

Cagnoli, my long time Chief of Staff from Hershey, PA, a superb leader of the office and jack-of-all-trades who kept the office running and productive no matter what the crisis.

My Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Claims, of which I was Chairman, was ably staffed by George Fishman, Lora Ries, Art Arthur, Cynthia Blackston and Emily Sanders, as well as Brian Zimmer of the Full Committee staff. They handled the extremely important legislation necessitated by the new domestic and international threats we now face. Their assistance to me during the challenges of this year is impossible to measure. The House of Representatives has much to look forward to with their continued work.

And last but not least, is the Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, of which I was a member this last Congress but on which I served as Chairman from 1994–2000. On this subcommittee we dealt with the hundreds of regulatory reform issues developed by the Republican Majority through the Contract With America and following initiatives. My major Bankruptcy Reform measure began with me in this subcommittee; Administrative Law Judges; Legal Services Reform; the Federal Agency Compliance Act; The Regulatory Fair Warning Act; Executive Orders; Internet Tax reform; the Federal Arbitration Act; Interstate Compacts; the Independent Counsel Act; and many, many other topics. While bankruptcy reform took center stage, there was no end to the amount of topics and work my staff and I pursued. For this I thank them, the current and former staffers of the subcommittee, for all their exceptional work: Chief Counsel Ray Smietanka, who has worked with me as a chief committee counsel since I came to the 98th Congress in 1983; Susan-Jensen Conklin, whose superb work on bankruptcy reform got us where we are today; Rob Tracci, formerly of the Subcommittee, was an invaluable source of assistance; and all the other members of the CAL staff who have helped this Member of Congress over the many productive years. I thank them all for their work to the Nation and me.

To all I have mentioned, and those who I have regrettably not, please accept my sincere thanks for making my tenure in the United States House of Representatives a productive and pleasant one. Any current Member of Congress or Committee would be well served by the high-quality staff with whom it has been my pleasure to work over these many years.

THE HONORABLE TIM ROEMER

HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2002

Mr. BUYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to show my appreciation for the distinguished member from Indiana's Third District. For the past twelve years, Congressman TIM ROEMER has served the people of Northcentral Indiana with a steadfast commitment and dedication to their needs.

A Hoosier, born and bred, TIM ROEMER came to Washington, D.C. to represent the fundamental Indiana values of strong faith in God and an unwavering duty to country and to family. As a member of Congress and a father

of four, he has been a strong advocate for trying to make the House of Representatives more family-friendly.

As a member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, he has worked tirelessly to improve our children's education from Head Start all the way to the college-level, supporting public school choice and making college education more affordable for all Americans.

I want to thank Congressman TIM ROEMER for his hard work on behalf of the Third District, the State of Indiana and the country. I wish him, his wife Sally and their four children—Patrick Hunter, Matthew Bennett, Sarah Kathryn and Grace Elizabeth, all the best in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2002

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for rollcall votes 483 and 484. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote 483, and "no" on rollcall vote 484.

TRIBUTE TO THE L.A. FREE CLINIC

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2002

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Los Angeles Free Clinic, L.A. Free Clinic, a tremendous and vital health care resource which is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year. The L.A. Free Clinic has become a true beacon of light in our ever uncertain health care system in Los Angeles. It is synonymous with quality and accessible health care for the homeless, the uninsured and under-insured, the working poor and run-away and high-risk youth.

The L.A. Free Clinic came into being during the summer of 1967 when a small group of volunteers opened a storefront clinic on Fairfax Avenue to serve the thousands of "flower children" who were living in the streets and parks that summer. They crowded the clinic with an array of health issues, and the crowds have been coming ever since. Today, the clinic is a sophisticated but accessible string of three separate sites serving 100,000 patients annually. As the longest continuously running free clinic in our Nation, the L.A. Free Clinic serves as a remarkable model.

Its mission is to serve as a community-based clinic which identifies the health care and social service needs of under-served populations. It develops comprehensive resources and quality programs to meet those needs and provides the services free of charge and free of judgement in a caring environment.

The clinic's most important mission is to provide health care to those who can not or will not receive care elsewhere. The L.A. Free Clinic believes that health and human services are a right and not a privilege.

The clinic offers a wide range of primary care and specialty care for the entire family. In

addition, the clinic houses broad and important social services to treat the whole patient. It has a domestic violence advocate available to recognize and work with patients who are victims of domestic violence. There is also a legal clinic on site to assist with a variety of issues such as immigration and child custody. There are case managers and mental health professionals at the ready to treat any number of concerns that patients may present when they come to the clinic.

Part of what makes the L.A. Free Clinic so successful is its more than 500 volunteers who eagerly answer phones, translate diagnoses, speak at health fairs and organize fundraisers. The clinic's board is equally dedicated and impressive, still represented by some original founders. The L.A. Free Clinic is also lucky to have a number of support organizations without which it could not function. They include Friends of the L.A. Free Clinic, New Friends of the L.A. Free Clinic and L.A. Free Clinic Auxiliary.

It has been my distinct privilege to represent and support the L.A. Free Clinic for much of its existence. The residents of Los Angeles and our health care system owe the L.A. Free Clinic a great debt of gratitude and we will continue to rely on its superb service and caring. We are looking forward to the next 35 years to come.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me in wishing the L.A. Free Clinic a very heartfelt and happy 35th anniversary.

A TRIBUTE TO REPRESENTATIVE TODD SALIMAN

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor State Representative Todd Saliman for his exemplary public service in the Colorado General Assembly from 1995 through 2003. I would like to thank him in this forum, not only for his service to my state, but also for the example he has shown to young people all across America, that public service is not contingent on one's seniority.

A native of Littleton, Colorado, Todd studied at the Unversite de Savoie in Chambéry, France and graduated in 1989 from the University of Colorado in Boulder. He worked on the U.S. Senate campaign for Josie Heath and the Boulder County Field organization in 1990, the Local Open Space Sales Tax in 1993, the Executive Committees of the State and County Democratic parties for many years, and the Rocky Flats Local Impacts Initiative from 1991 to 1994.

In 1994, Todd was elected to represent House District 11 in north Boulder and was one of the youngest members in the history of the Colorado General Assembly. His constituents overwhelmingly approved of his service and returned him to office by over 70% of the vote in every subsequent election. In the Legislature, he quickly earned the affection and respect of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle for his intelligence, good judgment, and keen analysis on a wide range of issues. Todd was a member of the Joint Budget and Appropriations Committees overseeing the state's \$13 billion budget. He provided thoughtful and