

Deputy Claborn and 13 other Texas Law Enforcement Officers will be honored at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC, on May 15, 2005.

Deputy Claborn's wife of 16 years, Paula Claborn and her 11-year-old son Tanner will remember a husband and father whose devotion and love of family was unsurpassed.

Paula's father, David Hill, the highly respected and loved constable for Montgomery County Precinct 5, told a reporter in the days following the accident that, "He (Scott) was one of the best fathers I have ever seen. I could not have handpicked a better son-in-law."

Praise for Claborn also came from his fellow officers and colleagues, some of whom he had worked with for 14 years. One remarked that he was very kind, never complained, and always had a smile on his face.

Like many law enforcement officers Claborn worked extra jobs to supplement his regular income. His son, Tanner has juvenile diabetes. The extra work, like escorting the construction vehicle the night he was killed, helped augment the cost of the \$6,000 insulin pump Tanner needed. Tanner, bright and popular young man, was released from the hospital just 3 days before his father lost his life. The drunk driver had a blood alcohol level three times over the legal limit.

Deputy Claborn's sacrifice touched many lives in the Houston region. The 100 Club of Houston pledged \$10,000 as a college scholarship for Tanner. The Harris County Precinct 4 Constable's Victims Assistance Unit set up a memorial fund to help pay for medical bills and other expenses. The Magnolia Community has rallied to the family's side.

The Claborn family and hundreds of others will gather in our Nation's Capital to honor the lives and memories of the men and women who devoted their careers and laid down their lives to make our communities safer.

It is so fitting that a memorial to these officers, like Scott Claborn, who patrolled neighborhoods and safeguarded communities from across the country be located in Washington. It is because of their faithful duty that American citizens enjoy the liberties and freedoms others are left only to dream about.

Mr. Speaker, I know this family. They are wonderful people who love their family, their God and their Country. I ask you to join me in saluting the thousands of law enforcement officers on patrol every day on our streets and consider the sacrifice they and their families routinely render.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF LATE CONGRESSMAN PETER W. RODINO, JR.

### HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express our heartfelt condolences to the family of the late Congressman Peter W. Rodino Jr. of New Jersey and my sorrow on his passing.

A man of integrity and humility, Congressman Peter Rodino was a great American who served our nation with great dignity and honor. He was truly a historic figure and consequen-

tial leader who changed the course of our history for the better.

By conducting the Watergate impeachment hearings with fairness, Peter Rodino ensured that the rule of law prevailed during one of the gravest Constitutional crises in our history.

As the Washington Post noted, he spoke before this House when the Watergate impeachment hearings began and said: "Whatever the result, whatever we learn or conclude, let us now proceed with such care and decency and thoroughness and honor that the vast majority of the American people, and their children after them, will say: 'That was the right course. There was no other way.'"

He did all that and more. His contribution was inestimable.

Americans will be forever grateful for his courage and for his defense of the Constitution.

Though most renowned for the service he rendered during the Watergate impeachment hearings, Peter Rodino also left a lasting imprint as a distinguished Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee and author of significant legislation, ranging from civil rights to immigration reform to protecting consumers.

He was a main sponsor of the Civil Rights Act of 1966 and authored the extension to the Voting Rights Act in 1982. He reformed immigration quotas and promoted fair housing laws. And he was one of the authors of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act that protects consumers by preventing anticompetitive mergers.

He was a legislative and legal giant whose work continues to have a profound impact on the lives of Americans.

Peter Rodino's 4 decades of service in Congress can be exemplified by the words of the Constitution that he did so much to protect and defend: "to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice . . . and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity."

Peter Rodino's passing is a personal loss to me. I was honored to have served with him, and he was always very kind to me.

He was a great source of pride and inspiration to all of us in the Italian-American community.

I hope his wife Joy and his children take comfort in the prayers and thoughts of the many whom he inspired and served. We will miss him greatly.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF LISA DELAND, TOBIAS INTERNATIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

### HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the many accomplishments of Lisa DeLand, Tobias International Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

Lisa DeLand became a teacher nine years ago, after obtaining a Bachelor of Science and Associates Degree in foreign language at the University of Texas at Austin. To this day, she says she still considers it "going to school" instead of "going to work."

Throughout her tenure, Lisa has worked on several district and campus committees, served as liaison between campus and super-

intendent's office, been a member of the campus leadership team, and acted as PTA representative.

Lisa works with a wide variety of students: some average learners, some gifted students, and some with special needs. This has compelled her to find a common thread with which to tie together the learning process in her classroom. Her own curiosity and love of learning have enabled her to bring a level of fun to the classroom that allows all of her students to participate in the learning process.

I am honored to recognize Lisa DeLand as the Tobias International Elementary School Teacher of the year. Her love of learning and dedication to her students are a true asset to both the school and the community.

IN SUPPORT OF THE FAIR CURRENCY PRACTICES ACT OF 2005

### HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 10, 2005*

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, a country that manipulates its currency for the purposes of gaining an advantage in foreign markets violates many of the basic rules of the international monetary system established after World War II. However, despite repeated evidence that numerous countries are not letting market forces determine the value of their currency, our nation's laws set an extremely high threshold for us to take any effective action against other nations that intervene heavily in currency markets. The main purpose of the Fair Currency Practices Act of 2005 is to give our government agencies the tools they need to effectively combat illegal foreign government intervention in the global currency markets, particularly those efforts that are specifically designed to boost their local economy at the expense of the workers of the United States.

The Fair Currency Practices Act of 2005 has three key provisions. The first would alter the criteria by which the Treasury Department is required to enter into negotiations with foreign countries that it labels as currency manipulators. The second would further clarify the working definition of manipulation under the Exchange Rates and International Economic Policy Coordination Act of 1998. Finally, the Fair Currency Practices Act of 2005 would instruct the U.S. Treasury Department to undertake an extensive examination of China's trade surplus, with particular attention paid to China's suspect trade data, and report on its findings.

Current law requires that Treasury regularly make a determination of whether countries are manipulating the rate of exchange between their currency and the U.S. dollar for purposes of preventing effective balance of payments adjustments or gaining an unfair competitive advantage in international trade. If The Secretary of Treasury considers that such manipulation is occurring with respect to countries that (1) have material global current account surpluses and (2) have significant bilateral trade surpluses with the United States, the Secretary is required to take action to initiate negotiations with such foreign countries on an expedited basis. The Fair Currency Practices Act of 2005 amends the 1988 Omnibus Trade