

conducted by Nazis in the concentration camp. Nevertheless he has continued to appreciate and value the gift of life for which he so arduously fought in the Second World War.

Fifteen years ago Bill Basch retired from the business world, and this gave him the opportunity to reflect on his past, particularly his experience in the Holocaust. He began to wonder why he survived while so many others were murdered. Five years into retirement, Bill's ten-year old granddaughter, Heidi Basch, asked him to speak in the sixth grade class about his experience in the Holocaust. This began the next phase of Bill's life.

Mr. Speaker, Bill continues his commendable humanitarian work by dedicating his life to Holocaust education. He regularly gives lectures and interviews to students young and old in Southern California, where he still resides. He hopes to instill an obligation and trust in youth, which compels them to speak out against crimes against humanity, wherever they occur.

Bill's moving story of survival came to the attention of the Shoah Foundation, an organization created by Steven Spielberg after he made the movie *Shindler's List*. The Shoah foundation employs numerous individuals dedicated to the accumulation of testimonies of Holocaust survivors throughout the world, and one of the accounts they added to the archive was Bill Basch's personal history.

In 1997, Spielberg began researching survivors' testimonies for the *The Last Days*, the academy award winning documentary film which focused upon five Hungarian survivors whose stories intertwine through their connections with Raoul Wallenberg. Due to Mr. Basch's involvement in Wallenberg's heroic efforts to save thousands of Hungarian Jews, he was selected to take part in this film. My own personal story is also told in *The Last Days*, and it was in the making of that documentary that I came to know Bill Basch. I stand before you today to commend Bill both as an outstanding humanitarian and as my personal friend.

Mr. Speaker, since 1990 the University of Michigan has awarded its Wallenberg Medal to twelve individuals whose humanitarian actions exemplify those of Raoul Wallenberg. Medal recipients include Nobel Laureates Elie Wiesel, His Holiness the Dalai Lama, and Miep Gies, the woman who supported Anne Frank and her family in hiding.

Mr. Speaker, this year, Bill joins the ranks of these remarkable human beings who have made incredible efforts to speak and act out against man's inhumanity to man. I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Bill Basch, the Raoul Wallenberg Medal recipient of 2003.

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MOTHER TERESA: A TRIBUTE TO  
THE ANGEL OF MERCY

**HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2003*

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, soft-spoken, demure, barely five feet tall, Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu changed the world with her selfless heart for the suffering. Known to all as Mother Teresa, this Roman Catholic nun of Albanian descent lived out her calling in the slums of

Calcutta, India, offering decency and self-respect to the inhabitants of the streets and gutters. The depth of her compassion for the unwanted and uncared for left an indelible impression on this world.

Her impact was most directly felt in Calcutta, where she established and directed her order, Missionaries of Charity. But the effect of her mercy reached far and wide, through a network of homes around the world for the poorest of the poor. Wielding the weapon of love, Mother Teresa combated hunger, disease, and death with a quiet spirituality that defied discouragement. She brought attention to the despair of those trampled underneath the weight of wealth and affluence, while underscoring their hope for dignity. The simplicity of her message, that there is nothing acceptable or noble about poverty, resonated well with the natives of her adopted country.

At the height of the siege in Beirut in the early 1980s, Mother Teresa persuaded the Palestinian guerillas and the Israeli army to stop fighting long enough for her to rescue 37 children with mental retardation from a hospital on the front lines. She was then 72 years old.

She pioneered one of the first homes for AIDS victims, established a leper colony called Shanti Nagar (Town of Peace), and created a home for the dying poor—the Nirmal Hriday, or "Pure Heart," Home for Dying Destitutes, where homeless people who could not receive care from other institutions were washed and fed by the sisters, and allowed to die with dignity.

Mother Teresa described her mission as caring for "not just the poor, but the poorest of the poor: those who are so dirty and full of germs that no one goes near them; those who do not go to pray because they are naked; those who do not eat because they do not have the strength, those who collapse on the sidewalks knowing they are about to die while the living walk by without even looking back; those who do not cry because they have no more tears left."

Upon her death, we were left with, in the words of French President Jacques Chirac, "less love, less compassion, less light in the world."

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TRIBUTE TO PAULETTE  
WAGGONER

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen from my district. Paulette Waggoner of Kim, Colorado selflessly dedicates her time and efforts to helping children experience the excitement of the rodeo, a longstanding western tradition. Her love and dedication to this unique western experience is truly inspirational, and I am honored to share Paulette's story here today.

Paulette has been involved with the Kids Rodeo for fifty-one years, beginning when she raced Shetland ponies as a young girl. She donates her time and energy to sharing her extensive knowledge of the rodeo with young Coloradans in my district. Whether it is helping with the Three Horse Relay, a race comprised

of three-rider teams, or working as a timer, Paulette is always there to lend a hand. Paulette and her husband Kent also lend horses to children who need them in order to compete. She has helped many children win All-Around titles.

Mr. Speaker, countless children have learned the joy and excitement of the rodeo because of the ceaseless work of Paulette Waggoner. Her dedication and hard work keep the tradition and heritage of the rodeo alive, and I am honored to join with my colleagues here today in extending my thanks to Paulette and wishing her the best of luck in the future. Thank you, Paulette, for your service to Colorado.

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REMEMBERING THE LATE  
SHANNON BYBEE

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2003*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of Shannon Bybee, executive director of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas' International Gaming Institute and a pillar of our community, who passed away last week at the age of 65.

Shannon Bybee was born Aug. 29, 1938, in Tropic, Utah. Shannon Bybee graduated from the University of Utah College of Law in 1969 and clerked for Nevada Supreme Court Justice Jon Collins. He was appointed to the Nevada Gaming Control Board in 1971. Shannon went on from that position to run casinos in both New Jersey and Nevada.

After his successes in the gaming industry, Shannon joined UNLV in 1994, teaching classes at the school's College of Hotel Administration and the William S. Boyd School of Law, and directing UNLV's International Gaming Institute.

Shannon is survived by his wife Norma Reid Bybee, daughters Kelli Poll and Erin Belanger, and sons Sean Bybee, Brendan Bybee and Reid Bybee, as well as 12 grandchildren. He is also survived by sister, Molly Adams, and brothers Patrick Bybee and Evan Bybee.

People like Shannon Bybee helped make Las Vegas what it is today. Shannon always demonstrated, in his industry and educational careers, his commitment to the people and well-being of Las Vegas and Southern Nevada. My condolences are with his wife Norma and their family.

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TRIBUTE TO BILL STEARMAN

**HON. MIKE PENCE**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2003*

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, in Indiana, high school basketball is a passion. My home state has produced thousands of first-rate players and coaches since the 1940s. And one such hero passed away on Tuesday at the age of 79.

Coach Bill Stearman's basketball acumen earned him legendary status throughout Indiana. His Columbus High and then Columbus North teams won 714 games, included among

them two semistate titles, 12 regional championships and 27 sectional crowns. amassed an impressive resume including two undefeated regular season teams before being inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 1983.

But, Mr. Speaker, while all of Indiana will mourn the passing of an outstanding basketball coach, Bill Stearman's hometown of Columbus, Indiana will mourn the passing of a great man and Christian role model to generations of Columbus High School students, myself included.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the City of Columbus, I extend heartfelt sympathies to Bill Stearman's family, specifically his son Bill, his grandson Sloan and his sister Katherine. Coach Stearman embodied both the Hoosier Hysteria of Indiana high school basketball and the Hoosier Hospitality of Indiana's caring communities. He will be deeply missed.

IN HONOR OF THE 50TH BIRTHDAY  
OF THE CITY OF DEL REY OAKS,  
CA

### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2003*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the City of Del Rey Oaks on celebrating its fiftieth birthday on September 13, 2003. This small residential community on the Monterey Peninsula was incorporated on September 4, 1953 and embodies the best qualities of the Central Coast.

In many ways, Del Rey Oaks is an idyllic town, with its large open space and parkland, low crime and unemployment rates, and high voter turnout. The citizens of Del Rey Oaks are proud of their community, with good reason, and work hard to maintain this quality of life. After fifty years, the town continues to grow, but has not forgotten its humble beginnings.

The city celebrated its birthday and its history with an old fashioned picnic in the park, complete with the planting of oak trees and the burying of a time capsule. This town symbolizes the wonderful nature of the people and communities of the Monterey Peninsula, I am pleased to honor the fiftieth birthday of the City of Del Rey Oaks.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT FLOHR

### HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2003*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen from my district. Robert Flohr of Rifle, Colorado has dedicated countless hours to local rodeo clubs for children. His hard work has helped keep the rodeo tradition alive for future generations to enjoy, and I am honored to share his story here today.

For over twenty years, Robert has been volunteering his time and efforts to everything from 4-H to the Little Britches Rodeo Association and local high school rodeo clubs. Chil-

dren are especially dear to Robert's heart, and he focuses on those groups that help and educate children. Robert is currently the President of the Garfield County Fair Board, which is responsible for putting on the county fair. Five hundred children participate in the fair each year, where they learn lessons that will serve them throughout their lives, from the importance of providing consistent care to animals to how to keep a budget.

Mr. Speaker, Robert Flohr's tireless work makes the joy and excitement of the Garfield County Fair possible. His commitment to children and the organizations that serve them is inspirational, and I am honored to join with my colleagues today in recognizing Robert's dedication and commitment to our youth. I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD NADDER

### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2003*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a distinguished American, Richard Nadder, who was finally awarded four medals, 50 years after serving our country in the Korean War: the National Defense Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the Presidential Unit Citation and the Korean Service Medal with a Bronze Star.

Mr. Speaker, Richard Nadder was drafted in December of 1952 and went to Korea in May, 1953, as a Private with the 3rd Infantry Division. His main duties included hooking up telephone lines to maintain communication in the treacherous terrain of the "Iron Triangle" in Chorwon, North Korea, in the final weeks of the war that cost nearly 37,000 American lives. He has never regretted serving his country and has always been proud to call himself a Korean War Veteran.

Mr. Speaker, six years ago Richard Nadder decided he wanted to obtain these medals as treasured keepsakes for his three grandchildren. After several of his letters went unanswered, Richard contacted Congressman KIRK's office, who then determined his military records had been destroyed in a St. Louis warehouse fire. After much work on the part of the Army and Congressman KIRK's office, Richard Nadder's discharge papers were recreated. With his wife, children, grandchildren and other fellow Korean War veterans looking on, he was finally awarded the medals he earned and deserved.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Richard Nadder. I'm exceedingly proud to honor him for his courageous service to our country and for the honorable life he has led as a husband, father, grandfather, brother and cousin.

INTRODUCTION OF THE YOUTH  
WORKER PROTECTION ACT

### HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2003*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, today, I along with 32 of my colleagues introduced H.R.

3139, the "Youth Worker Protection Act" (YWPA). This legislation is necessary because the exploitation of child labor is a national problem that continues to jeopardize the health, education and lives of many of our nation's children and teenagers. In our farm fields and in fast-food restaurants all over this country, employers are breaking the law by hiring under-age children. This legislation seeks to eliminate the all-too-common exploitation of children working long hours late into the night while school is in session, and working under hazardous and dangerous conditions.

Mr. Speaker, one hundred years ago the state of child labor conditions in our country was so deplorable many children worked 60 or 70-hour weeks in the hardest forms of labor—mines, mills and the fields. These appalling conditions led Mother Jones to lead thousands of children from the mills in Kensington, PA, to President Theodore Roosevelt's home in Oyster Bay, New York. These mill children went on strike demanding that their work schedules be lowered from 60 hours to 55 hours a week.

Today, a century after the famous "March of the Mill Children," working conditions of child labor in our country have noticeably improved. As a result of laws passed after the march, the "Mill Children's" work week was set at 58 hours, and then came the passage of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) in 1938, which limited hours for children and adults to 40 hours per week.

Despite these advances, there are still significant problems facing America's youth work force. In some ways kids today are working just as long as their "Mill Children" predecessors, especially when one considers the hours a student is in school. While people today often associate the evils of child labor as occurring only in Third World countries, American teenagers are also exploited on the job.

Mr. Speaker, the average time a student is in class is about 7 hours a day, or 35 hours a week. This does not include additional time for extracurricular activities or homework. Going to school is almost a full time job itself. In addition to devoting a minimum of 35 hours a week to their schoolwork, many high-school students are also working 30 to 40 hours a week for some of America's largest corporations, often working well past midnight while simultaneously trying to balance school requirements. When one combines the hours some of today's teens are at school with their hours at work, the 70-hour workweek is still in place.

Research clearly indicates that working more than 20 hours a week in addition to a normal school schedule has a negative effect on student's academic progress. Additional studies show that children who work long hours also tend to use more alcohol and drugs.

Mr. Speaker, this is why I have introduced H.R. 3139, the Youth Worker Protection Act (YWPA), which sets common-sense limits on the hours that students can work during the school year.

Beyond the long hours, many of our nation's teenagers are forced to work in hazardous conditions that threaten their health and safety. Mr. Speaker, I am saddened to report that a young person is killed on the job every five days, and that every 40 seconds a child is injured on the job. It is appalling to learn that in