The Hendersons also endeavored to improve the rights of African Americans in their community. In 1915, their hometown of Falls Church, Virginia, proposed to segregate all African American residents into a designated living area. The couple vehemently challenged the law by uniting people under the Colored Citizens’ Protective League (CCPL). The CCPL succeeded not only in defeating the segregation ordinance, but also in advancing numerous civil rights endeavors. The organization later became the first rural branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in which the couple was highly active.

The Henderson’s contributions were extensive and continued to be felt throughout Northern Virginia. Although they coveted no recognition for themselves, these extraordinary individuals not only affected their community, but also helped shape the Nation. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor these great Americans today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION
HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 23, 2005

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I was in my congressional district yesterday participating in events in support of the 179th Airlift Wing of the Ohio Air National Guard, which has been slated for closure by the Department of Defense. As a result, I was absent from the floor during yesterday’s rolcall votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted against the Watt amendment to H.J. Res. 10, in favor of tabling each of the two appeals of the ruling of the chair on the motion to recommit H.J. Res. 10, in favor of final passage of H.J. Res. 10, in favor of the Baird amendment to H.R. 2985, against the Jo Ann Davis amendment to H.R. 2985, against the Hefley amendment to H.R. 2985, against the motion to recommit H.R. 2985, and in favor of final passage of H.R. 2985.

RETIREE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL RICHARD V. REYNOLDS

HON. DAVID L. HOBSON
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 23, 2005

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to United States Air Force Lieutenant General Richard V. Reynolds for his 34 years of distinguished and honorable service in the U.S. Air Force and to our country.

On August 1, 2005, General Reynolds will be retiring from his current position as Vice Commander of the Air Force Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force, Ohio. The command conducts research, development, test and evaluation, and provides acquisition management and logistics support necessary to keep Air Force weapon systems ready for war.

This high level of research and development is critical to our Nation’s defense, and requires effective leadership and experience. It is these qualities that General Reynolds has demonstrated during his service at Wright-Patterson AFB, and throughout his military career.

General Reynolds received his commission as a Second Lieutenant at the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1971. During his career, he has served as a pilot training instructor, a combat-ready bomber air crew commander, and as an experimental test pilot. He has also commanded the 4952nd Test Squadron and has served as a program director for several strategic and tactical aircraft acquisition programs, including the B-2 Spirit.

In addition, General Reynolds was the Air Force Program Executive Officer for Airlift and Trainers at the Pentagon, commanded the Air Force Flight Test Center at Edwards AFB California, and, prior to his current position, was Commander of the Aeronautical Systems Center located at Wright-Patterson AFB. He is also a commanded pilot with more than 4,000 flying hours in 60 types of aircraft.

Throughout his distinguished career, General Reynolds has received military awards for his service, including: the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Air Force Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

In closing, I commend General Reynolds for his honorable and distinguished service to our country over the years, and I send my best regards to him and his family as he embark on this new chapter in his life.

HONORING THE WORK OF THE SENTINELS OF FREEDOM

HON. RICHARD W. POMBO
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 23, 2005

Mr. POMBO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Sentinels of Freedom for the work they do in support of our troops.

This group of business and community leaders in the San Ramon Valley have worked together to help a wounded soldier returning from Iraq. This group, led by Mike Conklin of San Ramon, California has created a scholarship that will provide housing, a handicapped-equipped van, education, and job training and placement for a soldier who lost both his legs in Iraq. For the next four years, a team of mentors will witness the transition from the military back into civilian life.

I am deeply supportive of the tireless work Mr. Conklin has done in support of the brave men and women of our Armed Services. Along with the Blue Star Moms, SBC Communications, Shapell Industries of Northern California, the community of San Ramon, California, the United States Army and Walter Reed Army Hospital, the Sentinels of Freedom have developed a great program to support our troops. This group provides inspiration and an example of the best spirit and values the American people have to offer.

Please join me in thanking the Sentinels of Freedom and encouraging communities and businesses around the country to follow their lead.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an important group of Federal Education Programs known as the TRIO programs. In short, TRIO programs help to support low-income students for post high school education.

TRIO is funded through the Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill that this body passed earlier today. I was proud to vote for this bill that included full funding for all TRIO programs. Two of the TRIO programs,