As an active participant in the Boy Scouts of America, Dale serves as an Assistant Council Commissioner for the California Inland Empire Council. He is a past recipient of the Venturing Silver Award and an Eagle Scout. Furthermore, Dale is dedicated to sharing his passion for community service with others and became active in the Base Realignment and Closure Commission’s Regional Hearing in St. Louis, Missouri and therefore absent for votes on rollcall nos. 283, 284, 285, 286, and 287. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes” on rollcall nos. 283, 284, 285, 286, and 287.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exemplary educational achievement of Catherine E. Diamond Creeley, a former resident of the Chautauqua County town of Jamestown, upon the occasion of her receiving her Doctoral Degree in Behavioral Neuroscience from the University of Missouri, St. Louis.

Catherine Creeley is both a graduate of Jamestown High School and Jamestown Community College. Upon graduation she proceeded to obtain her Bachelor’s degree in psychology, with biology minor, from the State University of New York at Cortland. Catherine will continue her research on pain and physical fitness. This non-partisan, volunteer, and noncompetitive program is open to all 14 to 23-year olds. The Congressional Award is the U.S. Congress’ award for young Americans that demonstrates a commitment to community service and physical fitness. This non-partisan, voluntary, and noncompetitive program is open to all 14 to 23-year olds. The Congressional Award encourages human rights and personal triumph over evil. As a constant and long time supporter of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, had I been present, I would have voted “no” on this measure.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Ms. Brenda Brkusic, the writer, producer and editor of Freedom From Despair for her hard work encouraging human rights and personal triumph over evil.

Mr. Speaker, on Monday, June 20, I was unavoidably detained at the Base Realignment and Closure Commission’s Regional Hearing in St. Louis, Missouri and therefore absent for votes on rollcall nos. 283, 284, 285, 286, and 287. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes” on rollcall nos. 283, 284, 285, 286, and 287.

Mr. Speaker, these two men exemplify the honorable character of the men and women who have answered duty’s call throughout our Nation’s history. Their willingness to serve and sacrifice for our country is a clear demonstration of the courage and professionalism that distinguish our armed forces. This grateful Nation owes these men and their compatriots in arms who serve around the world every day a profound debt of gratitude. I am proud to call Sgts. Bagge and L. Bumke fellow Oregonians, and I thank them for their service and I wish them both a healthy recovery.

God bless America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GWEN MOORE
OF WISCONSIN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, June 24, 2005

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, June 20, I was unavoidably detained at the Base Realignment and Closure Commission’s Regional Hearing in St. Louis, Missouri and therefore absent for votes on rollcall nos. 283, 284, 285, 286, and 287. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes” on rollcall nos. 283, 284, 285, 286, and 287.

HON. CHARLES F. BASS
OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the legislation introduced by Representative S. HAYS and I introduce legislation to amend the organization on its history of diplomatic achievement throughout the world and has made many contributions to the global community in the fields of health, medicine, education, peacekeeping and humanitarian aid.