

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT H.
CASTELLINI

—
HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Robert H. Castellini, a friend, community leader and accomplished businessperson who will have the honor of being inducted into the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Business Hall of Fame on September 26, 2002. Bob is being honored for his outstanding business and community leadership.

Bob is a Cincinnati native. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., in 1963, and went on to earn his M.B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1967. After earning his M.B.A., he served in the U.S. Army for 2 years until 1969.

Bob's business successes come from his association with the produce firm, Castellini Company, where he started in 1966 as a Vice President. From 1970 to 1992 he was President and CEO of the company, and, from 1992 to the present, he has served as the company's Chairman of the Board of Directors. Under his leadership, the firm experienced significant growth, becoming one of the premier fresh produce distribution firms in the Midwest.

The Castellini Company is one of Cincinnati's oldest companies. It was founded in 1896 by Bob's grandfather, Joseph J. Castellini. Bob has been with the company for over 35 years, and his outstanding leadership and hard work are directly responsible for its continued success.

Bob also has been very active in our community. He serves on the board of directors of several Greater Cincinnati privately-held corporations. He also is a member of the Chief Executives Organization and the Cincinnati Business Committee in addition to serving on the Board of Trustees for the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Xavier University, the Good Samaritan Hospital, and the Cincinnati Art Museum. In addition, Bob has received a number of other honors and awards including the Distinguished Service Citation Award from the National Conference for Community and Justice; the People of Vision Award from Prevent Blindness of Southwest Ohio; and the Founders Award from Xavier University.

Bob also is a devoted family man. He and his wife, Susan, have four children and four grandchildren. All of us in the Cincinnati area congratulate him on his induction into the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Business Hall of Fame.

HONORING DR. JEROME DOLAN

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HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Jerome Dolan for his contributions in the medical field and his outstanding service to his community. Dr. Dolan was awarded the Louis T. Scialli Memorial Award on September 17, 2002, at the United Way Kick-Off, which was held at the Crowne Plaza in Secaucus, New Jersey.

Born in Jersey City, Dr. Dolan graduated from St. Peter's College in 1944. He attended NYU College of Medicine after serving in the US Navy, and later joined the U.S. Army Medical Corp as a Korean War Combat Surgeon. Upon his return home, he completed his residency in Bellevue Hospital's Obstetrics, Gynecology and Pathology Department.

As an accomplished doctor, Dr. Dolan focused on the care and well being of others, and opened his own medical practice in 1955. He enjoyed a successful career in the medical field as he became Director of Ob/Gyn at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Paterson, NJ, before becoming the Medical Director of Margaret Hague Hospital in Jersey City.

Dr. Dolan is a member of the American Legion, Korean War Veterans Association, First Cavalry Division Association, Eighth Cavalry Regiment Medics 1950 Survivors Association and a member of the United Way of Hudson County Board of Directors since 1965.

The Louis T. Scialli Memorial Award is given in recognition of the spirit of community in the "gentlemen of Hudson County." This award also symbolizes the spirit of the United Way, "to increase the organized capacity of people to care for one another."

Dr. Dolan and his wife Marguerite May have four children, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Jerome Dolan for his many accomplishments in the medical field and his selfless contributions to our community.

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A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
GEORGE ARNETT

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HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, George Arnett is a professional truck driver for Roadway Express; and

Whereas, George Arnett has successfully driven one million miles without a preventable accident; and

Whereas, George Arnett should be commended for reaching this safety milestone; and

Whereas, George Arnett has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to the safety of our nation's highways;

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in honoring and congratulating George Arnett for his outstanding accomplishment.

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AMERICAN FRONTIERS: A PUBLIC
LANDS LEGACY

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HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, America has an important shared legacy in its parks, forests and other public lands. They bring us close to the natural world and its wildlife; contribute to physical and mental health; add to our understanding of history and culture; and provide important economic opportunities to many communities across the West. Unfortunately, not enough people understand the multiple facets of America's public lands. As Chairman of the National Parks Subcommittee, I am happy to see a major effort being mounted to address this issue. "American Frontiers: A Public Lands Journey" is a 3,000-mile expedition currently being undertaken by two teams of adventurers. They are crossing only public lands and waters in six states, by foot, horseback, mountain bike, canoe, SUV and boat. Their two month journey will culminate in Salt Lake City on September 28, 2002, National Public Lands Day. Along the trail, they are sharing dispatches and individual journals relating their experiences and impressions of the public lands by videophone and through an interactive Internet website located at www.americanfrontiers.net. These communication efforts are especially directed at America's youth. I applaud the efforts of Public Lands Interpretive Association, which has spearheaded this project, along with the many dedicated individuals, volunteers, and sponsors of this impressive journey. I look forward to hearing more about their experiences in America's national parks.

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TRIBUTE TO GEORGE A.
SCHAEFER, JR.

—
HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to George A. Schaefer, Jr., a distinguished constituent, a friend and an accomplished business leader who will be inducted into the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Business Hall of Fame on September 26, 2002. George is being honored for his many successes at the helm of Fifth Third Bancorp and for his leadership in our community.

George was born in Cincinnati in 1945. He attended Elder High School, and went on to

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earn a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, in 1967. In 1974, he graduated with an M.B.A. from Xavier University.

Following West Point, George proudly served our country in the U.S. Army. From 1967 to 1969, he was stationed in Europe, and, between 1969 and 1970, he served in Vietnam, where he earned a Bronze Star.

George will tell you that his experience at West Point and service in the Army prepared him well for the business world. He initially joined Fifth Third Bank as a management trainee in 1971, and, by 1990, he was the President and CEO of the bank. Since then, Fifth Third has routinely posted double digit growth rates. Under George's tenure, total revenues have grown from \$393 million to \$4.2 billion—an astonishing 1000 percent increase. Currently, Fifth Third is the 15th largest bank in the U.S., and among the top ten U.S. banks in market valuation. George is rightfully regarded as one of the top bankers in our nation.

George's other activities and civic commitments include: Chairman of the Board of the University of Cincinnati; the Children's Hospital Center Medical Center Executive Committee; the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee; and the Health Alliance of Greater Cincinnati Executive Committee. He has given of his time and energy to a number of other worthy organizations including: the Cincinnati Institute of Fine Arts; the Johnny Bench Scholarship Fund; the United Way; and the Taft Museum of Art.

With all of his great accomplishments, he's particularly proud of his marriage of 35 years to his wife, Betty, and their three children and four grandchildren. All of us in the Greater Cincinnati area congratulate George on his induction into the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Business Hall of Fame, and wish him the very best on his current and future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF DENA MALLACH

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dena Mallach for her outstanding service as Executive Director of the Jewish Family and Counseling Service (JFCS) of Jersey City, Bayonne, and Hoboken. Mrs. Mallach was awarded the 2002 Mary T. Norton Memorial Award on September 17, 2002, at the United Way Kick-Off, which was held at the Crowne Plaza in Secaucus, New Jersey.

Mrs. Mallach has devoted her life to the care of others. Her inspiring credentials include being trained a disaster mental health worker within the Red Cross system, her work in child protective and developmentally disabled youth services, on a crisis intervention team, and over fourteen years of experience at the JFCS, where she was appointed Executive Director in September, 2000.

Some of her most admirable feats have come at the darkest of times. She volunteered in the recovery efforts of countless local disasters, such as the deadly Seton Hall fire, and in numerous national emergencies, such as Hurricane George. And when her country

needed her most, she worked tirelessly to help the families and colleagues of the victims of the terrorist attacks on America. In addition to personal care, she directed the opening of a branch office in Hoboken after 9/11 and brought aid and advocacy services to the distressed residents.

This award is given in recognition of the deep commitment to human services exemplified by Congresswoman Mary T. Norton. It recognizes women who have made outstanding contributions to the success of programs both in their community and throughout the nation.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dena Mallach for her selfless dedication and volunteerism in her community and beyond.

HONORING DR. MICHAEL
VINCIGUERRA

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Michael Vinciguerra, who will be inaugurated today as the 8th President of the University of St. Francis in Joliet, IL.

Dr. Vinciguerra comes to the University of St. Francis from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Farmingdale where he served since 1970 as professor, vice president for academic affairs, and provost. While at SUNY-Farmingdale, he led the effort to transform the college to a four-year institution as well as helping to create a campus Bioscience Park in collaboration with Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory and a leading biotechnology company, OSI Pharmaceutical. He also initiated a campus-wide outcomes assessment program; pursued continuous improvement in programs and upgraded fiscal enrollment management.

Experienced in Catholic Education, Dr. Vinciguerra is a graduate of Iona College in New Rochelle, NY with a degree in chemistry. He holds a master of science degree and Ph.D. in physical chemistry from Adelphi University. Michael and Grace recently relocated in Joliet, IL, and have one son, Michael, who is married to Darcy and one grandson, Christopher who lives in Spotsylvania, VA.

With his wealth of academic experience and his ability to work closely with the community, Dr. Vinciguerra is the right choice to lead the University of St. Francis community in its 2002–2003 Annual Theme of “A Time of Renewal, to reconnect, reaffirm and rejuvenate the many qualities that make St. Francis unique.”

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to join me in welcoming Dr. Michael Vinciguerra as the President of the University of St. Francis.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
GERALD BENSON

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Gerald Benson became a citizen of the United States

of America 25 years ago on November 8, 1977; and

Whereas, Gerald Benson showed his responsible citizenship by also voting on the same November 8, 1977; and

Whereas, Gerald Benson has demonstrated a commitment to his community of Cambridge, Ohio; and

Whereas, Gerald Benson has worked hard to become an American success story;

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Gerald Benson on the 25th Anniversary of his being a United States of America Citizen.

TRIBUTE TO ROSS LOVE

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ross Love, a friend, community leader, and accomplished businessperson who will be inducted into the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Business Hall of Fame on September 26, 2002. Ross is being honored for his outstanding business career, which includes leadership roles at the Procter & Gamble Company, Blue Chip Broadcasting, and Blue Chip Enterprises.

Ross was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Syracuse University in 1968 with a Bachelor of Arts. Shortly after earning his degree, Ross began a very successful career with Procter & Gamble, where he worked for 28 years in marketing and advertising. After running a number of the company's key brands, he was appointed Vice President of Advertising and oversaw the marketing of Procter & Gamble's products for 10 years.

In 1995, Ross founded Blue Chip Broadcasting, which initially included an investment in just one radio station. By the time he sold Blue Chip Broadcasting last year, he had grown the company into a 19-station group—the second largest African-American owned radio broadcasting company in the United States. Currently, Ross is the President and CEO of Blue Chip Enterprises, a company he founded in 2001. Blue Chip Enterprises has helped increase the number of African-American owned businesses in the Cincinnati region.

Even while achieving great business successes, Ross has been active in making our community and our country stronger. Nationally, he led the Partnership for a Drug-Free America in developing virtually all of its anti-drug messages targeted to the African-American community. Among his important local activities, he serves as Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of the United Way of Greater Cincinnati, and as Co-Chair of Cincinnati Community Action Now (CAN).

Ross and his wife, Cheryl, have been married for over 30 years, and they have two children, Jonathan and Ayanna. All of us in the Cincinnati area congratulate Ross on his induction into the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Business Hall of Fame, and wish him the very best with his current and future endeavors.

A BILL TO ENSURE THAT THE IRS ACCURATELY ACCOUNT FOR FICA TAXES PAID BY EMPLOYERS ON EMPLOYEE'S TIP INCOME

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague from Tennessee, Mr. TANNER, to introduce the Tip Tax Fairness Act, a bill to require the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to accurately account for FICA taxes paid by employers on employee's tip income.

As we all know, many employees in the service sector of the business community earn a substantial portion of their income from tips. Recognizing this, Congress passed legislation years ago requiring employers and employees to pay FICA payroll taxes on tip income. This ensures that an employee's total earnings are reflected in their Social Security wage history, which determines the employee's Social Security benefits upon retirement.

In the IRS's effort to collect the FICA taxes they believe is owed on unreported tips, the agency has created an aggregate method for assessing employers which is inconsistent with congressional intent. Congress did not intend FICA taxes to be paid on an aggregate basis, because earnings subject to FICA taxes are intended to be credited to an employee's Social Security wage history.

Under current law, employees are required to report all of their tips to their employer. The employer is required to send this information to the IRS, along with the employer and employee share of the FICA taxes owed. If the IRS believes the amount of tip income reported is not accurate the agency will audit the employer, bill the employer using an aggregate estimate, and collect the employer's portion of the FICA taxes. However, the agency does not credit the employee's Social Security wage history. By not doing so, the agency is disregarding one of the reasons Congress required employers to pay FICA taxes on tips.

Furthermore, this lack of accounting on the part of the IRS, and the use of aggregate estimates, creates a dramatic shift in the burden of tax collection. Under this method, it is the employer who must determine if there was underreporting of income, not the IRS, and the employer who must disprove an inaccurate assessment. Many service providers have expressed concerns that this shift in burden pits the employer against their own employees, effectively turning them into "tip police."

The bill Mr. TANNER and I are introducing today is a solution that we believe employees and employers can support. Simply stated, this legislation requires the IRS to ensure that assessments paid by employers, for FICA taxes owed on unreported tips, are credited to each affected employee's Social Security wage history. As such, this measure requires the IRS to use FICA taxes as Congress intended.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank all of our original cosponsors for supporting this worthy legislation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CUNG PHAM AND HIS SERVICE TO ST. ANSELM'S CROSS-CULTURAL CENTER IN GARDEN GROVE

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Cung Pham of Garden Grove, California.

Cung Pham served as the director of educational legislation and planning prior to the fall of the Republic of Vietnam 1975. After the country's collapse, he was detained in a concentration camp for seven years before escaping by boat in 1982 to spend time in a refugee camp in Thailand.

Mr. Pham eventually ended up in the Orange County community. Using his understanding of the refugee experience, Mr. Pham worked as the director of the refugee resettlement program at St. Anselm's Cross Cultural Center in Garden Grove. His great compassion and organizational skills helped make the program a model for the entire country, helping thousands of refugees become assimilated to American life. He helped them with paperwork, enrolled them in English classes, and trained them for job interviews.

Sadly, at the young age of 63, Mr. Pham lost his battle to cancer on September 14, 2002. He was known for his quiet and gentle ways and was greatly admired by those he helped and those with whom he worked.

RECOGNIZING THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Jewish National Fund which is celebrating its 100th anniversary on October 6, 2002. The Jewish National Fund (JNF) was established with the express purpose of bringing Jews from around the world together and make the Zionist dream of a Jewish state a reality.

JNF was formed at the Fifth Zionist Congress in order to motivate people from around the world to collect spare change in tin "Blue Boxes," to be used to purchase the land that would one day become the state of Israel. These Blue Boxes became a symbol of Zionism and they were distributed in Jewish communities everywhere, creating a bond that was felt by the Jewish community as a whole. Through this unity, the Zionist movement built the nation of Israel that continues to flourish and thrive.

In the spring of 1903, JNF acquired its first parcel of land of 800 acres in Hadera, Israel. Immediately, JNF focused on greening the land through the planting of trees. To date, JNF has planted over 210 million trees on 250,000 acres across Israel. JNF has grown with the country's changing needs by building infrastructure for essential new communities which accommodate Israel's growing population. The JNF is responsible for building access roads, providing employment for waves

of new immigrants, and improving the quality of life for Israelis across the country.

Today JNF continues to be a major force in the development of Israel through water resource development, education, research and development, community development and tourism and recreation. These successes across such a wide range of activities have benefited the lives of countless Israeli citizens. The reach of JNF extends beyond Israel's borders providing a link between Jews around the world with the Jewish state.

I congratulate the Jewish National Fund on its 100 years of service to the Zionist movement and the state of Israel and wish them many more years of continued success.

NATIONAL RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY WEEK

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the contribution of medical imaging and radiation professionals to the care of Americans as we celebrate National Radiologic Technology Week (NRTW) November 3–9, 2002.

Many people are unaware of who radiologic technologists are or what they do. This week to honor those dedicated health care professionals was started in 1979 by the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT). The purpose for the week is to educate the public about the important contributions of medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals in providing quality patient care and a safer health care environment.

Radiologic technologists are the medical personnel who perform diagnostic imaging examinations and administer radiation therapy treatments. They are educated in anatomy, patient positioning, examination techniques, equipment protocols, radiation safety, radiation protection and patient care.

NRTW takes place annually and is celebrated across the Country at hospitals, clinics, imaging centers, educational institutions, corporations and affiliate organizations and at public events held at schools, health fairs, fund-raisers and other community locations. NRTW also commemorates the founding of the ASRT in October 1920. ASRT is the oldest and largest national, not-for-profit member association representing medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals, with a membership exceeding 100,000. Since 1920, ASRT has helped foster the professional growth and educational needs of radiologic technologists throughout the world. The Society represents individual practitioners, educators, students and managers/administrators in radiologic technology, radiation therapy, nuclear medicine and sonography.

I would like to congratulate and thank our Country's medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals for a job well done. It is an honor to commemorate and celebrate National Radiologic Technology Week.

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF HYDE PARK COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church on the 75th anniversary of its consecration.

The origins of the Church can be traced to 1879 when the Mount Lookout Methodist Episcopal Church was organized by fifteen Methodists who were meeting in area homes. In 1880, a wooden church was erected at the site of the current church on the corner of Observatory Road and Grace Avenue on land donated by John Kilgour.

Meanwhile, in 1907, another small group of congregants left the Mount Lookout M.E. and formed the Hyde Park Methodist Episcopal Church. They constructed a building at 2753 Erie Avenue, which was completed in 1915. Both churches continued to grow. After the Mount Lookout M.E. Church was damaged by termites and a tornado and the Hyde Park M.E. Church building experienced structural difficulties, Bishop Henderson urged the two churches to merge, and in 1922 the two became the Mt. Lookout Hyde Park United Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1923, the pastor of the newly merged churches, Reverend Warren Dunham, articulated the vision of the community church, and encouraged the construction of a new building. The congregation moved quickly to construct a large and impressive Gothic structure that required substantial financial sacrifice by its members. The present building was dedicated on the site of the original Mount Lookout M.E. Church on September 25, 1927.

Since 1927, the Church has grown significantly, enlarging its buildings and adding to its membership. But its Invitation, dedicated on its founding, in 1927, remains unaltered, and as timeless today as then. It reads:

To all who mourn and need comfort
 To all who are tired and need rest
 To all who are friendless and want friendship
 To all who are lonely and want companionship
 To all who are homeless and want sheltering love
 To all who pray, and all who do not, but ought
 To all who sin and need a savior;
 and to who-so-ever-will, this church opens wide its doors, and in the name of Jesus, our Lord, bids welcome!

The inclusive spirit of this Invitation is one reason Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church has been blessed by such growth and success over the years. The Church community is a shining example of the United Methodist Church's current nationwide inclusiveness campaign of "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors."

Over the years, the Church has had a proud tradition of not just serving the spiritual needs of the congregation, but also reaching out to help others. Consistent with the vision laid out in the 1920s, the Church has been active in the community. This includes the Hyde Park community, the Greater Cincinnati area and our greater national and world community

through its ministries on Christian education, United Methodist Women, Spiritual Direction, affiliations with churches in other countries, and mission programs.

All of us in Greater Cincinnati congratulate the Church, its pastors, parishioners, and staff on the occasion of the Church's 75th anniversary. We also look forward to many more years of the Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church and its open Invitation and commitment to our community.

TRIBUTE TO MACK POWELL

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to my friend Mack Powell. On August 8, the Sacramento real estate community lost one of its most beloved and dedicated leaders when Mack Powell passed away. As his family and friends gather to remember Mack's many outstanding achievements and contributions to his community, I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in saluting this truly remarkable citizen of Sacramento.

Born in Sardis Mississippi on September 20, 1920, Mack was orphaned at an early age and was raised in an orphanage. Mack would go on to serve his country by enlisting in the Army during World War II. After his stint in the Army, Mack moved to Texas in 1946. While in Texas, Mack was elected and served with great distinction as the Mayor of Pecos, Texas.

In hopes of securing a better future for himself, Mack moved to California in 1955. In time, Mack owned and operated a furniture store in Sacramento. It was also in Sacramento where Mack met his wife, Paula. Mack and Paula were happily married in 1967. In the following year, Mack made his initial entry into the real estate business. After obtaining his sales license and later his brokers license, Mack and Paul founded Suburban Properties, Inc.

By 1970, Mack had begun to get involved with the Sacramento Board of Realtors. During the course of his illustrious career, Mack would serve on over 100 committees between the national, state, and local Realtor associations. Locally, Mack served as the Sacramento Association of Realtors' President in 1986. On a statewide level, Mack was the California Association of Realtors Regional Vice President in 1986, and after much hard work, he was selected President of California Association of Realtors in 1991. It was also in 1991 that Mack was named the Realtor of the year for the Sacramento Association of Realtors and California Association of Realtors.

Mack also served as a Federal District Coordinator of the National Association of Realtors for my a Congressional district. It was simply a great joy and privilege to have had the opportunity to work with Mack over the years. Mack was a gentle man of unparalleled ethics who always had the best interests of the community and his industry in mind in all his endeavors. The citizens of Sacramento should be thankful that they could call Mack Powell one of their own.

Widely touted as one of Sacramento's most cherished and prominent citizens, Mack was

the consummate community leader. While astute and active politically, he was both a civic leader and exemplary citizen who was trusted and respected across all political persuasions. His intellect, integrity, good cheer, energy, and compassion made him a natural gatherer of people. Mack always found time to help others, whatever their stations in life.

Mr. Speaker, as Mack Powell's family and friends pay tribute to his many wonderful achievements, I am honored to express my gratitude and respect for one of Sacramento's most outstanding citizens. His accomplishments are unparalleled, and it was truly a privilege for me to count him as one of my dearest friends. I ask all my colleagues to join me in acknowledging Mack's invaluable contributions to Sacramento.

IN HONOR OF LESLEY MOORE

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lesley Moore for twenty years of service to the Hudson County community and to Catholic Community Services. Ms. Moore was awarded the 2002 Mary T. Norton Memorial Award on September 17, 2002, at the United Way Kick-Off, which was held at the Crowne Plaza in Secaucus, New Jersey.

Lesley Moore has selflessly dedicated herself to a life of social service focused on the needs of others, including at-risk children and their families, the homeless, and people living with HIV.

Ms. Moore's leadership has been exemplified in her work as Children and Family Services Division Director, as well as her supervision of the Children and Family Services of Catholic Community Services. She has successfully expanded the abilities of these organizations to assist those most in need, and continues to administer the following programs: home-based services; an adoption agency; juvenile justice programs; school-based counseling; youth development, and youth mentoring.

Lesley Moore's hard work ethic and spirit of kindness is also found in her participation in a number of professional groups, such as: Hudson County Case Assessment Review Team; Hudson County Children's Interagency Coordinating Council, Hudson County Coalition on Domestic Violence; Hudson County Coalition of Non-Profits; Hudson County HIV/AIDS Planning Council; Hudson County Human Services Advisory Commission; and Hudson County Youth Services Commission.

This award is given in recognition of the deep commitment to human services exemplified by Congresswoman Mary T. Norton. It recognizes women who have made outstanding contributions to the success of programs, both in their community and throughout the nation.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Lesley Moore for her critical role in helping to improve the lives of families and children in Hudson County.

INTRODUCTION OF SENIORS ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE ACT OF 2002

HON. DAVE WELDON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Seniors Access to Health Care Act of 2002 in order to guarantee that senior citizens continue to have access to health care providers under the Medicare program. This bill includes most of the provisions of a bill (H.R. 4954) that was approved earlier this year to restore payments to health care providers, ensuring that they continue to see seniors.

I am introducing this bill, today because the Senate has failed to approve legislation establishing a prescription drug plan for seniors and a restoration of payments to providers. I am fully committed to enacting a prescription drug plan for senior citizens, but given the failure of Democrat Majority Leader TOM DASCHLE to secure Senate passage of a prescription drug bill, I believe it would be doubly harmful to seniors if we allowed additional provider cuts to go into effect. It is for this reason that I believe it is important that we at least ensure that these additional cuts are averted. We should plug this hole while we continue to work together to address the need for a prescription drug plan for seniors.

Last year physicians saw a 5 percent reduction in their reimbursement rates from Medicare. This year, without the changes proposed in my legislation, they will see another 5.7 percent reduction. This cut comes at a time when providers are facing an unprecedented rise in medical malpractice premiums, and a dramatic increase in the costs of health insurance premiums for their own employees. A second year of reductions in Medicare reimbursements will lead more providers to drop out of the Medicare program or to leave medical practice altogether. It is important for seniors that we not allow this to happen.

The other significant change from the House-passed bill is the removal of the requirement for nationwide competitive bidding in durable medical equipment. I believe additional work needs to be done in this arena to fully understand its impacts on savings and quality of care.

IN RECOGNITION OF BART'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District, known as BART, as it celebrates its 30th anniversary this month. BART is the San Francisco Bay Area's premier mode of public transit and has carried nearly 2 billion passengers quickly and efficiently since it opened in 1972.

Established in 1957 by the California State Legislature to relieve the unbearable traffic congestion on Bay Area roads, the BART concept was popular with the public from the very

beginning. BART service began on September 11, 1972, an event that signaled a renaissance in rail transit in the United States. It was the first new rail rapid transit system built in the U.S. in more than 60 years and the first fully automated transit system in the world. The American Public Works Association named BART one of the "Top Ten Public Works Projects of the 20th Century," an honor it shares with the Golden Gate Bridge, the Panama Canal, and the Hoover Dam.

The BART District includes the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa and San Francisco, with service to San Mateo County. On an average weekday, BART carries about 310,000 passengers. The system consists of 95 miles of double track and 39 stations. With nearly 3,500 employees throughout the system, a \$420 million operating budget and \$561 million capital budget, BART is an important part of the Bay Area's economy.

BART continues to grow and thrive. Four new stations and 8.7 additional miles of double track are set to open in early 2003 with service to the San Francisco International Airport and the Peninsula. BART will connect with Caltrain, a 77-mile commuter rail service, at the Millbrae station to create a 180-mile combined regional rail network. Continued regional transportation needs are spurring several BART extensions, now in the planning stages. These extensions would take BART to Warm Springs, to San Jose, to the Oakland International Airport, and possibly other heavily traveled corridors in the East Bay.

Mr. Speaker, BART has consistently provided safe, fast, and reliable transportation to Bay Area residents and visitors. BART has served the San Francisco Bay Area well for 30 years, and we look forward to an even more extensive and more efficient rail system 30 years from now. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing BART a Happy 30th Birthday.

ARTICLE BY PROFESSOR DAVID YAMADA

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, as Congress grapples with how to best create a Department of Homeland Security that will meet our nation's security needs, I'd like to include in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD comments that Professor David Yamada made regarding this issue. Mr. Yamada is a co-founder of the Workers' Rights Committee of Americans for Democratic Action and a professor of law at Suffolk University Law School in Boston. I share many of Mr. Yamada's concerns.

(By Professor David Yamada)

In the hours and weeks that followed the September 11 attacks, thousands of unionized police officers and firefighters representing the diversity of America secured the damaged sites and sifted through the horrible destruction. Few events in American history have more strongly attested to the value of having dedicated public employees on the front lines of our civil defense network.

Nevertheless, the Bush Administration's proposed Homeland Security legislation threatens to make second class citizens of federal airport security workers who are

hired to screen passengers and to inspect packages and baggage. If Congress approves the bill in its current form, newly hired airport screening personnel could be denied all basic labor protections. These include the rights to join a union, to negotiate over wages and working conditions, to be free from discrimination and harassment, and to be protected against retaliation for whistle blowing.

This very real possibility is rooted in a little-known loophole in the recently enacted Aviation and Transportation Security Act. The loophole allows the Department of Transportation, "notwithstanding any other provision of law," to "employ, appoint, discipline, terminate, and fix the compensation, terms, and conditions of employment" for all federal airport screening personnel. Read literally, this allows the DOT to fix summarily all terms of employment for airport security workers, without regard to any existing federal labor law protections.

The recently proposed Homeland Security bill would transfer the airport screening functions specified in the Aviation and Transportation Security Act to the new Department of Homeland Security. The bill further provides that the Secretary of Homeland Security will be granted all powers previously accorded to the federal agencies absorbed into the new Department. This means that the Secretary will inherit the same alarming *carte blanche* authority originally granted to the DOT to unconditionally mandate all terms of employment for airport security screeners.

This short, seemingly insignificant provision carries huge implications. First, it obviously means that thousands of new federal employees could be denied their basic labor rights at the whim of a single Cabinet member. In addition, it would send an unprecedented message that fundamental worker protections, by their very existence, are inconsistent with the goal of national security. Indeed, if airport baggage screeners can be required to give up these civil rights under the guise of national security, can police officers, firefighters, and even privately employed transportation workers be far behind?

Finally, stripping these employees of their labor protections would defeat the goal of hiring a skilled and motivated workforce for this important security function. Recall that one of the original concerns in light of September 11 was that, because airport screening workers were so poorly paid, the security companies had trouble attracting qualified personnel, and that many of these workers reported for duty exhausted from working other jobs to pay their bills. How many qualified, trustworthy individuals will apply for and remain in a job in which giving up virtually all basic legal protections is a condition of employment?

Hard-won legal protections for workers should not be sacrificed in the name of national security without valid, convincing reasons for doing so. In this case, the manner in which airport security workers have been put at risk of losing their rights smacks of an insidious attempt to "sneak one through" Congress, taking undue advantage of the public's understandable fears about the safety of air travel. Because the Aviation and Transportation Security Act already spells out in detail the necessary skill levels and security clearances for airport screeners, there is no principled reason also to require a wholesale removal of their labor safeguards.

Consideration of the Homeland Security bill now provides Congress with an opportunity to undo the hidden damage of the Aviation and Transportation Security Act. In the aftermath of September 11, President Bush stood in solidarity with police officers

and firefighters at Ground Zero. Against a background of terrible tragedy, he symbolically affirmed the importance of rank-and-file public workers in American society. Hopefully the letter of the proposed Homeland Security law will be amended to reflect the spirit of that vital gesture.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DR. JAMES WITHERS IN ADDRESSING THE HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF PITTSBURGH'S HOMELESS POPULATION

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the work of Dr. James Withers, the Director of Operation Safety Net in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Dr. Withers recently received national recognition from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Community Health Leadership Program. The prestigious award includes a \$120,000 grant to provide additional funding for his program.

Dr. Withers, a Forest Hills internist and member of Mercy Hospital's medical and teaching staffs, founded Operation Safety Net to address the health care needs of Pittsburgh's homeless population. The program partners volunteer medical professionals and medical students with former homeless people to provide medical care to the city's unsheltered homeless.

Dr. Withers launched Operation Safety Net in 1993, after spending almost a year visiting Pittsburgh's streets dressed as a homeless person to learn about their health care needs. He and a friend walked down countless dark streets, alleys, and abandoned buildings to find people in need of medical care. He even carried his medical supplies in a backpack to ease their concerns.

Now, the 16 Operation Safety Net teams of volunteers, students and former homeless, do much the same, searching out those in need of care. Dr. Withers, or "Doc Jim" as he is known on the street, still walks with the teams several nights a week.

The project now provides care for about 900 patients annually—the majority are substance abusers and many suffer from mental illness.

In addition to helping Pittsburgh's unsheltered homeless population, Operation Safety Net also offers a valuable experience for the medical students and residents who participate as volunteers—giving them a hands-on lesson in caring for disadvantaged patients.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Dr. James Withers for this national award and express my gratitude for his determination and leadership. His lesson reaches well beyond the medical students and residents who volunteer with Operation Safety Net. It carries a message for all of us.

Dr. Withers' nominator for the award put it best by saying, "Jim's advocacy, creativity, and leadership are tireless. He teaches all who are willing to listen, in Pittsburgh and beyond, that each of the homeless has a name and that each has a story."

CONGRATULATING THE CALIFORNIA ARMENIAN HOME

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the California Armenian Home on the occasion of celebrating 50 years of dedication and service to the needs of the elderly people in the Armenian community on September 21, 2002. The California Armenian Home was established to provide housing for the aging population who could no longer live on their own.

In 1952, the California Home for the Armenian Aged opened with accommodations for 35 persons in downtown Fresno, California. Since its inception, the Home has evolved into a community of 168 residents and is considered to have one of the highest standards of senior care. The highly skilled nursing staff provides excellent care for assisted living.

The California Armenian Home was dedicated in honor of the K. Arakelian Foundation and the Armenian-American Citizens' League. Prior to the Home's grand opening, sponsorship of only eleven rooms in the Home had been assured, leaving twenty-four rooms without sponsorship. Mrs. K. Arakelian, a widow of one of the Home's founders, was concerned and decided to coordinate a "Grand Opening Shower." More than 600 persons attended the shower and brought gifts such as blankets, sheets, pillows, and cash donations to help complete furnishing the Home.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to congratulate the California Armenian Home of Fresno on the occasion of their 50th year anniversary. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing the California Armenian Home many more years of continued success.

A GRAVE AND GATHERING DANGER

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, the House will soon take up the question of whether to authorize the President to use any necessary means, including military force, to require Iraq to abide by its agreements with the United Nations to destroy its stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons. There is of course no question that Saddam Hussein has repeatedly violated these agreements and that he continues to pursue the development of weapons of mass destruction. The only real question is whether Congress and the United Nations will enforce these international resolutions.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support the President and I believe that it is important that we act promptly on this issue. The President made clear in his address to the General Assembly of the United Nations that there is a clear and compelling case for forcing Saddam Hussein to obey UN agreements or face real and immediate consequences. As we prepare to debate this issue, I urge my colleagues to review the President's remarks because I believe this speech not only could help avert a

new Persian Gulf war but also could help restore credibility to a United Nations that has been drifting toward irrelevance.

I have been a strong and consistent supporter of the United Nations. I believe it is essential that we have a strong, credible and effective international forum where disputes can be debated and resolved without bloodshed, where problems that stretch beyond the boundaries and resources of any one nation can be tackled by the joint efforts of many countries and where those who flout the laws of civilized behavior not only face condemnation but international penalties with real bite.

In his speech, President Bush presented two challenges. One was to Saddam Hussein to abide by a series of UN resolutions over the past 12 years requiring him to halt production of weapons of mass destruction, to end internal political repression in Iraq and to abide by the terms of the ceasefire that ended the Gulf War. The other challenge was to the United Nations to enforce its own resolutions, if Saddam continues to murder and maim within Iraq while furiously working to complete his arsenal of chemical, biological and nuclear weapons.

By ordering Saddam to disarm and then failing to take any effective action to enforce those orders, the United Nations has endangered its own credibility. Since the 1991 ceasefire, the UN Security Council has issued 12 specific demands for Iraq to comply with requirements to eliminate weapons of mass destruction and other steps. Iraq has repeatedly and brazenly refused. As a result, UN weapons inspection teams left Iraq four years ago, ending any check on Saddam's growing arsenal.

President Bush made clear that this steady drift into danger will not be allowed to continue. Saddam has a well-documented history of invading neighboring nations like Iran and Kuwait, and using highly lethal concoctions of poison gas and nerve agents despite all prohibitions in international law and in civilized behavior. He also has a fully documented history of gassing entire villages of opposition groups within Iraq, as in 1988 when attacks against Kurdish villages killed hundreds of women and children.

The President puts it very simply: "The history, the logic and the facts lead to one conclusion: Saddam Hussein's regime is a grave and gathering danger. To suggest otherwise is to hope against the evidence. To assume this regime's good faith is to bet the lives of millions and the peace of the world in a reckless gamble, and this is a risk we must not take."

President Bush then posed two unavoidable questions that only the United Nations can now answer: "Are Security Council resolutions to be honored and enforced or cast aside without consequences? Will the United Nations serve the purpose of its founding or will it be irrelevant?"

The only adequate response to those questions is forceful and unequivocal action by the United Nations to require that Iraq immediately comply with the terms of the 1991 ceasefire and subsequent UN requirements, beginning with the complete elimination of weapons of mass destruction. These demands are not onerous or outrageous. They simply require that Iraq abide by the same standards of human decency that guide every civilized nation. To demand less would be to abandon millions of innocent people within Iraq and to endanger millions more throughout the rest of the world.

It would also set the precedent that the malignant whims of a determined dictator can reduce the United Nations to a hollow debating society that cannot uphold the promise of world peace.

A war against Iraq by a renewed international coalition or by the United States alone would be a grave and sobering step with many risks and unknowns. We cannot and should not take such a step without full consideration by the United Nations and the Congress, as the President has promised. But the dangers of continued inaction, of endless dithering, are too frightening to ignore. We must act to support the President.

SARASOTA CONCERT BAND

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, the victims of the September 11, 2001 attack on the United States of America were honored by a special performance of Charles Gabriele's "Ave Maria" presented by the Sarasota Concert Band, conducted by its director Maestro William Barbenera, at the band's September 2nd concert. Lorraine Murphy-Renfroe and Douglas Renfroe were the solo vocalists.

Members of the band who performed in the tribute were: Patricia Dominowski, Adrienne Clover, Kelly Hatin, Valerie McManus, Lindsey White, Tom Hughes, Kelly Jacobs, Jave Martin, Pan Winkle, Phil Hohman, Estella Lilly, Maria Herrera, Calvin Wright, Megan Jefferds, Harry Phillips, Lynn Miller, R.C. Summers, George McLain, Marc Levensen, Kristen Constantino, Liz Jefferds, Joe Martinez, Dick Thierry, Gerry Snyder, John Hietala, Dave Jacobs, Jacob Bradley, Robert Moore, Merrill Wilson, Eric Vanzytveld, Andrea Hatin, Robert Thurston, Marvin Luckett, Charles Wilson, Bill Namack, John Haswell, Lara Fetzek, Chuck Evans, Laurita Noller, Pam Winkle, Robert Andrews, Jack Brokensha, Mike Dubi, Carolyn Gallmeyer, Fred Gallmeyer, Jeff Hanscom, Joe Hruby, Ann Jefferds, Marc Levensen, Faye Luckett, William Namack, Eddie Pawl, Bryson Sanders, Dianne Saunders, Michael Saunders, Paul Worrell, Lisa Barbanera, Kim Clark, Diane Jolly and Melissa Martinez.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding this most commendable musical tribute to the victims.

IN HONOR OF JACQUELINE ELLAM AUTRY, RECIPIENT OF THE HONORARY CONGRESSIONAL HORIZON AWARD

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jacqueline Autry, who will receive the Honorary Congressional Horizon Award on September 27, 2002 at the Autry Museum of Western Heritage. The Honorary Congressional Horizon Award is presented annually to individuals who have personally contributed to expanding the opportunities for all Americans,

and who have set an exceptional example for young people through their successes in life.

Success has always followed Jackie Autry. As a young woman in 1959, she started her career at Security First National Bank, working first as a switchboard operator, then as an Assistant Manager of Operations, and then Manager. At the young age of thirty-two, she was appointed to the position of Vice President, where she remained until July 17, 1981, when she married the American cowboy legend, Gene Autry.

Mrs. Autry has clearly demonstrated her selfless devotion to the community of Los Angeles. Her invaluable contributions to the community include serving as President of the Palm Springs chapter of the American Red Cross and serving as Treasurer and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Eisenhower Medical Center and Hospital. She has also served as President of Community Blood Bank of the Desert and currently serves as Director and President of the Autry Foundation.

Mrs. Autry also has the venerable distinction of being the only woman ever to serve on the Major League Baseball Executive Council and Board of Directors. She continues to serve the sporting community while acting as Honorary President of the American League of Major League Baseball.

Over the years, Mrs. Autry's remarkable breadth of involvement with the community has been a benefit and an inspiration to many. I am proud to honor the contributions of Mrs. Autry. It is through her accomplishments that we are inspired to believe in the power of each American to make a difference in our nation. In acknowledgement of her service, I ask all Members of Congress to join me in recognizing the achievements and contributions of Jacqueline Autry.

IDAHO PUBLIC LANDS

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, the people of Idaho are fortunate to have the incredible resources of the public lands for work and play. Our public lands provide forest, mineral, and grazing resources, as well as access to a wide variety of outdoor recreation pursuits. The beauty of Idaho's mountains and rivers draw thousands of tourists to our state, injecting millions of dollars into our state's economy and supporting thousands of small businesses. So it is fitting to draw attention to an expedition that recently passed through Idaho.

American Frontiers: A Public Lands Journey is drawing attention to America's public lands legacy through a two month, 3,000 mile journey entirely on public lands and waters. Two teams of adventurers, including teachers, a firefighter, a nurse, a reporter, and several outdoor enthusiasts began this trek on August 1, one team starting from the Canadian border, the other from the Mexican border. The two teams will join together on September 28, 2002 in Salt Lake City on National Public Lands Day. The northern group journeyed into Idaho while they were on the Continental Divide Trail, and hit the halfway point in their journey in the Targhee National Forest.

We all treasure the special moments spent in awe of the natural wonders around us, and

stand to gain from a better understanding of America's public lands legacy. My thanks go to the Public Lands Interpretive Association and the many sponsors and partners organizing this special journey. I encourage you to read more about this incredible journey on America's public lands by visiting the interactive website www.americanfrontiers.net.

REPRESSION OF MINORITIES CONTINUES IN INDIA—SIKHS, MUSLIMS, CHRISTIANS CONTINUE TO BE TARGETED

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I am distressed about two recent articles that show the continuing repression of minorities in India. One article appeared in *The Hindu*, an Indian newspaper. It said that over 5,000 Muslims were killed in the violence this spring in Gujarat. Then the *Times of India* reported that a group of Indian police officers fired on a group of peaceful Sikh protestors. These articles show that minorities such as Sikhs, Christians, Muslims, and others continue to suffer the worst kind of repression in "democratic" India.

In Gujarat, the police were quoted as saying that they were ordered to stand aside and let the Muslims be killed. This was strangely reminiscent of the 1984 massacre of Sikhs in Delhi. It is part of India's pattern of repression of its minorities. Now, it comes out that peaceful Sikh protestors who were simply holding a peaceful protest against what they see as desecration of their gurus and their scriptures were fired upon by Indian police. What kind of a democracy fires on peaceful protestors engaged in peaceful action?

Christians continue to be oppressed as well. Churches have been burned, prayer halls have been attacked, nuns have been raped, and priests have been murdered. Militant Hindu nationalists burned a missionary and his two young sons to death while they slept in their jeep. A few years ago, police fired on a Christian religious festival that was peacefully promoting the theme "Jesus Is the Answer."

Mr. Speaker, it is time to stop U.S. aid to India. It is time to declare our support for self-determination for the Sikhs of Khalistan, the Muslims of Kashmir, the Christians of Nagaland, and all the peoples demanding their freedom from India. We cannot just stand by and allow India's repression to go on with our support. Self-determination is everyone's birthright. Freedom is everyone's birthright. It is time for America to follow our principles and support it.

The Council of Khalistan issued an excellent press release on the police firing at the peaceful demonstrators. I would like to insert that into the RECORD at this time. In addition, I would like to place the article from *The Hindu* into the RECORD to show my colleagues the ongoing repression of minorities in supposedly democratic India.

INDIAN POLICE FIRE AT PEACEFUL SIKH PROTESTORS

INDIA AGAIN SHOWS IT IS NOT A DEMOCRACY
WASHINGTON, DC, August 5, 2002.—The *Times of India* reported on August 1 that police in Malout fired on a crowd of peaceful

protestors, injuring many of them. Several have been admitted to Civil Hospital, Malout. Eight protestors were arrested. The police used tear gas on the demonstrators. Two people suffered bullet wounds, according to the article.

The demonstrators were protesting against a so-called religious function organized by the Divya Jyoti Jagriti Sansthan which was aimed at undermining the Sikh religion and slandering the Sikh gurus, according to the *Times of India*.

"Like the attack on the Golden Temple, this incident shows that there is no place in India for Sikhs," said Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan. Khalistan is the Sikh homeland declared independent on October 7, 1987. "The Indian government is dedicated to wiping out the Sikh religion," he said. "Nations that do not have political power perish. The only way to ensure that the Sikh religion can survive is to liberate Khalistan as soon as possible," he said.

"This attack shows that India is not a democracy, despite its pretensions," said Dr. Aulakh. "Democracies don't attack minorities and minority religions. Democracies don't commit genocide."

Indian security forces have murdered over 250,000 Sikhs since 1984, according to figures compiled by the Punjab State Magistracy and human-rights organizations. These figures were published in the book "The Politics of Genocide" by Inderjit Singh Jaijee. India has also killed over 200,000 Christians in Nagaland since 1947, over 80,000 Kashmiris since 1988, and tens of thousands of other minorities.

A report issued last year by the Movement Against State Repression (MASR) shows that India admitted that it held 52,268 political prisoners under the repressive "Terrorist and Disruptive Activities Act" (TADA) even though it expired in 1995. Many have been in illegal custody since 1984. There has been no list published of those who were acquitted under TADA and those who are still rotting in Indian jails. Additionally, according to Amnesty International, there are tens of thousands of other minorities being held as political prisoners. On February 28, 42 Members of the U.S. Congress from both parties wrote to President Bush to urge him to work for the release of Sikh political prisoners. The MASR report quotes the Punjab Civil Magistracy as writing "if we add up the figures of the last few years the number of innocent persons killed would run into lakhs [hundreds of thousands.]"

In November 1994, the Indian newspaper *Hitavada* reported that the Indian government paid the late governor of Punjab, Surendra Nath, \$1.5 billion to organize and support covert terrorist activity in Punjab, Khalistan, and in neighboring Kashmir. The book "Soft Target", written by Canadian journalists Brian McAndrew and Zuhair Kashmeri, shows that the Indian government blew up its own airliner in 1985 to blame Sikhs and justify further repression. It quotes an agent of the Canadian Security Investigation Service (CSIS) as saying, "If you really want to clear up the incidents quickly, take vans down to the Indian High Commission and the consulates in Toronto and Vancouver. We know it and they know it that they are involved." On January 2, the *Washington Times* reported that India sponsors cross-border terrorism in the Pakistani province of Sindh.

Christians have been victims of a campaign of terror that has been going on since Christmas 1998. Churches have been burned, Christian schools and prayer halls have been attacked, nuns have been raped, and priests have been killed. Missionary Graham Staines and his two sons were burned alive

while they slept in their jeep by militant Hindu members of the RSS, the parent organization of the ruling BJP. Earlier this year, over 5,000 Muslims were murdered by Hindus in Gujarat, according to *The Hindu*. These attacks were planned by the government, according to human-rights organizations, and news reports quoted a police officer as saying they had orders not to intervene to stop the violence.

"India's efforts to eliminate the Sikh religion are doomed to fail," Dr. Aulakh said. "This terrible act of police brutality shows that India is neither secular nor democratic, and it is time to launch a Shantmai Morcha to liberate our homeland, Khalistan, so that the Sikh Nation can finally enjoy the glow of freedom that was promised to us in 1947. Sovereignty is our birthright, and self-determination is the cornerstone of democracy. It is time for self-determination for all the peoples of South Asia."

[From the *Hindu*, April 16, 2002]

GUJARAT RIOT TOLL COULD BE UP TO 5,000

JAIPUR, April 15.—Various social and political groups and human rights organizations, which held a public meeting here over the week-end to protest against the recent violence in Gujarat, demanded removal of the Narendra Modi Government and spoke out against the move to hold elections to the State Assembly prior to the return of normalcy.

The meeting addressed by K.S. Subramanyam, former Director-General of Police, Tripura; Magsaysay Award winner, Aruna Roy; noted economist, Prabhat Patnaik; Renuka Khanna, PUCL Activist from Baroda in Gujarat and others, asked for immediate steps to restore people's faith in the system in the riot-ravaged Gujarat.

Presenting the report of a delegation comprising prominent citizens who toured the affected areas of Gujarat, Mr. Subramanyam, who was a member of the delegation, said the police in Gujarat had extended a helping hand to the rioters on the instructions of the Chief Minister, Narendra Modi.

The official records speak of over 700 casualties in Gujarat riots but they had learnt that the number of those killed could be between 2,000 and 5,000, he observed. "Senior administrative as well as police officers confided with us that in a meeting with the officials called on the eve of the VHP-announced bandh of February 28, Mr. Modi had asked them to honour Hindu sentiments". This directive made the officers passive spectators to what went on in Gujarat on the day of bandh and thereafter, Mr. Subramanyam said.

He also said the delegation could see that the Godhra carnage itself was not the result of any pre-planned strategy but the outcome of a tussle between the Kar Sevaks in the train and the people living in the slum clusters near the railway station. Ms. Renuka Khanna said the police colluding with the rioters to wreak havoc with the lives and property of the minority community, would only lead to the birth of terrorism.

Ms. Aruna Roy said it was for villagers to preserve the pluralistic culture of India's rural areas and stop trouble-makers from disturbing the social fabric.

Prof. Patnaik traced the roots of the social and communal unrest to the growing unemployment and poverty in the wake of globalisation.

The meeting, which held the Gujarat Government, its police and administration fully responsible for the killings in that State, also found them guilty of discriminating against the victims and their families later, as well by denying them relief and compensation. By giving a clean chit to Mr.

Modi, the National Democratic Alliance Government at the Centre too shared the guilt of the genocide in Gujarat, the meeting noted.

TRIBUTE TO JIM AMOS FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jim Amos for his contributions to the San Diego community. Jim retired this month as President and CEO of Mail Boxes Etc., Inc., which is headquartered in my district.

Jim's professional accomplishments are indeed laudable. What I want to recognize today, however, is the mark Jim has left on San Diego through his commitment to philanthropy.

In 1998, Jim founded the MBE We Deliver Dreams Foundation, a non-profit organization committed to improving the lives of children who are victims of abuse, neglect, poverty, violence or illness.

The MBE Foundation has grown rapidly since its founding, and in that time has delivered numerous dreams to children throughout the world. I am particularly grateful for the Foundation's Community Care Fund; a separate fund dedicated to making dreams come true for San Diego youth.

Jim may be departing the San Diego community, but he is leaving an indelible impression upon it, and for that I thank him. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Jim's commitment to charity and his success with the MBE Foundation, both of which serve as examples to us all.

IN RECOGNITION OF JEFF LUDWIG, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF NAI MICHAEL COS.

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give recognition to Mr. Jeff Ludwig, senior vice president of Nai Michael Cos. As a result of his personal initiative to become a community emergency response team member, Mr. Ludwig was able to assist the community of La Plata, Maryland in constructing a new Town Center after it was hit by a powerful tornado in April 2002. After President Bush's State of the Union Address in January, Mr. Ludwig responded to the President's call to volunteerism by signing up for the Citizen Corps to become a member of the new emergency response group. He took advantage of online training manuals and completed his course, despite the fact that the Homeland Security Program had not yet begun to train citizen volunteers. This motivation prepared him to assist his community on April 28. It also makes him one of the first citizens corps community emergency response team leaders to take actions in the Nation's history.

When the tornado struck La Plata, Mr. Ludwig teamed up with the Facchina Group to

create a plan to build a temporary Town Center. Not only did he help initiate this plan, he put in 18 hour days on the construction site, attacking problems, maintaining worker morale, and even buying dinner for the crew. The project was completed in eight days under his strong leadership. Mr. Ludwig's volunteerism is a strong symbol of the impact dedicated Americans can have on their communities in times of crisis.

Mr. Speaker, and colleagues, please join me in thanking Jeff Ludwig for his commitment to his community and congratulating him on his tremendous successes.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT J.
SPAZZARINI OF HUNTSVILLE,
ALABAMA

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Robert J. Spazzarini of Huntsville, Alabama as he celebrates his retirement from thirty six years in the Legal Office of the United States Army Aviation and Missile Command at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

Robert Spazzarini first came to Redstone Arsenal in 1966 as a contract attorney. He served in various positions in this office and was appointed to the Senior Executive Service and named Chief Counsel in February 1997. He has a reputation of providing excellent legal services, which were demonstrated when he successfully led the consolidation of two legal offices into one AMCOM after the 1995 Base Realignment and Closure.

Mr. Spazzarini has been the recipient of numerous awards for his outstanding service to AMCOM including being named a Fellow, National Institute of Public Affairs. He was the first recipient of the Francis J. Buckley Managerial Award presented annually by the Command Counsel, U.S. Army Materiel Command. In addition to these specific awards, Mr. Spazzarini has been honored with the respect of his staff, peers, and the Command's leadership due to his expertise, professionalism, and high standards of leadership.

Though the people at Redstone Arsenal and in the Huntsville community will miss Mr. Spazzarini's exceptional legal services, I join his colleagues, family and friends today in wishing him the best in retirement and a well-deserved rest.

IN MEMORIAM OF BOB HAYES,

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with sorrow that I announce the passing of my friend, Bob Hayes, at the age of 59.

"Bullet" Bob, a Jacksonville native, was known as the world's fastest man for his efforts in the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. In addition to winning the gold medal in the hundred-meter race, tying the world-record of 10.05 seconds, he also anchored the 400-meter relay team to victory with a time of 8.6. Not a

bad day's work for the then Florida A&M junior.

For many athletes, the Olympics would be the culmination of an athletic career, but Hayes, switching sports to football and recruited by the Cowboys (after finishing up with the Rattlers), went on to redefine how football is played. In his rookie year, Bullet had 1,003 yards and 12 touchdowns, and his speed forced opposing teams to come up with zone defenses now common in pro play.

In 1972, when Dallas won the Super Bowl, Hayes became the only athlete to earn a Super Bowl ring and an Olympic gold medal. He retired in 1975 having made 9 consecutive playoff appearances, 3 Pro Bowl showings, two Super Bowl appearances, and earning a Cowboys receiving record of 371 catches for 7,414 yards with 71 touchdowns.

Hayes did not forget his roots, and returned home to Jacksonville. He remained active in the Bob Hayes Invitational Track and Field Meet, now in its 38th year. At the Bob Hayes Invitational in Jacksonville, 3500 high school and middle school athletes gain experience in competing on a national level against world class competition. He also attended as many Florida A&M games as he possibly could.

Just last year Hayes was the 11th inductee to the prestigious Dallas Cowboys' Ring of Honor. And, earlier this year, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Seventh Annual Florida Sports Awards.

Bob "Bullet" Hayes died last Wednesday. He is survived by his mother, a brother and a sister, and five children.

I also submit the following article from the September 20th issue of the Gainesville Sun into the RECORD.

[From the Gainesville Sun, Sept. 20, 2002]

JACKSON REMEMBERS HAYES

Bob Hayes' speed made a difference for blacks during the tumultuous 1960s, the Rev. Jesse Jackson said Thursday.

"He was such a lift for our generation," said Jackson, who played football against Hayes and the powerful Florida A&M teams of the early 1960s. "He was the best in the whole world at what he did."

Jackson's North Carolina A&T team was just one of many schools routed on an annual basis by Hayes and the Rattlers.

"You couldn't catch him. No one could," he said. "The fact is nobody could catch Bob Hayes in the whole world."

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MARC NATHANSON AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. RICHARD A. GEPHARDT

OF MISSOURI

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement from the Broadcasting Board of Governors, it is a pleasure to recognize Marc Nathanson, who was named to the Board in 1995 and has served as its Chairman since 1999. Marc is a very dear friend to us;

a person of the highest integrity and intelligence and it is with considerable pride that we share with our colleagues some of the many challenges he faced during his tenure and the outstanding manner in which he has served.

Marc led the BBG through its transition to independence in the Fall of 1999, ensuring the appropriate distribution of resources and authorities as the responsibilities of the U.S. Information Agency were divided between the new broadcasting entity and the State Department.

He set the standard for cooperative relationships between the State Department and the White House in a manner that protected the journalistic independence of the broadcasters, yet supported the new agency's ability to carry out its mission to present the policies of the United States clearly and effectively.

Marc chaired the Board during strong tests of its legislated role as a firewall—both in ensuring that the broadcast entities acted according to strong journalistic standards and principles, and ensuring that the broadcasters were protected from unwarranted interference from the State Department.

He led the Board through periods of foreign policy crisis, where the BBG's ability to surge its broadcasting to meet foreign policy priorities was severely tested. For example, during the crisis in the Balkans, the BBG established the "Ring Around Serbia"—a series of transmitters quickly established to allow the people of the region to have accurate news and information about the war around them, and of the crimes being committed against civilian populations. The success of this effort was evident when Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty was named the most popular radio station in the region at the height of the crisis.

He faced the challenge of terrorism, and ensured that the BBG was a strong part of the war on terrorism as the agency's broadcasts surged in the Dari and Pashto languages to Afghanistan and other parts of the Middle East and South Asia.

Marc challenged the agency to confront the need for new broadcast activities in this region where news and information is either government controlled or unavailable. He chaired the Board as it created the agency's new Middle East Radio Network ("Radio Sawa"), putting U.S. international broadcasting high in the ratings among young Arab audiences throughout the Middle East.

He helped lead the agency into the 21st Century by stressing the use of new technologies and the need to provide programming targeted at key audiences. He emphasized the need for more effective research, both to evaluate current programming and to lay the foundation for new programming, allowing the agency to more efficiently use its limited resources.

He shared a vision with other BBG members for enhanced television programming worldwide—and especially to Islamic audiences—encouraging the consideration of opportunities for television broadcasting to the Middle East.

Mr. Speaker, we invite our colleagues to join us in congratulating Marc Nathanson for his many accomplishments as head of the Broadcasting Board of Governors and to thank him for giving so freely of his time and expertise to help deliver America's message abroad.

PROJECT ROFEH RECOGNIZES
LEADERS**HON. BARNEY FRANK**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. FRANK. Mr. Speaker, for several years I have had the very distinct honor of sharing with our colleagues information about the important charitable work done by ROFEH International and the New England Chassidic Center. Under the leadership of Grand Rabbi Levi Y. Horowitz, the New England Chassidic Center and ROFEH International do an excellent job of helping people take full advantage of the wonderful medical facilities we have in Boston. Through their efforts, families are able to come to Boston when members of those families need medical care, and find their needs tended to so that they can focus on the important job of being supportive of that individual in need of medical care. I am very proud that this innovative program that does so much for people at a time of their-greatest need is headquartered in the district I am privileged to represent, and I am pleased to put here into the RECORD of our proceedings a list of those individuals who are receiving awards from ROFEH at a November 10 dinner, in the hopes that this will inspire people elsewhere in the country to emulate this creative work.

Mr. Speaker, here is the list of the award winners and a brief description of their efforts which does not do full justice to them, but does give some indication of how important they have been to ROFEH's vital work.

Dr. Eugene Braunwald is the Distinguished Hersey Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, Faculty Dean and Chief Academic Officer of the Partners HealthCare System founded by the Brigham and Women's and Massachusetts General Hospitals. He is the only cardiologist who is a member of the National Academy of Sciences. In 2000 the living Nobel Prize winners in medicine voted Dr. Braunwald as "the person who has contributed the most to cardiology in recent years". The doctor is a Holocaust survivor. Dr. Eugene Braunwald, will receive the coveted "Lillian and Harry Andler Memorial Award".

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gann in recognition of their devotion to ROFEH International will have the newly renovated ROFEH International facility named in their honor, "The Joseph and Rae Gann ROFEH International Residence Facility". Mr. and Mrs. Gann have been affiliated with the Bostoner Rebbe, Grand Rabbi Levi Y. Horowitz for over 50 years and they continue to be strong supporters of ROFEH International.

Others to be bestowed with special laudatory communal awards are Mr. Irwin Chafetz and Mr. A. Joseph Stern.

Mr. Irwin Chafetz is the director of Interface Group-Massachusetts, Inc., a privately held company that owns and operates GWV International.

He has been instrumental in the development of ROFEH International and the renovation of its residential facility for the benefit of the families and the desperately ill, who come to Boston for medical help.

Mr. Chafetz received a Boston University Distinguished Alumni Award in 2000, and was honored by the Massachusetts Anti-Defamation League in 2001. He is a member of the

executive board of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) and is an active participant at Chabad House of Lexington.

Mr. Chafetz grew up in Dorchester, Massachusetts. He lives in Brookline with Roberta his wife. They have two sons and four grandchildren.

Mr. A. Joseph Stern is a developer of residential and commercial construction. Mr. Stern's list of accomplishments as a builder of community needs is truly impressive. Despite his busy schedule, he has devoted and continues to devote substantial amounts of time, effort and material resources to a host of worthy causes.

Mr. Stern has a long family connection with the Bostoner Rebbe, Shlita. Recently he has been most helpful in the Rebbe's effort to reconstruct the ROFEH International building, making it possible to house the desperately ill and their families.

Mr. Stern continues to live up to his reputation as a builder of Torah and Chesed. He credits his accomplishments to the traditions handed down by his parents and grandparents.

Mr. Irwin Chafetz and Mrs. A. Joseph Stern will be presented with the ROFEH International Master Builders Award.

TRIBUTE TO WALLY LAIRD

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to commend one of Northwest Indiana's most distinguished citizens, Wally Laird, of Rensselaer, Indiana. On Friday, September 27, 2002, he will be honored for his exemplary and dedicated service to our community. Wally's praiseworthy efforts will be recognized at a special Rensselaer/Remington Area Chamber of Commerce dinner, as an endowment for a scholarship has been established in his name.

The scholarship, the Wally Laird Youth Service Award, was created to honor a high school student who shows similar qualities to Mr. Laird. These qualities include dedication to community causes and commitment to education, as well as possessing the willingness to share the knowledge he or she gains with others. This banquet and scholarship is in honor of Wally Laird's service as well as his demonstrated commitment to improving the communities of Northwest Indiana.

Wally Laird, a longtime resident of Rensselaer, graduated from Rensselaer High School in 1950 and went on to Purdue University to earn his bachelor's and master's degrees in agricultural economics. A local farmer and entrepreneur, Wally Laird is most widely known by radio-listeners as the host of WRIN/WLGI's "Farm World." Aside from farming and his radio work, Wally is an active Rotarian and gives much of his time to the Carnegie Players theater group. Additionally, he has been working, with others in the agricultural community to bring an ethanol-producing facility to Jasper County, Indiana.

The featured speaker at this dinner will be WGN Radio personality Max Armstrong. Armstrong is one of America's best-known and widely followed agriculture journalists. His

daily broadcasts, with colleague Orion Samuelson, have been heard by millions of Americans across the United States for nearly 25 years. Armstrong has spent the past two decades delivering the news about agriculture to his vast farming audience, as well as the non-farm consumers in the Chicago area. Armstrong has been the recipient of numerous awards of excellence in journalism.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me commending Wally Laird for his outstanding service to Rensselaer and neighboring Northwest Indiana communities. His family and friends should be proud of his efforts, as his leadership has served as a beacon of hope throughout the area. Wally Laird's longstanding commitment to improving the quality of life for the people of Northwest Indiana is truly inspirational and should be recognized and commended.

TRIBUTE TO THE REVEREND DR.
DAVID PAUL NEELY**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate The Reverend Dr. David Paul Neely, Sr., Pastor of Greater Harvest Baptist Church, on the celebration of the anniversary of his 64 years in the ministry commemorating on September 27, 2002. After serving a number of churches throughout the country, Rev. Neely founded the Greater Harvest Baptist Church in 1968. For over 33 years he has Preached the Gospel from the pulpit of this house of worship located in my Congressional District.

The Reverend Dr. D. P. Neely was born on May 10, 1922 in Smyrna, South Carolina, to the late Reverend Dr. C. S. Neely and Dora Sanders-Neely. He was the fourteenth of sixteen children and received his primary education in the Smyrna, South Carolina public school system. He completed his secondary education at the Jefferson High School in York, South Carolina. At the age of sixteen, Rev. Neely was called to preach the gospel and was ordained six months later by the late Reverend Dr. H. Gray, as Reverend Dr. Neely continued to grow in Christianity, he enrolled in the Hanover Theological Seminary and later in the Martha's Vineyard Theological Seminary. He is the recipient of two Doctor of Divinity Degrees received in 1950 and 1997 respectively.

Reverend Neely is one of four family members to be ordained to minister, preach, and teach the Word of God. They include his father the Reverend Dr. C.S. Neely, his brother The Reverend J. O. Neely, both of whom are deceased, and his youngest son, the Reverend S. D. Neely, Sr., currently Pastor of the Enon Baptist Church of Philadelphia.

In 1941 Reverend Neely enlisted in the United States Airforce. He received an Honorable Discharge in 1946. As before, during and after his military service, Reverend Neely continued to preach the Word of God and maintain his profession as a Barber. In 1955 Reverend Neely moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and joined the Oakgrove Baptist Church. He later met and married Ms. Cleveland Ann Jowers-Neely.

During Reverend Neely's sixty-four years of preaching, he has served numerous congregations including Mount Pisgah in Dallas, North Carolina; First Baptist Church, Mooresville, North Carolina; Trinity Baptist Church, Boston, Massachusetts; Friendship Baptist Church, Peoria, Illinois. On the third Sunday in September, 1968, Reverend Dr. Neely became the founder of The Greater Harvest Baptist Church of Philadelphia. The church was originally located at Sixteenth and Oxford Streets. However, due to a growing membership it only remained at this location for one year. It was then moved to its second home at Broad and Clearfield Streets and the membership continued to grow. Its final home is its current location, 1409-17 West Master Street where it continues to stand as a strong foundation to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

While Reverend Neely's first love remains Jesus Christ, he has great esteem for his profession of over forty years, being a Licensed Barber. Reverend Neely's long time hobby is that of Deep Sea Fisherman. His affiliations include membership in The National Baptist Convention of U.S.A., Inc., The Philadelphia Police Clergy, The Philadelphia Prince Hall Masons, Pennsylvania State Convention, Ministers Conference of Philadelphia, and the Good Friday Night Baptist Association.

Mr. Speaker, houses of worship and those that lead them continue to be the backbone of our communities. Reverend Dr. Neely having labored and nurtured in the vineyard for sixty-four years has come to epitomize those values that remain inherent in the strength and character of our citizenry. I hope that my colleagues will join me in recognizing and celebrating the anniversary of The Reverend Dr. D. P. Neely's sixty-four years in the ministry.

HOMELAND EMERGENCY RE-
SPONDERS ORGANIZATION
(HERO) ACT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the HERO Act, the Homeland Emergency Responders Organization Act.

This Act will establish the Office of National Preparedness within the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The HERO Act will improve the ability of first responders to prepare for and respond to terrorist attacks by getting grants to them directly through this new Office.

In the past several months, I've received numerous letters and calls from state and community leaders on the critical issue of homeland security. Two overriding themes have surfaced again and again:

We must allocate more resources to homeland security.

And, those resources must go directly to cities and other local governments.

I believe that the best ideas on how to make the hometown more secure come from the hometown.

The HERO Act is a federal grant program that will improve the readiness of first responders at both the local and state levels. Since it utilizes an existing agency—FEMA—and its regional offices, federal grants will get

to those who need them most, when they need them most—NOW!

The Director of the new Office will make grants available to first responders through each of FEMA's 10 regional offices. Each of these regional offices serves several states, as well as Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana's. Eligibility for grants will be based on criteria such as population density and proximity to international borders.

Dispersing funds directly to first responders, like the Broward County Sheriff's Office or the Hollywood, Florida Police Department, will enable local communities to concentrate on their highest priorities—training, purchasing communications equipment, or upgrading emergency operating centers.

The new Office will also distribute grants to each of the 50 states. The state grants can be used—to establish or upgrade state-wide emergency notification systems, plan terrorism response exercises, or to coordinate inter- and intra-state antiterrorism programs.

First responders in cities and towns across America need our help to make the homeland more secure. They, in fact we, can't wait for a new agency to be approved, and then created, before we take the first steps towards a more secure homeland. Local communities need our help and support now.

I am looking forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to move this bill as quickly as possible. Time is of the essence. Let's make the homeland more secure.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JANE
ZIMMERMAN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Ms. Jane Zimmerman of Durango, Colorado for her tireless dedication and the irreplaceable contributions she has made to her community. Ms. Zimmerman has served in the Durango Area Chamber Resort Association for over 19 years, overseeing a variety of community projects and activities that have immeasurably benefited the City of Durango. As she leaves her position of Executive Director, I would like to highlight her accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation.

Since beginning her career at the Chamber in 1983, Ms. Zimmerman has held a variety of leadership positions that have utilized her knowledge and expertise toward worthy causes. She has directed the Durango Area Chamber Resort Association through a multiplicity of challenges and transitional periods. Under Ms. Zimmerman's watchful eye, the Durango Chamber of Commerce became the Durango Area Chamber Resort Association, DACRA, the transition was a new and shaky venture for the city but Ms. Zimmerman lead the organization through this uncertain period and into financial stability and success.

Ms. Zimmerman has also been instrumental in many other projects that have benefited the community. Through increased communication and coordination efforts, she has helped to bridge relationships between the business and education communities, providing valuable

revenue for Durango's educational programs. Ms. Zimmerman organized and directed a High School Leadership program that today boasts the active involvement of students from all three high schools in La Plata County.

Over the summer, Ms. Zimmerman dedicated much of her time to forming the new La Plata County Disaster Recovery Coalition, helping to aid distressed victims of Colorado's forest fires. Ms. Zimmerman met with over 100 interested parties and formed the coalition to provide a proactive approach to aiding fire victims with badly needed supplies and shelter.

Mr. Speaker, it is a honor and a privilege to recognize Ms. Jane Zimmerman before this body of Congress and this nation for the countless contributions she has made to Durango. She is truly an irreplaceable asset to the welfare and vitality of the entire community, and I commend her for the hardwork and determination she has given to such a reputable and worthwhile pursuit. Thanks for your service Jane and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

IN MEMORY OF KATE GILL
MARRIOTT MADGWICK

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Kate Gill Madgwick of Terrell, Texas, the loving wife of Terrell Mayor Henry Madgwick and an outstanding citizen, who passed away in December of last year.

Born and raised in Terrell, Kate graduated from Terrell High School and attended the University of Texas, where she earned a degree in English Literature. Upon receiving her degree, she chose to serve her country during World War II as an aide to the American Red Cross in England. After returning to Terrell, she remained active in the community through her membership in the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd.

She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and is survived by her husband, Henry; son Bruce Ragan Sanders of Denver; daughter Susan Sanders McCrum of Dallas; grandchildren Cole and Kelly McCrum; and in-laws Doris and Peter Gibbs of England. She was preceded in death by her previous husband of 40 years, Albert James Sanders of Tiverton, England.

All who knew Kate will miss her dearly, and she will certainly be remembered by those whose many lives she touched in Terrell. As we adjourn today, let us do so in memory of this outstanding citizen and my good friend—Kate Madgwick.

POST-HUSSEIN IRAQ

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, as we begin to discuss our options in Iraq it is important that we recognize the difficulties of a post-Hussein Iraq. I commend Thomas Friedman's column

of September 1, 2002 to my colleagues, which I ask to have inserted into the RECORD.

"As I think about President Bush's plans to take out Saddam Hussein and rebuild Iraq into a democracy, one question gnaws at me: Is Iraq the way it is today because Saddam Hussein is the way he is? Or is Saddam Hussein the way he is because Iraq is the way it is?"

"I mean, is Iraq a totalitarian dictatorship under a cruel, iron-fisted man because the country is actually an Arab Yugoslavia—a highly tribalized, artificial state, drawn up by the British, consisting of Shiites in the south, Kurds in the north and Sunnis in the center—whose historical ethnic rivalries can be managed only by a Saddam-like figure?"

"Or, has Iraq, by now, congealed into a real nation? And once the cruel fist of Saddam is replaced by a more enlightened leadership, Iraq's talented, educated people will slowly produce a federal democracy."

"The answer is critical, because any U.S. invasion of Iraq will leave the U.S. responsible for nation-building there. Invade Iraq and we own Iraq. And once we own it, we will have to rebuild it, and since that is a huge task, we need to understand what kind of raw material we'll be working with."

"It is instructive in this regard to quickly review Iraq's history before Saddam. Romper Room it was not. It was a saga of intrigue, murder and endless coups involving the different ethnic and political factions that were thrown together inside Iraq's borders by the British. In July 1958, Iraq's King Faisal was gunned down in his courtyard by military plotters led by Brig. Abdel Karim Kassem and Col. Abdul Salam Arif. A few months later, Kassem ousted Arif for being too pro-Nasserite. Around the same time a young Saddam tried, but failed, to kill Kassem, who himself executed a slew of Iraqi Nasserites in Mosul in 1959."

"In 1963, Arif came back from exile and killed Kassem. A short time later Arif, and the Baath Party thugs around him, savagely slaughtered and tortured thousands of left-wingers and Communists all across Iraq. Arif ruled until 1966, when he was killed in a helicopter crash and was succeeded by his brother, who was toppled in 1968 by Saddam and his clan from the village of Tikrit. That's when Saddam first began sending away his opponents to a prison called Qasr al-Nahiyah—the Palace of the End. Since 1958, every one of these Sunni-dominated military regimes in Baghdad began with a honeymoon with the Kurds in northern Iraq and ended up fighting them."

"The point here is that we are talking about nation-building from scratch. Iraq has a lot of natural resources and a decently educated population, but it has none of the civil society or rule of law roots that enabled us to quickly build democracies out of the ruins of Germany and Japan after World War II. Iraq's last leader committed to the rule of law may have been Hammurabi—the King of Babylon in the 18th century B.C. So once Saddam is gone, there will be a power vacuum, revenge killings and ethnic pulling and tugging between Kurds, Sunnis and Shiites."

"This is not a reason for not taking Saddam out. It is a reason for preparing the U.S. public for a potentially long, costly nation-building operation and for enlisting as many allies as possible to share the burden. There is no avoiding nation-building in Iraq. Because to get at Iraq's weapons of mass destruction we'll need to break the regime open, like a walnut, and then rebuild it."

"What's worrying about the Bushies is that they seem much more adept at breaking things than building things. To do nation-building you need to be something of a naive optimist. I worry that the Bushies are way too cynical for nation-building."

"My most knowledgeable Iraqi friend tells me he is confident that the morning after any U.S. invasion, American troops would be welcomed by Iraqis, and the regime would fold quickly. It's the morning after the morning after that we have to be prepared for. In the best case, a 'nice' strongman will emerge from the Iraqi Army to preside over a gradual transition to democracy, with America receding into a supporting role. In the worst case, we crack Iraq open and it falls apart in our hands, with all its historical internal tensions—particularly between its long-ruling Sunni minority and its long-frustrated Shiite majority. In that case, George Bush will have to become Iraq's strongman—the iron fist that holds the country together, gradually redistributes the oil wealth and supervises a much longer transition to democracy."

"My Iraqi friend tells me that anyone who tells you he knows which scenario will unfold doesn't know Iraq."

**CONGRATULATING SOUTH LOUISIANA MUSICAL PIONEERS—
LUDERIN DARBONE, EDWIN DUHON AND THE HACKBERRY RAMBLERS**

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. JOHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend 2002 National Heritage Fellow Awardees—and my constituents—Luderin Darbone and Edwin Duhon, founding members of the acclaimed South Louisiana musical group, The Hackberry Ramblers.

The prestigious National Heritage Fellow Award was created in 1982 by the National Endowment for the Arts. To date, the award has honored 272 traditional artists, of all varieties, from across the United States.

My home state of Louisiana has been home to fifteen fellows since 1982, and ten of those fellows have been natives of Louisiana's 7th Congressional District, which I proudly represent. The artists or groups nominated for this award have made a "significant contribution to the cultural heritage of the United States."

Luderin Darbone and Edwin Duhon of The Hackberry Ramblers were among this year's thirteen awardees, and indeed have made a significant contribution to the world of Cajun music.

Mr. Darbone and Mr. Duhon have been thrilling audiences as the lead members of The Hackberry Ramblers since 1933. They began playing at local parties and dances in South Louisiana, and their ensemble is still playing and touring today—nearly 70 years later.

Undoubtedly the oldest Cajun music group in existence, the Ramblers combine their Cajun French repertoire with rural string band, western swing, and popular ingredients to produce their unique sound. A number of musical 'firsts' are attributed to The Hackberry Ramblers including being among the first Cajun musicians to de-emphasize the accordion and feature the fiddle; the first to successfully blend the Cajun music sound with western swing, blues and a variety of other medleys; the first to record and tag the name "Jolie Blonde," the tune often called the

'Cajun National Anthem'; and they were the first musicians to bring electronic amplification to area dancehalls by running a sound system off the engine of Mr. Darbone's Model-A Ford.

Their 1997 album, "Deep Water," received a grammy nomination in the traditional folk category, and on December 4, 1999, Darbone and Duhon fulfilled a life-long dream of performing at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville. This past spring and summer, The Ramblers toured festivals across Louisiana and even ventured on their first European tour!

Over the years, The Ramblers have been profiled on Entertainment Tonight, Music City Tonight, and NPR's Weekend Edition. They have garnered critical acclaim from the New York Times, Rolling Stone, and USA Today—and they have even been featured on MTV!

As one report put it—"They have seen the Depression, World War II, rock and roll, flower power, disco, the computer age, and 9/11—and they're still going strong."

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate South Louisiana's 2002 National Heritage Fellows Mr. Luderin Darbone and Mr. Edwin Duhon on their lifetime of achievement and I wish The Hackberry Ramblers many more years of good times and great music!

**HONORING LAURAN HOWARD AS
AN "ANGEL IN ADOPTION"**

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I would like to salute Lauran Howard, who will be one of the 277 Angels in Adoption honored tonight at a banquet organized by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI).

CCAI is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization raising awareness about the tens of thousands of foster children in this country and the millions of orphans around the world in need of permanent, safe and loving homes; and eliminating the barriers that hinder these children from realizing their basic need of a family.

I was proud to nominate Lauran because her work has made a significant difference in the lives of children and adoptive families in our community. Since graduating from Marygrove College in Detroit, MI, Howard has been actively involved in ensuring that children are placed with loving families in a timely manner. After working with the Michigan Department of Social Services (now the Family Independence Agency) as a social worker, she began working as a caseworker for the Honorable James Lincoln at the Wayne County Juvenile Court. Later, as a shareholder in the firm of Kemp, Klein, Umphrey and Endelman in Troy, MI, she concentrated her practice in the adoption and family law areas. Lauran is a member of the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys (AAAA), having practiced as counsel in hundreds of adoptions.

Since January 2, 2000, she has been a court administrator in adoptions and juvenile support for Oakland County, MI. In that position, Lauran attempts to ensure that adoptions are processed quickly and in accordance with the Michigan adoption code and court rules. Lauran's efforts have helped reduce the time that children spend in foster care and guarantee the system is used as a temporary answer instead of a permanent solution. The

swift placement of children in permanent homes is essential to their positive development and well-being.

Adoption allows people the opportunity to extend their homes and their hearts to people in need. I commend Lauran Howard for her work to break down the barriers that stand between foster children and their adoptive families. She is truly worthy of the Angels in Adoption recognition.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENT
OF GLORIA WISE BOYS & GIRLS
CLUB

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of The Gloria Wise Boys & Girls Club of the Bronx, New York. I congratulate them on their recently awarded \$218,500 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice.

This grant will fund the Juvenile Mentoring Program (JUMP). JUMP is a one-on-one mentoring program that takes at-risk youths from the Bronx neighborhoods of Co-Op City, Baychester, Edenwald, and Williamsbridge, and gives them the kind of activities they want and need. The goals of this program are to reduce gang participation, promote academic achievement and school attendance, and promote positive social behavior. The activities include college campus visits, outings to sporting events, and reading time with caring adult mentors.

That is precisely what is so wonderful about Gloria Wise—it recognizes the needs of this community and it provides services that serve this community. That is the mark of understanding, seasoned leadership—leadership provided by Gloria Wise's Executive Director, Charlie Rosen. Mr. Rosen has proven his commitment to the neighborhood for decades. And he continues to respond to the needs of this varied and diverse community.

Under his leadership, Gloria Wise has grown into a model community center, serving the young, the old, those in need of assistance, and those who long to help, this center serves all of us.

This Federal grant certainly speaks to the quality of Mr. Rosen's leadership. It also speaks to the quality of the Gloria Wise programs and staff, people like the Jeff Aulenbach who is the Deputy Executive Director who actually wrote the grant application—an application that was successful in a very competitive year where only three of these awards were given out in New York State.

This program has a lot of people behind it, including myself. This center has been blessed with incredible staff and an incredible leader. I am glad that the Federal Government and the Department of Justice has recognized how exceptional this Boys & Girls Club is to the Co-Op City community.

For all of their work, I thank them.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO HOLLY
COORS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to an individual who has contributed selflessly to the betterment of her community, Holly H. Coors of Denver, Colorado. It is my pleasure to honor Holly as a pillar and a pioneer to the advancements of our society.

Holly Coors was born and raised in Philadelphia by a caring charitable family. She moved to Colorado where she nurtured her own family with her example of humanitarian service. Holly has donated countless hours of service at St. Luke's Hospital and Spalding Rehabilitation Hospital in Denver Colorado in addition to serving as the Colorado State Chairman for Reagan/Bush in 1980 and 1984. Holly's appointment as the United States Ambassador to the National Year of Americas by President Reagan highlights her ability to represent her country and her willingness to reach out. Holly has also helped found and fund the organization Women of Our Hemisphere Achieving Together to help women improve their lives through entrepreneurship. Through this organization and her support of Latin American schools and clinics, Holly has economically uplifted many developing communities and received numerous awards for her dedication to educational and health care issues.

Holly's humanitarian legacy extends to the Caribbean where she helped rebuild the fire ravaged Parliament House in the commonwealth of Dominica. When Hurricane Mitch wreaked havoc along its destructive path, Holly sent five plane loads of diapers to hospitals there. Appointed to serve as Ambassador-at-Large to Latin America by President George H. W. Bush, Holly moved throughout the western hemisphere standing out as a determined advocate and mentor to the women in every country she visited. She continues to tirelessly serve her country as an advocate on many health care issues at home and abroad.

With such a distinguished list of accomplishments, it is no surprise the Jefferson Symphony Orchestra has chosen to honor Holly at its 50th Anniversary Gala in December. It is our chance to give her the recognition she deserves for her years of volunteer service and philanthropic assistance she has given to her community, her state, and her nation.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I extend my praise to Holly Coors before this body of Congress and this nation. Holly brings great care and sincerity wherever her mission takes her and she is truly an individual of great character and conduct deserving of the honors and awards bestowed on her throughout her career.

REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11, 2002

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as we reflect on the tragic attacks on America on Sep-

tember 11, 2001, and the remarkable heroism of those who responded selflessly to those attacks, the weapon we have most, that we need most, and that we need now more than any time in the history of the Republic is prayer.

We need prayer for our brave men and women in the military who are fighting the war on terrorism and for those who will go, prayer for our President and our leaders as they chart our Nation's course, prayer for the families and friends of the more than 3,000 citizens who lost their lives in New York City, on the place that crashed in Pennsylvania and at the Pentagon, and prayer for the safety and security of our Nation.

We need prayer as well for the selfless and hardworking members of our police, firefighter and emergency response teams. The harsh reality of the danger of their jobs came crashing down on America on September 11 when 343 firefighters, 23 police officers and 37 Port Authority officers in New York City lost their lives at the World Trade Center.

With a year to ponder the terrible losses suffered that day and the threat of terrorism and evil still looming over our Nation, we realize now more than ever the debt of gratitude that we owe to those who place themselves in harm's way to protect our Nation and our citizens.

September 11 unified America and reawakened a spirit of determination and patriotism not seen since World War II. On that day we were reminded that freedom is not free—that there is a price that must be extracted to defeat tyranny and terrorism and to preserve the precious freedoms for which previous generations of heroes have fought so valiantly.

The war on terrorism will be a long war—but it is a war that we can and will win. So as we remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country and those still on the front lines in the battle for freedom, we are filled with renewed resolve that those who perpetrated these terrible acts will be brought to justice and that such a tragedy will never happen again in America.

May God bless the families of the victims of September 11, and may God continue to bless America.

STATEMENT ON POW/MIA
RECOGNITION DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to bring my colleagues' attention to POW/MIA Recognition Day, which is tomorrow. Designated by the President and observed every year on the Third Friday of September, we take this day to remember the sacrifices of armed service-members who were captured in wartime, and whose ultimate fate remains unknown. Over the course of the last century more than 142,000 Americans were taken captive when fighting for their country. Those unfortunate enough to be taken prisoner all too often suffered from the very worst human treatment. Let us remember the sacrifice they made for their country.

I would encourage my colleagues not only to remember those who were captured, but

also those who have never returned. I commend the Department of Defense's use of DNA sampling of living relatives to identify unknown remains. I have linked their website from mine and encourage other members to do the same to publicize this important step. We must also continue to encourage Korea, Vietnam and other countries to fully cooperate with our efforts to bring resolution to these cases.

Mr. Speaker, our missing heroes deserve much more than just a passive pledge not to forget, they deserve our active support. Let us all remember that fact on MIA/POW Recognition Day.

COMMENDING "SPIRIT OF AMERICA" AWARD RECIPIENTS PENNY FREDERICK AND KRISTIE BROUSSARD

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. JOHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the achievements of two of the staff members in my Lafayette, Louisiana Congressional District Office—Penny Frederick and Kristie Broussard.

On September 11, 2002, Penny and Kristie received the "Spirit of America" Award from the Diocese of Lafayette, Louisiana. They received this award in recognition of their dedicated service to those in need in our community.

As the commendation reads, both Penny and Kristie have "upheld the founding spirit of America, extending a helping hand to those in need of new homes and new hope. Migration and Refugee Services extends this commendation with warmest regards and deepest appreciation."

I applaud their patience and compassion for our constituents in Louisiana's 7th Congressional District. Their years of service to our community, and their dedication to their jobs is evidenced through this award.

Along with my outstanding team of staffers both in the district and in Washington, DC, I commend Penny and Kristie on this achievement.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING AMERICA'S SMALL BUSINESSES

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, today I am joined by 35 of my colleagues in introducing a bipartisan resolution supporting the issuance of a postage stamp honoring America's small businesses.

Small businesses make up a significant sector of our economy. The estimated 25 million small businesses in this nation bring new and innovative services and products to the marketplace and provide business ownership opportunities to diverse and traditionally underrepresented groups. According to the Small Business Administration, small firms create

two out of every three new jobs in America. In fact, small businesses employ 54 percent of the national work force, and the men and women who own small businesses represent over 99 percent of all employers.

Many cutting-edge technologies which have become a part of our daily lives are the product of small business innovation. From the zipper and quick-frozen food, to the personal computer and high-resolution x-ray microscopes, small businesses have been a major force in shaping the last half century. In fact, it is estimated that small firms produce twice as many innovations per employee as large firms. Although small businesses receive a low percentage of federal research and development funds, they are responsible for a larger percentage of patents than big companies.

I urge my colleagues to join me and the 35 original bipartisan cosponsors of this resolution in honoring the real engine of our nation's economy by supporting the issuance of a postage stamp in commemoration of America's small businesses.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DON PARSONS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with earnest respect that I recognize the life and passing of Mr. Don Parsons of Northglenn, Colorado. Sadly, Mr. Parsons recently passed away at the end of August and as his family mourns the loss, I would like to pay tribute to his life and to the wonderful contributions he made to the Northglenn Community.

For over fifteen years Don Parsons served diligently as Northglenn's mayor, prescribing effective solutions to many of the problems that confronted the city through out the years. Mr. Parsons served Northglenn's citizens honestly and faithfully and his reputation for fair dealing won him the bipartisan approval of his constituency. Don Parsons's ability to manage money and his overwhelming popularity throughout the community helped the mayor to resolve many of Northglenn's financial problems and place the city in a strong position fiscally.

Mr. Parsons believed and often said, "that those who are in charge should be those who are affected" and that is exactly how he made decisions for the City of Northglenn. He was always a citizen first and never lost touch with the real issues and concerns that affected his constituency with in the community. Mr. Parsons also contributed his time and expertise to a variety of regional boards and commissions, including the Regional Air Quality Council, the Metro Mayor's Caucus, and the Denver Regional Council of Governments.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I recognize Mr. Parsons before this body of Congress and this nation for the wonderful contributions he has made to the city of Northglenn, Colorado. My sincere condolences go out to his wife Jennifer, and his four children Julie, Jill, Doug, and Dirk. In life and in politics, Don Parsons always embodied the best of intentions. His loss will be deeply felt by the City of Northglenn and the entire state of Colorado.

CONGRATULATING EBBY HALLIDAY ACERS

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Texas's most respected and most successful businesswomen—Ebbly Halliday of Dallas—on the occasion of her 91st birthday. Her countless community activities, successful business venture and endless enthusiasm make her truly a remarkable woman.

Ebbly Halliday Realtors, the company that she founded 47 years ago, has grown from its infancy into a nationally know entity. This company that began with one office has now expanded to become one of the world's largest independently-owned residential realty firms. And at the age of 91, Ebbly still works 9-hour work days. Ebbly Halliday Realtors assisted some 17,500 home buyers last year, and Ebbly's remarkable business acumen is evident in the many awards that she has received from her industry and peers.

In 1996 Ebbly was introduced into the Texas Business Hall of Fame. She was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Realtors and the International Real Estate Federation. Ernst and Young named her the regional Entrepreneur of the Year in 1997, and she was inducted into the Dallas Business Hall of Fame in 1999. In 2000, Ebbly received the Lifetime Achievement Award in Real Estate from Texas A&M's Real Estate Center and was named Most Influential Woman in the Business and Professional Category by the Ft. Worth Business Press. Ebbly was the first recipient of the Executive Women International's Executive Excellence Award—an award that will carry her name in the future—and she was conferred the Degree of Doctor of Humanities by Dallas Baptist University.

Aside from running a successful business, Ebbly has selflessly devoted time and resources to local civic organizations. She has served as chairperson of the Thanksgiving Square Foundation, served on the boards of St. Paul Medical Foundation, the Communities Foundation of Texas, the Dallas Community College District Foundation, and the Better Business Bureau. She has also supported the Alexis de Tocqueville Society for the United Way, the Dallas Symphony Orchestra Guild, the Plano Symphony and the State Fair of Texas. She has been president of the North Dallas Chamber of Commerce and of the Greater Dallas Planning Council and served as a member of the Dallas Park and Recreation Board. In addition, the St. Paul Medical Center Foundation was dedicated to Ebbly and her husband, Maurice Acers, in honor of their service.

Ebbly's remarkable energy and philanthropy are a testament to her devotion to her career and to her community, and the State of Texas is grateful for her many significant contributions. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to recognize an outstanding citizen for her remarkable lifetime of achievement and philanthropy—my dear friend, Ebbly Halliday Acers.

IN MEMORY OF ANN RITTLE
MONACO

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ann Rittle Monaco, a woman of strength, elegance, integrity and a passion for music. Ann, the Artistic Director at the Merit School of Music, died suddenly on July 30, 2002 after being hit from behind by a van while she was out on a run.

Born in Pittsburgh, she earned her bachelor's degree in music from Western College for Women in Oxford, Ohio, and her master's from the New England Conservatory in Boston. While studying at Western, she met Richard A. Monaco, an accomplished composer on the faculty. The two married and in 1974 moved to Oak Park, Illinois.

Over the years, Ann Monaco taught at Chicago State University, and UIC and spent nearly three decades teaching piano to students in her home. In 1982, she joined Merit as a piano teacher, ten years later she became the artistic director. She also was running the school's Tuition-Free Conservatory at the time of her death.

Merit offers a full continuum of instruction in music, both classical and jazz. More than 30,000 youths have studied at Merit since it was founded in 1979. Merit's primary goals are to serve the economically disadvantaged, to help young people achieve their full musical potential, and to give young people a sense of purpose by stimulating personal and educational growth through music.

Ann was a major influence on thousands of Merit students. Known for wearing "a velvet glove over an iron hand" Ann was in charge of keeping high overall artistic standards at Merit, but she also was known for her fierce dedication to her students. She paid close individual attention to her students, doing everything from helping them find appropriate apparel for performances, to teaching them how to bow properly, and to fighting to secure scholarships for them to attend college.

Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that we remember the life of Ann Monaco. Her death creates a void not only at Merit, but also throughout the music education community and the world of music. I urge my colleagues to join me in expressing our condolences to her family and colleagues.

IN TRIBUTE TO ED HOGAN

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to a close friend, Ed Hogan, who is celebrating his 75th birthday with no sign of slowing down.

Just over a year ago, I rose to honor Ed and his wife, Lynn, for celebrating 50 years of marriage as business partners and partners in life. I spoke extensively about their entrepreneurial success and their extensive philanthropic endeavors. Some highlights:

Together, Ed and Lynn opened Pleasant Travel Service and built it into a limited liability

corporation with more than 1,700 employees and revenues exceeding \$400 million.

They formed the Pleasant Hawaiian Holidays Foundation to grant annual scholarships and awards to benefit Hawaiian residents. The non-profit Hogan Family Foundation is dedicated to promoting an understanding of the importance of travel and tourism. The Ed and Lynn Hogan Program in Travel and Tourism is funded at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.

Ed and Lynn volunteered for numerous other non-profit organizations focused on health care, child abuse and education, and sit on several boards, and have been honored frequently for their efforts.

In 1993, Ed and Lynn were inducted into the American Society of Travel Agents' "Hall of Fame," the travel industry's highest honor. In 1995, Ed served as a delegate to the first White House Conference on Travel and Tourism.

The past year has been no less busy. Through the Hogan Family Foundation, Ed and Lynn opened a community garden in Thousand Oaks, California, that is free and open to the public. The Gardens of the World was the site of a one-year anniversary tribute to the heroes and victims of September 11, 2001, sponsored by the city and the foundation.

The Hogans also opened the Hogan Entrepreneurial Program at the Chaminade University of Honolulu. Ed joined the board of the California Tourism Association. And, they were blessed with the birth of their third grandchild, Gavin Hogan, son of Gary and Nadine.

Mr. Speaker, through a lifetime of hard work and family teamwork, Ed Hogan has achieved the American dream. At the same time he has upheld the highest ideals of America by sharing his knowledge and the fruits of his success. I know my colleagues will join Janice and me in wishing Ed Hogan a very happy 75th birthday. We can hardly wait to see what this year brings.

IN RECOGNITION OF REVEREND
FRED COBETT

HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Reverend Fred Cobett, Children's Minister to Calvary Assembly of God in Dunwoody, Georgia, for taking on an unusual role to teach children how to help other children, while raising money for mission work.

At the request of the children he works with, Pastor Cobett agreed to spend seven entire days on the ledge of a billboard forty feet above interstate 285 in Atlanta for a fundraiser called Up in the Air For Kids. This event is part of the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade, a non-profit organization founded by the Assemblies of God Church that exists to reach the children of the world by creating a heart of compassion in the children they lead. The Up in the Air For Kids project is geared specifically toward raising community awareness of the needs of children around the world who are living in poverty. Nine other states nationwide are also participating in this benefit and hope to reach a cumulative goal of one million

dollars. Pastor Cobett's goal for Georgia is to raise 100,000 dollars that will be distributed among four separate charities including Convoy of Hope, Latin America Child Care, Africa's Children, and Asia's Little Ones.

As the son of a minister, I have a special affinity for Pastor Cobett and his ministry. It is a high calling, and I commend him for dedicating his life to teaching children the principles of charity, generosity, and goodwill in this creative manner.

HONORING JEANNE CARIGLIA

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Jeanne Cariglia for her 30 years of service to the students, staff, and community of Gates Lane School of International Studies in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Mrs. Cariglia has done far more than efficiently serve breakfast and lunch for 30 years. Children also receive a warm smile, a friendly greeting, a hug, and a kind word. "Jeannie" is and always has been an integral part of the Gates Lane community. She has left such a lasting impression on our children that a Gates Lane Alumnus, author Jarett Krosoczka, has recently published a children's book entitled Bag Head wherein the "lunch lady" is a curly redheaded character named, as one would expect, "Jeannie."

An active participant in all school activities and social functions, Jeannie received the prestigious Thomas Jefferson Award from the Gates Lane community in 2000. This award was given in recognition of her service above and beyond the call of duty and, more importantly, for her caring attitude, with which she serves her little charges each and every day.

Jeannie's retirement, while a great loss to our community, promises to afford her more time to enjoy her home with her husband, Dante, and her family of three daughters and two grandchildren. She also plans on traveling to sunny places with both her family and her wide circle of friends.

Mr. Speaker, I am certain that the entire House of Representatives joins me in congratulating Mrs. Jeannie Cariglia on her long career of service to the Gates Lane School of International Studies, and wishes her the best of luck in retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATIONS WEEK

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, today Representative JOHN PETERSON (R-PA) and I are introducing a bill to establish a National Visiting Nurse Associations Week in honor of the army of health care heroes who, every day, comfort, care for, and assist our loved ones. Modern society takes for granted the need for nursing as an indispensable component of our public health system, but this was not always

the case. The very concept of a visiting nurse can be traced to the pioneering work of Florence Nightingale. She reformed British military hospitals in the Crimean War through an expose in the British press, she professionalized nursing and made it an acceptable profession for educated women, devoted the rest of her life to building on her experiences, setting standards and writing books, until the mission of nursing had gained the respect of the world.

When Henry Wadsworth Longfellow read of the work of Florence Nightingale, he penned a poem, *Santa Filomena*, that spoke of the deep appreciation owed by all of us to those dedicated to service in the ultimate caring profession. He wrote:

Whene'er a noble deed is wrought,
Whene'er is spoken a noble thought,
Our hearts, in glad surprise,
To higher levels rise.
The tidal wave of deeper souls
Into our inmost being rolls,
And lifts us unawares
Out of all meaner cares.

The Visiting Nurse Associations of today are founded on the principle that the sick, the disabled, and the elderly benefit most from healthcare when it is offered in their own homes. They are non-profit home health agencies that provide cost-effective and compassionate home and community-based health care to individuals, regardless of their condition or ability to pay for services. Through these exceptional organizations, 90,000 clinicians dedicate their lives to bringing healthcare into the homes of over 4 million Americans every year. In the face of rising costs and drastic changes in our health care system, visiting nurse associations have continued to deliver high quality health services for over 120 years.

It is time for Congress to recognize the vital services that visiting nurses provide their patients. Moreover, visiting nurses also are an indispensable lifeline for families. The comfort and quality care that visiting nurses provide can help family members cope with the difficulties of a loved one's illness.

I am proud to be introducing this important legislation with my colleague Representative PETERSON and urge my colleagues to join us in supporting National Visiting Nurse Associations Week.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KAREN McCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Ms. McCARTHY of Missouri: Mr. Speaker, due to a problem with my voting card my vote on rollcall No. 403 was not recorded. Had my vote card operated properly I would be recorded as a "yea" on the Waters motion to instruct House conferees on H.R. 3295, The Help America Vote Act of 2001.

TRIBUTE TO LANCE ARMSTRONG

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a resolution honoring and congratulating Lance Armstrong on his fourth successive victory of the Tour de France. One of the world's most grueling athletic events, this year's Tour de France bicycling race covered 2,036 miles in 20 days. Winning this challenging race is an amazing feat in itself but Lance Armstrong's triumph is even more remarkable considering his comeback from cancer. Through his efforts with the Lance Armstrong Foundation, Mr. Armstrong has been an effective advocate for cancer survivorship and research.

What I find particularly interesting is the connection between health and bicycling. The active lifestyle inherent in bicycling and the environmental benefits of bicycling as an emission-free, non-polluting transportation alternative is a cornerstone of my work on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and as Chair of the bipartisan Congressional Bike Caucus.

The resolution being introduced today is a deserving tribute to Lance Armstrong and his Tour de France victory, commitment to cancer awareness and survivorship, and promotion of bicycling.

TRIBUTE TO DOLORES HUERTA

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to an outstanding member of the Hispanic community. Dolores Huerta has dedicated her life to fighting for equality and fairness for our Nation's farm workers. She has fought equally hard to protect first amendment rights and other issues of justice.

Ms. Huerta began her career as an educator. Her students were the children of farm workers and they routinely went without adequate food and clothing. In response, she founded the Stockton chapter of the Community Service Organization to educate and provide assistance to these laborers. This initial effort grew into the founding of the National Farm Worker Association, a precursor to United Farm Workers Organizing Committee. Ms. Huerta, along with this organization, has advocated against the use of harmful pesticides such as DDT and Parath; on and has led a national campaign for environmental justice. Ms. Huerta was inducted to the Women's Hall of Fame in 1993. She has received the American Civil Liberties Union Roger Baldwin Medal of Liberty Award, as well as many other prestigious recognitions of her dedication.

I am proudly cosponsor H. Con. Res. 177, a bipartisan resolution to honor Dolores Huerta for her tireless efforts on behalf of our nation. Her work particularly interests the 15th Congressional District of Texas, as 60 percent of the national migrant population resides in this area of south Texas.

October 15, 2002 marks the end of Hispanic Heritage Month. I urge my colleagues to bring H. Con. Res. 177 to the floor before the end of this month in order to appropriately acknowledge the contributions of Dolores Huerta, a truly historic Latina.

IN SUPPORT OF H. CON. RES. 177— HONORING DOLORES HUERTA

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, as Chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, I would like to commend my colleague, Representative HILDA SOLIS of California, for introducing H. Con. Res. 177, honoring civil rights leader Dolores Huerta. And I share my colleague's frustration with the undue delay in bringing this resolution before the House.

With National Hispanic Heritage Month celebrated between September 15 and October 15, there isn't a better time to bring this resolution to the floor. This year's celebration would be incomplete if we do not recognize a historic Latina who has led the fight for equality and justice in the United States—Dolores Huerta.

Dolores Huerta's contributions are no less than those that our nation has proudly recognized over the years. Nearly 100 other Members of Congress acknowledge the need to give Dolores Huerta the recognition she deserves and have co-sponsored H. Con. Res. 177.

The contributions of Dolores Huerta are well known and have already been recognized by numerous organizations. Dolores Huerta was inducted into the Women's Hall of Fame in 1993 for her relentless dedication to farm worker issues. She has also received the American Civil Liberties Union Roger Baldwin Medal of Liberty Award and the Ellis Island Medal of Freedom Award. And in March, she was named one of six Women Sustaining the American Spirit honorees by the National Women's History Project.

Dolores Huerta has fought for the rights of underserved laborers for more than 40 years. She has advocated against the use of harmful pesticides such as DDT and Parathyon, led a national campaign for environmental justice, and protected our First Amendment rights through peaceful protests and demonstrations.

Dolores Huerta began as a teacher, but left the teaching profession because she couldn't stand to see her students—children of farmworkers—arrive at school hungry and without shoes. She founded the Stockton chapter of the Community Service Organization in 1955 to educate and assist farmworkers. In 1962, she joined with Cesar Chavez to found the National Farm Workers Association, a precursor to the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee. The organization has repeatedly fought for the rights of farmworkers, advocated against the use of harmful pesticides and led a national campaign for environmental justice.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and the rest of the leadership to bring H. Con. Res. 177 to the floor, so we may give Dolores Huerta the recognition she so richly deserves during Hispanic Heritage Month.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, September 26, 2002 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 27

9 a.m.
 Armed Services
 To hold hearings to examine the nominations of General James L. Jones, Jr., USMC, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States European Command and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, Admiral James O. Ellis, Jr., USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, United States Strategic Command, Lieutenant General Michael W. Hagee, USMC, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commandant of the Marine Corps, Charles S. Abell, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Thomas Forrest Hall, of Oklahoma, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, and Charles E. Erdmann, of Colorado, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

SH-216

10 a.m.
 Governmental Affairs
 International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine the annual report of the Postmaster General, focusing on the Postal Service Transformation Plan, the progress of cleaning anthrax-contaminated postal facilities, and further steps the Postal Service will take to reduce debt and increase financial transparency.
 SD-342

SEPTEMBER 30

10 a.m.
 Environment and Public Works
 Transportation, Infrastructure, and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine the conditions and performance of the federal-aid highway system.
 SD-406

2:30 p.m.
 Governmental Affairs
 International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine reports that nations interested in chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons are placing significant emphasis on bolstering their domestic production capabilities.
 SD-342

OCTOBER 1

9:30 a.m.
 Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 To hold hearings to examine the government's role in promoting the future of the telecommunications industry and broadband deployment.
 SR-253

10 a.m.
 Environment and Public Works
 To hold hearings to examine environmental standards for schools such as school siting in relation to toxic waste sites and green building codes, focusing on environmental and energy concerns relevant to school properties.
 SD-406

Judiciary
 To hold hearings to examine recent Supreme Court jurisprudence on federalism issues.
 SD-226

2:15 p.m.
 Judiciary
 Immigration Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine the detention and treatment of Haitian asylum seekers.
 SD-226

OCTOBER 2

9:30 a.m.
 Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 To hold hearings to examine airlines viability in the current economic climate.
 SR-253

10 a.m.
 Judiciary
 To hold hearings to examine protecting children from child pornography.
 SD-226

2 p.m.
 Environment and Public Works
 To hold hearings to examine the status and studies of the health impacts of fine particles which result from fuel combustion from motor vehicles, power generation, and industrial facilities, as well as from residential fireplaces and wood stoves, known as PM-2.5, focusing on those effects associated with power plant emissions.
 SD-406

OCTOBER 3

9 a.m.
 Rules and Administration
 To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Bruce R. James, of Nevada, to be Public Printer, Government Printing Office.
 SR-301

9:30 a.m.
 Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 To hold oversight hearings to examine park overflight regulations.
 SR-253

2:30 p.m.
 Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 Science, Technology, and Space Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine Title IX and the Sciences.
 SR-253

OCTOBER 8

10 a.m.
 Judiciary
 Constitution Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine the detention of U.S. citizens.
 SD-226