EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO RUTH LARABEE ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to Mrs. Ruth Larabee, upon her retirement from her position as the Director of the Wood County Department of Job and Family Services in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Ruth Larabee grew up in the small community of Landeck, Ohio, in Allen County where the leadership skills which have served her well over the years were instilled at an early age. Ruth graduated from Notre Dame College in South Euclid, Ohio with majors in biology and physical science. Upon graduation, Ruth began her career of serving others by teaching Junior High School. When Ruth became a mother of six, she stopped teaching so that she could dedicate all her time and resources to raising her children.

Mr. Speaker, as Ruth's children grew; she accepted a position with the WSOS Head Start Administration. It was in this capacity that she embarked on a career of compassion, always wanting to assist those less fortunate.

Ruth accepted her current position as Director of the Wood County Department of Job and Family Services in 1987, where she has provided constant leadership. Drawing upon her past experiences, she has brought stability and calm to an agency which has seen tremendous change. Despite shifts in public policy brought on by welfare reform, demands for increased services for children and the growing needs of the unemployed, Ruth has continued to be a steadfast leader.

As Director of the Wood County Job and Family Services, Ruth has displayed great leadership by effectively communicating the mission at hand and adapting to the ever changing world around her. Through her drive and leadership, Ruth has worked tirelessly to better the life of abused children, people in need of public housing, the elderly, and those desperately seeking employment. Through her 17 years of distinguished service to the residents of Wood County, Ruth leaves behind the legacy of an Agency inspired by dedication and compassion.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Mrs. Ruth Larabee. Our communities are served well by having such honorable and giving citizens, like Ruth, who care about their well being and stability. We wish Ruth and her family all the best as we pay tribute to one of Ohio's finest citizens.

HONORING THE BAY SPECIAL CARE HOSPITAL

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to honor the faculty and staff of Bay Special Care Hospital of Bay City, Michigan, for providing 10 years of superior medical care to patients requiring extended care management. On July 15, 2004, the hospital, along with the community, will commemorate this special occasion.

Bay Special Care Hospital, a McLaren health service, opened in 1994, and is the first of its kind in Northeastern Michigan. The mission of Bay Special Care is to provide extended care to patients with complex medical needs and require a 25-day or longer stay. The hospital is staffed with a team of highly skilled healthcare professionals, who have committed themselves to providing each patient with intensive personalized care.

Bay Special Care has consistently received high marks for its service from the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services and most importantly from the patients they serve. I commend these men and women for their dedication to detail and commitment to sustaining life.

Mr. Speaker, it is indeed an honor and a pleasure for me to have this opportunity to recognize this outstanding group of medical professionals. Many families have benefited from their care and services. The staff considers it their duty and privilege to protect and defend human dignity and the quality of life for their patients. I am grateful for Bay Special Care's commitment to go beyond the ordinary when providing healthcare services. I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to please join me in paying tribute to the Bay Special Care Hospital for 10 years of outstanding service to the community.

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT FOR H.R. 4768, VETERANS MEDICAL FACILITIES MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2004

HON. ROB SIMMONS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing H.R. 4768, the Veterans Medical Facilities Management Act of 2004. This legislation will help address needs in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to modernize health care facilities, make better use of VA's existing portfolio of properties and dispose of unneeded properties over the next several years.

In legislation I introduced last year that was included in Public Law (P.L.) 108–170, the Veterans Health Care, Capital Asset, and Business Improvement Act of 2003, a three-year program of delegated authorizations was established to allow the Secretary to update, improve, establish, restore or replace major VA health care facilities. Congress delegated authority to the Secretary to approve individual facility projects based on recommendations of an independent capital investments board and on criteria that places a premium on projects to protect patient safety and privacy; improve seismic protection; provide barrier-free accommodations; and improve VA patient care facilities in specialized areas of concern.

Many VA community based clinics operate in leased facilities. P.L. 108–170 did not provide the Secretary any new authority concerning execution of major medical facility leases. The Department has identified the need for authorization or renewal of major medical facility leases under title 38, United States Code, section 8104(a)(2) at a cost of approximately $24 million in fiscal year 2005. This legislation would authorize leases in the Department's recommended locations as follows:

Site	*Annual lease cost*
Wilmington, North Carolina Outpatient Clinic	$1,320,000
Greenville, North Carolina Outpatient Clinic	1,220,000
Norfolk, Virginia Outpatient Clinic	1,250,000
Summerfield, Florida Marion County Outpatient Clinic	1,230,000
Knoxville, Tennessee Outpatient Clinic	850,000
Toledo, Ohio Outpatient Clinic	1,200,000
Crown Point, Indiana Outpatient Clinic	850,000
Fort Worth, Texas Tarrant County Outpatient Clinic	3,900,000
Plano, Texas Collin County Outpatient Clinic	3,300,000
San Antonio, Texas Northeast Central Bexar County Outpatient Clinic	1,400,000
Corpus Christi, Texas Outpatient Clinic	1,200,000
Harlington, Texas Outpatient Clinic	650,000
Denver, Colorado Health Administration Center	1,950,000
Oakland, California Outpatient Clinic	1,700,000
San Diego, California North County Outpatient Clinic	1,300,000
San Diego, California South County Outpatient Clinic	1,100,000

This bill would also provide that the Department may enter into a long-term lease of up to 75 years for land to construct a new medical facility on the Fitzsimons Campus of the University of Colorado, in Aurora, Colorado. It is anticipated that this new VA facility will be a significant shared facility with the University. The extended lease authority will enable all parties to the relationship to obtain a higher level of confidence in planning and constructing an important health care facility for veterans throughout the intermountain west.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation would facilitate the Secretary's authority to transfer unneeded real property currently in VA's portfolio and under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Secretary. The bill would require fair market value for any such transfers, except when transferred to a provider of homeless veterans services receiving a grant under section 2011 of title 38, United States Code.

This bill would also repeal the defunct Nursing Home Revolving Fund, in section 8116 of title 38, United States Code. It would establish a new fund to be known as the Capital Asset Fund, to help defray VA's cost of transferring real property, including demolition, environmental restoration, maintenance, repair, historic preservation and administrative expenses.

VA controls the fourth-largest inventory of owned, leased, and operated federal real property. It is estimated that more than half of VA's facilities are over 50 years old. Many date from the 19th century and many more were constructed in the late 1940s and early 1950s. A large number of properties are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Given this rich array of heritage assets, H.R. 4768 would also allow the Secretary to enter into partnerships or agreements with public or private entities dedicated to historic preservation and to use resources from the Capital Asset Fund to facilitate the transfer, leasing or adaptive use of these properties. The bill requires a series of reports, beginning with a complete inventory of historic properties, followed up with an annual update of the status of each property for two subsequent reporting cycles.

The bill would require in the Department's annual budget submission inclusion of information on each proposed and completed transfer. The Department also would report to Congress the annual deposits and expenditures from the Fund.

This bill includes a provision to permit the construction of surface parking when incidental to an authorized major medical facility construction project. Also, the bill would provide the Secretary additional flexibility in using funds to develop advanced planning for major construction projects previously authorized by law.

VA major medical facility projects are already exempt under section 8166(a) of title 38, United States Code, from State and local laws relating to building codes, permits, and inspections unless the Secretary consents to participate in such state and local regulation. The bill would exempt VA from State and local land use (zoning) laws.

Mr. Speaker, I trust that my colleagues will agree with me that this is a bill worthy of their support. I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill and help enact it as a high priority to assist the Department of Veterans Affairs with its capital asset needs.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF GLORIA ANZALDÚA

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and legacy of Gloria Anzaldúa, an internationally renowned scholar and activist who recently passed away.

A highly talented and versatile writer, Gloria Anzaldúa is recognized for representing the finest in the Chicano/Latino literature. She skillfully expressed her thoughts and feelings in a variety of genres including poetry, essays, children's books, and narratives. She is best known for her 1987 hybrid collection of poetry and prose titled Borderlands/La Frontera: The New Mestiza. This volume was a best seller and was listed among the 100 Best Books of the Century by the Hungry Mind Review and Utne Reader. Her other published works include This Bridge Called My Back (1981), Making Face, Making Soul (1990), Prietita and the Ghost Woman (1995), and This Bridge We Call Home (2002).

Gloria Anzaldúa was celebrated by some of the most well respected publishing and educational institutions. Her awards include the Before Columbus Foundation American Book Award, Lambda Lesbian Small Book Press Award, National Endowment for the Arts Fiction Award, and the American Studies Association Achievement Award.

As one of the first openly lesbian Chicana authors, Anzaldúa played a major role in redefining contemporary Chicano/a and gay/lesbian identities through her written work. A pioneer in developing an inclusive feminist movement, she won the hearts of countless readers from all walks of life and inspired many to become activists in their communities.

Gloria Anzaldúa passed away on May 15, 2004, at the age of 61. Her mother, Amalia, her sister, Hilda, and two brothers, Urbano and Oscar, survive her. Although she will be greatly missed, our nation will always remember her illustrious professional career. Her powerful vision will be embraced and cherished by future generations of activists, readers, and leaders from all walks of life.

HONORING THE CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY ON THE FOURTH OF JULY

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, today it is my privilege to recognize the contributions of the Chicago Historical Society toward preserving our glorious heritage and the legacy of great Chicagoans, on the occasion of its 45th Annual 4th of July Celebration. America has come a long way since the Founding Fathers signed the Declaration of Independence, and I applaud the CHS for capturing the pivotal moments of this journey in its ''Documents of Freedom'' and ''Free to Vote'' exhibitions.

By consistently demonstrating its commitment to historical accuracy and preservation, the Chicago Historical Society has earned its place atop the pillar of Chicago's treasures. Its commitment to this cause makes it the perfect backdrop for a celebration of our nation's history on Independence Day.

We make the Fourth of July as the beginning of a revolution to secure those unalienable rights from tyranny, but the struggle began long before that date and would continue to be defended by Americans long afterward. Guided by courage, faith, respect for human dignity, and love of freedom, our forefathers fought valiantly to protect our ideals and liberties. In the two and a quarter centuries that have since passed, America has seen the highest peaks and preserved through some difficult times while the values that gave birth to our country have endured.

These values that we hold so dear are preserved for eternity here at the Chicago Historical Society. And as the Historical Society has earned its place as an integral element of Chicago's museum community, the 4th of July celebration has become ingrained in Lincoln Park's culture, and holds a permanent place on the community calendar. Men and women who grew up with their parents here on the 4th of July, now bring their children along with them. And so, these values and traditions will continue to be passed on to future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the leadership of Lonnie Bunch, Hill Hammock, and the other leaders of the Chicago Historical Society on another fantastic 4th of July celebration. I hope that the Historical Society will continue to enrich our lives and educate Chicagoans for many, many more years.

A TRIBUTE TO THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY ON ITS SESQUICENTENNIAL

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today in support of H. Res. 703, a resolution offered by my colleague Representative JOHN PETERSON, congratulating my alma mater, The Pennsylvania State University, on 150 years of service and commending Pennsylvania's designation of the university as Pennsylvania's sole land-grant institution.

As a native Pennsylvanian, I was proud to attend Penn State and earn my undergraduate there in 1961. I also met someone there who would become the most important person in my life—a fellow Penn State student named Carolyn Stover who accepted my proposal to be my wife.

We have many fond memories of our time together at Penn State, strolling together past Old Main, and our dates to the Creamery, enjoying the best ice cream in the world—bar none.

Mr. Speaker, you may not know the tradition of the Creamery. It all started in 1892, when Penn State became the first American institution of higher education to establish collegiate-level instruction in ice cream manufacture, a program that has helped make the university an internationally recognized center for research in frozen confections.

Penn State without question has had an outstanding 150 years as one of the finest land grant institutions in the Nation. Its list of achievements is long and impressive. It was the first institution of higher education in the country to offer undergraduate degrees in industrial engineering, fuel science, and turf grass science. Its strong and varied undergraduate program draws students from across the country and the world.

Penn State's graduate programs also are impressive. It's supply chain/logistics, industrial/manufacturing engineering, materials engineering, nuclear engineering, agricultural engineering, higher education administration, administration/supervision, vocational/technical education, counseling services, ceramics, and rehabilitation counseling graduate programs rank among the Nation's top ten, according to U.S. News and World Report. Penn State's medical, law, and business graduate programs are also stellar.

It is important to note that one in every eight Pennsylvanians with a college degree, one in every 720 Americans, one in every 50 engineers, and one in very four meteorologists are alumni of Penn State.

Penn State is an institution that not only trains the mind, but the body as well. The Nittany Lions are known throughout the intercollegiate sports world for its outstanding teams. Penn State's football team is synonymous with gridiron excellence. Coach Joe Paterno is a football legend, and became the all-time leader in wins in college football in 2001. Penn State also fields quality teams in cross-country, women's volleyball, and gymnastics, just to name a 3 few. The Penn State athletic tradition is robust, and the university has garnered an impressive 56 national team championships in its history.

Penn State's scholar/athletes have impressive academic credentials: the university graduated 80 percent of its scholar/athletes from the entering class of 1996—1997 within six years, compared to a national average of 62 percent for scholar/athletes at all Division I NCAA institutions. Penn State maintains an emphasis on education and athletics that is to be envied.

Penn State's history is full of accomplishments and its future is full of promise. I will insert for the record a list of 50 ways Penn State has shaped the world. This is just a fraction of the ways the students, faculty, staff and all those associated with Penn State have helped to make our Nation and the world a better place.

The education I received at Penn State and the relationships I developed—the most important of which was meeting my future wife—helped shape my life and the public service path I pursued. Carolyn and I, both proud Penn State alumni, congratulate the university on its sesquicentennial, and look forward to celebrating Penn State's future accomplishments.

50 WAYS PENN STATE HAS SHAPED THE WORLD

Since its founding in 1855, Penn State and its people have been leaving their mark on the world. From the viewing of the first atom, to the leading roles played by alumni in Desert Storm, Penn Staters have had a profound impact on the world and are leaving a legacy of contribution.

1. American Literature—Fred Lewis Pattee, who joined the faculty in 1894, became the first in the Nation to hold the title of Professor of American Literature, a field then considered a minor subdiscipline of English literature. He helped make Penn State one of the earliest centers for American literature studies.

2. Animal Nutrition—In the early 1900s Professor Henry Armsby used a respiration calorimeter to try to determine the net energy value of food—that is, the portion of food energy that an animal used to produce milk or meat. His experiments attracted worldwide interest and helped to develop livestock feeds of higher nutritive value.

3. Architectural Engineering—Penn State offers America's oldest continuously accredited (since 1936) curriculum in this field. It introduced the curriculum in 1910 to provide ''liberal training in both the aesthetic and construction sides of architecture.''

4. Art Education—Penn State became an international center for art education when Austrian-born Viktor Lowenfeld joined the faculty in 1946. Lowenfeld was the most influential art educator of the 20th century and wrote the field's dominant book, Creative and Mental Growth, based on his pioneering work in psychology and the art of the visually impaired.

5. Artificial Insemination—Over a 30-year period beginning in 1946, dairy scientist John Almquist perfected commercially viable artificial insemination techniques for dairy cattle. His research has led to more than $600 million worth of increased food production and cost savings worldwide.

6. Artificial Organs—A heart-assist pump developed by medical and engineering faculty in 1976 to prolong the lives of cardiovascular patients was the first surgically implantable, seam-free, pulsatile blood pump to receive widespread clinical use. It led to the Penn State Heart, the only artificial heart approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

7. Astronauts—Four Penn Staters have flown in space: alumni Paul Weitz, Robert Cenker and Guion S. Bluford Jr. (the first African-American astronaut, who flew on the space shuttle Challenger in 1983), and Assistant Professor of Kinesiology James Pawelczyk.

8. Astronomy—Penn State, with the University of Texas, operates the Hobby-Eberly spectroscopic survey telescope, the largest instrument of its kind in the world, which measures individual wavelengths of light to reveal information about stars, galaxies, and other deep-space phenomena.

9. Atom First ''Seen''—In 1955, physics Professor Erwin Mueller became the first person to ''see'' an atom, using a field ion electron microscope of his own invention. The device was a landmark advance in scientific instrumentation that allowed a magnification of more than 2 million times.

10. Best-Selling Authors—Vance Packard (The Hidden Persuaders, The Status Seekers) earned his degree from Penn State in 1936. Jean Craighead George, a member of the class of 1941, authored the Newberry Award-winning children's book, Julie of the Wolves.

11. Cinema—Penn State alumnus Julius Epstein won an Oscar for his screenplay for the classic Humphrey Bogart film, ''Casablanca.'' Character actor Ed Binns, class of 1937, received critical praise for supporting roles in such box office favorites as ''Patton'' and ''Fail Safe.''

12. Commercial Television—Penn State alumni who have made their mark in television include Carmen Finestra, an executive producer and writer for the hit ABC-TV comedy ''Home Improvement,'' Jonathan Frakes (Commander Will Riker on the hit television series ''Star Trek: The Next Generation''), and writer and director Stanley Lathan (''Cagney and Lacey,'' ''Remington Steele'' and ''Sanford and Son'').

13. Correspondence Courses—In 1892, Penn State became the first American college or university to offer correspondence courses in agriculture, an initiative that was followed by national expansion of correspondence instruction in many technical fields.

14. Diesel Engineering—One of the world's first academic research programs in diesel engineering began at Penn State in 1923. Discoveries in such areas as supercharging and scavenging helped to bring about today's fuel-efficient and powerful engines.

15. Discovering Planets—Alexander Wolszczan, professor of astronomy and astrophysics, discovered the existence of three planets orbiting outside of our solar system—the first scientist to do so.

16. Driver Education—Amos Neyhart taught America's first classes for driver education teachers at Penn State in 1936, three years after he began the Nation's first driver education course at nearby State College High School.

17. Engineers Everywhere—One in 50 professionally licensed engineers in the U.S. is a Penn State graduate.

18. Environmentally Correct—Polymer scientist Bernard Gordon III developed a biodegradable plastic that, with the assistance of water, disappears in two years. Early tests indicate that molecular weight of the polymer reduces as water is added, and at 120 degrees to 140 degrees Fahrenheit, the material falls apart in three days.

19. Environmental Stress—The Noll Physiological Research Center, established in 1963, was the Nation's first academic research center dedicated to studying human tolerance to heat, cold and other environmental stresses, and served as the prototype for similar labs worldwide.

20. Family Doctors—Penn State's Milton S. Hershey Medical Center in 1967 became the Nation's first medical school to establish a department of family and community medicine on the same level as traditional medical specialities. It also introduced a residency in the field, thus foreshadowing a renewed emphasis Nationwide on family practitioners.

21. First AG Degrees—Penn State was the first American institution to confer baccalaureate degrees in agriculture, in 1861.

22. Geraniums—Penn State researchers developed the world's first commercially successful geranium grown from seed, the Nittany Lion Red.

23. Greek Leadership—With 56 fraternities and 29 sororities, Penn State has the largest number of Greek organizations of all colleges and universities in the country.

24. Heavy Water—Penn State physicist Ferdinand Brickwedde in 1931 produced the world's first measurable amount of deuterium, a hydrogen isotope needed to make ''heavy water''—an essential ingredient in basic atomic research.

25. Ice Cream—In 1892 Penn State offered America's first collegiate instruction in ice cream manufacture, followed soon after by a pioneering ''short course'' program that has helped to make the University an international center for research in frozen confections. Ice cream gurus Ben & Jerry got their start from a correspondence course in ice cream making from Penn State.

26. Industrial Engineering—The world's first baccalaureate curriculum in industrial engineering was introduced at Penn State in 1908.

27. Management Education—Established in 1915 as one of the nation's first continuing education programs for business and industry, Penn State's management education classes boosted Pennsylvania's economy by tailoring instruction to thousands of clients statewide in such fields as time management, employee motivation and leadership, and served as models for similar efforts nationally.

28. Materials Research—In 1960, Penn State established the nation's first interdisciplinary curriculum in solid state technology and in 1962, created one of the first interdisciplinary research laboratories, which has since won international acclaim in materials synthesis, electroceramics, diamond films and chemically bonded ceramics.

29. Mathematics—Mathematician Haskell Brooks Curry's research in the 1950s into the foundations of mathematics, especially his development of combinatory logic, later

found significant application in computer science, particularly in the design of programming languages.

30. Meteorologists—One in every four meteorologists in the United States is a Penn State graduate.

31. Minority Enrollment—Among more than 100 colleges and universities in Pennsylvania, Penn State ranks second in the enrollment of African Americans and graduates more of these students than any other institution in the Commonwealth.

32. Mushroom Research—In the 1920s, Penn State became the first land-grant college to initiate a comprehensive mushroom research program. Researchers developed improved composts and production practices that were adopted by growers worldwide and also helped Pennsylvania retain its leadership as the No. 1 source of domestic mushrooms.

33. Music—Fred Waring, nationally beloved choral leader (''The man who taught America how to sing'') and founder of The Pennsylvanians, was a Penn Stater. So is Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter and pianist Mike Reid (''Stranger in the House,'' ''Lost in the Fifties Tonight'').

34. Nobel Prize—Stanford University biochemist Paul Berg, a member of Penn State's class of 1948, won a Nobel Prize in 1980 for his study of the biochemistry of nucleic acids.

35. Nuclear Reactor—Penn State in 1955 became the first university to be issued a federal license to operate a nuclear reactor, which it continues to use for studies in the peaceful uses of atomic energy and the training of nuclear industry personnel.

36. Pacemaker—A surgeon and two engineers at Penn State perfected the world's first long-life, rechargeable heart pacemaker.

37. Penn Staters Everywhere—Penn State has more than 466,000 living alumni. One in every 720 Americans, and one in every 70 Pennsylvanians, is a graduate of Penn State.

38. Personality Tests—In 1931, psychologist Robert Bernreuter began refining his ''Bernreuter Personality Inventory,'' a pioneer multiphastic test of traits that became the standard by which other personality tests were measured and is still used worldwide for counseling and personnel selection.

39. Petroleum Research—In the 1920s, Penn State researchers began pioneering investigations that identified the components of crude oil, leading to significant improvements in the refining process and the development of today's widely used lubricants that can withstand extremes of heat and cold.

40. Playwrights—The hit Broadway play ''Give'em Hell, Harry,'' based on the life of President Harry Truman and authored by Penn State alumnus Samuel Gallu, was made into a critically acclaimed motion picture. So was Penn Stater John Pielmeier's ''Agnes of God,'' which received three Academy Award nominations.

41. Progesterone—Pioneer steroid chemist Russell Marker's work in synthesizing the hormone progesterone in the 1930s laid the foundation for the birth control pill and such medical applications as cortisones and various hormone and steroid therapies.

42. Public Television—The first national conference of educators and broadcasters was held at Penn State in 1952 and urged the Federal Communications Commission to set aside licenses for noncommercial use. The FCC responded favorably, thus providing the regulatory basis for today's system of public television stations.

43. Pure Food—Pennsylvania's and the Nation's pure food laws stem partly from the work of pioneer chemist William Frear, who in the early 1900s analyzed foods for government agencies and headed an expert committee whose recommendations shaped the landmark Pure Food and Drug Act of 1906.

44. R Values—This widely adopted standard of heat resistance, used to measure the insulating properties of such materials as fiberglass and window glass, was developed by Everett Shuman, who in the 1960s headed Penn State's Building Research Institute.

45. School Administrators— One out of every four senior school administrators in Pennsylvania is a graduate of Penn State.

46. Science, Technology, and Society—In 1969–70, Penn State established the Nation's first interdisciplinary program in science, technology and society. Its integrative courses addressing critical issues in these areas served as a model for similar programs at many other universities.

47. Telecommunications—Penn State alumnus Charles Krumreich invented the telephone jack. More than a billion of his patented Jack–11 square plastic plugs are used worldwide for telephones, modems, and fax machines.

48. Toymaker—Herman Fisher, co-founder and longtime chairman of the board of Fisher Price, one of the Nation's largest toymakers, graduated from Penn State in 1921.

49. Visionary Educator—Evan Pugh, Penn State's first president (1859–64), was among the first nationally recognized advocates of adding science, agriculture and engineering to traditional collegiate studies.

50. Weather Prediction—Meteorologist Hans Panofsky conducted fundamental work at Penn State (1952–82) that led to a new understanding of atmospheric turbulence, air pollution, ozone depletion and planetary atmospheres, and was among the first to apply computer analysis to weather prediction.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, June 25, I missed rollcall votes 321–325. Had I been present on this date, I would have voted ''no'' on rollcall votes Nos. 321–323 and ''aye'' on rollcall votes 324–325. On this date, I had committed to participating in an event in my congressional district that I was unable to miss.

DAILY INTERLAKE ARTICLE

HON. DENNIS R. REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mr. REHBERG. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to submit this article from the Daily Interlake in Kalispell, Montana for the RECORD.

The Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc. is the second largest private timberland owner in the United States, including 1.3 million acres in my home state of Montana.

Last month, Plum Creek received the Patriot Award for contributing to national security through its personnel policies that support employee participation in the National Guard and Reserve.

On May 19, 2004, Brigadier General Randy Mosley of the Montana Army National Guard visited Plum Creek's Columbia Falls, Montana office and presented the award, on behalf of the Department of Defense, to Art Vail, Flathead Unit Manager; Tom Ray, General Manager of Resources; and Hank Ricklefs, Vice President of Manufactured Products.

Plum Creek Senior Forester, Don Sneck from the Flathead Unit submitted the nomination for the award but was unable to attend the ceremony because he is presently serving in Iraq. He has served in the guard for 20 years and today flies a helicopter air ambulance, evacuating injured soldiers from southern Iraq to Kuwait. This is Don's third deployment in the last two years.

I congratulate Plum Creek on receiving this prestigious award and thank Don for his hard work on behalf of Plum Creek, his home state of Montana and his country.

[From the Daily Inter Lake, May 20, 2004]

PLUM CREEK HONORED FOR SOLDIER SUPPORT

(By Candace Chase)

Brig. Gen. Randy Mosley of the Montana Army National Guard brought certificates and thanks Wednesday to Plum Creek Timber Co. in Columbia Falls.

The company and three of its executives received patriot awards for contributing to national security by supporting their employee citizen soldiers.

Don Sneck, an employee and deployed guardsman, submitted their nominations.

Mosley honored Henry Ricklefs, vice president of manufactured goods; Tom Ray, general manager of resources; and Art Vail, Flathead unit manager. They received certificates at a management meeting in the Plum Creek board room.

In remarks before the ceremony, Mosley said he couldn't over-emphasize the importance of an employer's support for deployed soldiers in Iraq.

''It's an environment fraught with danger and uncertainty,'' he said. ''We want to concentrate on what is in front of them.''

Sneck couldn't attend the ceremony he initiated because he still serves in Iraq. Mosley said Sneck flies a helicopter air ambulance, evacuating injured soldiers from southern Iraq to Kuwait.

''There is no better sight than an air ambulance coming in,'' Mosley said.

According to Mosley, Sneck has served in the guard for 20 years. His unit has deployed three times in the last two years.

When not called to active duty, Sneck works as a senior forester at Plum Creek Timber.

Another Plum Creek employee soldier did attend the patriot award ceremony. Staff Sgt. Tavia Syme of the 889th Quartermaster Co. has returned to her job after deploying in Iraq.

The reservist said she worked in water purification. Syme said she had a tough time adjusting to heels in her administrative assistant job after 14 months in combat boots.

Syme estimated that about 20 to 25 others perform double duty as Plum Creek employees and part-time soldiers.

She said she appreciated her company's support as expressed in regularly shipped care packages of goodies such as pretzels, jerky, hard candy and greeting cards. The company also sponsored a welcome-home brunch for Syme.

As part of the award ceremony, the general showed a video called ''A Soldier's Journey'' which documented the experiences of soldiers like Syme before and during recent deployments.

''These are all Montanans—all soldiers who deployed,'' Mosley said. ''Some are still deployed.''

The general said that the nation intentionally organized the armed services with dependence on the Reserves and Guard. Once

viewed as a strategic reserve, Mosley said changing times now require citizen soldiers to deploy in seven days or less.

''All of a sudden you receive a phone call and your world is turned upside down,'' he said.

According to Mosley, the country has now deployed the largest force of reserves and guardsmen since World War II.

''This doesn't work without the support of their bosses,'' he said.

Mosley serves as assistant adjutant general for the Montana Army National Guard.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DAVID DUNNAGAN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to David Dunnagan and thank him for his work as Hospital Service Coordinator for the Disabled American Veterans Department of Colorado. His years of commitment and dedication as a public servant is certainly commendable and worthy of recognition before this body of Congress and this Nation today. Along with my fellow Americans, I am grateful for all that he has accomplished during his years of service.

As a Hospital Service Coordinator, David is stationed at the Grand Junction VA Medical Center, and works hard to ensure that the veterans and their dependents receive the benefits to which they are entitled. David's primary objective is to provide them with the best service possible.

David is a decorated combat veteran, who served in the U.S. Army for twelve years from 1966 to 1978, and retired from the National Guard in March 1997. He knows firsthand the struggles and conflicts that veterans and their families often face, and helps cut through the confusion that is often connected with seeking veterans benefits. His knowledge and expertise provides them with the comfort they need. They understand that he is working for them and securing their future.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that David has been an invaluable resource to the Disabled American Veterans Department of Colorado and it is my honor to recognize his service and dedication before this body of Congress and this Nation. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with devoted public servants like David Dunnagan. On behalf of the citizens that have benefited from the hard work and commitment he has given to the Disabled American Veterans Department of Colorado and constituents it serves, I extend my appreciation for his years of enthusiastic service.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ANN BOND

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to Ann Bond and thank her for her work as a Public Affairs Specialist with Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Her years of commitment and dedication as a public servant is certainly commendable and worthy of recognition before this body of Congress and this nation today. I, along with my fellow Americans, am grateful for all that she has accomplished during her years of service.

Ann came to the Federal agencies with a long history of dealing with the public and the media in southwestern Colorado. She has served as the Public Affairs Specialist for the San Juan National Forest since 1988, and assumed the joint responsibilities of the Bureau of Land Management Public Affairs Specialist for the San Juan Public Lands in 1995.

In her current role, Ann is the lead for all Forest Service and BLM public affairs and congressional activities, excluding fire related actions, affecting about 2.5 million acres of public land in southwestern Colorado. She excels at going beyond the minimal news release approach to public affairs by insisting on clear, candid communications with the media and the public, and by establishing an expectation for the public to be informed and to participate responsibly in land use decisions.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Ann Bond has been an invaluable resource to the Bureau of Land Management and it is my honor to recognize her service and dedication before this body of Congress and this nation. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with devoted public servants like Ann. On behalf of the citizens that have benefited from the hard work and commitment she has given to the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management and constituents they serve, I extend my appreciation for her years of enthusiastic service.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2004

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4548) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Chairman, I rise to express my gratitude to the men and women of the Intelligence Community for their service to our country. Indeed, hey are our nation's greatest intelligence asset.

I also rise to express my continued concern over the Intelligence Community's ability to attract and retain a quality workforce that reflects the ethnic and cultural diversity of the United States. Doing so is required to ensure the Intelligence Community is properly postured to meet the formidable global challenges of the future.

Data collected by the Intelligence Community demonstrates that the proportion of women and minorities in the Intelligence Community continues to be significantly lower than their representation in the general Federal government and private sector workforce. While some improvements have been made by individual agencies in select areas, one fact remains—Women and minorities remain underrepresented in core mission areas, management and senior ranks of the Intelligence Community. This is unlikely to change given the respective representation of women and minorities in student and career development programs, and feeder pools. Meaningful steps, including investment in untraditional initiatives, will be required to reverse this trend.

I commend outgoing Director of Central Intelligence George Tenet for taking the first in a series of needed steps—the convening of a panel of distinguished individuals with extensive Federal government and private sector experience. I look forward to reviewing the panel's findings and recommendations, and to working with the new Director of Central Intelligence and individual agency directors to ensure implementation of constructive programs to improve the Intelligence Community's ability to attract and retain a diverse, highly-skilled workforce.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BILLY O. HIGHTOWER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to Billy Hightower and thank him for his work as Mesa County Veterans Service Officer with the Veteran's Affairs Department. His years of commitment and dedication as a public servant is certainly commendable and worthy of recognition before this body of Congress and this nation today. Along with my fellow Americans, I am grateful for all that he has accomplished during his years of service.

Billy bravely served in the U.S. Air Force as a jet mechanic in the Korean War, and later went on to teach psychology and sociology at both Grand Junction Central High School and Mesa State College. He became active in helping veterans when he began working with the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) organization serving as the 1976–1977 Colorado State Commander, the 1977–1978 National Senior Vice Commander and the 1978–1979 National Commander. During his tenure at the DAV, Billy worked on an outreach program for veterans called Project Forgotten Warrior that was adopted by the Veterans Affairs Department all across the country.

In 1979, Billy became a Health Systems Specialist with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Throughout his eighteen years with the Veterans Affairs Department his extraordinary talent and dedication led him to work with the Salt Lake City Regional Director, the Virginia Regional Office Director, and the Veterans Affairs Under Secretary for Health. He also served as a Grand Junction Organizational Development Specialist, and Patient Advocate before taking his current position as the Mesa County Veterans Service Officer.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Billy Hightower has been an invaluable resource to the Department of Veterans Affairs. It is my honor to recognize his service and dedication before this body of Congress and this nation. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with devoted public servants like Billy. On behalf of the citizens that have benefited from the hard work and commitment he has given to the Department of Veterans Affairs and the constituents it serves, I extend my appreciation for his years of enthusiastic service.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LINDA KOILE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Linda Koile of Oak Creek, Colorado, and to thank her for her service to her community. Linda is the town's new code enforcement officer, a position that requires great commitment and dedication to her community. Linda is a valuable member of her community and I am honored to recognize her commitment before this body of Congress and this nation today.

A resident of Oak Creek, Linda jumped at the opportunity to serve the citizens of her hometown when the job as the town's code enforcement officer became available. Linda was excited to fill the opening and ready to begin a new challenge. Accepting the job required Linda to teach herself a new occupation. Being a code enforcement officer requires extensive knowledge of the municipal codes and of law enforcement. Linda felt she could do a better job and better serve her town if she furthered her education. With that in mind, she financed her own training at the Colorado Mountain College Law Enforcement Academy. Upon graduation, Linda will join the Oak Creek Police Department as an official officer, both enforcing the town's municipal codes and assuming additional responsibilities.

Mr. Speaker, I believe it is appropriate to honor the hard work and selflessness of Linda Koile before this body of Congress and this nation. I am a former police officer, and I understand the challenges that law enforcement presents. Her work demonstrates how commitment and dedication from people like Linda can strengthen the community. I thank Linda for her work and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLES H. TAYLOR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on July 6, 2004 on Rollcall Vote 327, I inadvertently cast a "nay" vote. It was my intention to vote "aye" on the resolution. I would ask that the record reflect my intention to vote "aye" on H. Con. Res. 257, expressing the sense of Congress that the President should posthumously award the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Harry W. Colmery.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO REGINALD AND BEVERLY GRAHAM

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Reginald and Beverly Graham of Durango, Colorado, and their tireless dedication toward educating our youth. "Reg" and "Bev," as they are affectionately known, have committed to Fort Lewis College as contributing members of the academic community for many years, and I think it is appropriate to highlight their efforts before this body of Congress and this nation today.

Reg and Bev have dedicated their lives to our youth's education. At Fort Lewis College, Reg taught as a professor in business and Bev taught as a specialist in learning and writing. In addition to her time teaching higher education, Bev also taught music at the elementary and middle levels. Fort Lewis College has always been important to Reg and Bev, and now that they are retired from teaching, it still remains special. Recently, in order to better Fort Lewis College, they donated to endow a chair in the business department. This provides one source of funding to staff educational positions in the business department.

Reg and Bev are committed to the community beyond the walls of the classroom. Jumping at an opportunity to take part in the public education and positively impact students prior to college, Reg chaired the committee for school improvement in the Durango School District. Reg's additional dedication to the community is apparent through his work as a member of Kiwanis and as a planner of Meals on Wheels for the First United Methodist Church. Bev is a member of Phi Delta Kappa and active in both the Methodist Church Choir and Durango Society.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor Reg and Bev Graham before this body of Congress and this nation today. Reg and Bev are establishing a legacy that reflects their commitment to excellence in education at Fort Lewis College. I praise Reg and Bev for their dedication to education as seen through their work as faculty members and their continued support of Fort Lewis College. I wish them the best in their future endeavors.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CURTIS MUCKLOW

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise and pay tribute today to Curtis Mucklow of Steamboat Springs, Colorado for his work in the agricultural community. Curtis has dedicated his career to providing the educational resources necessary for successful cultivation of agriculture in his community, and it is my pleasure to recognize Curtis before this body of Congress and this nation.

Curtis's first involvement with agriculture was as a ranch hand in Clark, Colorado. From there he went on to receive his bachelors and masters degree in animal science, and began a career as an extension agent in Elbert County. As an extension agent, he works as an educational liaison to develop resources for the agricultural community and identify and implement solutions to agricultural problems. In 1989, he assumed the role of extension agent for Routt County, a job that would allow him to be a major influence on agriculture in Steamboat Springs and the surrounding area. During his tenure, he has achieved many successes. Significant achievements include creating the "Guide to Rural Living," a source providing information about the business of farming, and creating a scholarship in Routt County for 4-H students.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to acknowledge the contributions of Curtis Mucklow before this body of Congress and this nation. He has worked hard to improve agriculture in Routt County. He is known for his passion for his job in addition to his knowledge. I thank Curtis for his work in the Steamboat Springs community and wish him luck in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING DR. ROBERT A. COOK ON HIS 50TH BIRTHDAY

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and honor Dr. Robert A. Cook, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, of Larchmont in the 18th Congressional District of New York. On Saturday, July 10, surrounded by friends and family, he will celebrate his 50th birthday.

Dr. Cook has long been committed to the practice of veterinary care. His passion for his work has led him on a constant search for new skills, and new ways to use those skills to enhance the well-being of animals and wildlife.

Dr. Cook's career is a testament to his commitment to both public service and personal fulfillment. He has blazed trails to improve his profession and expand its public mission. As the Chief Veterinarian, Director of Wildlife Health and then Vice President of Wildlife Health, of the Wildlife Conservation Society in the Bronx, New York, Dr. Cook has lead wildlife health care at Central Park, Queens, and Prospect Park Wildlife Centers, the Bronx Zoo, the New York Aquarium and the Wildlife Survival Center in St. Catherines Island, Georgia.

This work has spurred Dr. Cook to pioneer veterinary care for free-ranging wildlife, to forge invaluable expansions of the public's involvement and commitment to wildlife care, and to take the lessons learned in the great state of New York around the globe. From Bolivia to Bangkok, and from Tanzania to Thailand, Dr. Cook applied his unique skills and programs, and shared them with other parts of the world where they can be of help.

Dr. Cook's work as a veterinarian for the Wildlife Conservation Center is impressive in its own right, but I am staggered by the powerful example he has set with his commitment to the public mission of his organization and profession. Dr. Cook's expansive view of his own role has allowed the success of his work to be amplified far beyond the bounds of what we might expect from one person. It is a shining example to all of us that commitment to community and others can provide the truest and best rewards.

Mr. Speaker, in closing I would like to pay tribute to Dr. Robert A. Cook on the occasion of his 50th birthday, and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating him for all that he has accomplished.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO KERRY KERRIGAN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise to pay tribute to Kerry Kerrigan of Steamboat Springs, Colorado for her courage as a citizen and her dedication as a teacher. She is a valuable source of inspiration and strength in her community, and I am honored to recognize her accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation today.

An athletic young woman, Kerry was a skier and a gymnast before her bone cancer diagnoses left her no option, but to amputate one of her legs. This slowed her down, but the setback would not prevent her from pursuing her yearning to educate our youth. She is currently a successful elementary school teacher that makes a difference in her student's lives.

In recognition of her excellent teaching record, she was a runner up for 2000 Colorado Teacher of the Year, one of five to receive the honor. Her passion for teaching compliments her courageous life. Recently she rescued a struggling young girl from Charlie's Hole rapids on the Yampa River. As an active leader in the community, she partakes in leadership roles in the Humble Ranch Education and Therapy Center and the Steamboat Marathon children's fun run. Kerry is still able to maintain an active lifestyle, and enjoys kayaking, swimming and mountain biking.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to share Kerry Kerrigan's good works with this body of Congress and this nation. Her record of achievements in the community is so consistent that nothing she does can surprise the people of the Yampa Valley. I recognize her extra effort and thank her for her deeds.

RANCHO DEL CHAPARRAL GIRL SCOUT CAMP CELEBRATES 35TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the 35th anniversary of the Girl Scouts of Chaparral Council's resident camp, Rancho del Chaparral, located on 1,200 acres of forest, river and meadow in the Jemez Mountains. "A piece of blue sky and all there is beneath it" is the theme for Rancho, as it is affectionately called.

On July 17, Girl Scouts from New Mexico and across the United States will reunite to mark this historic occasion, exemplifying the strong bond of friendship that young women gain through their Girl Scout experiences. Such relationships are vital for young women and foster an appreciation for helping others, whether it be in the community, at school, or at home. It is clear that these women have cherished the spirit of the Girl Scout tradition as they now gather 35 years later to renew their friendships.

Rancho is located on part of the San Diego Land Grant bestowed to Francisco Garcia de Noreigo in 1790 by the Governor of New Mexico. It was purchased in 1963 by funds raised through Girl Scout cookie sales.

Rancho replaced Camp Elza Seligman, which had served the girls of the council since the early 1940's. Camp Seligman, located near Ponderosa, was no longer adequate for the growing needs of the council. Parents and friends of Girl Scouts raised funds through a Capital Campaign in 1967, and Rancho was dedicated on July 13, 1969. It was designed by the architectural firm, George Wright Associates, and built by La Mesa Builders, Inc.

Today, Rancho's El Bosque continues to welcome Brownie, Junior, Cadette and Senior Girl Scout troops, along with their leaders, for an exciting camp experience. El Prado—with its Adirondacks, hogans and covered wagons—houses individual girls participating in a variety of outdoor activities.

Rancho develops girls strong in mind, body and spirit by creating a cooperative and supportive community that encourages self-reliance and self-discovery. Girls experience hiking, horseback riding, arts and crafts, campfires, star gazing, archery, canoeing, and much more. There are even programs for the entire family.

During the celebration, there will be a memorial dedication to Captain Tamara Long-Archuleta, a former Chaparral Girl Scout, who was tragically killed last year in Afghanistan. Tammy was the copilot of the helicopter that crashed while on a rescue mission, killing all six aboard. She was from Adelino, near Belen, and her life was a shining example of what being a Girl Scout is all about. Tammy was valedictorian of her class and a world karate champion. She graduated from the University of New Mexico with honors, and while there became involved with Air Force ROTC. She had wanted to become a fighter pilot, but instead decided to do rescue work.

Tammy left behind a 3-year-old son and planned to marry a fellow Air Force pilot. Sadly, she was two weeks away from returning home when the accident occurred.

Girl Scouts of Chaparral Council serves more than 6,800 girls and 2,500 adults in nine counties in New Mexico and five counties in southwestern Colorado. Chaparral Council is committed to helping girls, ages 5–17, develop values, social consciousness, self-esteem and skills for success in the future. I have met hundreds of Chaparral Girl Scouts over the years and am constantly reminded through these experiences, our younger generations are ready, willing, and able to assume their rightful role as tomorrow's leaders.

Mr. Speaker, Rancho del Chaparral will forever be a place where friendships flourished and lessons were learned about life and the importance of our natural resources. Most of all, these women were instilled with the Girl Scout tradition, something they have passed down to their children and grandchildren. Thousands of girls' lives have been touched and enriched through their experience with the Chaparral Council. I am pleased to commemorate the 35th anniversary of this very special place that has meant so much to so many.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ROBERT C. YOUNG

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Robert Charles Young of Grand Junction, Colorado. Robert, known affectionately as "Bob", leaves behind a legacy of hard work and dedication to his community and I am honored to remember his life before this body of Congress and this nation today.

Bob was a Colorado native, born and raised in Denver. Living in Denver, he went on to study accounting, a profession that would shape his career. In 1944, a possible business prospect moved Bob to Glenwood Springs. This began his career as the consummate businessman. Using his business savvy, Bob saw an opportunity to capitalize on his accounting expertise to service a market devoid of other accountants. Seeking to better serve his community, he accepted a position in public service when he was elected as the Justice of the Peace in Glenwood Springs, a position which later changed in title to municipal judge.

After retiring from his accounting firm Bob took time to relax and enjoy the simple things in life. He had a penchant to see the world and fulfilled it by traveling with his wife, Jeris. In 2002, he moved with his wife to Grand Junction, Colorado, a community where he had many friends. People will remember Bob most for his close personal relationships with his family and friends. He made it a point to meet everyday with friends over a cup of coffee at one of his favorite local restaurants.

Mr. Speaker, the communities of Grand Junction and Glenwood Springs will sorely miss Robert Charles Young. He will be remembered for his work in business as well as public service, but most of all, he will be remembered as a great friend. I wish to express my deepest sympathies to his family and friends.

THE TRANSPORTATION BILL

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the Transportation bill. As the remaining days until the August District Work Period tick down, it is looking more and more likely as though we are not going to get a bill finalized this year.

This is a sad state of affairs. The White House clearly does not want us to finalize this bill in an election year, and the House Republican Leadership just follows the orders of the Cheney-Bush Administration. We should complete the bill, and if the White House wants to veto it, it can go ahead; there are clearly enough Republican and Democrat votes to override a veto and get the Transportation bill finished. But by doing nothing, the House Republican leadership is siding with the White House, and it is preventing Congress from carrying out its Constitutional role as a coequal branch of government.

To add insult to injury, the Washington Post reported on July 3, 2004, on page A9, that the White House has only spent $366 million of the $18.4 billion that it got Congress and the Republican Leadership to appropriate for Iraqi reconstruction. Why the Cheney-Bush White House won't now spend the money that it insisted it needed is anybody's guess. But this is money that could and should have gone to reinvestment in America rather than into Iraq in the first place. Instead, it lies unused and serving no purpose.

Under the Constitution, as my dear friend Senator BYRD has noted so many times, it is the responsibility of the Congress to decide how federal funds should be spent; it is not the White House's role. Yet, this White House has insisted on investing in Iraq rather than America, and it has gotten its way even if it doesn't know what it wants to do with the money.

States like my home state of West Virginia have been waiting for far too long now to see just what, if anything, they could expect to receive from the federal government in order to finance important highway and transit projects, to focus on congestion mitigation, and to provide good-paying jobs that are sorely needed in this uncertain job market.

Mr. Speaker, I have an editorial from a distinguished newspaper in my district, the Bluefield Daily Telegraph, which I would like to submit for the record to accompany my remarks. This insightful viewpoint from yesterday's paper demonstrates quite clearly the problems with which we are saddling the states due to Congressional inaction. The article reads as follows:

FUNDING SETBACK: HOUSE DELAYS HIGHWAY, STREETSCAPE WORK

Not only did the U.S. House's extension of the federal highway funding bill last week cause a slow down on financing new or continued construction on I–73/74 through the West Virginia coalfields area, it also causes problems for existing programs that rely on the bill.

One such project is the downtown Streetscape project in Bluefield.

The program is ready for Phase II, a refurbishing of Chicory Square between Bland and Federal streets.

The city earlier received funding for an extensive project in downtown that involved sidewalk replacement, new lighting and the installation of high-tech communications infrastructure. Phase I got underway in 2003.

City officials said the Coal Heritage Authority has three projects that can't be started until a new highway bill is approved.

Bluefield officials were hoping for a smooth transition between the first two phases of the downtown Streetscape project with the passage of a new six-year federal highway administration spending bill.

But, for the fourth time, the majority party in the House has decided to use its power to delay consideration and passage of the bill.

Needing even more funding, the King Coal Highway Association, which joins Tolsia Highway in the 1–73/74 project through the southern coalfield counties from Huntington to Bluefield, is awaiting millions of dollars to carry through with work already planned on the $2 billion undertaking. They had hoped to be able to move forward with those projects this summer.

Most political observers think there will be no action on the new federal spending act until after the November presidential election. That means communities like Bluefield, Kimball, Mount Hope and all those anticipating construction jobs for I–73/74 have lost a year in financing.

Maybe voters should find out which Representatives are holding up the bill and remember them in November.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO TOM SHARP

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the achievements of Tom Sharp of Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Tom has played an important role in the community as exemplified through his work as a businessman and a civic leader. It is my pleasure to recognize his efforts before this body of Congress and this nation today.

Tom grew up in a rural community in Monte Vista, Colorado. After law school, he tried city life when he worked as a clerk for a judge, but found living in the city unfulfilling. He soon moved to Steamboat Springs, finding the smaller community provided an environment more conducive to his lifestyle. Tom has since ascended forty of Colorado's 14,000 foot mountains locally named "Fourteeners." He is also an avid skier.

Reaching the summit of mountains is thematic in Tom's life. He pursues challenges in his business and personal life, the same way he climbs the mountains. The goal is the top, and he will reach it. One of his most notable contributions to the community is his work in water law. Starting in 1977, he served on the board of directors for the Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District. Recently, he expanded his role in water rights statewide by assuming the Governor appointed position on the Colorado Water Conservation Board. Tom has never taken his civic responsibility lightly. He served on the local school board, the local county board for Habitat for Humanity, and other local boards for local businesses.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the work Tim Sharp has done for the community. It is under the leadership of people like Tom that a small town builds a strong cohesive community. His work is commendable and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JACK SMITH

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise and recognize the dedication of Jack Smith of Rifle, Colorado to our youth as a teacher and coach at Rifle High School over the past forty-five years. Jack has been instrumental in shaping the lives of student-athletes in his community. I am honored to recognize his accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation today.

Born in Cotopaxi, Colorado, Jack graduated from Florence High School. He went on to serve this nation in the United States Marine Corps, and, following his military service, graduated from Western State College and went into teaching. He has amassed an impressive record of accomplishments in his time, as a teacher and a coach. He first began as a full time teacher and assistant basketball and football coach in 1960 at Rifle High School. Over his time spent coaching, Jack served as a head or assistant coach, coaching both boys and girls in five different sports. Now, he stays active in the education of our youth, serving as an assistant coach for the girl's basketball team.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Jack Smith for his work as a coach and a teacher at Rifle High School. Teachers and coaches play a very important role in developing our next generation's leaders. Jack's passion for coaching demonstrates a tremendous commitment to the future of our nation's youth. I thank Jack for his service to the community and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

HONORING MANATAWNY MANOR

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Manatawny Manor in recognition of 30 years of dedicated service to the senior citizens of Chester County, Pennsylvania.

On July 8, 1974, Manatawny Manor opened its doors to provide care for senior citizens in need. It was founded by two notable men: Thomas Natoli and Frank Genuardi. These men created Manatawny Manor with a vision of providing unsurpassed service to the senior citizens of Chester County. Originally, Manatawny Manor was a one-story structure with 99 beds and five nursing staff members. On its first night of operation, there was only one resident. Since then, the numbers of citizens that Manatawny Manor has cared for has greatly increased. In the past thirty years, Manatawny Manor has provided and cared for over 4,897 residents.

Just four years after Manatawny Manor opened, substantial improvements were made to the facility. In 1978, a 107 bed personal care unit opened and, in 1986, an adult day care facility was added. The day care facility made more services available to senior citizens and can accommodate up 28 clients.

Increased need for bed capacity in 1989 and 1996 led to renovation projects that expanded upon the original building, bringing the number of beds to 133. These additions and improvements were not focused solely on bed space, but also on improvements in the administrative offices, and the Rehabilitation Services Department.

In 1998, Manatawny Manor was purchased by the Lutheran Home at Topton, thus becoming a part of Lutheran Services Northeast. On January 1, 2000, through the affiliation of Lutheran Services Northeast and Tressler Lutheran Services, Manatawny Manor became a facility of the Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries. Diakon is a private, non-profit charitable organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries has sought to provide the very best in long-term care through continuing care retirement communities, assisted living services, special care for those with dementia or Alzheimer's disease, short and long-term care skilled nursing, and outpatient rehabilitation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Manatawny Manor and Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries for 30 years of exceptional long term care and service to the people of Chester County, Pennsylvania.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THOMAS PETERSON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life and memory of Thomas Peters of Durango, Colorado. Thomas passed away after a long fight with kidney disease at the age of fifty-nine. He proudly served our country and worked hard to maintain his own business. As his family and community mourn his passing, I think it is appropriate to recognize his life and legacy before this body of Congress and this nation.

At the ripe age of ten, Thomas first began his long career as a Durango businessman. Preparing him to takeover, Thomas's father started grooming him as a young employee in the family business, Peterson Office Supply. In 1971, his father passed away and Thomas assumed control of the family business. Leaving his business legacy behind, Thomas's presence as a business leader and longstanding staple of the Durango community will be sorely missed.

A proud citizen, Thomas served our country with honor for twenty-three years as a member of the National Guard. He retired from service in 1988 as a First Sergeant. In addition to his service, he spent thirty-years as a committed member of the Elks Lodge. As a leader in the community, Thomas was a trustee for the Elks Lodge.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise and recognize the life of Thomas Peterson today. The Durango community will remember Thomas for his big heart and willingness to give to others. As a loyal and trusting individual, he demonstrated the strengths of America's smaller communities. I would like to express my deepest regrets and extend my sympathy to the family and friends of Thomas Peterson.

A TRIBUTE TO STEVEN RUFFIN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Steven Ruffin in recognition of his tireless efforts to strengthen the community through his work as a member of the New York City Police Department.

Steven Ruffin was born and raised in the Bedford Stuyvesant community in Brooklyn. He is the oldest of four children. His interests include jazz, Afro-centric art, sports and working with the community.

He was appointed to the New York City Police Department on January 21, 1985 and was assigned to the Neighborhood Stabilization Unit, where he performed foot patrol within the 73rd, 75th and the 81st precincts.

In January 1985, Officer Ruffin was assigned to the 79th precinct. He performed patrol duties there for ten years. Later, in 1995, he was assigned as the Explorer/Auxiliary Coordinator, making him responsible for the supervision of the Explorer and Auxiliary members.

For the past four years, Officer Ruffin's experience and expertise has resulted in improved community relations. He has accomplished this by developing a prosperous partnership between the community and the 79th precinct, which has been instrumental in closing the gap between the community and police. He encourages his fellow officers to become more involved and concerned with the neighborhood in the area they serve and protect.

Officer Ruffin has also successfully collaborated with local officials, neighborhood organizations, schools, and churches in Bedford Stuyvesant to strengthen the community. He has also played an active role in organizing youth programs, parades, demonstrations, rallies, and various events. For all of his contributions, Officer Ruffin has received numerous awards for his community service.

Mr. Speaker, Steven Ruffin has dedicated both his professional and personal life to strengthening the community. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

CHESTER GRAY

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Chester Gray of Cleveland, Ohio.

Chester Gray, born on April 1, 1912, in Cleveland, Ohio, was one of two sons born to Morgan J. Gray and Elandra Holt Gray. Morgan, a Pullman Porter, originally from London, Ontario, and Elandra, daughter of a Canadian Baptist minister, raised their sons in an "upper poor" but loving home. Throughout his life Chester valued advice he received from his mother, "Be yourself, and be somebody." He also shared his parent's belief in the efficacy of education.

After graduating from Cleveland's East High School, Chester wanted to attend Fisk University, however his father advised him to stay home. A friend took him to meet the Jesuits, and soon he was riding the streetcar to the college at West 30th Street. So began his lifetime association with his alma mater John Carroll University. Chester enjoyed sharing memories about John Carroll where he was one part of the trio of young black men who were the first men of color to attend the University.

Chester, "Chet" had a life filled with many interests. As a youngster he ice skated with his buddies at the old Elysium or played sandlot football. At John Carroll he played the French Horn and was a member of the university's first marching band. "Chet" dreamed of attending medical school after earning his bachelor in Philosophy, however money was short so, he ventured in other directions: He worked at the Cedar Branch YMCA, volunteered at Karamu House, joined the National Youth Administration and before long arrived at the Ohio Bureau of Employment, a destination that was to direct his future as a prolific public servant and consummate community citizen.

Chester Gray was a brave man. In 1965 he was the lone Black man who was part of a three-man team of officials who traveled into the heart of Klu Klux Klan territory in Birmingham, Alabama. Their mission was to end job discrimination in the local steel mill. The officials endured insults, threats and possible physical harm, but they got their job done. They told the employers they'd have to follow minority guidelines mandated by the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Thus began a new era in employment.

Reflecting on his years and training at John Carroll University "Chet" gave evidence of his quick humor. Describing sitting through the daily Mass conducted in Latin he said, "There was an equality of ignorance. None of us knew what the hell was going on." He also noted that the skills he learned in critical thinking and understanding people were tolls that served him throughout his life.

Perhaps one of the most profound life lessons Chester carried away from John Carroll was "The bedrock of the Jesuit philosophy of doing good for others. Do the best you can for yourself, but also do something to make life better." He spent his life practicing the philosophy and had Ninety-Two glorious years of taking small and giant steps to make life better for his community.

LET THE WORK I'VE DONE SPEAK FOR ME

May the work I've done speak for me. When I'm resting in my grave, there is nothing that can be said. May the work I've done, speak for me. May the life I've lived speak for me. May the service I gave speak for me. When I've done the best I can, and my friends don't understand, may the service I gave speak for me. The works I've done seemed so small. Sometimes they seemed like nothing at all. But when I stand before my God. I want to hear Him say "Well Done." May the work I've done speak for me.

National Youth Administration, youth supervisor and state supervisor of recreation and community affairs

Chief of Minority Group Services, Ohio Bureau of Employment Service

American Red Cross, Military Welfare Branch

Deputy director of operations, Ohio Civil Rights Commission

Staff Director of Equal Employment Opportunity Program for Cleveland district contact management office of U.S. Air Force

Director, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for Ohio

Elected to John Carroll University board of trustees

Consultant, Cleveland Board of Education

Interim executive director for Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority

Appointed to John Carroll University board of regents

Inspiration and Consultant for "Forever JCU", the first ever alumni of color event

Former Board member Fairhill Center for Aging

Guest Lecturer: Michigan State University, Western Reserve University and numerous public and private organizations

Member and Former Trustee, Mt. Zion Congregational Church

Member of: Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., Tau Boule of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity and past President of Cleveland City Club

"Service is the rent we pay to be living. It is the very purpose of life and not something you do in your spare time"

—MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN.

Chester Gray was constantly described as ''a gentleman'', one of a vanishing breed of men who was elegant, articulate and cultured. But he was more, he was compassionate, a friend, a supporter and mentor. He had high standards and expectations. ''Chet'' or as he liked to refer to himself, ''The Silver Fox'', had a zest for living. Unaffected by the passage of time he was debonair, worldly, a man of great humor, twinkling eyes and a broad smile. He believed in finding positive solutions and believed in conciliation.

Chester had a Forty-Seven year long love affair with his beloved Frances, who preceded him in death. They were blessed with one son, Chester, Jr. a resident of Philadelphia, Pa. Chester lived life to the fullest: golfing, traveling, dancing, cooking, reading, writing, practicing Tai Chi, sharing time with his wonderful world of diverse friends. He was indeed a ''Man for all Seasons''. We will miss him, but remember him with love.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING AUBRIE WASICEK

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Aubrie Wasicek is an outstanding student and loving daughter; and

Whereas, Aubrie Wasicek has been acknowledged by Adams Elementary School for her outstanding academic achievements; and

Whereas, Aubrie Wasicek should be commended for her academic excellence, for her dedication to learning, and for her willingness to obtain and share the knowledge she has gained; and

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in honoring and congratulating Audra Wasicek for her outstanding accomplishment.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF SGT. GERARDO MORENO

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my deep sorrow for the loss of a young soldier from my district, Sgt. Gerardo Moreno, 23, of Terrell, Texas. Gerardo, who was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division based in Fort Hood, Texas, died on April 6 in Ashula, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He had been in Iraq since early January and was killed in a grenade attack.

Following graduation from Terrell High School in 1999, Gerardo enlisted in the Army. He was a dedicated soldier and upstanding citizen of Terrell, Texas. In a show of support for the fallen soldier, the residents of Terrell lined Moore Avenue on the morning of his funeral to pay their respects. He was laid to rest in Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Gerardo was also a devoted family man. He is survived by his wife, Teresa Moreno of Terrell and their two children, Dominique and Marrisol Moreno. Mourning his death are also his mother, Sandra E. Iracheta, and her husband, Noe Iracheta; father, Gerardo Moreno; brother, Jose J. Moreno; stepsisters, Yara and Yadira Perez; grandmother, Rita Iracheta of Terrell; grandfather, Israel Iracheta of San Antonio, and other family members.

Mr. Speaker, Gerardo left Texas in defense of our Nation, and he returned to Texas a hero. He made the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation, and we are forever indebted to him and to our brave men and women who are serving in our armed forces. As we adjourn today in the House of Representatives, let us do so by joining with the good citizens of Terrell in honoring this American hero, Sgt. Gerardo Moreno, and extending our deepest condolences to his family and friends. May God bless them and bring them comfort in their time of sorrow.

CONGRATULATING INDUCTEES AND MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY OF BELL OAKS UPPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BELLMAWR, NEW JERSEY

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize the newest inductees and two-year members of the National Junior Honor Society of Bell Oaks Upper Elementary School in Bellmawr, New Jersey. These students have earned this recognition due to their excellence both inside and outside the classroom, and they should be proud of their accomplishments.

The National Junior Honor Society was established in 1929, 8 years after the establishment of the National Honor Society. Both organizations were established to recognize outstanding students who demonstrate excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. Students are expected to demonstrate proficiency not just in their classroom studies, but in school activities and community service as well. Each of the recent inductees and current members of the Bell Oaks National Junior Honor Society is to be commended for their dedication to knowledge and service.

On May 24 at 7 p.m. Bell Oaks Upper Elementary School inducted the following 7th Graders: Caitlin Concannon, Charles Dyer, David Funk, Breelynn Hammerle, Jake Huffner, John Ippolite, Maryam Jamil, Erica Lopez, Jacob McGranaghan, Stephen Miles, Joseph Newsham, Priyanka Patel, Charles Robinson, Mark Unger, Judith Wallen, Brett Walren, and Lidia Wilczynska. The 8th Graders inducted were Justin Borrelli, Bryan Cheeseman, Donovan Ortiz, Ashley Parker, Steven Sheehan, and Christopher Todd. The National Junior Honor Society Two Year Members are as follows: Michael Anthony, Hinnah Aslam, Lorin Barry, Joshua Bloomquist, Laura Buonpastore, Lauren Burmylo, Anthony DiLolle, Edward DiMattesa, Nicholas Fishman, Danielle Landis, Brittany Magnin, Michael Malason, Meghan Mitchell, Sean O'Donnell, Stephen Paul, Brittney Rehrig, Amanda Roop, Blair Rundsmom, Matthew Salvano, Jessie Sibiski, Thomas Teschko, and Britney Yocum.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in congratulating each of these students on their dedication to scholarship and commitment to community service. Their enthusiasm for learning and helping others is admirable, and I am certain that they will continue to excel in these areas and remain leaders in their community.

TRIBUTE TO MS. DORCAS R. HARDY

HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Dorcas R. Hardy, who, among her many noteworthy accomplishments, served as the Chairman of the Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) Task Force.

In May 2003, VA Secretary Anthony Principi established the Task Force to give the VR&E program ''an unvarnished, top-to-bottom independent examination, evaluation, and analysis.'' Chairman Hardy fulfilled the challenge with an extensive testimony before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee on the operations, findings, and recommendations to improve the VR&E program.

Included among the Task Force's 100-plus recommendations is a new, five-track employment process aimed at assisting veterans with finding and retaining employment. The report also includes recommendations focusing on four categories: programs, organizations, work processes, and integrating capacities. Ms. Hardy summarized the recommendations best by saying that they are necessary for the program ''to be effective in the 21st Century'' and they will help ''to communicate to veterans and partners that the purpose of the program is employment.'' Indeed, long-term sustained employment should be the goal of every vocational rehabilitation participant.

Ms. Hardy received her B.A. from Connecticut College, her M.B.A. from Pepperdine University, and completed the Executive Program in Health Policy and Financial Management at Harvard University.

Ms. Hardy is also the President of Dorcas R. Hardy & Associates, a government relations and public policy firm serving a diverse portfolio of clients in the health services, insurance, financial and associated industries. She has a distinguished record of public service culminating with her appointment in 1986 by the late President Ronald Reagan as the Commissioner of Social Security.

With Ms. Hardy's continued dedication to public service, America and her veterans benefit. For this, I pay her tribute.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MAILE KELLER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize MaiLe Keller of Glenwood Springs, Colorado for her ability to overcome obstacles

placed before her and excel in her endeavors. Diagnosed with a hearing impairment before the age of three, MaiLe has excelled as a student-athlete at Glenwood Springs High School.

This spirit of perseverance is thematic in her life. MaiLe has learned to communicate in different ways to overcome her hearing loss, including learning to read lips. Determined to receive an athletic letter at Glenwood Springs High School, MaiLe took up golf during her sophomore year. After many hours of practice with a swing coach, she found a love and appreciation for the game. As a testament to her dedication to the sport, success soon followed as MaiLe took second place at the Demon Invitational golf tournament.

Her hard work is not exclusive to golf; she is also a very dedicated student and has the grades to prove it. Her plans for the future include attending the University of Northern Colorado to study visual arts with the help of a scholarship from the Western Colorado Golf Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize MaiLe Keller for her accomplishments on the green and in her life. She has overcome the obstacles that have been laid in her path, and I congratulate her on her success and wish her the best of luck in future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO ARCHBISHOP WILBERT S. McKINLEY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Archbishop Wilbert S. McKinley in recognition of his spiritual leadership in the community.

Archbishop Wilbert S. McKinley is the senior pastor of The Elim International Fellowship.

The doors of the church were opened for ministry on July 26, 1964. As the founding pastor, Archbishop McKinley has served the church faithfully for forty years.

Archbishop McKinley has an overwhelming passion to introduce people, especially men, to the Church and the teachings of Jesus Christ. Archbishop McKinley believes that these teachings hold the key to every door. He is especially called to reach black men with the message of hope through Jesus Christ and with the necessity of embracing one's spiritual, national and racial identity.

Archbishop McKinley has been a gift to the Church. In addition to his pastoral duties, he is a leader who is committed to sharing his time and talent with others.

Mr. Speaker, Archbishop Wilbert S. McKinley has been a spiritual leader in his community for more than forty years. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

DANNY CAMERON

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Danny Cameron of Cleveland, Ohio.

I want to thank Mr. Cameron for all he has done during his 36-year career with National City Bank to give quality service to the citizens of the 11th Congressional District. As President of the National City Development Corporation he served our community for the past 22, assisting customers make their dreams a reality. For too long, many deserving people were denied an opportunity to build businesses and futures because of the lack of availability of a helping hand. Danny has used his position with the Development Corporation to say "yes" rather than "no," to offer hope rather than despair to the people of Greater Cleveland. I thank him for making our community a better place.

I am very happy that he has reached this wonderful time, being young enough to retire and start a new life. I am sorry, however, that he and his wife, Dorothy, are leaving Cleveland for new beginnings in Georgia.

On behalf of the citizens of the 11th Congressional District, Ohio, I extend our gratitude to Danny Cameron for his many years of service, not only as a banker but also as an involved community citizen. He has brightened many lives. On a personal note, I also want to thank him for his years of friendship and support. He has always been there for me.

I wish Danny, Dottie and their family many years of health and happiness. May they fulfill many of their dreams and also find many new adventures. We'll miss you.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING WORKING WARDROBES

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Working Wardrobes is a dedicated and tireless organization worthy of merit and recognition; and

Whereas, Working Wardrobes has been acknowledged for its philanthropic service; and

Whereas, Working Wardrobes should be commended for its excellence in service and for its unwavering dedication to helping individuals obtain the necessary skills to obtain employment; and

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in honoring and congratulating Working Wardrobes for its outstanding accomplishment.

CONGRATULATING THE "TREASURES OF THE TEXAS COAST" CHILDREN'S ART CONTEST 2004 WINNERS

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to recognize Sammy Clegg, Chelsea Schneider and Daniel Sagrero as the 2004 winners of the Treasures of the Texas Coast Children's Art Contest.

As part of the Texas Adopt-A-Beach program, the "Treasures of the Texas Coast" art contest is open to Texas students grade K–6. Hosted annually by the Texas General Land Office, the core objectives of the contest are to encourage young artists while promoting the cause to keep Texas beaches clean. This year's winners, Chelsea Schneider and Daniel Sagrero of Lee Intermediate School in Gainsville, Texas, and Sammy Clegg of Rowlett Elementary School in Rowlett, Texas, masterfully demonstrated those objectives.

Each young artist beautifully displayed the concept of keeping Texas beaches clean by using an elaborate and colorful palette. The winning artwork was displayed in the Capitol Building in Austin, Texas, as well as compiled into a statewide calendar for all to see. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend congratulations to these outstanding students.

WAR WITH IRAQ

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address some dangerous and potentially harmful conjectures that have been made by some of our colleagues in Congress regarding the reasons for going to war with Iraq.

Our decision to go to war with Iraq and remove Saddam Hussein from power was the right decision. The record shows that at various times the defeated Iraqi regime of Saddam Hussein possessed biological and chemical weapons and desired to possess nuclear weapons. Failure to oust Saddam Hussein would have put the American people at a grave risk.

Some have questioned the quality of intelligence that U.S. policy makers received prior to the start of the war in Iraq. I agree that this is a matter of grave importance that requires a complete and full public evaluation. Any faulty intelligence on such grave matters is a serious problem. If we are relying on the same potentially faulty intelligence to protect the lives of our troops still serving in Iraq, or to consider military action elsewhere in the world, that is a dangerous risk to our security and a grave flaw in our foreign policy decision making processes. While these matters are investigated, however, it is crucial that we do not recklessly suggest alternate reasons that the war was pursued.

Some Members of Congress have made statements claiming that the true reason for this war was to move along the Administration's plan to secure a peaceful Israel. These statements are baseless, and quite divisive. While Israel, like the rest of the World, will surely benefit from a stable, democratic Iraq, this war was not entered into for Israel's benefit. Granted, a democratic force in the region will be welcome by the Israeli government, but a stable Iraq will be no means ensure an end to the dangers faced by our allies in Israel. Suggesting that the United States waged this war solely to advance its Middle East policies will only serve to increase the anti-Semitism that already permeates the area, and potentially increase the violence that the Israeli citizens have been forced to endure for years. It is true that, prior to the commencement of the War with Iraq, President Bush stated, "A new regime in Iraq would serve as a dramatic and inspiring example of freedom for other nations

in the region.'' I fully agree with this statement, and feel that it is important to recognize that the spread of freedom and democracy in the region is of great benefit to the entire world, not just Israel. The spread of democracy will directly lead to the spread of peace. There has not been one instance in modern history where a democratic government has gone to war with another democratic government—not one. Achieving such a peaceful existence is of monumental importance to the United States, Israel, and all other nations opposed to violence and terror tactics.

While I certainly do not expect each of my colleagues to agree with me on the question of whether or not we should have entered this war, I do urge all Members of Congress to think carefully about the potential effects that their statements may have, both on the war and on other subjects of a sensitive nature.

TRIBUTE TO DR. LAY KHIN KAY

HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Lay Khin Kay, co-founder and chief medical director of QTC Medical Services, Inc., for dedicating the past 23 years of her career to the development of medical claims technology.

Dr. Kay's career began in Burma when she obtained her Doctor of Medicine degree from the prestigious Rangoon Institute of Medicine. She came to the United States to further her education and obtain certification as a Board Certified Internal and Occupational Specialist. Dr. Kay devoted years of service performing disability evaluations at the Social Security Administration where she identified a major disconnect between traditional medical evidence development and rating requirements. The medical evidence collected by an evaluating physician rarely met the expectations of ratings requirements; consequently, long delays and appealed cases increased.

In 1981, Dr. Kay co-founded QTC Medical Services to develop a rating-driven disability evaluation protocol, and worked to educate thousands of evaluating physicians. As technology progressed, Dr. Kay continued to develop new techniques to improve the evaluation process. She created QTC's Medical Knowledge Library, which serves as the main database for KMEP (Dr. Kay's Medical Evaluation Protocol), a web-based application designed to help physicians generate disability medical examination content. Instead of using a standardized physician examination guide, KMEP software produces claimant-specific, protocol-based, field-level evaluation worksheets. These worksheets ensure that each physician will completely and accurately address every medical issue of the claimant according to the corresponding disability program's standards.

In 1997, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) awarded its first performance-based contract to QTC to conduct a pilot program that was established by Congress to perform compensation and pension examinations (C&P) for veterans filing disability claims through VA. QTC now performs about 50 percent of the VA's C&P exams through 10 of its regional offices. In 2003, the KMEP application aided the QTC examining physicians in the production of over 69,000 disability exam reports with near-perfect adequacy ratings.

Dr. Kay's efforts have given disabled veterans a simplified evaluation process, which eliminates the need for retraining, costs less money, and produces timelier quality reports. Thank you, Dr. Kay, for your innovative and cost-effective contributions to the veterans' claims disability process.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MARTA AND CHARLIE PETERSON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today and to pay tribute to the service of Marta and Charlie Peterson to Mesa Verde National Park. Recently, after over thirty years of dedicated service to our nation park system, the couple announced their retirement. They leave behind a great legacy of dedication and commitment to our lands and I am honored to recognize their service before this body of Congress and this nation today.

Marta and Charlie joined the park service in 1969 on separate journeys. They met while working at adjacent parks in their first year and married soon after. Together they have worked in nine National Parks, acclimating to the changing conditions and terrain, finding happiness in each and every park. After seven years at Mesa Verde National Park, Charlie retires as the chief ranger and Marta retires as the administrative assistant to the park superintendent.

Charlie and Marta's dedication to our National Parks is evident through the numerous awards and recognition they have received over the years. Charlie received the Department of Interior's Medal of Valor and the park service's Harry Yount Award. The Medal of Valor was given for his role in saving his friend from drowning. Working as scuba divers cleaning drains to improve the flood conditions, his friend was pulled into the drain, only to be saved by Charlie. The Harry Yount award honors rangers considered by their peers to be the top rangers in the National Park Service.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Marta and Charlie Peterson before this body of Congress and this nation today. They have provided years of dedicated service to our national parks. I thank them for their hard work and service, and wish them all the best and happiness in their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO CLIFFORD BARNETT CROWLEY

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of a distinguished citizen and friend to many in my Congressional District, Mr. Clifford Barnett Crowley, who passed away on July 6 of an extended illness at the age of 92.

Mr. Crowley was a native of Houston County, Alabama where he and his wife, Donnie Vernell Wilkinson, established a family farm. Crowley was well known for his ingenuity and keen ability to adjust to change in agriculture. This skill earned him state wide distinction as Alabama Peanut Farmer of the Year in 1969 and 1970.

Crowley was an active member of Pine Hill Free Will Baptist Church in Dothan, serving as a Sunday School teacher, deacon and trustee. He was also much beloved for his participation in a local musical group which entertained fellow seniors, family and friends.

I offer my condolences to Mr. Crowley's wife and extended family. We have lost a valued and much respected member of our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNE M. NORTHUP

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mrs. NORTHUP. Mr. Chairman, on July 7, 2004, I inadvertently voted ''nay'' on an amendment to the fiscal year 2005 Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary Appropriations bill (H.R. 4754). I respectfully request the RECORD reflect that I supported the Paul Amendment withholding funds from the United National Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and intended to vote ''aye'' on rollcall vote No. 333.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LANCE CORPORAL MANUEL ADRIAN CENICEROS

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Lance Corporal Manuel ''Manny'' Adrian Ceniceros, United States Marine Corps, a member of the Regimental Combat Team 1 Headquarters Company, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Manuel Adrian Ceniceros was born on November 15, 1980. He was a good son to his mother Angela De La Cruz and a loving husband to his wife Elizabeth. He enjoyed life and lived it to the fullest. His hobbies included drawing and playing the trumpet. Manuel and Elizabeth dreamed of starting a family some day. They lived in East Los Angeles, just a few blocks from my office, before he was deployed.

Manuel epitomized what every man should be—a good son and loving husband, a caring friend and considerate neighbor, a good-hearted young man who enjoyed life and strived to ensure that others did as well.

For love of our country, and to protect its freedoms, Lance Corporal Manuel Adrian Ceniceros volunteered to participate in a convoy mission, not knowing that it would be his last unselfish act of honor and courage. On June 26, 2004, he was killed in an explosion in the Iraqi Province of Al Anbar. Manny was laid to rest on July 6 in Santa Ana, the city of

his birth. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth and mother Angela de La Cruz.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the following statement appear in the appropriate place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD behind the votes for Wednesday, July 7, 2004: unfortunately, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present for the recorded Roll Call votes number 326 through number 335, I would have voted in the following way:

No. 326—H. Con. Res. 410—Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended Recognizing the 25th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. I would have voted "yes."

No. 327—H. Con. Res. 257—Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree Expressing the sense of Congress that the President should posthumously award the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Harry W. Colmery. I would have voted "yes."

No. 328—On agreeing to the Manzullo, Velazquez, Serrano amendment to provide $79.1 million for the Small Business 7(a) loan program, the amount provided last year, to finance more than $13 billion in small business loans. I would have voted in favor of the amendment.

No. 329—On agreeing to the Flake (Arizona) Amendment prohibiting use of funds to implement new restrictions on gift parcels and other items allowed for travellers to Cuba. I would have voted "yes."

No. 330—On agreeing to the Weiner Amendment increasing COPS funding by $107 million and offsets that funding by cutting funding for the Census. I would have voted "yes."

No. 331—On agreeing to the Hefley Amendment eliminating funding for the re-engineering design process for the 2010 short-form only Census. I would have voted "no."

No. 332—On agreeing to the Kucinich amendment on funding for the Commerce Department to expand the membership of the President's "Manufacturing Council." I would have voted "yes."

No. 333—On agreeing to the Paul of Texas amendment No. 9. I would have voted "no."

No. 334—On agreeing to the Farr of California amendment prohibiting funds from being used to prevent states from implementing state lays authorizing the use of medical marijuana. I would have voted "yes."

No. 335—On agreeing to the Paul of Texas amendment No. 10. I would have voted "no."

A TRIBUTE TO ST. BLASÉ "KC" CHARLES

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of St. Blasé "KC" Charles in recognition of his significant cultural and economic development contributions to the community.

St. Blasé Charles, better known as KC, hails from the twin island Nation of Trinidad and Tobago in the Caribbean. He has been an entertainer for more than 30 years. Famous for his Caribbean-style rendition of the "father of soul," Mr. James Brown, KC is also affectionately known as the "Local James Brown" throughout the entertainment circles in North America and members of his international fan club. Along with his own musical group, the International Band, KC has performed at major events and famous places including the West Indian Labor Day Parade in Brooklyn, the Harlem Day Parade, Manhattan's Annual Halloween Parade, the MGM and Sahara casino in Las Vegas, and the Royal Caribbean and Carnival cruises, just to name a few.

KC's summer concerts were launched in 1989 at his garage at East 87th Street in East Flatbush, Brooklyn where he held a huge block party on Memorial Day. In order to accommodate the growing crowd that came to the yearly event, in 1991, KC moved his Caribbean style street festival to Ditmas Avenue near his East 87th Street garage. The event covered ten blocks. The event continued at Ditmas Avenue until 1996, when KC took his show and a loyal following of thousands to its new home on Atlantic Avenue.

Spanning 10,000 square feet and a maximum occupancy of 4,300, the Hideaway is a spacious outdoor venue located at 2494 Atlantic, in an industrial section of Brooklyn. Since 1998, the Hideaway, which is owned and managed by KC, has been hosting its hallmark Summer Concert Series featuring today's leading soca, calypso, and reggae musical acts from around the Caribbean and here in the United States. Along with top performers, the Hideaway showcases some of the most popular Caribbean-American DJs. It is also equipped with a fully licensed bar, a professional sized stage, and an elevated VIP lounge where performing artist and special guests can view and enjoy the shows.

KC's Hideaway has become a major attraction for thousands of Caribbean music lovers from around the world who are drawn to Brooklyn, the Caribbean Capital of the United States, year after year to celebrate the West Indian Labor Day Carnival season, which begins in May. The venue stages around 66 shows a year and the number of concertgoers has steadily increased over the past three years. The concert grew from an audience of about 80,000 for the season in 1998, to approximately 165,000 for this season.

Mr. Speaker, St. Blasé "KC" Charles has developed and created a major cultural event in his community, which has brought thousands of people to Brooklyn each year to celebrate their Caribbean heritage. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES L. FLINN, III

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

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize James L. Flinn, III upon his retirement after thirty-five years of outstanding civil service for the United States Army, the majority of which he served at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville.

An Alabama native, Jim first entered the civil service in 1969 after receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Finance and Management from the University of Alabama. Through many challenging and diverse assignments, Jim has distinguished himself by his knowledge and ability to consistently lead others. He has been a constant and stabilizing presence at Redstone and has helped ensure Redstone's high level support of the warfighter.

Mr. Speaker, throughout Jim's remarkable career his hard work and dedication have been an inspiration for others and he has been recognized by his peers through numerous honors and awards. In 2003, he was awarded the Department of the Army Senior Executive Service Distinguished Presidential Rank Award, which is the highest honor a public sector employee can receive. In addition, in 1993 and 1998 he received the DA SES Meritorious Presidential Rank Award and most recently, he was awarded the 2004 National Defense Industrial Association Defense Management Award. Jim also serves on numerous boards and holds many leadership positions in North Alabama. Most recently, he was appointed by the Governor of Alabama to the Alabama Space Science Exhibit Commission, which overseas the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of North Alabama, I congratulate James L. Flinn on his thirty-five years of service to our country and wish him well in his retirement.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PATRINE RICE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand and recognize the selflessness of Patrine Rice of Grand Junction, Colorado. She has committed herself to the community, which is evident through her accomplished record as a volunteer. It is my pleasure to acknowledge Patrine's efforts to make her neighborhood stronger before this body of Congress and this nation today.

Patrine's career as a volunteer began when she moved to Grand Junction in 1986. Ever since, she has shelved books for six to eight hours per week at the Mesa County Public Library. Her work at the library is a natural extension of her years spent as a teacher of foreign language. Nearly eighty years old, self sufficiency would satisfy most at that distinguished age, but not Patrine. In addition to taking care of her yard and her garden, she finds time to dedicate herself to others. Through a program called "Support Our Seniors," she drives other seniors requiring transportation to their destinations. In acknowledgement of her work as a volunteer in her area, she was recently honored with the "Above and Beyond Award" by the Mesa County Department of Human Services and the League of Women Voters.

Mr. Speaker, Patrine Rice's fondness for helping others contributes significantly to make Grand Junction a cohesive community. This

spirit of volunteerism is a role model for others to follow. I thank Patrine for her civic pride and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

HONORING MOTHER THELMA MACK

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Thelma Mack, the epitome of a community mother, who spent her entire life being a stalemate and community pillar.

As an African-American woman of Indianola, Mississippi, born in April of 1934, Thelma endured the strife of segregated life in the South. During the Civil Rights era, Thelma exemplified her motherly role through housing and feeding passers-by committed to the equal rights mission.

Thelma Mack's most notable career work was in the area of childcare, where she started a daycare at her home. In August of 1968, Thelma became the Director of the Sunflower-Humphreys County Headstart, where she served for over 20 years.

Thelma Mack's faithful service and dedication to upholding the traditional family structure and values is the backbone of our communities. I applaud the life and legacy of Thelma Mack.

CHILD NUTRITION AND WIC REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2004

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, effective, fair vendor cost containment is critical to ensure that federal funds for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) are managed appropriately. It is equally important that this objective be achieved with balance. WIC cost containment measures in S. 2507 should provide assurance that WIC-Only stores have prices that are consistent with traditional retail WIC vendors. It is the intent of Congress that the provisions of this bill be implemented in a fair and equitable manner. Cost containment measures contained in S. 2507 are not to be used to drive vendors out of the program.

Central to the vendor cost containment provisions is the authority to establish a series of vendor peer groups, each with its own competitive price criteria and allowable reimbursement levels. These vendor peer groups recognize that there are economic realities that cause pricing to vary among stores based on store size and geographic location. Large supermarket chains and box stores bypass wholesalers and purchase directly from manufacturers. Other stores, including some WIC-Only stores do not. Much more important, supermarket chains receive significant price discounts and concessions from manufacturers, such as allowances for product promotion, product shelf placement, etc. Independently owned stores, including independently owned chains and most WIC-Only stores, generally do not have the negotiating power to bargain for these benefits. As a result, independently owned stores may spend as much to purchase a product at wholesale as the retail price at a big chain. Because of this, vendor peer groups should allow for somewhat higher prices at small stores, relative to the larger supermarkets.

During implementation of vendor peer groups to achieve cost-containment, it is vital that transparent, objective criteria be used in defining peer group characteristics. It is expected that the criteria that have traditionally been used, the square footage of stores or the number of store registers, will continue to be used as appropriate. However, there is clear authority for adoption of other readily discernible, objective criteria that define appropriate peer group distinctions. WIC sales volume alone may not be an appropriate basis for defining peer groups since it accounts for only a portion of the sales of a given product and, in many situations, would be a poor indicator of factors that affect retail pricing decisions.

Special authority is provided for establishing competitive price criteria and allowable reimbursement levels for WIC-Only stores because those stores are insulated from marketplace price competition. It is not discriminatory to regulate them in a different manner. However, it would be inconsistent with the intent of Congress to use that unique regulatory treatment to apply a different standard to WIC-Only stores.

The objective of cost containment measures contained in S. 2507 is for WIC Program food costs to be the same regardless of whether program participants redeemed food instruments at a WIC-Only store or comparable market-based vendor. This neutrality objective is expressed by the dual statements in the bill: First, the bill provides for establishing and publishing competitive price criteria and allowable reimbursement levels that do not result in higher food costs in WIC-Only stores than in other authorized vendors. Second, the bill is clear that it is not to be construed to compel a State agency to achieve lower food costs in WIC-Only stores than in other authorized vendors. The objective is neutrality; for WIC-Only store costs to be at the same level as costs at comparable market-based vendors.

The language now before the House is different from the language reported by the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, but the neutrality objective has been consistently pursued throughout this legislative process. Refinements in that language are intended to remove any question that the objective is cost neutrality.

S. 2507 includes language requiring that competitive price criteria and allowable reimbursement levels will ''not result in higher food costs if program participants redeem supplemental food vouchers'' at WIC-Only stores than other vendors. This language is a statement of the general cost neutrality objective previously explained. It is not to be construed to compel a rigid cost limitation test. Neither USDA nor individual states can know with absolute certainty or ongoing precision what food prices will be.

In the bill's system of vendor peer groups, provision is made for peer groups for WIC-Only stores. It does not necessarily require a single peer group for WIC-Only stores because not all WIC-Only stores are alike. WIC-Only store peer groups are to have their prices limited to the same levels as prices of comparable market-based stores. The legislation is not prescriptive in specifying characteristics that make stores ''comparable.'' However, as with the regulatory basis for defining peer groups, the basis for comparing peer groups must be objective and readily discernable. Absent compelling basis for a different approach, the same criteria as are used to distinguish between traditional vendor peer groups should be used to distinguish between peer groups in WIC-Only stores and to identify peer groups of comparable market-based stores.

Another provision that warrants close oversight is a prohibition on certain marketing practices for WIC-Only stores. The Department of Agriculture is charged with promulgation of a rule to prohibit WIC-Only stores from giving certain ''incentive items'' to WIC participants unless the vendor proves that the incentive items were obtained at no cost. The provision was adopted because of reports that some WIC-Only stores have given incentive items that are out of the bounds of traditional vendor marketing practices. It is the intent of this provision to halt such marketing practices and to ensure that the acquisition of incentive items does not increase WIC Program costs.

This provision is intended to prevent marketing practices that are wholly inconsistent with those that occur in traditional food retailing. It is not intended that this provision would be used to create a situation where WIC-Only stores are prohibited from employing the same marketing practices that traditional stores use to induce customers. The fact that this restriction applies only to WIC-Only stores must not be viewed as an intention to create marketing restrictions that afford traditional vendors a competitive advantage over WIC-Only stores. The Secretary has authority in its implementing rulemaking to require a State Agency to waive restrictions on marketing practices of WIC-Only stores where competing traditional vendors engage in those practices.

The bill makes clear that merchandise of nominal value and food are not to be prohibited. Likewise, this provision does not provide authority to restrict incentives other than free merchandise. Specifically, it does not authorize restriction of services provided to program participants that are attendant to the redemption of supplemental food vouchers, such as assistance in complying with WIC program rules as they select their purchases or assistance in getting the food to their transportation or home, even if traditional vendors do not provide such services. The provision only authorizes restriction of use of non-food merchandise in marketing practices; it does not authorize restriction of retail services. Therefore, the Department of Agriculture rulemaking is to prohibit merchandise gifts that are inconsistent with marketing practices of the traditional food retail trade, but not marketing practices that are employed by other authorized vendors.

Mr. Speaker, I commend my colleagues for including vendor provisions in S. 2507 that will provide for effective cost containment, particularly in WIC-Only stores that are generally insulated from marketplace price competition. This bill does a commendable job in providing fair and balanced regulation. WIC-Only stores

have become very popular with WIC participants because of their convenience and service. That should continue.

INTRODUCING THE MMA TERRITORIAL EQUITY FOR LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS ACT OF 2004

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation that will treat Medicare-eligible citizens of Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands the same as low-income citizens in the 50 States and the District of Columbia with respect to the Medicare prescription drug transitional assistance program and, beginning in 2006, premium and cost-sharing subsidies under the national Medicare prescription drug program. I am joined by Congresswoman DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN of the Virgin Islands, Congressman ENI F. H. FALEOMAVAEGA of American Samoa and Resident Commissioner ANÍBAL ACEVEDO-VILÁ of Puerto Rico as original co-sponsors of this legislation, which will provide health care equality to seniors in the insular areas with respect to the prescription drug benefit.

Currently, citizens of the insular areas contribute to the Medicare Trust Fund in the same manner as citizens in the 50 States and the District of Columbia. However, while the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA) created a transitional assistance program authorizing up to $600 in prescription drug subsidies for individual low-income Medicare beneficiaries in both 2004 and 2005, the territories receive only a small Federal block grant ($35 million in aggregate for both years to cover an estimated 450,000 Medicare beneficiaries) to help defray the costs of implementing local prescription drug plans through their respective public health departments. While exact data is not available, it is estimated that beneficiaries in the insular areas will receive significantly less relief than their counterparts in the 50 States and the District of Columbia. The MMA also does not include citizens in the territories for the purposes of the full national prescription drug plan authorized for Medicare beneficiaries beginning on January 1, 2006. Again, a separate Federal block grant is allotted to the territories in lieu of full participation.

Citizens of the insular areas face greater challenges to accessing adequate health care and prescription drug services than citizens in the States and the District of Columbia. Transportation costs and smaller economies of scale increase the cost of prescription drugs available in these areas. Furthermore, the insular areas are home to many different minority groups, many of which are genetically disposed to certain illnesses. For example, African American, Hispanic and Pacific Island Americans are all genetically disposed to diabetes, which is particularly prevalent among the age 40–and-over category. Therefore, access to prescription drugs will, in addition to increasing the quality of life among citizens of the insular areas, help resolve other health disparities such as prevention and treatment of genetically-disposed illnesses.

My legislation recognizes that health care inequalities exist with respect to the treatment of citizens in the insular areas. It further recognizes that, in the case of the new transitional assistance and prescription drug programs authorized under the MMA, citizens of the insular areas pay into the Medicare Trust Fund in the same manner as citizens in the 50 States and the District of Columbia and should, therefore, receive parity with respect to benefits. The current protocol for block granting prescription drug funding to the insular areas will ensure that health care disparities will continue to exist in these areas. The best solution with regard to fairness and parity is to allow citizens of the territories to participate directly in these Federal prescription drug assistance programs.

My bill would ensure parity with respect to the application of the MMA in the insular areas by eliminating the current prescription drug block grant formula in favor of including low-income Medicare beneficiaries in Federal prescription drug assistance programs. Support for this legislation will ensure that all Americans receive the benefits to which they are entitled under the MMA.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MARTIEY MILLER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Martiey Miller for her outstanding dedication to her Grand Junction, Colorado community. Her effort as general manager at Cumulus Broadcasting in Grand Junction has done much to ensure the high quality of radio programming that characterizes the network. As Martiey moves on in her accomplished career, I believe it is appropriate to acknowledge her service to her community before this body of Congress and this nation today.

Martiey moved to Grand Junction nineteen years ago in order to be closer to family. She took a job as a receptionist at the local radio station and began her ascent through the ranks. Jumping at every opportunity, she took a position in sales, and then became the sales manager, before assuming the position of general manager at Cumulus Broadcasting in Grand Junction running KEKB and KOOL Radio. During her tenure at Cumulus Broadcasting she played an important role in turning a struggling company into a successful business.

For Martiey's efforts and successes at the station, she has been recognized nationally. In 1994, she was named the outstanding radio sales manager by the Radio Advertising Bureau. Two years later, she was honored as the Colorado's Broadcast Citizen of the Year by the Colorado Broadcasters.

Beyond her career, Martiey has been very active in the community. She previously held positions as the president of both the Kiwanis and Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce, as well as being a member of the JUCO committee and the Hilltop Board. Her most notable achievement in public service came as co-chair of the citizens' committee to pass a school bond issue and override the budget. Her efforts proved successful when the bond issue and budget override passed.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the success of Martiey Miller as a leader in the Grand Junction community. She is moving on to a new job in Minneapolis, but let it be known that she has left a great legacy of commitment and dedication to Grand Junction and the State of Colorado. I congratulate her on her new job and wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO GLENORE M. ANDERSON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Glenore M. Anderson in recognition of her civic participation and business success.

Glenore is a living testimony to the power of hard work and effort. A banker by profession, it took Ms. Anderson eleven years to move up the corporate ladder to her current position as Vice President/Branch Manager of the Broadway and Driggs Street Office of HSBC Bank, one of the largest branches of HSBC Bank USA in Brooklyn, NY.

Born on the island of Trinidad and Tobago in the West Indies, Glenore immigrated to the United States in the summer of 1992. She moved here with her family after successfully completing her studies in her home country. A few short months after taking up residence in New York City, she was hired as a customer service representative with Marine Midland bank, which later became HSBC Bank USA. She quickly moved through the ranks and excelled as a sales representative, sales manager, OIC (officer in charge), and Vice President/Branch manager.

Glenore continues to exemplify this spirit of excellence in her current position as the Branch Manager. She continuously works toward motivating her staff of 16 by employing a "hands on" approach. In so doing, she demonstrates her abilities as a team player and team leader. She believes that it is important for her staff to see that she can do whatever task is required of them. Due to this type of cohesive effort and leadership skills, the operation of the branch has been very successful, which boasts assets totaling $105 million.

In addition to her expertise in banking, Glenore has also earned accolades for her efforts to strengthen the community. As such, she was honored with the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry award for Women History makers of 2000; the Network Journal award for 40 Under Forty Achievers of 2001; and an award from the New Deeper Life Tabernacle in 2003.

During the month of February in 2001, 2002 and 2003, she brought this sense of community to the branch by hosting a celebration of Black History Month. The celebrations took the form of an art exhibit mounted in conjunction with Art Groupie.Com, which featured the works of four African/Caribbean American artists.

Married and the mother of one, Glenore receives strong support from her family and friends who believe whole-heartedly in her potential to reach the stars.

Mr. Speaker, Glenore M. Anderson has excelled in the business world while still finding

time to contribute to her community. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

WELCOMING KING MOHAMMED VI

HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, Mr. PAYNE and I welcome King Mohammed VI of Morocco to the United States and wish him well during his visit. We strongly urge His Majesty to uphold and implement his nation's agreements regarding the conflict over the Western Sahara. In addition, we urge His Majesty to uphold UN Security Council Resolution 1541 as a tribute to former Secretary of State James A. Baker III, who promoted international legality and justice while responding to the true long-term interests of both parties concerned in this conflict. His Majesty's support for the former U.N. Special Envoy Baker's Peace Plan would be the best contribution to peace and stability in the region. In addition, upholding the Peace Plan would demonstrate the effectiveness of the pursuit of national aspirations through nonviolence in the greater Middle East, a region that has been the target of much violence.

Mr. Speaker, last week, a number of Members sent a letter to President Bush requesting that during his meeting with the King, he strongly encourage His Majesty to implement the United Nations Settlement Plan in order to achieve a just, peaceful, and lasting resolution to the conflict over Western Sahara. The letter welcomed United Nations Security Council Resolution No. 1541 adopted April 29, 2004, which reaffirmed support for the Peace Plan for Self-Determination of the People of Western Sahara devised by UN Secretary General Kofi Annan's Special Envoy, James Baker, and shared deep regret over the departure of Mr. Baker and the circumstances that led to his resignation.

In addition, the letter welcomed the confidence-building measures taken by the Polisario Front which released a further 643 Moroccan POWs since July 2003; the number of POWs the Polisario has liberated since 1991 now totals 1,760. However, the Members of Congress expressed their regret that the Government of King Mohammed VI has not reciprocated in a commensurate way. The fact that the Sahrawis have opted for non-violence in the affirmation of their identity and have respected the terms of the cease-fire signed in 1991 between their representative and Morocco, is telling in terms of who is committed to settlement of the conflict.

Further, the letter expressed great concern that if the conflict between these two parties is left unresolved, it has the potential to disrupt peace and stability in the Maghreb region, thus threatening the interests of the United States. The Members expressed that the United States should use its unique influence in that region to press the Moroccan Government and the Polisario Front to agree to the Peace Plan and to implement it under the supervision of the United Nations. Although U.S. attention is primarily focused, as it should be, on Iraq and on the war against terrorism, the letter underscores the concern of the Members that the Western Sahara conflict needs to be addressed urgently and fairly to the benefit of the peoples of the region and in the interest of the United States. A peaceful, successful resolution of the conflict over Western Sahara will provide a signal to the Broader Middle East and North African region that in the 21st century there are successful alternatives to violence in the pursuit of national aspirations.

Mr. Speaker, we again extend our welcome to His Majesty and strongly urge him not to stand in the way of progress towards the peaceful resolution of the conflict over Western Sahara.

TRIBUTE TO THE WHITE HOUSE COMMISSION ON REMEMBRANCE AND THE ''SANDS OF REMEMBRANCE'' MEMORIAL AT NORMANDY BEACH

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the White House Commission on Remembrance and the Sands of Remembrance Memorial constructed this past Memorial Day at Normandy beach during the 60th anniversary of D-Day.

The White House Commission on Remembrance was established by Congress (PL 106–579) in 2000 and is an independent government agency honoring America's fallen, recognizing our men and women who have served our nation, and recognizing the veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice as well as those who continue to serve our country.

The Commission also promotes the values of Memorial Day throughout the year.

In 2002, Carmella LaSpada, the Director of the White House Commission on Remembrance and sand sculptors John Gowdy (American), and Dale Murdock (Canadian) discussed an idea: to create, from the very sand on which blood was shed for freedom, a life-size and historically accurate sand sculpture on the Normandy Beach to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of D-Day. Thus, the ''Sands of Remembrance'' was born.

So from May 25 through May 29 a team of award-winning sand sculptors from the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom began an effort to create one of the most memorable and beautiful artistic memorials dedicated to one of the most heroic events in our history. To honor D-Day's fallen heroes in a symbolic and tangible way, this sand sculpture was an act of remembrance. This sculpted sand served as a touching and unique reminder of the sacrifices made for freedom to those who visited the memorial.

The team of award-winning sand sculptors created a 30 x 30 life-size sand sculpture of the D-Day landing commemorating the 60th Anniversary of that historic event. Dear Abby and Home Box Office (HBO) partnered with the White House Commission on Remembrance for the ''Sands of Remembrance'' memorial, initiated by the Commission.

Some of the reactions of those who witnessed the sculpture were:

''It brought tears to my eyes.''

''So inspiring.''

''It makes you feel gratitude.''

''It makes you think.''

''Spectacular!''

''Superb!''

''Stupendous!''

''Awesome!''

''Astonishing!''

''Incredible!''

''I've never seen anything like it!''

''Magnificent.''

''Marvelous.''

''How could this have been done? It's unbelievable.''

''What a tribute!''

''It's so personal and emotional.''

''It touches the mind and the heart.''

''No other commemoration for those who died has so much meaning.''

''I feel the presence of those who died.''

For the sculpture, fifty tons of sand from the five landing beaches: Gold, Juno, Omaha, Sword, and Utah, depicted soldiers landing on the Normandy Beaches.

For the first time in history sand sculptors John Gowdy and Matthew Deibert (United States); Mark Anderson and Edward Dudley (United Kingdom); and Dale Murdock (Canada) created a historically accurate sand sculpture. These sculptors worked for six days, putting in approximately 10 hours each day to create the sculpture. Throngs of thousands from many countries viewed the sculpture as they attended ceremonies marking the 60th Anniversary of D-Day. Of the international community of visitors that visited the ''Sands of Remembrance'', a Russian woman said emotionally, ''It brought tears to my eyes.''

The sand sculpture, located in Vierville-sur-Mer on Omaha Beach in Normandy, France, was dedicated on May 30 and remained on exhibit through June 8.

I want to thank the White House Commission on Remembrance, the sculptors who made the Sands of Remembrance a reality, and of course, the men and women who made freedom a reality on the shores of Normandy 60 years ago.

TRIBUTE TO EDWARD J. PHILBIN SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS CLINTON, MASSACHUSETTS

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, a little more than a week ago, Edward J. Philbin retired as Superintendent of Schools for the Town of Clinton, Massachusetts marking the end of an extraordinary thirty-five year career in public education. As a foreign language teacher, department chair, high school principal and administrator, Ed Philbin earned a well-deserved reputation for passionate and tireless devotion to the education and development of children and young people. On June 24, 2004, a reception attended by more than 200 of his colleagues, family members, former students and friends was held at the Clinton Town Hall to honor his lasting contributions to the communities of Clinton and Worcester. Due to votes scheduled here in the House of Representatives, I was unable to attend that reception to personally express my great respect, deep

gratitude and best wishes to Ed Philbin for a happy and healthy retirement. However, I would like to submit for the record the remarks delivered at that tribute by his son Chris, a member of my congressional staff, which I think capture the essence of this remarkable man.

REMARKS BY CHRISTOPHER R. PHILBIN ON BEHALF OF THE PHILBIN FAMILY HONORING EDWARD J. PHILBIN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT JUNE 24, 2004, FALLON MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM, CLINTON, MASSACHUSETTS

It has been alluded to earlier tonight, but I think it bears repeating. The only thing our Father has done longer and with more success than work in public education, is to be married to our Mother for nearly 36 years, his closest friend and most loyal supporter. So on behalf of our Mom, my brother Ed and his wife Lynn; my sister Cara, a high school English teacher in New Jersey, and her husband Tim who couldn't be here tonight; my brother Matthew and his longtime girlfriend Christie Mullin; and the rest of our family, we would like to thank all of you for being here to pay tribute to a guy that we happen to think very highly of. We are especially pleased that our Grandmother, Dorothy Philbin, is here tonight for this special occasion.

As many of you know, this retirement party was originally supposed to be a surprise because our Dad would have much preferred come June 30th to leave the keys on the desk with a kind note for Mr. Gaw and quietly slip out the side door. But that was not to be, and so when our Father found out about this party it required some persuasion from the gang of four that he affectionately refers to as the 'girls'—you all know them as Mary Neeley-Winkler, Marilyn Tierney, Maureen Weatherell and Christine Bonci—to convince him to allow this party to go forward. It was a closed-door meeting from which no minutes will be released but I'm guessing that when our Dad protested he was told something like ''shut up, smile and be gracious!''

Our family would like to thank the four of them for the work they've put into planning and organizing this party and for being so good to our Dad these last five years; for putting a smile on his face; and for educating him on the finer points of KENO. We would especially like to thank Mary Neeley-Winkler who in addition to being our Dad's right hand these last several years has helped my brother and his wife find a house, plan my sister's wedding and given my brother Matt a part-time summer job. In short, we are all indebted to Mary and without saying much more, as far as we're concerned, you can't put a price on what Mary Neeley means to this family.

I'm not sure Matt and Cara will remember this, but Tripp certainly will. Growing up, one of the many summer rituals in our house was to accompany our Dad to the old high school in early August to help him unpack and date stamp the new foreign language text books for the upcoming school year. We would follow him down the long promenade into the school, past the trophy cases in the lobby, and down the hall to the second door on the left marked ''STORAGE''. At the time, that storage closet doubled as the chairman of the foreign language department's office and inside there were makeshift shelves filled with books toppling in on his desk with barely enough room to turn around. Our Dad would lead us out of his office into the language lab where we would fool around with the tape recorders and earphones for awhile before he put us to work unpacking the boxes of books. During the rather mundane process of unpacking the books, what quickly became apparent to us even at that early age, was the excitement and enthusiasm our Dad had for the coming school year. His passion was palpable. This is a man who clearly loved to teach.

It wasn't long after each school year started, that our parents would have scores of students parading through our house to videotape an installment of the long-running French Soap Opera or French Newscast that he had his students both script and act in as a way to learn the language. Each of us were granted a cameo appearance in those productions but I think Cara set the record by appearing in twelve consecutive editions of the French Soap Opera. When his students weren't shooting a movie in our house, they were there sampling foreign cuisine our Mother prepared for members of the International Club which our Dad founded or compiling photographs for the yearbook when he served as the faculty advisor to that activity. Our Dad never suffered from that notion that teachers had to keep their students at a safe distance; that you had to erect a firewall between what you did for work and what you did at home. He wanted to know all of his students and wanted his students to know him. Some of his students were actually granted the unique privilege of babysitting his children and many of them bear the physical and emotional scars to prove it. Others are still in therapy from the experience and were advised by their counselors not to come tonight.

When our Dad wasn't inviting students into our home, he was inviting them to travel around the world with him to London and Paris, to Quebec and to Rome, and he bears the physical and emotional scars from those trips. Our Dad sought to do more than just teach a language, he tried to introduce his students to another culture and he thought to do that best you often times had to go and meet those cultures where they are. His approach also included assigning his students novels by French authors and philosophers. In fact, he may be the only French teacher in the world who assigned Camus and Satre to high school students. In hindsight, I'm not sure that No Exit and The Stranger were the best choices for 16-year-old kids worried about finding a date for the prom. That may have been a little too much existential angst for them at that age but he assigned them nonetheless.

The one book that our Dad insisted every one of his students read and actually memorize parts of is his favorite book, the children's story, Le Petit Prince. Over the years, as I've grown to be friends with many of my Dad's former students, a number of them after inquiring about my Dad have spontaneously quoted a passage from that book to me: ''Il faux exiger de chacun, ce que chacun peut donner,'' which loosely translated means ''Ask of a person only that which they can give.''

I think anyone who had our Dad as a student would agree that he certainly gave all of himself to teaching. He seemed to believe that just about anyone can instruct students on conjugating verbs or using the proper accent but it takes something extra, something special, to actually inspire them. He managed to do that—to inspire them—and perhaps the best evidence of that are the postcards and letters he continues to receive from former students that have traveled all around the world. A few have even become foreign language teachers which is something that I know gives him a tremendous amount of pride and satisfaction.

When the time came for our Dad to move from teaching into administration, I think we were all more than a little surprised because he never seemed to be inclined in that direction. Believe it or not, he is not an especially ambitious person. But, sometimes circumstances tap you on the shoulder and life pulls you in a certain direction. Or, to put it another way, the cream has a way of always rising to the top. As a principal, quadrant manager and superintendent, our Dad brought the same level of energy and passion he displayed in the classroom to the oftentimes dispassionate duties that those positions require. And, just as he used to bring his students into our home, he also brought the demands of those positions home with him. Particularly as a principal, I distinctly remember him being completely exasperated by his inability to help one child who was trapped in a terrible home situation. But he never gave up on that kid or any other for that matter. With an unrivaled work ethic he never stopped trying to find new and innovative ways to help children, improve the curriculum and expand and enrich the opportunities available to students. He resisted mediocrity at every turn and categorically rejected the suggestion that a student's academic success is based largely on socio-economic status or ethnicity. He rejected that idea because he knew otherwise. He had been a teacher and some of his best students were the children of immigrants and themselves first-generation Americans. The real difference, he would often tell us at the dinner table, is expectations. As a teacher and as an administrator he constantly tried to raise them and that, more than anything else will likely be remembered as the hallmark of his career.

I know it will not come as a surprise to any of you that in addition to being very dedicated to his job, our Dad has always been very devoted to his family. So much so, that we can scarcely remember a soccer game, a dance recital or an academic awards banquet, not mine by the way, where our Dad was not present. You could usually find him in the last row of the bleachers, or up against the wall in the back of the auditorium or along the fence at the soccer field but he was always there—a constant reassuring presence. Many years ago a friend of mine spotted my Dad at some event that one of my siblings was participating in and remarked to me without realizing how profound a statement he was making, ''Boy, your Dad is always where he is supposed to be.'' And, it struck me then as it does tonight as being so absolutely true. Our Dad is always where he is supposed to be.

Growing up, our Dad encouraged each of us to seek our own interests and he was content to let us find our way without trying to live his own life vicariously through us. He was always just one step behind, providing a nudge when needed, or sometimes a whisper and less frequently a bark but always right there. In fact, growing up there were two things we knew were important to our Dad without him ever having told us: (1) that we were expected to be educated; and (2) that we vote democrat. I think he thought that if we did the first, the second would follow naturally.

When the time came for us to apply to college, our parents made it abundantly clear that it was our job to get in to the best school we could and their obligation to pay for it. We would be expected to help but it was made plain to us that we would never be denied an opportunity based on the cost of tuition. For as far as we wanted to go, for as long as it took and whatever it took, they would be there to help us. And to that end, they did what many parents in this room have done. My Mom took a second job at the walk-in medical center in downtown Clinton and our Dad joined many of his fellow administrators, some of whom are here tonight, working nights and weekends as a security guard for the William Polack Security Agency, an elite, top-flight force of

highly-trained professionals. Sometimes, our Dad even worked a third part-time job tutoring inmates at MCI-Shirley which was another job he loved.

You see, for our Dad, supporting education was not just a bumper sticker you slapped on the back of your car, or a slogan you repeated at PTA meetings. For him, education has been more than a career; it has been a way of life.

For all of our Dad's native intelligence and his worldly sophistication, he is really a very simple man with very simple tastes. He likes a cheap glass of wine and a good glass of scotch. He likes an all-you-can-eat buffet or any restaurant he has a coupon to. He likes a good long walk, preferably by the ocean. He likes short sermons at Mass. He likes 60 Minutes on Sunday nights. He likes a good book, the Boston Sunday Globe and anything Tom Farragher writes he believes is the best thing he has ever read. He also likes his so-called off-site construction meetings with Phil Bailey and pizza with Carol Ann Hamilton and Joan Strang. And, he likes family vacations or any other occasion, with the possible exception of tonight, that brings his children and grandchildren together.

In addition to these simple tastes, there are a handful of institutions that our Dad holds dear and the only one that rivals his affection for the Clinton Public Schools is his alma-matter, the University of Notre Dame, which he shares with both of his brothers, two of his four children, and his friend and former colleague Pat Burke.

About 12 years ago, my older brother came across a letter to the editor in the Notre Dame Student Newspaper, The Observer, which he shared with me. I saved it because it is as near-perfect description of our Dad that I have ever seen reduced to writing and if you'll indulge me a little bit longer, I'd like to read a portion of it for you now.

''A man is someone who cares passionately about things that need caring about. Someone who refuses to accept things that are wrong, even though accepting them would be easier. Someone who yells sometimes and fights sometimes and cries sometimes and is not afraid to do any of those things when he feels a need to. Someone who doesn't always win or even come close, but who know instinctively that trying is what counts. Someone Notre Dame is proud of.''

For fully thirty-five years, our Dad has tried and succeeded in making the students in his care and the schools systems in his charge the very best they could be. And so, by that standard, or any other for that matter, I think tonight it is fair to say:

Dad, the University of Notre Dame is proud of you. Your profession is proud of you. The Town of Clinton is proud of you. And, most especially, your children are, as we have always been, so very proud of you.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ROCKY FORD DAILY GAZETTE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to rise today and pay tribute to the Rocky Ford Daily Gazette and its hard working staff in Rocky Ford, Colorado. The Daily Gazette has long been the source of local news for the community and year after year has demonstrated excellence in reporting. As they celebrate their one-hundredth Anniversary, let it be known that it is my pleasure to honor the Daily Gazette and their dedicated staff before this body of Congress and this nation today.

The paper was initially started in 1887 by Harry V. Alexander under the name of the Rocky Ford Enterprise. In 1904 the name was changed to the Rocky Ford Daily Gazette. Reaching its first centennial as the Daily Gazette demonstrates the staying power that results from the hard work and dedication the staff has shown. Fifty years ago, the Daily Gazette changed ownership when Ross and Anne Thompson purchased the town's newspaper, and it has remained in the family ever since. They have passed the responsibility of managing editor on to their son, J.R. Thompson.

As a result of their hard work and dedication serving the community, they have received several honors. Ross and Anne were awarded the 1979 honor of publisher of the year by the Colorado Press Association. In 1984, Anne won the Emma McKinney Award for her demonstration of distinguished service to the community. The Gazette now serves thousands of readers in two counties.

Mr. Speaker, the staff of the Rocky Ford Daily Gazette have committed to the betterment of their community by using the free press to inform their fellow citizens. The dissemination of information plays an important role in maintaining the tight knit society characteristic of our country's smaller towns. I congratulate the Gazette for one-hundred years of success and wish its staff all the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING PATRICIA McCUNNIFF REGAN

HON. KAREN McCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a notable Kansas City resident, Patricia McCunniff Regan, on her 79th birthday. Patty, as she is affectionately called by all who know her, has devoted her life to being a spirit of friendliness and benevolence wherever she goes. With her late husband, Bob, and friends and neighbors, she created ''Westports of the World,'' an assembly of Westport sister cities stretching across our great nation and the globe from New Zealand to Ireland. Global Westport residents have been meeting in a sister city since the assembly's inception. Westport in Kansas City hosted a pioneer meeting in 1985 and a worldwide convention in 1995.

Throughout her life, Patty has focused on creating positive change in the community around her by participating in campaigns and exercising her rights as a citizen. She assists those in need and is a model of exemplary public service. Patty and Bob worked for civil rights and fair housing in the 1960's while raising their children. As she approaches her eighth decade, Patty continues to make our community and country a better place.

Patty and Bob welcomed nine children into this world. Without doubt, their children and grandchildren are a tribute and a great source of pride. Despite e.g.. losing son Timothy at age seven in 1961 and husband Bob in 1986, Patty maintains her ''joie de vivre.'' Terry Leager, Amy Schulz, Danny Regan, Becky Regan, Peggy Regan, Jenny Krizman, Patrick Regan, and Carol Braun are fortunate, indeed, as are their children. They exemplify the generosity of character and fun loving spirit of Patty and Bob.

Patty truly lives the axiom she taught her children—to think of others before oneself. She demonstrates selfless optimism and generosity through her community activities, by her service as a Eucharistic minister in the Guardian Angels parish, and in giving blood every eight weeks for most of her adult life. I have personally benefited from her loving generosity on numerous occasions in the more than quarter century we Irish lassies have depended upon each other. What would Christmas be without Regan cookies and luminarias created at their Roanoke abode?

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Patty Regan on her 79th birthday. I am grateful for her friendship and am honored to recognize her for a lifetime of giving back to her community. Westport is a better place for her being in it, as are all the lives she has touched in her 79 years of extraordinary good works.

A TRIBUTE TO ANTHONY JOSEPH

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Anthony Joseph in recognition of his entrepreneurial success in the marketing and communications field.

As a product of New York City public school system, Anthony parlayed his academic achievement and his experience as an All-City championship football player into a walk-on position on the Boston University squad. Anthony promoted campus parties and events to subsidize his tuition. After graduation, he quickly turned a temp job in The New York Times' finance department into a staff position in the paper's marketing department.

With just one experience as an employee with the New York Times, Anthony combined his knowledge of urban landscape with his marketing expertise to incorporate the fastest rising marketing/communication company in the urban field. Anthony laid the foundation for his urban success by moonlighting with Vital Marketing Group VMG while still at the Times. Through contacts at a major apparel and an advertising agency, Anthony was able to participate in business meetings where he was able to present strategies, which, over time, turned into contracts with Tommy Hilfiger, Hush Puppies, and Wolverine Boots.

Eventually, Anthony's growing client base necessitated his departure from the Times. He partnered with the African-American media company that established the billboard beachhead on Harlem's 125th Street, utilized by so many entertainment companies at the time. Together they formed VMG, with Anthony leading the charge. After merely four years of business, its roster counts big-timers such as the U.S. Army, Nike, Tommy Hilfiger, Coca Cola, Remy Martin, Foot Action, Posner Cosmetics and Universal Records to name a few. It has an income of over $7 million in annual revenue.

Vital Marketing's unusual methodology and its consistent success can be credited in great

part to its founder and president, Anthony Joseph. The Queens-bred son of a Jamaican mother and Puerto Rican father, Anthony, understood the significance of culture early on as it related to marketing.

In May 2001, VMG was presented with the Black Enterprise Rising Star Award, in honor of the high revenues garnered by VMG's high profile clients. A year later, VMG offered further proof that they were on the assent when they turned a cold call and a year of conversation into a multimillion dollar contract with the U.S. Army via advertising giant Leo Burnett.

Mr. Speaker, Anthony Joseph has created a successful company through his own hard work and ingenuity. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO GRETCHEN SEHLER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today to pay tribute to Gretchen Sehler of Steamboat Springs, Colorado. As a ski instructor and an avid outdoorswoman, Gretchen has inspired the community to take full advantage of the outdoor recreation opportunities in her community. I would like to join my colleagues here today and recognize Gretchen before this body of Congress and this nation.

Gretchen first moved to Steamboat Springs to work as a ski instructor in 1983. Every winter she dedicates herself to teaching interested people the fundamentals of skiing and, in doing so, has had the opportunity to share her passion for the outdoors. When the ski slopes close for the year, her desire for outdoor recreation remains. In the past, she has spent time as a life guard at the Steamboat Springs Health and Recreation Center, but her current passion is mountain biking. Working for the Parks and Recreational Services Department, she has organized a series of eight mountain bike races involving over eight-hundred riders. Recently, Gretchen and two friends started Rocky Peak Productions and created a new twenty-four hour endurance mountain bike race in Steamboat Springs.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to recognize Gretchen Sehler and her commitment to improving the lifestyles of her fellow citizens. Outdoor recreation is very important in Colorado's communities and Gretchen's work exemplifies this spirit for recreation. I thank Gretchen for her work and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MR. WALTER ALLEN III

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute and congratulate Mr. Walter Allen, III as the newly appointed director of the California Youth Authority by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. As the director, Mr. Allen oversees one of the largest youth corrections agencies in the nation, with over 4,000 wards, nine institutions, four camps, 16 parole offices and two regional parole offices.

Born and raised in Oakland, California, Mr. Allen earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Urban Planning from California Polytechnic University in Pomona. Following graduation, Mr. Allen began his long and dedicated career in law enforcement beginning as a Police Officer with the Chino Police Department and transitioning to a Special Agent for the California Department of Justice, Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement. Over the past 20 years, Mr. Allen has distinguished himself in every avenue of his career where he has earned special agent assignments and leadership appointments. Most recently, Mr. Allen served as the Assistant Chief for the California Department of Justice, Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement.

In 1997, Mr. Allen became active in local politics and was elected to serve on the city council for Covina, California, where he has actively participated as Mayor Pro Tem and Mayor. Currently, Mr. Allen serves as council member and continues to work towards maintaining a high quality of life for the citizens of Covina.

Throughout his life, Mr. Allen has demonstrated his commitment to public service through his career and political activism. He has proven to be an honorable citizen and has admirably embraced his civic duty to his country. I am proud to honor Mr. Allen's achievements and congratulate him on his new appointment.

THE TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTES ACT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Teacher Professional Development Institutes Act, legislation based on a unique and highly successful partnership between the New Haven Public School System and Yale University. Based on the model which has been operating at Yale for over 25 years, my proposal would establish eight new Teacher Professional Development Institutes throughout the country each year over the next five years.

Today, it is more important than ever for our nation's teachers to have access to the skills and resources they need to prepare our children for the future. Since 1978, the Institute has been providing area educators with the opportunity to strengthen themselves professionally through annual seminars in the humanities and sciences—by working with program participants to bring the curriculum and lessons of the seminars to the classroom.

In this bill, every Teacher Institute would consist of a partnership between an institution of higher education and the local public school system in which a significant proportion of the students come from low-income households. The program strengthens the present teacher workforce by giving participants the opportunity to gain more sophisticated content knowledge and a chance to develop curriculum units that can be directly applied in classrooms. For example, the Yale-New Haven program it is based on has offered several thirteen-session seminars each year, led by Yale faculty, on topics that teachers have selected to enhance their mastery of the specific subject area that they teach.

The result is that teachers have been found to gain confidence in their deeper understanding of the subject matter and enthusiastically deliver their new curriculum to the classroom—qualities that translate into higher expectations for their students and in turn, higher student achievement.

And student achievement is what this effort is about. By allowing teachers to determine the seminar subjects—by providing them the resources to develop curricula for their classroom and their students—this legislation lifts up our students by empowering teachers. With a K through 12 teacher shortage forecast in the near-future, those already teaching will do the majority of teaching in the classrooms in the very near future. As such, it is imperative that we invest in methods to strengthen our present teaching workforce.

Like the Yale-New Haven Teachers Institute before it, we believe this program can provide a model for communities around the country. And so, it is my distinct honor to introduce the Teacher Professional Development Institutes Act, and I look forward to its consideration in this body.

CONGRATULATING FOR THE LOVE OF THE LAKE

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. HENSARLING. Today, I would like to congratulate a very special organization on a very special anniversary. On Saturday, July 10, 2004, White Rock Lake's "For the Love of the Lake" organization will mark the 100th consecutive month of shoreline spruce-ups that have helped keep the shores of White Rock Lake clean and the surrounding park looking beautiful.

For the Love of the Lake is a truly grassroots effort, made up of caring volunteers who are dedicated to improving White Rock Lake and the surrounding area. The organization is a shining example of conservation and volunteerism in action. For the Love of the Lake shows what good people can do when they come together to accomplish something for the betterment of their community.

My wife, Melissa, and our two young children enjoy White Rock Lake very much. The lake area is important, not just to those who live in the neighboring streets, but to all of the people that come to White Rock Lake to enjoy the beautiful landscape, water, trees and parks.

For the Love of the Lake volunteers understand that we have a duty to protect and preserve these wonderful natural resources for our children and future generations. Since its inception in 1995, thousands of people have given their time, effort and energy in a variety of ways to help keep White Rock Lake looking beautiful, from picking up litter, to painting murals and buildings at the park, to attending

fund raising events, or helping with White Rock Marathons.

Over the years, For the Love of the Lake has been honored with countless awards and recognized by numerous organizations for their outstanding work. Dallas Observer magazine said, ''For the Love of the Lake is easily one of Dallas' best volunteer service organizations,'' and I could not agree more.

On behalf of all of the people in Dallas, especially those who live in neighborhoods near White Rock Lake, I would like to congratulate the For the Love of the Lake organization and volunteers on their tremendous accomplishment. I would also like to thank them for their continued and valuable service to our community.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO EDMUND CHELEWSKI

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I rise today to recognize the life and passion of Edmund Chelewski of Rifle, Colorado. He will be remembered as a dedicated servant to our nation and an innovative farmer in his community. As his family and community mourn his passing, I would like to take this opportunity to remember the life of this exceptional man.

Edmund was born and raised in Saint Paul, Nebraska. During the Korean War he faithfully served in the United States Army as a member of H Company in the First Infantry Regiment. When he returned from the war he worked as a farmer in Nebraska and Colorado for over two decades. In 1948, he married Doris Price. He and his family moved to the town of Rifle in 1963. His innovativeness thrived in Rifle. He was the first to use an irrigation system on Silt Mesa and he developed farm equipment that he would later patent. One piece of farm equipment that he designed and patented was shared with the world at the 1965 World's Fair. He saw an opportunity in 1972 to get out of farming and open Chelewski Pipe & Supply, but still remained active in cultivating agriculture in his garden whenever he had the time. Edmund was active in the community as a supporter of Future Farmers of America and as a member of the Bookcliff Soil Conservation District.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to the life of Edmund Chelewski. He will be remembered in his community for his creativity and inventiveness, his hard work as a farmer, and his commitment as a soldier. My heart goes out to his family and community during this difficult time of bereavement.

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS KLESTIL, PRESIDENT OF AUSTRIA

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week, Thomas Klestil, President of the Republic of Austria, passed away just two days before he was to turn over the office of President to his elected successor. President Klestil was a man of distinction whom I knew, admired and considered a friend.

Thomas Klestil was born in Vienna in 1932, the youngest of five children of a tram driver. After completing a doctorate in economics and business in 1957, he entered the Austrian diplomatic service. Some 18 years of his diplomatic career of 35 years was spent in the United States, first as a junior diplomat in Washington and later as Consul General in Los Angeles, Ambassador to the United Nations in New York, and then as Ambassador to the United States here in Washington. I worked with him during the time he served as Ambassador in Washington. Following his election as President, I met with him in Vienna on more than one occasion.

Mr. Speaker, Thomas Klestil was elected to the office of President at a difficult time in Austria's post-World War II history. His predecessor as Austrian President was Kurt Waldheim, former Secretary General of the United Nations. Austria's international reputation was severely damaged by the disclosure that Waldheim had lied about his Nazi military service during World War II.

Klestil played an important role in helping to restore Austria's image, and in acknowledging and taking steps to remedy the ugly taint of Austria's Nazi past. He spoke out numerous times about Austria's complicity with the Nazi regime during World War II, and he expressed sympathy and regret for the victims of the Holocaust. During an official visit to Israel in 1994, he spoke before the Israeli Knesset and reaffirmed a statement made by Chancellor Franz Vranitzky in 1991 acknowledging the responsibility of Austrians in the Holocaust and admitting that Austrians were not only victims, but also active collaborators with Hitler's regime.

Mr. Speaker, although Klestil was elected President as the candidate of the Austrian People's Party, he clashed with the party leader Wolfgang Schossel. He was critical of Schossel's decision to form a coalition government with the far-right Freedom Party of Jorg Haider in 2000. Several months of international diplomatic sanctions against Austria resulted from the formation of that government. Though the role of Austrian President is largely ceremonial and representational, Klestil demonstrated his disapproval of the coalition government with the Freedom Party by publicly exhibiting stern disdain as he ceremonially swore the new government into office.

He later stated in an interview, ''The Freedom Party is not a Nazi party, but, unfortunately, the highest officials of this party continue to use a language which disqualifies them for every political office.''

President Klestil also played an important role in strengthening Austria's ties with the Central European states emerging from almost half a century of Soviet domination. In 1993, the year after his election, he began convening yearly meetings with the heads of state of these new democracies, which strengthened their ties with Austria and also helped the new governments to strengthen their commitment to democratic principles.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in expressing our most sincere condolences to the family of President Thomas Klestil and to the people of Austria on the death of this principled statesman, who has done so much to foster positive relations with the United States and to help his country and its people deal with their past.

COMMEMORATING COMPLETION OF PHASE ONE OF THE JOHN N. HARDEE AIRPORT EXPRESSWAY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I along with my colleague, Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina, would like to take this opportunity to commemorate the completion of Phase One of the John N. Hardee Airport Expressway. This will be announced to the people of South Carolina at a ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday, July 10. The completion of this 2.8 mile expressway will provide easy and direct access to the Columbia Metropolitan Airport.

This expressway, which widened Airport Road from Airport Boulevard in Cayce to Platt Springs Road in Springdale, will make a vast difference in the way South Carolinians and visitors commute to the airport. We are looking forward to the next and final phase of the project, which is currently under design and should begin construction in 2006. This will provide for a new four-lane road extending Airport Road to Interstate 26. Coupled with the success of the John N. Hardee Expressway, these two new roadways will reduce traffic and provide direct access to the growing Columbia Metropolitan Airport by passenger and cargo vehicles, removing some 25,000 vehicles each year from the local network surrounding the airport.

We would like to thank the people at the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) for all of their hard work in completing this important project. Mrs. Elizabeth Mabry, Executive Director of SCDOT, and Mr. John Hardee, SCDOT Second District Commissioner for whom the expressway is named, thank you for your tireless dedication in getting this phase of the project completed. This expressway will be helpful to the people of the entire state of South Carolina, and for this you are appreciated.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DR. BRENDAN GODFREY

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Brendan Godfrey, a great scientist, leader, and friend. As the Deputy Director of the 311th Human Systems Wing at Brooks City-Base, formerly Brooks Air Force Base, since 1998, Dr. Godfrey has served the medical and human system needs of the Air Force and the San Antonio community.

Dr. Godfrey has proven his leadership skills and abilities, to the benefit of Brooks, the Air Force, and the San Antonio community. Dr. Godfrey has been a true partner in the transformation of Brooks from an Air Force base to

the first city-base in the country. He has provided good counsel, creative ideas, and tremendous energy to make this first-ever transition a reality.

Brooks City-Base has greatly benefited from Dr. Godfrey's 30 years of scientific and managerial experience. He has successfully managed large staffs and budgets, and under Dr. Godfrey's direction, Brooks City-Base has increased its productivity and has forged unprecedented community partnerships that have benefited both Air Force warfighters and the local community.

Dr. Godfrey's accomplishments have distinguished him from his peers, and his colleagues have recognized his leadership skills by naming him the Director of the Air Force Office of Scientific Research. I am happy to congratulate him on this new assignment; however, I know Brooks City-Base and the San Antonio community will miss his valuable service. I am confident that he will continue to create innovations that will enable the Air Force to better serve its military members and our country.

It is a pleasure to recognize and thank Dr. Godfrey for his many contributions and public service. I ask the Members of the House of Representatives to join me in honoring this gentleman on his promotion as the new Director of the Air Force Office of Scientific Research and wish Dr. Brendan Godfrey and his family all the best.