One of the organization’s most noteworthy actions is its recent outpouring of aid and support to the people of the nations affected by the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Southeast Asia in December 2004. The United Nations is critical to the balance and well-being of all nations, and makes significant advances in that balance every day; however, structural reforms are necessary to ensure that the organization can continue its noble efforts to effect positive change. As the United Nations seeks to reform itself, this resolution sends the message that Members of Congress are willing to work with them to ensure a future humanitarian successes.

I look forward to working with Representative SHAYS and my other colleagues to honor the United Nations for 60 years of good work and to pledge the support of Congress as the organization moves forward.

TRIBUTE TO REAR ADMIRAL JOHN D. BUTLER

HON. RON PAUL
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Rear Admiral (Lower Half) John D. Butler, a Texas City, Texas, native who retires after 31 years of faithful service from the United States Navy on July 1, 2005.

Many of us have come to know and recognize Rear Admiral Butler over the past 10 years as he has served as the Program Executive Officer (Submarines) since February 2003. During his tenure as the Navy’s top submarine acquisition officer, Rear Admiral Butler delivered USS Virginia (SSN 774) and USS Jimmy Carter (USS 23). Virginia’s commissioning in October 2004 ended the longest drought of submarine commissioning in that service’s 105-year history. Whereas Virginia is the first of her class, Jimmy Carter is the last of the Sea Wolf Class. Jimmy Carter brings a host of new and revolutionary capabilities to the fleet that will help the United States to win the Global War on Terror.

Under Rear Admiral Butler’s watch, the submarine construction industry has been, virtually, reborn. He was a driving force in transitioning the Virginia Class’ second Block Buy contract into a Multi-Year agreement that will save an estimated $80 million per submarine over the five-hull agreement. Currently, there are six Virginia Class submarines under construction and an additional three ships under contract.

Rear Admiral Butler has also made great efforts in converting four Ohio Class Trident Ballistic Missile Submarines into the transformation SSGNs. Each of these 560-feet long, 18,000-ton submarines will be able to carry up to 154 precision-guided Tomahawk Land-Attack cruise missiles and to support Special Operations, each SSGN will be able to carry two Dry-Deck Shelters, two Advanced SEAL Delivery Systems, or one of each top the ships’ integrated lock-in/lock-out trunks. With the Ohio Class’ inherent stealth, these SSGNs, the first of which delivers in November 2005, will be a potent warfighter in the Global War on Terror.

Rear Admiral Butler has also acted as an emissary with allied nation’s undersea forces, especially with both the Royal Australian Navy and with Great Britain’s Royal Navy. In doing so, he has not only strengthened our bonds with these most trusted allies, but has also enhanced national security.

Admiral Butler joined the Navy via the Nuclear Power Officer Candidate Program in 1975 after graduating from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor’s of Science in Chemistry. His sea duty assignments have included: Division Officer on board USS Will Rogers (SSBN 659); Navigator/Operations Officer on board USS James K. Polk (SSBN 646); Navigator/Operations Officer on board USS Los Angeles (SSN 688); and Repair Officer on board USS Proteus (AS 19).

Admiral Butler’s shore assignments have included: Attack Submarine Training Head for the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Submarine Warfare); AN/BSS-1 Submarine Combat and Acoustic System (PMS417) Chief Engineer for Program Executive Officer, Submarine Combat and Weapons Systems; Sea Wolf Class Submarine (PMS350) Assistant Program Manager (Design and Construction) for Program Executive Office, Submarines; Strategic and Attack Submarines (PMS392) Major Program Manager for Naval Sea Systems Command; and Executive Assistant and Naval Aide to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition). He has also served in temporary assignments attached to the Applied Physics Laboratory Ice Station, Arctic Ocean; Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Groton, CT, and Newport News, VA; and attached in support of U.S. Embassies at Cairo, Egypt; Moscow, Russia; and Panama City, Panama. Over the course of his career, Admiral Butler has helped to design, build, and deliver a total of 23 submarines—nearly one-third of today’s total force.

Admiral Butler’s personal awards include the Legion of Merit (3 awards), Meritorious Service Medal (3 awards), Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, in addition to other service and unit awards.

Mr. Speaker, Admiral Butler has given 30 years of service to the Navy, to Congress, and to the people of the United States of America. He has served our Nation well and has helped to ensure that our undersea fleet remains the best in the world. He has left a large and meaningful legacy and I am honored to rise today to express my appreciation for Admiral Butler and for his wife Eileen who has served her Nation right along side her husband. Being a Navy wife is not an easy task, and she has been nothing less than a model of courage, patience, and devotion.

Mr. Speaker, colleagues, please join me in wishing Admiral and Eileen Butler: “Fair winds and following seas and long may your big jib draw!”

HONORING VEDA GREEN WINNER OF THE SPIRIT OF JPS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and commitment of Mrs. Veda Green. Mrs. Green was named the Spirit of JPS Volunteer of the Year by JPS Health Network for her years of outstanding and dedicated community service in multiple capacities for the JPS Health Network.

Mrs. Green received the award at the annual JPS Health Network Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon in recognition of the over 4000 hours of community service she has worked during the last 8 years. Veda has a reputation as someone who truly cares about others through her work as a volunteer at the information desk and in pastoral care.

JPS Health Network is an organization committed to improving the health of families throughout my district. The Network includes John Peter Smith Hospital, the JPS Institute for Health Career Development, and a network of community-based health centers, home care and psychiatric services at Trinity Springs Pavilion. That such a large organization with so many different great people associated with it would choose Mrs. Green speaks quite highly of her.

It is with great honor I stand here today to recognize a woman who has touched so many people on a personal level and asked nothing in return.

TRIBUTE TO HOWARD ELINSON

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, June 24, 2005

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, Mr. WAXMAN and I ask our colleagues to stand today in honoring Dr. Howard Elinson, who was born on the 111th of January, 1940 in New York City and who passed away on Friday June 17th, 2005 in Los Angeles at Midway Hospital.

Howard earned his B.A. and his Ph.D. in Sociology at UCLA. He taught for a year at Yale and for 7 years at UCLA. He worked as Administrative Assistant and Consultant for 27 years for Congressman HENRY WAXMAN. Six of those years were when WAXMAN was a State Assemblyman.

Howard is survived by his beloved and devoted brother Mark who is an admired and respected high school teacher of Social Studies in the Los Angeles City School system. He also serves as an Adviser to the L.A. Unified School District, instructing Social Studies teachers on the best techniques for teaching Social Studies.

Howard Elinson was and is unforgettable to anyone or all who knew or met him (no matter how casually or for how short a time). He changed the life of everyone in his personal orbit by his magnetic personality his unique insight into the human condition, his sharp wit and his gigantic intellect his mastery of any human behavior subject, and his generosity and kindness.

But, unknown to most Californians and “Angelenos” (and unmentioned in media accounts) Howard Elinson joined us today in honoring Dr. Howard Elinson who was born on the 111th of January, 1940 in New York City and who passed away on Friday June 17th, 2005 in Los Angeles at Midway Hospital.

It was Howard Elinson who conceived and invented individually targeted computerized mail—the campaign technique that was instrumental in the 1968 primary election victory of Howard Waxman for State Assembly (by, still to this date, the largest margin against an incumbent—this one a 26 year incumbent—of his own party), and the 1972 primary and general election victory of HOWARD BERMAN for State Assemblyman.