple have been named
three of my state’s top honorees in the 2002
Prudential Spirit of Community Awards pro-
togram, and annually, the most impressive student volunteers in each state,
the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

Miss Wright is being recognized for forming
a vocal music performance class for develop-
mentally challenged adults in her community.
Miss O’Connor has spent her effort to raise over $30,000 to build
an intergenerational playground for an inner-city neighborhood.
Miss Gipple is being recog-
nized for starting a school club that helps for-
eign exchange and limited-English speaking
students make friends and integrate success-
fully into both the school and community.

In light of numerous statistics that indicate
Americans are less involved in their communi-
ties than they once were, it’s vital that we
encourage and support the kind of selfless
contribution these young citizens have made.
People of all ages need to think more about
how we, as individual citizens, can work to-
gether at the local level to ensure the health
and vitality of our towns and neighborhoods.
Young volunteers like Miss Wright, Miss
O’Connor, and Miss Gipple are inspiring ex-
amples to all of us, and are among our bright-
est hopes for a better tomorrow.

The program that brought these young role
models to our attention—the Prudential Spirit of
Community Awards—was created by Pru-
dential Financial in partnership with the Na-
tional Association of Secondary School Prin-
cipals in 1995 to impress upon all youth volun-
tees that their contributions are critically im-
portant and highly valued, and to inspire other
young people to follow their example. Over
the past seven years, the program has become
the nation’s largest youth recognition effort
based solely on community service, with near-
ly 125,000 young people participating since its
inception.

Miss Wright, Miss O’Connor, and Miss
Gipple should be extremely proud to have
been singled out from such a large group of
dedicated volunteer youth. I applaud Miss Wright, Miss O’Connor, and Miss Gipple for their ini-
tiative in seeking to make their communities
better places to live, and for the positive im-
 pact they have had on the lives of others.
They have demonstrated a level of commit-
ment and accomplishment that is truly extraor-
dinary in today’s world, and deserve our sin-
cere admiration and respect. Their actions
show that young Americans can—and do—
have an important role to play, and that Amer-
ica’s spirit continues to hold tremen-
dous promise for the future.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SOCIAL
SECURITY PROGRAM PROTEC-
TION ACT OF 2002

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.
OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, March 20, 2002

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, today I am intro-
ducing the “Social Security Program Protec-
tion Act of 2002” to provide the Social Secu-
ritv Administration with the additional tools
they need to fight activities that drain re-
sources from Social Security and undermine the
financial security of beneficiaries.

Many Social Security and Supplemental
Social Security income beneficiaries have individuals or
organizations called “representative payees”
appointed by the Social Security Administra-
tion to help manage the financial affairs when
they are not capable. At present nearly 7 mil-
ion beneficiaries entrust their financial ar-
rangements to “rep payees.” Representative
payees safeguard income and make sure ex-
penditures are made for the beneficiary’s
good. Most of them are conscientious and
honest, however, some are not. The current
precautions have not prevented abuse as well
as hoped. This bill raises the standards for
representative payee positions and imposes
stringer regulation and monetary penalties on
those who fail their duties and their clients.

This bill also picks up where our 1996 legis-
lation ended in stopping benefit payments to
those who have committed crimes. In that
year, Congress passed provisions denying
Supplemental Security Income benefits to
those individuals fleeing to avoid prosecution
or confinement. Fugitive felons, however, can
still receive Title II benefits that come directly
out of the Social Security trust funds. This is
not right and this legislation denies the money
to those fleeing justice.

My legislation also provides tools to further
protect the integrity of Social Security pro-
grams; protect Social Security employees from
harm while conducting their duties, expand the
Inspector General’s ability to stop perpetrators
of fraud through new civil monetary penalties,
and prevent persons from misrepresenting
themselves as they provide Social Security-re-
lated services.

My legislation not only prevents fraud and
protects the Social Security programs, it also
helps those who are legitimately seeking to re-
cieve benefits. Provisions from the Attorney
Fee Payment System Improvement Act of
2001 to improve the attorney fee withholding
process are also included in this bill. These
provisions cap the current fee assessment and
extend withholding to Supplemental Security
Income claims, so more individuals with dis-
abilities are able to receive needed help navi-
gating a complex application process for ben-
efits.

And finally, this legislation continues the
great work of the Ticket to Work and Work In-
centives Improvement Act, helping individuals