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 Buckskin Junior Leader Training program. While at Buckskin, he served as a Camp EMT and Associate Course Director for Physical Arrangements.

Dale’s sincere commitment to community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of our community and I am proud to call him a fellow community member and a great American. I know that many community members are grateful for his service and I salute him as he receives the Congressional Award Gold Medal.

HONORING THE EXEMPLARY EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT OF CATHERINE E. DIAMOND CREELEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, June 24, 2005

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained 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. HIGGINS. 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.

Mrs. Creeley is an extremely dedicated student, whose goal of her dissertation was to find new treatment options for Alzheimer’s disease. Catherine will continue her research on the neurobiology of the brain, as well as teach as an adjunct professor at the University of Missouri, St. Louis.

Mrs. Creeley is the granddaughter of Eugene Diamond and the daughter of Suzanne Diamond, both residents of Jamestown, New York. Catherine lives with her husband Scott, and son, Nicholas in St. Louis, Missouri.

Catherine Creeley also was awarded a Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Washington University School of Medicine.

IN HONOR OF ACCLAIMED FILMMAKER BRENDA BRKUSIC

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of filmmaker Brenda Brkusic. Brenda is a courageous and hard working young woman who has been identified as a visionary in the Croatian community. At the age of twenty-one, Brenda started working on the film Freedom From Despair as her student thesis at Chapman University in Los Angeles, California.

Freedom From Despair explores one man’s arduous journey from his homeland of Yugoslavia to the United States, and his fight for human rights and Croatian independence. It also scrutinizes the relationship between ruthless dictators, the slaughter of 250,000 people, and the silence of the mainstream media. It creatively portrays the power of the human spirit and the tenets of democracy, without preaching or the use of propaganda.

Her film has been met with critical acclaim, and has garnered countless awards, including the CINE Golden Eagle award, which has previously been awarded to Steven Spielberg and George Lucas. Her peers have recognized her as an emerging talent in the film industry, and a remarkable human being.

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.

HON. LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, June 24, 2005

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote 282. Had I been present, I would have voted “no.” Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my statement appear in the permanent record immediately following this vote.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, June 24, 2005

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today, Representative SHAYS and I introduce legislation to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the founding of the United Nations and to commend the organization on its history of diplomatic achievement throughout the world.

Since its founding, the United Nations has made many contributions to the global community in the fields of health, medicine, education, peacekeeping and humanitarian aid.