

Randy was known as an athlete and a prankster. In high school, he was a football player and an all-state wrestler. He was a loving husband and the new father of a six-month-old girl. I know that Randy's daughter, family and friends take pride in the uniform he wore and the ideals for which he fought. Our Nation will long endure due to the strength and character of the men and women like Randy who serve our country.

Each generation must renew its commitment to defend our liberties. Today in Iraq, a new generation of young Americans is fighting bravely for the freedom of others. I know that those who seek the true meaning of duty, honor, and sacrifice will find it in dedicated servants like Sergeant First Class Randy Rehn.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot fully express my deep sense of gratitude for the sacrifice of this soldier and his family. Throughout our history, men and women in uniform have fought our battles with distinction and courage. At the dawn of this new century, the United States military has once again been called to defend our freedom against a new and emerging threat. Soldiers like Randy embody America's determination to lead the world in confronting that threat, and Sergeant Rehn's devotion to that cause will not be forgotten. Randy has done all Americans proud and I know he has the respect, admiration and gratitude of all of my colleagues here today.

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REMEMBERING JOSEPH FRED  
POWE

**HON. MAXINE WATERS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2003*

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a constituent of mine. Joseph Powe was a remarkable man. He was a fixture in our community and he will be missed by many. Joe passed on March 20, 2003. He leaves behind a wonderful wife, two daughters, five granddaughters and a host of friends and loved ones.

In many ways Joe was a pioneer. He was among the first African-American Certified Public Accountants. And, he was the only African-American ever to serve as Regional Audit Manager in the Department of Defense's Defense Contract Audit Agency. Joe served his country in the U.S. Air Force from 1954 through 1958. He also served on the Board of Directors of the United Defense Credit Union as well as several other positions. In 1982, he served the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) as the Regional Vice President, Western Region. I understand, as a tribute to his hard work and dedication to the CPA community, his certificate number will be retired. A terrific honor for this wonderful man.

My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Opalane, his daughters, Valarie and Alison, and the rest of his family. I hope they are comforted by the fond memories they have of him with a fishing pole in hand or the smile that always seemed to be on his face. He will be missed but for those who knew him, he will always remain with us.

TRIBUTE TO MILNER-RUSHING  
DRUGS OF NORTHWEST ALABAMA

**HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2003*

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a landmark in my Congressional District, Milner-Rushing Drugs. This pharmacy celebrated its 150th anniversary on April 25, 2003. This milestone anniversary is quite a testament to the successful practice of caring, professional, and personal service that this pharmacy has provided to residents of the Shoals for 150 years.

Milner Drugs was founded in downtown Florence, Alabama in 1833 by Joseph Milner. After numerous owners and a name change to Milner-Rushing Drugs, it was purchased by John M. Lawson in 1995. And since, it has grown from two employees at one location to more than 40 employees at 4 different locations in the Shoals area today.

From compounding special prescription needs to delivering prescriptions to shut-in patients at their homes, Milner-Rushing Drugs is not just a business, but a part of the Northwest Alabama community. This fine staff at Milner-Rushing Drugs includes a Registered Pharmacist, a Registered Respiratory Therapist, and a complete durable medical equipment staff certified by the Alabama Durable Medical Equipment Association. This exceptional staff and history of unique and personalized service keep customers coming back to Milner-Rushing Drugs, which has become a cornerstone of the Shoals area.

Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of the pharmacy's 150th Anniversary, I rise to honor and commend this exceptional company and its staff. I send my best wishes for a happy 150th Anniversary to Milner-Rushing Drugs and for a long and successful future in the Shoals.

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NO HURRY ON EXTENDING  
PATRIOT ACT

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2003*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, some of the most far-reaching provisions of the "USA PATRIOT" Act will expire at the end of 2005 unless Congress acts to extend them. That is nearly three years from now. But reports persist that some think the time has already come for an indefinite extension of those temporary provisions.

I disagree. I think the Denver Post got it just right in a recent editorial: "Not so fast."

For the information of our colleagues, here is the full text of that editorial:

KEEP PATRIOT ACT TEMPORARY

When Congress passed the Patriot Act in October 2001, it wisely included a "sunset" provision that would cause the sweeping legislation to expire on Dec. 31, 2005, unless lawmakers vote to extend it.

Now, Sen. ORRIN HATCH of Utah is leading Republicans in a push to make the legislation permanent.

Not so fast.

The legislation, passed in the emotional aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist at-

tacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, gives the government unprecedented (civil libertarians would say excessive) powers to snoop on Americans, including eavesdropping on communications, surveillance, access to financial and computer records, and other constitutionally deleterious practices.

The U.S. Department of Justice claims the Patriot Act has given the FBI the ability to respond more quickly to stop terrorists before they can act, and given the still-potent threat posed by al-Qaeda and other terrorist organizations bent on doing harm to the United States, that might be a good thing. According to The New York Times, though, Justice wants the expiration date on the Patriot Act excised. And that may not be a good thing, especially considering that the Patriot Act was passed only because Democrats and moderate Republicans insisted on a sunset date.

From our perspective, the Patriot Act is an extreme measure meant to deal with a crisis—much in the same way that martial law can be proclaimed by a state's governor in time of emergency. Once the danger has passed, martial law is revoked. No one wants troops and tanks in their streets forever.

Another argument against extending the Patriot Act indefinitely is that we still don't know how its application ultimately will shake out. Will it be used to harass and intimidate unpopular groups expressing unpopular opinions? Will it be used against political enemies of this or future administrations?

Fact is, the feds have been playing their cards very close to the vest on how they've used the Patriot Act. And Congress still doesn't have a handle on how the FBI and other government agencies have used this extreme legislation that treads so heavily on the Bill of Rights.

Even if, in the final analysis, it's shown that the government hasn't abused the act, it should never become permanent. We repeat: Never.

American liberty is too precious a commodity bought at a too high price in blood and treasure to be tossed aside in a panic. What does it profit us to bring freedom to Iraq while throwing our own away?

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CELEBRATING THE 31ST ANNIVERSARY OF ST. GENEVIEVE'S  
FRIENDSHIP CLUB

**HON. RAHM EMANUEL**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2003*

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize The Friendship Club of St. Genevieve's church. On April 23, 2003, the Friendship Club celebrated 31 years of service to Chicago's Northwest side. Led by Jean Juske, the group's president of the past 17 years, the club of 550 active members has worked to educate seniors on issues important to them. Throughout the years, the Friendship Club has held bi-monthly meetings on issues such as personal finance, public safety and politics. The group also helps seniors find safe and affordable housing. My friends at St. Gens, however, say that some of their most popular activities are the social ones such as dinner theatre trips. Whatever the activity, I salute the Friendship Club for their service to Chicago. Neighborhood organizations like this one form the backbone of communities, and Chicago is a much stronger place because of