

are uninsured or come from disadvantaged backgrounds, these individuals should have the right to access to quality health care. That is why I support community health centers. These safety-net health care centers provide health care for predominately uninsured individuals, Medicaid beneficiaries and other vulnerable patients regardless of their ability to pay. Without CHC's many of my constituents that suffer from chronic disease like diabetes or cardiovascular disease would not have access to health care. They would not have the eye and foot exams to prevent blindness or amputation or the medications to help them control their blood glucose levels, blood pressure or cholesterol levels. Pregnant women would not have access to prenatal care and children would not have the vaccinations they require.

Until we can find a solution to universal health care, we must continue to support other systems of care that treat vulnerable populations. Safety-net health centers provide the essential preventative and clinical healthcare treatment services aimed at controlling and preventing the onset of chronic diseases, cancers and other anomalies that continue to plague New Mexican's in growing numbers.

TRIBUTE TO THE JENKINTOWN  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFFEL**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 11, 2002*

Mr. HOFFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Jenkintown United Methodist Church which is celebrating its 100th anniversary on November 1, 2002. One hundred thirty five years ago, the Jenkintown United Methodist Church was established to provide the people of Jenkintown with a local Methodist place of worship. The congregation is now celebrating its 100th anniversary in its current location.

Led by Rev. Jay R. Newlin, the church continues to be a vital and thriving community of faith. The Jenkintown United Methodist Church places a strong emphasis on outreach. It operates foreign missions in Africa and Indonesia, national missions in Appalachia, New Mexico, and works with several inner city Philadelphia churches.

Within the local Jenkintown community, the church is home to several ministries and missions. "Loaves and Fishes," a food cupboard established by the church in 1985 assists more than 40 families per week. The church is also host to weekly meetings to help those who struggle with addiction as well as their friends and family. A Community Teen Center was organized in 2000 as a drug-free and alcohol-free safe haven for local teenagers. The church also works with a retirement home on the Adopt-a-Grandparent program providing the opportunity for children and youth to participate in the local ministry.

I congratulate the Jenkintown United Methodist Church on its 100 years of service to the local, national and world community.

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SPEECH OF

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 10, 2001*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, the past thirteen months have presented challenges on several international and domestic fronts. The current economic conditions facing our Nation are impacting the very day-to-day activities of all Americans. In addition, America has enlisted in a war to prevent future terrorist attacks on our homeland. The events of 9-11-02, have opened our eyes to the kind of terror from abroad that many have endured from within.

Let me be clear—we must use our able resources to stop Al Qaeda from further terrorizing freedom-loving people.

After listening intently to the case for action that the Bush Administration has presented and talking with many of my constituents, I believe that there is insufficient information to warrant sending our young men and women into harm's way. I oppose the current Congressional resolution for the following reasons:

- (1) Lack of international support and cooperation;
- (2) Over-extension of military resources;
- (3) War against Al Qaeda is continuing;
- (4) No exit strategy has been defined; and
- (5) Cost is yet undetermined.

The Bush Administration has failed to provide sufficient evidence linking Saddam to Al Qaeda; therefore, a preemptive unilateral strike is not warranted at this time. The Administration has failed to define its goal with regard to the use of force in Iraq. Until that definition is outlined and the aforementioned points are addressed, a preemptive strike against a sovereign state is premature.

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SPEECH OF

**HON. WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 10, 2002*

Mr. DELAHUNT. Mr. Speaker, now that the House and Senate have both authorized the President to use military force against Iraq, it is more important than ever to listen to voices of wisdom about the costs of waging war and the challenges of keeping the peace. With that in mind, I commend to my colleagues the admonitions of a dozen older constituents—retired bankers, diplomats, journalists and college presidents—published recently in the Cape Cod Times:

TWELVE OLD MEN (ON CAPE COD) SAY "NO" TO  
A UNILATERAL STRIKE

"Older men," Herbert Hoover told the 1944 Republican National Convention, "declare war. But it is youth that must fight and die."

Our nation was, when Mr. Hoover made that statement, defending itself against fascists and militarists who had unleashed the dogs of war on us and our allies.

Most of us served in that war, and we have vivid memories of it. Many of our friends—youth at the time—fought and died in defense of their country. But we and our allies prevailed, and freedom survived.

Then, with the Marshall Plan, our nation waged peace, helping rebuild and democratize the countries we had defeated. In time, those countries became staunch allies.

Today we are on edge of a different sort of war. Our President, under pressure from our allies and a few members of his own party, has with apparent reluctance asked the U.N. to pressure Saddam Hussein to live up to a number of Security Council resolutions. But Mr. Bush's vice-president, his national security adviser, his secretary of defense, and others, have made it clear that even though Iraq has agreed to let arms inspectors do their work, the White House objective still is a so-called "pre-emptive strike" intended to bring about the Iraqi regime change we failed to accomplish when we went to the defense of Kuwait, when the first President Bush was in the White House.

Now—before more young men and women are ordered into battle by those older men who see war as a solution to the world's problems—is a time for the other older men, such as ourselves, to raise our hands and say to those who lead our nation: "No!"

"No" to the pre-emptive war Mr. Bush and Mr. Cheney are, for whatever reasons, seeking to justify.

"No" to those in Washington who would rain death and destruction on the Iraqi people in order to rid them of their leader.

"No" to the notion that the immediate rewards such a war might accomplish will outweigh the furies it surely would incite, and the long-term chasm it would create between the West and the Muslim world.

"No" to plunging into a new war and taking on the responsibility of occupying a conquered Iraq, while we still have not rolled up the Al Qaeda terrorist network, while Afghanistan shows signs of slipping into a bloody anarchy, and while there still is no real progress toward calming the violence in Israel/Palestine.

We believe that as a member of the family of nations, the United States of America must, rather than rushing headlong into war, help establish an international consensus on dealing with whatever threat Iraq poses.

We agree with our President that the U.N. resolutions against Iraq need to be respected and enforced. But such resolutions must be enforced by the U.N., or by U.N. approval of action by its member nations.

We have seen too many wars. One Vietnam experience was enough. We believe that now, as always, war should be our nation's last option, not our first. And we believe that waging war on violence must begin at home, by raising our voices against a unilateral "pre-emptive strike."

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3295,  
HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

**HON. SILVESTRE REYES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 10, 2001*

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, today we consider legislation that was intended to fix the problems in our election system. As the Chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, I have been particularly concerned about how such election reform would protect the voting rights of Hispanic American citizens. And I thank