vulnerable children, those who are part of the Even Start program.

These children’s families qualify for Even Start because they are low socioeconomic families who may also be English learners. Program liaisons work with the families from the children’s infancy until they are in school. Even Start funds approximately 1,400 programs and serves approximately 50,000 families across the Nation.

Without this existing William F. Goodling Even Start Program, the children would arrive for their first day of school without the literacy skills to compete at that starting line. They are unlikely ever to catch up, even if they are able to be served in the Head Start program before actually entering school, unless the adults who work with them in these critical early years learn literacy teaching skills and learn to value the role of education.

Over 86 percent of parents in the Even Start program have not completed high school upon entering programs because they can link their 27 percent of Head Start parents). Eighty percent of participants have a family income below $15,000 and over 40 percent have income below $6,000. This is clearly a high-needs population.

This bill will assure that Even Start facilitators will be well-trained to help parents learn the skills that enable their children to be competitive at the starting line.

AUBURN UNIVERSITY SWIM TEAM

HON. MIKE ROGERS
OF ALABAMA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, April 3, 2003

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, last week the Auburn University swim team dominated the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships by winning the men’s national title. The Tigers routed their nearest competitors by 196.5 points and qualified 11 swimmers for the championship finals and four more for the consolation finals. This was the men’s team third national title ever.

But the men were diving on the heels of the Auburn women’s swim team, who during the previous week, won their first-ever National Championship.

Mr. Speaker, these young men and women symbolize the strength of the human spirit and the joy of achievement. Let us congratulate them for their victories by acclaiming together in the House: “WAR EAGLE!”

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for your consideration of these Americans. As a tribute for the families of these proud young men and women, please enter their names into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Auburn University Men’s Swim Team: Lyle Babcock, Chad Barlow, Seth Barry, George Beal, Fred Bousquet, Will Brandt, Matt Bricker, Kurt Cadry, Patrick Calhoun, Justyn Caron, James Galloway, Mark Gangloff, Caesar Garcia, Derek Gibb, Joseph Gonzales, Andy Haidynayak.

Auburn University Women’s Swim Team: Jenni Anderson, Maggie Bowen, Sally Brown, Demeara Christianson, Eileen Coparropa, Kirsty Cowerten, Lauren Duerr, Magda Dzyszkiewicz, Erin Gayle, Margaret Hoelzer, Kelly Jones, Heather Kemp, Jana Kolukovanova, Rachel Korth, Alessandra Lawless, Leslie Lunsman, Cassidy Maxwell, Jeri Moss, Kersey Patterson, Ashley Rubenstein, Becky Short, Laura Swander, Erin Volcan, Amy Wheatley.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER CONGRESSMAN TENO RONCALIO

HON. BARBARA CUBIN
OF WYOMING
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, April 3, 2003

Ms. CUBIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise with sadness today to note the passing of one of Wyoming’s most prominent and able public servants—former Congressman Teno Roncalio. Congressman Roncalio died on March 30 at the age of 87. He will be forever remembered for a body of legislative accomplishments that truly benefited the state he loved so well.

Known to all in Wyoming as simply Teno, the Congressman was born in World War II. He was born in Rock Springs, WY, the eighth of nine children of an immigrant Italian family. He attended the University of Wyoming, graduated in 1939, and then went to Washington to work for Wyoming Senator Joe Mahoney. He enrolled in Catholic University Law School, only to have his studies interrupted by World War II, where he served with distinction in the 18th infantry, and saw combat in seven campaigns including Africa, Italy, France and Germany. He earned a Silver Star for gallantry during the D-Day Invasion at Normandy.

After World War II, he returned to his beloved state and earned a law degree at the University of Wyoming. After practicing law and serving a stint as a deputy county attorney, he was elected to Congress first in 1964 and then, after losing a Senate race, won our house seat again in 1978. He served another four terms with distinction, retiring in 1978.

During his time in Congress, Teno worked diligently on critically important issues to Wyoming. He helped boost Wyoming’s share of mineral royalties, a driving force in our state’s economy to this day. He wrote legislation to create a number of recreational areas in the state, including Flaming Gorge, Big Horn Canyon and Fossil Butte. After he left Congress, he continued to serve Wyoming, acting as Special Master in the adjudication of water rights on the Big-Horn-Big Wind River. His commitment to environmental concerns and preserving the beauty and history of Wyoming constitute a lasting contribution to the state.

Only last year, the Wyoming congressional delegation was successful in securing approval of legislation to name the United States Post Office in Rock Springs in Teno’s honor. It was a privilege to have a part in recognizing a man with such a distinguished career of devoted public service to our state.

My thoughts and prayers are with Teno’s family. He was a man of great heart and compassion who will truly be missed. Though he is gone, his legacy in Wyoming will live forever.

CHILD ABDUCTION PREVENTION ACT

SPEECH OF
HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 27, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1104) to prevent child abductions, and to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Chairman, I rise in reluctant support of H.R. 1104, the Child Abduction Prevention Act. I support H.R. 1104 reluctantly because while the resolution improves upon the AMBER Alert system, it is not a clean AMBER Alert Bill. Though he is gone, his legacy in Wyoming will live forever.