

thoroughly, not something to be swept under the rug. The youths who flee their homes in search of a safe haven on the street to be given an opportunity to seek help.

We need to increase public awareness about the circumstances and trauma of the runaway youths. The National Network for Youth and the National Runaway Switchboard provides a myriad of services and resources to runaway and homeless youths. It is our job as congressmen to support these movements and tell them we value their services. Both National Network for Youth and the National Runaway Switchboard are cosponsoring National Runaway Prevention Month. This is a time for us to commend them on their work and offer our continuing gratitude with this resolution to support National Runaway Prevention Month.

I applaud the organizations that take this first step to reach out. My heart goes out to the youths and families that have been failed by the system. It is in your honor that Congress will recognize the National Runaway Prevention Month.

**MOBILIZED RESERVE FAMILY
HEALTH CARE ACT OF 2003**

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2003

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, since the tragic events of September 11, 2001, America has relied heavily upon the men and women of the National Guard and Reserves. Whether protecting and defending the nation here at home, or as part of an overseas deployment, these citizen soldiers have made tremendous sacrifices in support of our national security interests.

At the same time, the families of these brave men and women are also making enormous sacrifices. Currently, over 215,000 members of the guard and reserve are mobilized. Many of these individuals are deployed to assignments that will likely last anywhere from six months to more than a year. For the family members of those deployed for such long durations, the challenge of maintaining a stable home environment can be daunting. This is especially true when considering the issue of health insurance.

Employers are not legally required to provide health insurance coverage for an employee and his/her family once that employee is called to active duty. As a result, the family in many cases must make the switch to TRICARE in order to continue receiving health benefits. This can be extremely burdensome since many hospitals and family doctors outside the military health system do not participate in TRICARE. In addition, individuals with pre-existing conditions face an uncertain future with respect to their ability to regain employer-sponsored health insurance once the mobilized family member returns from active duty.

To address this problem, I am introducing today, the Mobilized Reserve Family Health Care Act of 2003. This legislation will provide families of reservists and guard personnel with the option of continuing their private health insurance coverage while their family members are called to serve lengthy active duty deployments. Under this bill, these families will have

the ability to retain their private health insurance coverage by utilizing the continuation-of-coverage rule offered by COBRA. While the family would assume the cost of retaining the private health insurance, the legislation would provide tax credits to cover the cost of the insurance. A substantial portion of the tax credits will be refundable, while the remaining amount can be included as part of the family's itemized tax deductions. The tax credits will enable these families continue their private health insurance coverage without a financial burden.

Mr. Speaker, I hope you will join me and my fellow cosponsors in assisting the families of our mobilized National Guard and Reserve personnel and address this important health coverage issue.

**TRIBUTE TO CAROLE A. GUDDE,
OUTGOING CHAIRMAN OF THE
BOARD FOR THE GREATER RIVER-
SIDE CHAMBERS OF COM-
MERCE**

SPEECH OF

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2003

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Riverside, California are exceptional. Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent to making their communities a better place to live and work. Carole A. Gudde is one of these individuals. After a year of exemplary service, we salute Carole as the outgoing Chairman of the Board for the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce.

As one of the oldest, largest and most influential chambers in the state, the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce (GRCC) works closely with local government and other entities to stimulate development and improve the quality of life in Riverside County. Carole Gudde's vision, leadership and ability to work with others have continued the mission of the GRCC in its work to promote economic development and pro-actively address problems within the community. The GRCC is approximately 1,600 members strong and Carole has been instrumental in maintaining and adding members to the Chamber.

Carole's efforts as Chairman of the Board have extended beyond the boundaries of Riverside and into the State Capitol and Washington, DC. She has been actively involved in advocating pro-business legislation and fighting against measures that would put strains on local small business. She consistently kept members informed of the happenings in Sacramento as well as Washington, DC and made sure that Riverside's voice was heard.

Carole has also been instrumental in promoting quality education for our children. Carole is also a member of the Executive Council of the Riverside Community Hospital, the YMCA Professional Business Women's Association, and the A. Gary Anderson School of Management Forum. She has been a recipient of the Small Business Eagle Award, 1996 Volunteer of the Year Award, and was named a

"Woman of Distinction" by the Business Press in 1998. She is also the owner of Archive Management Service in Riverside.

Carole's tireless passion for community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Riverside, California. Carole's involvement in the community and on behalf of the local businesses makes me proud to call her a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for her service and salute her as she exits as the Chairman of the Board for the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce.

**PAYING TRIBUTE TO MARC AND
JOAN ADLER**

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Marc and Joan Adler of Glenwood Springs, Colorado and thank them for their contributions to their community before this body of Congress and this nation. The couple is closing the Glenwood Springs pet store that they have owned for over thirty years, and, though their store will be dearly missed, I am happy to congratulate the Adlers on their retirement.

Marc and Joan both worked at Valley View Hospital when they first moved to Glenwood Springs in 1971, and decided to open their own business in their living room. The result was the Glenwood Fishbowl, a pet store which built upon Marc's boyhood experience with aquariums. The business grew and moved to downtown Glenwood, where the pet store expanded to include toys. Eventually, the store moved to the Glenwood Springs Mall in 1982, under the name Marc's Toys and Pets. In addition to running their business, the Adlers have been active community leaders, with Marc serving on the City Council and for two years as Glenwood's mayor.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to honor Marc and Joan Adler and wish them all the best in retirement. Their store was a shining example of local entrepreneurship and a cornerstone of the Glenwood Springs small business community for over thirty years. Their kind and dedicated service to their customers will be sorely missed in Glenwood Springs. I congratulate the Adlers on their well-deserved retirement.

SECURING BLESSINGS OF PROVIDENCE FOR PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AND OUR ARMED FORCES

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2003

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the President should designate a national day of prayer and fasting for all Americans; and calling on all people of the United States to "seek guidance from God to achieve a greater understanding of our own failings."

I'm sure God may have something to say about the President's failure to preserve peace in the effort to disarm Iraq. But, we do know what the Bible says, Mr. Speaker: "blessed are the peacemakers."

Most major religious organizations in the world—the Vatican, Muslim, Buddhist, Jewish, and Protestant religious groups—oppose war in Iraq on moral grounds. Yet, this resolution seeks to deflect moral criticism from the President's immoral act of war, and despite his refusal to listen to the leaders of his own faith. Regardless, religion is not an area for Congressional debate.

I respect the right of everyone to reflect on these difficult events as they see fit. I understand the value of people of various religions or moral convictions finding resolve in their beliefs or faiths during this trying time. That is everyone's right. However, this resolution today has Congress encouraging all Americans, regardless of their beliefs, to engage in specific religious acts that are Christian in nature.

Our country was founded on the principles of free expression and religious liberty. The Constitution requires that Congress must not legislate religion, but instead honor the diversity of convictions and beliefs in our nation. This resolution fails to respect the separation of church and state and to uphold our commitment to honor religious diversity. I urge my colleagues to vote "no."

IN HONOR OF LANCE CORPORAL
JOSE GUTIERREZ

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2003

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Marine Corps Lance Corporal Jose Gutierrez, who was one of the first Americans to give his life in battle during Operation Iraqi Freedom. I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating the heroism of this young man.

Corporal Gutierrez was a symbol of America's promise. Born in Guatemala, Jose lost his parents at a young age and spent years on the streets in his home country. He came to the United States seeking a better life, and after moving around a bit, found a home with foster parents in Lomita, California, a small town in my congressional district.

Jose attended local schools—North High School in Torrance and Harbor College in Wilmington—playing soccer and hoping one day to study architecture. His foster brother told local newspapers that "he joined the Marines to pay back a little of what he'd gotten from the U.S."

Mr. Speaker, it makes me proud to learn about the passionate feelings this young man had for his adopted country. Undoubtedly, they are feelings shared by hundreds or perhaps thousands of the other young men and women who volunteered for military service and are now participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

I am proud too of the citizens of Lomita, who immediately began to organize tributes to Corporal Gutierrez, including plans to add his name to the memorial to fallen soldiers adjacent to the local post office, requesting that

post office to fly its flag at half-mast, and launching a drive to fly 82 U.S. flags in honor of all of Lomita's fallen soldiers, sailors and airmen.

Corporal Gutierrez's ultimate sacrifice underscores for us how fragile and how precious are the freedoms we enjoy. He died to keep us free.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL
STAN SHURMANTINE, RET.

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2003

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to pay tribute to Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Stan Shurmantine, of Lexington, MO, who recently retired from the United States Army Reserves after 28 years.

On February 28, 2003, Stan ended an outstanding career in the Army Reserves. Through the years, he has dedicated himself to serving the American people.

Currently, Stan serves as the manager of IBS Industries, Inc., in Independence, MO. IBS honored Stan's military service with a reception, which was attended by 250 guests.

Stan in addition to his military service, has served his home community of Lexington, where he lives with his wife Marcie. He is a councilman and also serves as mayor pro-tem.

Mr. Speaker, Lieutenant Colonel Stan Shurmantine has honored the United States Army Reserves with service for 28 years. As he continues his work at IBS Industries, Inc. and the city of Lexington, I know that the Members of the House will join me in wishing him all the best in the days ahead.

TRIBUTE TO DARRELL VEACH

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize Darrell Veach of Cortez, Colorado. Darrell is a dedicated citizen and leader of the Cortez community and it is my honor to pay tribute to his accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation.

Darrell is a third-generation stockman and a Korean War veteran who began his career raising sheep before becoming a cowboy. He is well known throughout the community as a good steward of his land and the environment. In addition to Darrell's ranching activities, his service to the local community goes back over thirty years with the Boy Scouts, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the Montezuma County Planning Commission, and the Colorado Cattleman's Association. The Southwestern Colorado Livestock Association, of which Darrell is a board member and past president, honored him as its 2003 Stockman of the Year. A proud family man, Darrell shares his love for the outdoors with his children and grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, it is with honor that I commend Darrell Veach before this body of Congress

and this great nation for his dedication and leadership within his community. His contributions have greatly benefited the people of Cortez and I am honored to have this opportunity to represent such a fine Coloradan. I wish Darrell the best of luck in all his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING JOHN DIGILIO

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2003

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John Digilio as Chef de Chemin de Fer of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux. The "Forty and Eight," as it is popularly known, is an independent fraternal organization of veterans comprised of approximately 50,000 veterans from World War II and the Korean, Vietnam and Desert Storm conflicts. The members of the "Forty and Eight" dedicate much of their time to their Child Welfare Program, Nurses Scholarship Trust Fund, as well as many activities dedicated to Americanism, respect for the flag, the Constitution and Law and Order.

Chef Digilio grew up in Bay Shore, New York and entered active duty in the United States Army in 1969. From 1970–1971 he served in the 95th Evacuation Hospital, DaNang, Republic of Vietnam. After his return to the United States, he entered the New York Army National Guard and worked his way up the ranks to senior commander of all medical units by 1986. On December 1, 1996, John was brevetted and placed on the New York State Retired List as brigadier general by the Governor of New York upon his retirement from military service.

I am most grateful for Chef Digilio's dedicated service to our county over the last 34 years. In this time of war, especially, it is critical that we take the time to show our support for America's men and women who have served in uniform. I wish the "Forty and Eight" a festive and enjoyable Homecoming this upcoming weekend.

REVOCATION OF EXECUTIVE
ORDER LIMITING ACCESS TO
PRESIDENTIAL RECORDS

HON. DOUG OSE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2003

Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to introduce a simple bill to revoke Executive Order 13233, "Further Implementation of the Presidential Records Act," which President Bush issued on November 1, 2001. My bill would replace this Order with President Reagan's 1989 implementing Executive Order 12267. During the 107th Congress, on April 11, 2002, Representative STEVE HORN introduced the "Presidential Records Act Amendments of 2002" (H.R. 4187). I co-sponsored this bi-partisan bill. The Government Reform Committee held hearings on the Bush Order and then, after introduction, on Mr. HORN's bill. On October 9th, the House Government Reform Committee reported out an amended version of this bill. On