

will not direct funds and resources to the parochial schools to which he would prefer to send his children and away from the public schools that educate the vast majority of American children?

Clearly, Secretary Paige is refusing to embrace the diversity reflected in our public schools. In a nation that is increasingly diverse, equating good values with Christian values is disrespectful to all non-Christian believers and to all non-believers. Personal faith must never be allowed to dictate government policy.

Through his statements, Secretary Paige has shown that he cannot be relied upon to fulfill his responsibilities. He should resign voluntarily. If not, President Bush should demand his resignation.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK CEDRONE

HON. SCOTT McINNS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I take this opportunity to pay tribute to an icon of the Pueblo, Colorado community, Frank Cedrone. Frank, an accomplished pianist, died recently at the age of seventy-three and as his family and friends mourn his loss, I think it is appropriate that we remember Frank for his many contributions throughout his life.

Frank was half of a renowned piano team with Victoria Markowski, whom he met at the Boston Conservatory of Music. After a successful debut at New York's Carnegie Hall and numerous tours, the couple joined then-Southern Colorado State College in Pueblo as artists-in-residence. Frank taught at the College, gave private piano lessons, led workshops, published articles, and continued his touring schedule. He served as executive director of the Pueblo Symphony for five years and was past president of the Colorado State Music Teachers Association. He retired from USC in 1999, and released a CD album the next year.

Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that we honor the life and memory of Frank Cedrone. He was the recipient of numerous honors and awards, but will be remembered most for the generous way in which he shared his talents throughout his life. As family and friends mourn his passing, I would like to recognize the wonderful life Frank lived and the enjoyment his music brought to people throughout Colorado.

IN HONOR OF THE OHIO PUBLIC
INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Ohio Public Interest Research Group (PIRG), as they celebrate thirty years with PIRG's across the nation of unwavering crusades to reclaim and purify our nation's air, land and waterways.

Like the PIRG in Ohio, these environmental groups are comprised of empowered citizens whose courageous chorus calling for a clean environment has resounded along our rivers, lakes, shores, and wetlands; their voices echo through our valleys, across our meadows and atop our mountains; and their voices rise as the day dawns, clear and bright.

For three decades, this progressive group of individuals has understood the power of collective focus, and these soldiers for our environment know that their struggle to eradicate practices and processes that destroy our environment will determine our ultimate survival as individuals, and as our world as we know it.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and celebration of every member of the Ohio PIRG, as they celebrate thirty years of empowerment, education, awareness, action and achievement on behalf of a cleaner and safer environment, and on behalf of their vision of a world where flora, fauna and all humanity come one step closer to strike that significant balance between the advancement of humankind and the preservation of our natural environment. Moreover, their work, lends to the vital notion that a handful of concerned citizens can restore a river and heal America's heartland—one speech, one letter, one meeting, and one law at a time. "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."—Margaret Mead.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES
ON H.R. 1559, EMERGENCY WAR-
TIME SUPPLEMENTAL ACT, 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Obey motion to instruct Conferees.

Eighteen months ago terrorists used American aircraft to attack this Nation. As a consequence of those attacks, this Congress decided that aviation security should be paid for by the Federal Government because aviation security is national security.

Now is the time for us to re-enforce that commitment by reimbursing the airlines for security fees that they have already paid and by providing unemployment aid to hundreds of thousands of the industry's workers nationwide.

Aid to the Airlines in this Supplemental is necessary to stem the tremendous costs of September 11th that are continuing to be imposed on the airlines and their hard-working employees, and the even greater costs and revenue losses that are likely as the war with Iraq continues.

No other industry since 9/11 has taken on special "security" fees as the airline industry has.

With forecasts of 70,000 layoffs occurring due to the war in Iraq, and the likelihood of further airline bankruptcies, it is crucial that we address this emerging crisis in which airline workers have suffered unprecedented job loss

and economic uncertainty. Without a strong and vibrant airline network, we will not be able to rebuild this nation so that the men and women in our military who left their jobs in the airline industry have jobs to come home to.

To not include funding for the airlines in this bill will do nothing but assure massive layoffs and furloughs.

The airlines lost \$5 billion in the first Gulf War, and they will likely lose at least \$10 to \$12 billion in this current war.

National security is the responsibility of the entire nation, and as we engage in what will be a lengthy war with Iraq, disproportionate costs should not be imposed on an industry that happened to be the means of a terrorist attack.

I urge my colleagues to address the ongoing plight of the aviation industry during this time of war by supporting this motion to instruct.

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SPEECH OF

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the Obey motion to instruct conferees to recede to the Senate amendment to the Emergency Supplemental bill, which would provide 26 weeks of additional temporary extended unemployment compensation for displaced airline related workers.

Mr. Speaker, I support our decision to provide assistance to the airline industry which is already a casualty of the War on Terrorism. Aviation workers fully understand the need to protect their country and workplace from future attacks. Over 150,000 aviation workers have already lost their jobs, and many of those who remain have been forced to take significant pay and benefit cuts to keep their companies afloat.

If we don't act immediately to provide emergency relief, the airlines are predicting another 70,000 job losses and even deeper cuts due to the war in Iraq. Many will no longer have the ability to pay basic living expenses. If we do nothing, workers will be forced to bear the expense of the war.

However, as we protect the airlines we must protect their workers as well. The Murray amendment in the Senate bill would assist those aviation workers who will lose their jobs by providing extended unemployment benefits, help for laid-off families to cover health care costs and job retraining assistance. To my dismay and regret, Congress after the terrorist attacks of September 11th, provided initial relief to airlines, while turning its back on relief for the workers themselves. We have the opportunity today to take another course and assist aviation workers who will likely be disproportionately affected by a war.

I urge my colleagues to support the Obey motion to instruct.