

Mother Teresa is one of the most magnetic figures in the history of the world. Wherever she went, crowds followed in hope of seeing her or hearing her speak. When she did speak, it was with great humility, employing simple yet moving phrases.

Few people in the history of the world have done more to help their fellow human beings than Mother Teresa. She was truly the ultimate example of what it means to be a caring person. I ask my fellow Members of Congress to join me in formally paying tribute to the many contributions of Mother Teresa.

RECOGNIZING PROFESSOR
CLINTON N. HEWITT

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the distinguished Professor Clinton N. Hewitt, a renowned lecturer, author, and community activist. Throughout his professional career he has been committed to serving education and his community alike.

Professor Hewitt is a proud native of Virginia and a graduate of the Virginia Public School System. He holds undergraduate degrees from Virginia State University and Michigan State University. Furthermore, Professor Hewitt has earned a graduate degree in Landscape Architecture at Michigan State University and has completed the Institute of Education Management Program at Harvard University. Currently, Professor Hewitt is a full-time faculty member at the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture at the University of Minnesota. Before deciding to teach full-time he served as the Associate Vice President for planning at the University of Minnesota for nearly thirty years. It was there that he managed the planning, design, and construction of facilities with funding well over one billion dollars. In addition, Professor Hewitt is the past president of the Society for College and University Planning (SCUP), an organization recognized nationally and internationally as the leader in prompting the practice of comprehension planning in higher education.

Professor Hewitt has been recognized for his achievements on many occasions. He has received SCUP's Founders Award for Distinguished Achievement in Higher Education Planning, as well as its Distinguished Service Award. Professor Hewitt has also received the American Institute of Architecture Minnesota Honor and Special Awards for leading its Minority Scholarship Program in 2000 and the Distinguished Service to Higher Education Planning, Torch and Shield Award. He has been given memberships to Alpha Kappa Mu National Honorary Society, Beta Kappa Chi Honorary Science Society, Kappa Phi Kappa Professional Education Fraternity, and Sigma Lambda Alpha Honor Society in Landscape Architecture. In 1987, Professor Hewitt spread his community service internationally when he was one of eleven delegates of U.S. College and University Facilities Administrators who were invited to visit China to examine common problems and develop facilities management programs.

Beyond Professor Hewitt's extraordinary professional career, he has given back much

to his community. He serves on the Board of the University of Minnesota YMCA, the Minnesota Architectural Foundation Board, and the Board of Directors of Hope Community. He is a member of the Minneapolis University Rotary Club, NAACP, and the American Association for Higher Education.

Mr. Speaker, Professor Hewitt has been an asset to the betterment of higher education. His contributions have been great and selfless to those around him. I ask that my colleagues rise and join me in honoring Professor Clinton N. Hewitt.

ADOPTION PROMOTION ACT OF
2003, H.R. 3182

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 3182, the Adoption Promotion Act of 2003. As we approach the holiday season, our thoughts are often filled with happy family memories. Thousands of families across this great country have relied on adoption for added joy in their home. I am pleased to support the Adoption Promotion Act of 2003 and the included incentives for each state to promote adoption and find families for the thousands of children who would prosper with a stable family. As a husband and proud father of three children, I can attest to the joy they have brought, and continue to bring, into my life.

According to the 2000 Census statistics, 19,733 children have been adopted in Kansas, 3 percent of children under 18 years of age. I am pleased that only 4 states have a higher adoption rate.

Adoption is a satisfying choice and one which spans generations. Chuck Knapp, a member of my staff, was adopted. His mother was also adopted, and he and his wife are proud parents of two sons, one of whom is adopted. His example is testament to the benefits of adoption.

We need to do a better job of encouraging adoption and holding each state's adoption agency accountable to timely work applications. We can all be grateful for someone who has come into our lives through this beautiful choice. For me, I have gained a friend and a fabulous member of my staff.

It is with great anticipation that I support this bill for its benefits are greatly needed as America continues to foster her families. I thank Representative Dave Camp for introducing this important bill and I would like to encourage my colleague to join me in voting "aye" for H.R. 3182.

HONORING THOMAS HOBBS

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Thomas Hobbs, on his receipt of the Bronze Star Medal with Combat V. This long delayed award recognizes the incredible heroism and dedication to service dis-

played by Thomas Hobbs when he served his country in South Vietnam more than 30 years ago.

In 1970 Thomas Hobbs was serving as a Specialist 4 with Recon Team 1, Company E, 3rd Battalion, 503rd Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade. Specialist Hobbs was participating in a multi-team ambush of communist forces in the Suoi Ca Valley when Recon Teams I and 2 of Company E engaged a much larger enemy force. Team 2 was pinned down by enemy fire, with several of its own members wounded. Specialist Hobbs, without thought of his own safety, left the perimeter of Team 1 to bring aid and additional firepower to Team 2. With his help, Team 2 was able to survive the communist attack. Without his bravery, Team 2 would have been overrun, and the long list of Americans sacrificed in the defense of freedom would have been even longer.

I learned of this act of heroism when I received a letter from Ken Burbank, one of the men in Team 2 whom Thomas Hobbs helped save. For more than 30 years, he had remembered the brave soldier who had come to the aid of his unit that dark and dangerous night, and continued to look for Thomas Hobbs so he could thank him for saving his life. I was pleased to recommend to the Army that they honor Thomas Hobbs for his bravery, and I look forward to being able to present him with his award. All Americans should keep the courage and self-sacrifice of Thomas Hobbs, and the men and women who follow in his footsteps today, in mind when enjoying the freedoms he fought so bravely for.

HONORING DR. MICHAEL ZIRPOLO

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to honor Dr. Michael A. "Mike" Zirpola upon his retirement after nearly forty-five years of practicing medicine in the State of California since his graduation from the University of California. Mike has distinguished himself throughout his career as a dedicated family practice physician who has ministered to thousands of his patients, without regard to whether they could afford the necessary patient care by relying on his independent medical judgment as opposed to non medical determinations.

Dr. Zirpola is nationally known and recognized by both civilian and military pilots for his years of dedication to his additional specialty as a Class I FAA Airmen Medical Examiner, during which he has examined and certified thousands of pilots and ensured the safety of civil aviation by adhering to the highest standards of examination for the certification of pilots.

Dr. Zirpola has played an important role in air passenger and pilot safety during his medical practice and membership in the Civil Aviation Medical Association, American Academy of Air Traffic Control Medicine and Aerospace Medical Association. He has enjoyed the respect and recognition of many active and retired military pilots during his years of practice for his patriotism. Though he is retiring from his general medical practice, he will continue to devote his medical examination efforts to

the certification and safety of United States' pilots.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Dr. Zirpolo's decades of contributions to air traffic and pilot safety, and commend this Doctor and Medical Examiner approach that has marked his exceptional years of practice.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JEANNINE LORAE MARTINEAU

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jeannine Martineau, a board member in the Lake Elsinore Unified School District and the outgoing President of the California School Boards Association. Jeannine Martineau is an exceptional community leader and citizen of Lake Elsinore.

Ms. Martineau has a distinguished record of service throughout her community and the State of California. She has served on the California School Boards Association for the past 12 years. She was a member of the association's delegate assembly and served as a regional director since 1992. This year Ms. Martineau was named chair of the Cities, Counties, and Schools Partnership.

Jeannine has also been a model of personal involvement. She has been active in many community organizations including the Elsinore Woman's Club, Elsinore Valley Human Services Commission and was named 2003 Tri-County Youth Services Volunteer of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to personally thank Ms. Martineau for her service to her community and wish her good fortune in the future.

VETERANS BENEFITS ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2297, the Veterans Benefits Act of 2003. This bill contains a number of measures for our Nation's veterans. Among those is a provision that will expand the Montgomery G.I. Bill program, a tried and true program that helps our veterans achieve their education goals. H.R. 2297 strengthens the program by authorizing educational assistance for on-job training in certain self-employment training programs.

Another provision in this bill allows a re-married surviving spouse of a veteran to be buried next to the veteran in a national cemetery, based on the original marriage. An across-the-board prohibition on remarried spouses of veterans' burial eligibility is unfair to many of the dedicated women and men who spent years supporting their veteran spouse. A change in this policy is only fair.

Finally, this bill eliminates the requirement that a prisoner of war be held for 30 days or more to qualify for presumptions of service-

connection for psychoses, anxiety disorders, frostbite residuals, and other diseases. Some of our bravest veterans are plagued by these life-changing sicknesses, and they deserve fair and just compensation.

As a member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, I strongly support strengthening benefits for our Nation's veterans, who have fought so bravely to protect our country. I am proud to be a cosponsor of H.R. 2297 and urge my colleagues to support its passage today.

CONGRATULATING MAGEE RIETER FOR 11TH STRAIGHT HONOR FROM GENERAL MOTORS

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Magee Rieter Automotive Systems of Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania for winning the "Supplier of the Year" award for quality and service for the 11th consecutive time from General Motors Corporation. I ask that my colleagues pay tribute to Magee Rieter, its President and Chief Executive Officer Mike Katerman and all the employees for winning this International recognition.

Not only is this the 11th straight award for Magee Rieter and its employees, they now have the distinction of being the only company in all of North America to earn the honor for so many consecutive years. Each year, less than 100 companies out of 30,000 win this distinction. Additionally, only one other company in the world can match this incredible record of quality.

As Mr. Katerman puts it, Magee Rieter manufactures the highest quality fabricated floor carpet and acoustical systems. General Motors is their largest customer.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege and honor to represent a company that has been internationally recognized for its commitment to quality, service, technology and its pricing. It is equally rewarding to represent employees who are acclaimed for their hard work and ingenuity.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association (PSNA) which is celebrating its 100th anniversary on October 17, 2003.

PSNA first met in 1903 with the purpose of supporting Pennsylvania's nurses, and the association quickly worked to establish standards of licensure and education. In its 100 years of service, PSNA has transitioned from a graduate nurses association to a union and finally to a professional organization representing all registered nurses. Through its responses to changing times PSNA has shaped the nursing profession. In its early days, PSNA

advocated for the profession and for women. During times of national crisis the organization has provided support to those who needed it. In the days after the tragic events of September 11th PSNA coordinated volunteers willing to provide nursing care to the victims of the terrorist attacks.

Registered Nurses play a vital role in the delivery of quality and effective healthcare. PSNA continues to take a leading role in a changing industry. I congratulate the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association on its 100 years of service and support to Pennsylvania's Registered Nurses, and wish them many more years of continued success.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 6, ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the gentlewoman for offering this motion to instruct, and I would like to offer my strong support.

The fact that we are here today debating this motion shows just how offtrack the Energy Conference has gone. When the gentlewoman offered this same language as an amendment to the House Energy bill it passed by voice vote because it was so popular. Now, a conference being led by Republicans is not allowing Democratic conferees to participate. And now they are stripping some of the most important and popular provisions from the bill.

Let's call this what it really is. This "Inventory" that members from the other side of the aisle say is so necessary is a sham. In fact, the Minerals Management Service already conducts a survey every 5 years, and the latest assessment was done in 2000. Taking an inventory of what lies beneath the sea floor is not like taking an inventory of office supplies. It requires a careful process that takes into account the delicate ecosystem that the Outer Continental Shelf comprises.

The point of removing this important provision in conference is not to conduct an "inventory," but instead it is to open up the Outer Continental Shelf for big oil companies to drill for oil. We all know where the oil is, and they can't wait to get in there and drill. Such drilling would put our coastal communities at needless risk.

My district is comprised of some of the most beautiful coastline in the world. From Gualala Point to the San Francisco Bay, my constituents depend on this beautiful coastline, and I do not want to see oil on our beaches or animals killed by irresponsible drilling.

Instead of expanding drilling, we should be exploring new ways to create clean and renewable energy sources. I urge conferees to add more funding for developing, implementing, and expanding renewable energy programs instead of senselessly opening up our Outer Continental Shelf to big oil companies.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote for this motion to instruct. Let's send a clear signal that the Energy conference should not take place in secret and disregard the wishes of the American people.