

The distance was thinned with haze, and the land grew softer and softer in the distance. A windmill flashed in the sun, and its turning blades were like a little heliograph, far away. Ruthie and Winfield looked at it, and Ruthie whispered, "It's California."

PROTECT OUR YOUTH FROM MEDICALLY INACCURATE AND MISLEADING SEX EDUCATION IN CLASSROOMS ACROSS THE NATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing the "Medically Accurate and Objective Sex Education Act," a bill that would require our schools to teach medically accurate and objective factual information as part of any sex education course.

There has been an increase in the number of schools using curricula that provide medically inaccurate and misleading information. Some of these medical inaccuracies include calling condoms "antiquated" or citing failure rates as high as 70 percent, as well as giving erroneous symptoms and outcomes of sexually transmitted diseases. Other specific examples of medically inaccurate information in current sex education courses include:

A program indicating that the "published condom failure rates for pregnancy prevention are between 10 and 30 percent."

It has been documented that if used consistently and correctly, condoms are 98 percent effective in preventing pregnancies.

A program incorrectly stating that Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) can only be passed through sexual intercourse.

It has been documented that HPV can be passed through female-to-female genital sex.

Without using statistics, one program concluded that "infectious syphilis rates have more than doubled among teens since the mid-1980s."

However, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced that "the U.S. has a unique but narrow window of opportunity to eliminate syphilis while cases are still declining."

Inaccurate information regarding contraception and STD/HIV prevention can make sex education both dangerous and counterproductive. Responsible sex education, by contrast, is an important component of a strategy to reduce unintended pregnancies, reduce the number of abortions and reduce STD incidence. The American Medical Association, the Institute of Medicine and the National Institutes of Health support the use of sex education that is medically accurate.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in ensuring that sex education curricula contain accurate medical information that can help young people develop a healthy understanding of their sexuality, so they can make responsible and educated decisions throughout their lives.

TRIBUTE TO MARY ANN TYNAN

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary Ann Tynan upon the occasion of her retirement as Senior Vice President and Partner at Wellington Management Company. Over the course of her long career, Mrs. Tynan has been a driving force in the financial services industry for the establishment and maintenance of ethical standards. Quietly and persistently, she has helped shape a culture of commitment to investors, commitment to community, and commitment to excellence at Wellington Management Company and also in the mutual fund industry.

Mrs. Tynan graduated cum laude from Smith College and entered the financial services industry in the late 1960's. She was one of the first women to hold a high-ranking position in this industry and has been a role model and mentor for many other women. Mrs. Tynan has been instrumental in opening up the traditionally male leadership of the financial services industry for women and in promoting diversity. Mrs. Tynan began her work in the mutual fund industry early in her career and it is partly through her efforts that this segment of the financial services industry has grown from a small, obscure niche of the economy to a major economic force and the key way many citizens plan for their retirement and financial security. Mrs. Tynan's leadership roles in the Investment Company Institute and in representing the investment advisor industry with the Securities and Exchange Commission helped build the foundation for and a culture of informed regulation, strict compliance, and high ethical standards that define the mutual fund industry today.

Mrs. Tynan's enormous impact in shaping the growth and standards of Wellington Management has helped make Wellington a beacon of integrity and durability. In addition to her commitments to Wellington Management and the mutual fund industry, Mrs. Tynan has helped create a deep connection to community at Wellington, and had lead by her own example of community involvement through her work with important greater Boston non-profit institutions including Brigham & Women's and Faulkner Hospitals, and the Middlesex School. In addition to her many contributions to these institutions, she's been particularly instrumental in ensuring that their resources are managed in a manner that will guarantee the existence and financial stability of the institutions for many generations. The fruits of her distinguished professional life and many philanthropic commitments will continue to benefit the financial services industry, Wellington Management, and the greater Boston area for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I am certain that the entire House of Representatives joins me in honoring Mrs. Tynan for her many accomplishments and wishes her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

INTRODUCTION OF THE HAITIAN ECONOMIC RECOVERY OPPORTUNITY ACT

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce the Haitian Economic Recovery Opportunity (HERO) Act H.R. 5650. This bill is intended to provide tangible economic benefits to Haiti, the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation. If the people of Haiti are to be able to earn a living wage, provide for their children's welfare, and have hope for the future, then there needs to be real jobs in Haiti.

In my congressional district, there are many hundreds of Haitian-American families. They are hardworking citizens who have done well for themselves and added substantially to our local communities. These good Haitian-American citizens prove that what Haitians need most is opportunities. That is what this HERO Act does.

This bill would provide that apparel articles imported directly into the United States from Haiti would be free of duty. To be eligible, the apparel article must be assembled in Haiti from any combination of fabrics and yarns manufactured in the United States, members of Free Trade Agreements with the United States, future members of Free Trade Agreements with the United States, as well from eligible countries under the Africa Growth & Opportunity Act, the Andean Trade Preferences Act and the Caribbean Basin Initiative.

In past years, the apparel industry employed tens of thousands of people in Haiti. The earnings from these jobs supported many more tens of thousands of Haitians. This legislation will help bring that economic activity back to Haiti. It will also send a unequivocal message of support to those in Haiti's private sector who have joined in the long struggle for democracy in that island nation.

As is the case under the Africa Growth & Opportunity Act, in order for Haiti to be eligible for benefits, the President must first certify that Haiti has established, or is making continual progress to satisfy, a number of important conditions. The economic conditions spelled out in the HERO Act include establishing a market-based economy, eliminating barriers to United States trade and investment (including creation of an environment conducive to domestic and foreign investment), the protection of intellectual property, and the resolution of bilateral trade and investment disputes.

Furthermore, the government of Haiti must meet important political conditions including establishing democracy as evidenced by free and fair elections, the rule of law, political pluralism, freedom of the press, the right to due process, a fair trial, and equal protection under the law, economic policies to reduce poverty, a system that combats corruption and bribery and protections for internationally recognized worker and human rights. In addition, the President would have to certify that Haiti does not provide support for acts of international terrorism and cooperates in efforts to eliminate human rights violations and terrorist activities.

We must not forget Haiti. This bill sends a clear message to Haitians of good will that America cares what happens in Haiti. With this legislation, we can join together as Republicans and Democrats to do the right thing for