

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

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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."