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Dedication and Professionalism: Officer Christopher Hutcheson, Manchester Police Department; Sergeant Bob Therrien, Lebanon Police Department; Sergeant Franklin W. Knowles, Hampton Police Department; Officer William Cronin, Hampton Police Department; Officer Scott Bates, Hampton Police Department; Officer Robert Sparkes, Hampton Police Department.

Associate Service Award: Chief Warrant Officer 3 Peter Cartmel, New Hampshire Army National Guard; Chief Warrant Officer 5 Bruce Gokey, New Hampshire Army National Guard; Staff Sergeant James Ward, New Hampshire Army National Guard; Sergeant Andrew Shannon, New Hampshire Army National Guard.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERNIE FLETCHER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2003

Mr. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, July 10, 2003, I was unavoidably detained due to weather grounding my commercial flight. Had I been present for Rollcall votes No. 348, No. 349, No. 350, No. 351, and No. 352, I would have voted the following way:

Rollcall vote No. 348—"nay"; Rollcall vote No. 349—"nay"; Rollcall vote No. 350—"nay"; Rollcall vote No. 351—"nay"; Rollcall vote No. 352—"nay."

HONORING KGPE-TV

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor KGPE-TV in Fresno, CA for their impressive support for our community. In 2002, KGPE-TV donated a total of 2148 spots of valuable airtime towards Ad Council public service announcements.

Throughout the Ad Council's 60-year history, stations like KGPE-TV have helped to address the most pressing social issues of the day. Each year, the Ad Council receives approximately \$1.3 billion in donated media for over 40 campaigns to promote awareness

about topics ranging from high-school drop-out prevention to AIDS awareness.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to honor KGPE-TV for their ongoing dedication to informing the 19th district of current and socially important issues that improve the lives of our constituents and our nation.

CONGRATULATING DETROIT REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. THADDEUS G. MCCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2003

Mr. MCCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce on its 100th Anniversary which it celebrated last week. It is a pleasure and a privilege to commemorate this milestone and celebrate everyone who has contributed to the Chamber's success.

Remaining true to the original slogan "For the general good of Detroit," the organization's 253 charter members and numerous successors have been a cornerstone of the Detroit area's commercial, industrial and municipal advancement for the past 100 years.

Truly, they are rightly proud of their past accomplishments in and future commitment to our community.

It has been an honor to be associated with its members and all their endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM RYUN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2003

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I missed three votes in the House of Representatives on July 21, 2003. Had I been in attendance I would have made the following votes:

The Van Hollen Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 1308, All-American Tax Relief Act of 2003. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "no."

Passage of H.R. 1516, the National Cemetery Expansion Act of 2003. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "yea."

Passage of H. Con. Res. 212, Recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of the Year of the Korean War Veteran. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "yea."

THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO AFRICA

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 2003

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to share an editorial written by C. Payne Lucas, president emeritus of Africare, a Washington-based nonprofit organization that operates development programs in 26 African countries. "Bush Should Listen Closely in Africa" was published in *Newsday* earlier this month.

As President George W. Bush leaves on his first trip to Africa Monday, I am reminded of a trip I made to the continent in 1985 with his father, then-Vice President George H.W. Bush. Massive drought and famine were raging in the Sahel region of West Africa at the time. Thousands of people and farm animals were dying, and most men, women and children were spending their waking moments desperately searching for food and water.

Africans were calling for help, and then-President Ronald Reagan sent Bush on a fact-finding mission to West Africa. I was one of a number of development specialists who accompanied him. On this visit, the vice president did not just rely on briefings from U.S. diplomats and highly placed local officials. He went out of his way to engage with—and learn from—people from all walks of life. He spoke with the people at the local level in an effort to get a firsthand account of the enormous odds they faced. Bush listened, and inspired hope. Eventually the U.S. government brought substantive emergency and development assistance to the Sahel nations.

Today, Africa still faces many challenges. Some of these are as familiar as the famine we saw in the Sahel nearly 20 years ago. Others are problems that were barely on anyone's radar screen in 1985, such as the AIDS crisis. But, as it was in 1985, so it is today: In helping Africa's people cope with the problems they face, the United States and the rest of the world need to seek ideas from the people on the ground. On his trip to Nigeria, Senegal, Uganda, Botswana and South Africa, President George W. Bush will seek to build a better partnership, not just with the people of these five countries, but with the continent as a whole. He will be aiming to counter the longstanding complaint that the United States pays little attention to African countries beyond the desire for access to natural resources such as oil.

As someone who has lived and worked in Africa, and focused nearly four decades of work on the continent, my suggestion to the president is very simple: Listen closely and learn a lot. Often, we Americans tend to think of how different sub-Saharan African countries are from ours. But those differences are minor. Africa's people want the same things we want: peace and security, a decent education for their children, health care—a better future. But, unlike those of us in the United States, Africans have far fewer means to achieve these everyday goals.

This is where the United States can make a big difference. People in Africa have faith in America because they realize that we have plenty of experience in managing diversity, getting people from different racial, religious and ethnic backgrounds to work for the common good. Although we don't always realize it, Africans need these same skills in dealing with the challenges of nation-building. An active engagement by the United States can help make this happen in such countries as Sudan, Congo, Liberia and Sierra Leone. For decades, we have remained committed to helping bring peace in the Mideast.

We have engaged in ending bloodshed in Bosnia and Northern Ireland. Africans deserve no less. And, in this present reality, that means the United States should put troops on the ground in Liberia to prevent the continuation of bloodshed. But this issue should not overshadow other aspects of Bush's trip.