

and vibrant young woman whose life was tragically taken on July 31, 2002 in the terrorist attack in the cafeteria at Hebrew University Mt. Scopus campus in Jerusalem.

Marla was a 24-year-old recent graduate of the University of California at Berkeley who was studying to obtain her masters' degree at Hebrew University. She was also training at the Pardes Institute to become a Jewish educator.

Marla was well-known to the Jewish community at Berkeley and was a familiar face at countless organizations, including Hillel and Bayit, the Jewish student cooperative of UC Berkeley.

Marla grew up at Camp JCA Shalom as a camper, counselor-in-training, counselor, unit head and, during the summer of 2001, the program director. During her time at Camp JCA Shalom, she touched the lives of thousands of campers and staff.

Her infectious personality and compassion for others will be memorialized in the Marla Bennett Israel Discovery Center and Garden this weekend. The Center is an interactive hands-on learning center that teaches about the land, history and people of Israel; the flora and fauna of modern and ancient Israel; the relationship between Judaism and the environment; environmental awareness and protection; Jewish traditions, thoughts and values; and organic gardening and farming.

During the summer, thousands of Camp JCA Shalom campers ages seven through 17 will have the opportunity to experience the Marla Bennett Israel Discovery Center and Garden. Throughout the year, the Center will be open to the community for field trips, weekend retreats and long-term educational studies.

The Marla Bennett Israel Discovery Center and Garden is housed at the Shalom Institute Camp and Conference Center. Nestled in a beautiful wooded canyon in the Malibu Mountains and only 45 minutes from downtown Los Angeles, the Shalom Institute provides campers of all ages positive Jewish experiences, a greater appreciation for the environment and lots of fun activities. From children to seniors, the Shalom Institute offers exciting programs throughout the year for campers of all ages.

The Marla Bennett Israel Discovery Center and Garden will be a welcome addition to the Shalom Institute and will serve to keep Marla's exuberant spirit and memory alive. I ask my colleagues to join me in the dedication of the Marla Bennett Israel Discovery Center and Garden.

ST. JOHNS RIVER VETERANS  
MEMORIAL BRIDGE

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 1, 2004*

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, on Memorial Day, May 31, 2004 a ceremony was held in Central Florida in commemoration of naming the new Interstate 4 bridge connecting Volusia and Seminole Counties as the "St. Johns River Veterans Memorial Bridge".

The designation of this structure, a principal transportation link, was made possible by action of the Florida Legislature; by an Act signed into law by Governor Jeb Bush on May

13, 2004; and by resolutions adopted by the Seminole County Commission and the Volusia County Council.

While it was my privilege to recommend naming the bridge in honor of all veterans who have served our Nation, I would like to express my appreciation—and that of all Florida veterans and citizens—to those State and local leaders who made this tribute to our veterans and special designation possible:

Governor Jeb Bush.

Members of the Florida Senate representing Seminole and Volusia Counties—Sen. Evelyn J. Lynn, Chair of the Volusia County Legislative Delegation; Sen. Lee Constantine; Sen. Anna P. Cowin; Sen. Anthony C. "Tony" Hill, Sr.; Sen. James E. "Jim" King, Jr.; Sen. Bill Posey; and Sen. Daniel Webster.

Members of the Florida House of Representatives representing Seminole and Volusia Counties—Rep. David Simmons, Chair of the Seminole County Legislative Delegation; Rep. Sandra "Sandy" Adams; Rep. Carey Baker; Rep. Joyce Cusack; Rep. Suzanne M. Kosmas; Rep. David J. Mealor; Rep. Pat Patterson; and Rep. Joe H. Pickens.

The Seminole County Commission—Chairman Daryl G. McLain and Commissioners Carlton D. Henley; Grant Maloy; Randall C. Morris and Dick Van Der Weide.

The Volusia County Council—Chairman Dwight Lewis and Council Members Joie Alexander; Frank Bruno, Jr.; Jack Hayman; Joe Jaynes; Bill Long and Patricia Northey.

Furthermore, I would like to recognize four families who lost loved ones in service to our Nation and who participated in the Memorial Day dedication ceremony. These eight individuals represented many other families and Americans who have made similar, great sacrifices:

Jesse and Arbutus Beall. Their son, Specialist 4 Charles Richard Beall, was killed in action in Kontum, South Vietnam on March 6, 1968 while serving in the United States Army.

Jim and Sandy Wetmore. Their son, Airman 1st Class Brian William McVeigh of the United States Air Force, was killed in a terrorist attack on the Khobar Towers Military Complex in Saudi Arabia on June 25, 1996.

Mrs. Jill Roberts and her son, Jacob. Jill's husband and Jacob's father, Corporal Robert D. Roberts of the United States Army, died on November 22, 2003 while serving in Baghdad, Iraq.

Mrs. Minna Earnest and her son, Brian. Minna's husband and Brian's father, Commander Charles M. Earnest of the United States Navy, perished at sea during combat operations in North Vietnam on November 28, 1972, and Minna's son and Brian's brother, Charles Bradley Earnest, a member of the United States Army Special Forces, died on August 21, 1999 from injuries previously sustained during combat training.

Each day in Central Florida as tens of thousands of travelers cross the St. Johns River Veterans Memorial Bridge, they will be reminded of the price these and thousands of other veterans and their families have paid for the freedoms all Americans enjoy.

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SPEECH OF

HON. ROSA L. DELAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 18, 2004*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this legislation. The bills before us today do not merely amend or modernize the historic Occupational Safety and Health Act, which put in place critical workplace protections—rather, they undermine it.

One discourages OSHA from citing small employers who would otherwise be in violation of the law, while another weakens the ability of the Secretary of Labor to enforce those laws. Another allows this Administration to stack the OSHA commission for political purposes, while the last gives employers more leeway in challenging OSHA citations.

In every sense, these are blatantly anti-employee changes to existing law, intended to take power away from average working people and put it in the hands of employers in the hope that they will not abuse that power. All of this is being done under the guise of "reducing red tape."

But I suppose we should not be surprised. After all, this is merely another in a long line of anti-employee acts taken by this Administration and majority. First it was throwing out a decade of research that went into those carefully crafted ergonomics regulations—in a day, Republicans sent the American people a clear message that the corporate bottom line was more important than safety in the workplace. Then it was ramming through overtime rules that took away time-and-a-half pay for 8 million workers and endorsing the outsourcing of American jobs to other countries. Now they decimate a historic law to protect American workers from unsafe working conditions.

The American people are increasingly finding themselves at odds with this Administration and its reckless disregard for working people—and it is no wonder. To them, regulations that protect people in the workplace are, quote, "red tape."

Mr. Speaker, tell that to families of the 60,000 employees who die every year from job-related injuries or illnesses. Tell that to the 4.7 million people who are injured each year at work. Because legislation like this not only insults the work the people of this country do everyday—it reveals a total lack of appreciation for the people, the institutions and the values that built this country and made it great. Oppose these unfair, un-American bills.

CONGRATULATING BRUCE V.  
RAUNER OF CHICAGO

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 1, 2004*

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my good friend Bruce V. Rauner of Chicago and the Rauner Family Foundation for being honored by the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago, which is awarding Bruce with its prestigious Humanitarian Award at the