

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING GREGORY PETERSON,  
RECIPIENT OF THE 18TH ANNUAL  
PARKER AWARD FOR SOCIAL  
JUSTICE

### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exemplary public service of Gregory Peterson, a resident of Chautauqua County, Town of Lakewood, upon receiving the 18th annual Parker Award for Social Justice.

Mr. Peterson was presented this honor for his dedication and effort to developing the Robert H. Jackson Center for Justice. Peterson is currently the President of the center and is committed to bringing social justice to the City of Jamestown. He is also known for bringing some prominent speakers to Jamestown.

This award is given by the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Jamestown, to a local person who voluntarily dedicates their time and effort to social justice, and is not a member of the congregation. It was established as a memorial in 1985 for T. Richard Parker, a leader in the Unitarian Church of Jamestown.

Mr. Peterson is an exemplary man for donating his time and energy to this worthy cause. That is why, Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the public service of Gregory Peterson.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT  
FINANCING, AND RELATED PRO-  
GRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT,  
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SPEECH OF

### HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

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*Tuesday, June 28, 2005*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3057) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes:

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to speak in strong support of the Weiner-Ferguson-Crowley-Israel Amendment on Saudi Arabia.

I ask my colleagues—how long is this Congress going to continue to provide the Saudis with aid when they provide us with little to no assistance in fighting the war on terror?

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia says they are making progress, but yet everyday we see that the leading source of foreign insurgents in Iraq are coming from Saudi Arabia.

The Kingdom says that they are opening up to reforms and point to the holding of partial elections for town councils as an example of this supposed opening.

Surprising that no mention is made about how women are still not allowed to vote.

While all these supposed reforms and actions against terrorists are going on we saw the arrests of 13 Saudi intellectuals for simply calling for Saudi Arabia to evolve into a constitutional monarchy.

This country, a country with the vast reserves of the world oil supply, the same country charging my constituents \$2.25 and more a gallon for gas at the pump, also receives foreign aid, to bring military officers here for training.

Training officers to defend a regime which doesn't give equal rights to women, to non-Muslims, which exports terror to Iraq, and Afghanistan, and most painful of all, jacks up the price for every gallon of gas at the gas pump for Americans.

Support the Weiner-Ferguson-Crowley-Israel amendment. Say no to foreign aid to Saudi Arabia.

DEE KELLY'S LETTER TO THE  
EDITOR OF THE DALLAS MORN-  
ING NEWS

### HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to have a letter to the Editor of the Dallas Morning News, written on June 8, 2005, entered into the RECORD. The letter was written by a constituent of mine, Dee Kelly.

JUNE 8, 2005.

Mr. WILLIAM MCKENZIE,  
*Associate Editorial Page Editor, Dallas Morning News, Dallas, TX.*

DEAR BILLY: Amon Carter always said that given the opportunity Dallas would always treat Fort Worth like a stepchild. However, that was not the case when Dallas and Fort Worth built DFW. The cities worked together and agreed to joint covenants to build one of the greatest airports in the United States and to close Love Field and Amon Carter Field in Fort Worth.

Unfortunately, the founder of DFW in preparing the bond covenants did not require Southwest to sign the agreements. Southwest was then only operating in Texas under permit from the defunct Texas Aeronautical Commission. As a result Southwest was permitted to continue to fly out of Love Field, but Fort Worth was required to shut down Amon Carter Field.

For many years, Fort Worth could rely on the bond covenants to protect themselves from Dallas trying to expand Love Field. The Fifth Circuit Federal court has now pre-empted the joint covenants between the two cities leaving Fort Worth virtually defenseless to prevent Dallas from further expanding Love Field in the event the Wright Amendment is repealed.

Southwest has become not only greedy, but hypocritical as well. Southwest was about to have Love Field closed again in 1979, but its lobbyist J.D. Williams from the firm of Williams and Jensen in Washington

was able to persuade Jim Wright to accept the Wright Amendment, which basically kept Southwest alive. For Herb Kelleher to indicate that the Wright Amendment was forced upon him when in fact it saved his airline insults credulity.

Another factious Southwest contention is that the relationship between the Houston International airport and Hobby could form a basis for DFW/Love Field connection. DFW is the third busiest airport in this country. Houston International is not even rated in the top ten, primarily because Hobby has siphoned off so much travel from the big airport in Houston.

It is true, no doubt, that if Southwest moved to DFW it could lower airport fares for everybody in the metroplex, including Fort Worth. Southwest is far too selfish to forgo its monopoly at Love Field and is not willing to compete at DFW.

Southwest, of course, is the darling of the press because of its lower fares. People in the metroplex should be concerned about the long-term effect of expansion at Love Field. Make no mistake that American will move to Love Field as well. There will be litigation almost instantly for Dallas to expand to permit many of DFW's best flights to move to Love. Congestion and safety concerns will arise again just as they did when DFW was built.

If Mr. Carter was living, he would not be surprised that Fort Worth once again finds itself on the short end of a deal with Dallas.

Best Regards,

DEE KELLY.

HONORING ZACH OSBORNE AND  
MIKE ALLEN, CIVIL AIR PATROL  
SERGEANTS AND DAVID  
FEHLMAN, CADET CAPTAIN, FOR  
THEIR COMPLETION OF THE  
CIVIL AIR PATROL CADET PRO-  
GRAM

### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Zach Osborne, Mike Allen and David Fehlman for receiving the milestone award in recognition of their accomplishments in the Civil Air Patrol cadet program.

These three young men have shown great dedication and excellence. This article published in the Jamestown Post Journal pays tribute to their commendable accomplishment.

[From the Jamestown Post Journal, June 24, 2005]

CADETS COMPLETE TRAINING PROGRAM

(By Sabrina Blanco)

Three cadet members of the Jamestown Composite Squadron earned awards Thursday after completing intensive training programs with the Civil Air Patrol. Zack Osborne, Michael Allen and David Fehlman of Chautauqua County received milestone awards in recognition of their accomplishments in the Civil Air Patrol cadet program.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

A full curriculum of aeronautics, communications, physical fitness and moral leadership was taught to each cadet. They also participated in several volunteer and community service projects over the last year.

Cadet Sergeants Osborne and Allen were honored over the Wright Brothers Award, passing the first of four phases in the cadet program.

The Wright Brothers Award is earned after completing Phase I, "The Learning Phase," consisting of the first three achievements of the cadet program. In addition, the cadet must pass a challenging examination, testing leadership, knowledge and proficiency in drill and ceremonies.

"These cadets have really grown since they first started the program and they have come a long way," said Deputy Commander Ellen Maternowski, who presented the awards to each cadet.

Once a cadet earns the Wright Brothers Award, they are promoted to the grade of cadet staff sergeants. They begin service as cadet non-commissioned officers and continue to participate and advance as cadets in the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol.

Mark Thomas, Chautauqua County executive, gave a message at the event, saying, "During World War II, the civil air patrol became famous for coastal control, where civilians volunteered to use privately owned aircrafts to spot enemy submarines along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts. Recognizing that America's entrance into the war was imminent and general aviation would be needed to succeed, the Civil Air Patrol then expanded rapidly into an army of more than 100,000 civilian volunteers committed to protecting America."

The Civil Air Patrol has marked over 60 years of service and remains a thriving program across America.

In the graduation ceremony on Thursday, Cadet Captain David Fehlman was honored with the Amelia Earhart Award which is earned after completing the Phase III with 11 credits and passing an arduous 100-question examination testing aerospace topics, leadership theory and staff topics.

"Once a cadet earns the Earhart Award, they are promoted to the grade of cadet captain," Mrs. Maternowski said. "These cadets who later enter CAP's Senior Member program are eligible for immediate promotion to CAP 1st Lieutenant at age 21. They are also eligible to apply to the International Air Cadet Exchange."

The cadet program provides opportunities for the learning, maturing, accepting, and nurturing of leadership to over 27,000 young Americans from 12-20 years of age. For further information about the Civil Air Patrol, contact Ellen Maternowski at 763-2743.

"For more than half a century the Civil Air Patrol has taken an active role in carrying out non-combat missions on behalf of the United States Air Force, performing more than 85 percent of inland search and rescue missions in the continental U.S.," Thomas said. "It is a great opportunity to honor these young men today for their achievements and for being role models for the younger generation."

I am honored Mr. Speaker, to have an opportunity to honor Zachary Osborne, Mike Allen and David Fehlman for their completion of cadet training.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 28, 2005*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3057) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes:

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to the Sanders-Rohrabacher Amendment which cuts funding for the Export-Import Bank. While one may argue that this amendment will simply prohibit the Export-Import Bank from approving federal loans or loan guarantees for the construction of nuclear power plants in China, this amendment sends a bad message. This amendment is one more step in the attempts of some in the House to shut down Ex-Im completely.

Now I respect the sponsors of this amendment who are true opponents of Ex-Im, but we cannot be fooled by thinking that one can vote for this language and still be a supporter of the Export-Import bank or free trade.

The Export-Import Bank was created to help U.S. exporters match competition from foreign export credit agencies in Japan, Germany, France, Canada, and other countries. Ex-Im is also required by law to work toward securing international agreements to reduce government-subsidized export financing, thereby promoting a level playing field for U.S. exporters—which means jobs for Americans in America.

Ex-Im finances approximately two percent of U.S. exports annually. Among Ex-Im financed exports were U.S. civilian aircraft, electronics, energy-related products, engineering services, medical equipment, vehicles, and agricultural equipment.

Even the sponsors of this amendment acknowledge that the funds for this project will go towards creating jobs in the U.S. They can claim that Westinghouse is a British owned company, and thereby something that does not deserve U.S. support, but using that same argument, Chrysler Motors is now a German owned company—should we not have any dealings with Chrysler and the thousands of American workers and UAW employees employed there. Nonsense—oppose this amendment and support U.S. jobs and free and fair trade.

IN HONOR OF VETERAN JOURNALIST GERSHON JACOBSON

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the life and achievements of Gershon Jacobson, the veteran Yiddish journalist, who founded and published the *Algemeiner Journal*. I am saddened to report

that Mr. Jacobson passed away on May 29, 2005. He is survived by his loving family and his many friends, who have established the Gershon Jacobson Jewish Continuity Fund to serve as an anchor for the perpetuation of Mr. Jacobson's legacy.

Mr. Jacobson was one of our Nation's most respected and influential journalists. He was born in Moscow in 1933 and soon emigrated to France, where he began his writing career. He then moved to America and immediately began working for the *New York Herald Tribune*. In the 1960s, Mr. Jacobson replaced Eli Weisel as the U.N. correspondent for Israel's largest daily, *Yediot Achronot*. During this time, Mr. Jacobson became renowned for excellent reporting on the capture of German war criminal Adolf Eichmann and for his interviews with world leaders and other notable figures. In 1972, Mr. Jacobson founded the Yiddish-English weekly, *Der Algemeiner Journal*. For the next 33 years, Mr. Jacobson served as its editor and publisher, and made it into a vital source of information for the Jewish community.

Mr. Jacobson stood at the forefront of Jewish life in America for close to 60 years and served the public as an indispensable guide to the post-World War II period. The prominent Israeli daily *Haaretz* stated, "Gershon Jacobson created a revolution in the Yiddish Press. Till his day, the Yiddish press occupied itself primarily with memories of the Shtetel, with romantic tales, and Yiddish literature and prose. Mr. Jacobson introduced into Yiddish journalism an acute awareness of the reality of Israel and the burning issues of contemporary Jewish life."

The Gershon Jacobson Jewish Continuity Fund will honor Mr. Jacobson's legacy and continue his work to battle for spiritual integrity and moral clarity. The fund's overall goal is to create a broad range of vehicles that will serve as a voice for Jews in the 21st century.

Mr. Speaker, I request that my colleagues join me in honoring the late Gershon Jacobson, whose keen insight into international and domestic affairs made him a strong and courageous voice on behalf of the Jewish people and the State of Israel. With his passing, the community has lost one of its true heroes. My heart goes out to his family and friends who will miss him deeply.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT G. WILMERS FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WESTERN NEW YORK COMMUNITY

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Robert G. Wilmers, a man whose business expertise and community compassion has made a significant difference in Western New York.

Since 1983 Mr. Wilmers has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of M&T Bank Corporation. At that time, M&T was a local, Buffalo based bank with holdings of approximately \$2 billion.

Over the last 22 years, under Mr. Wilmers leadership, the company has grown to one of the 20 largest banks in the United States with

over 650 branches, managing over \$50 billion in assets and employing over 13,000 people.

While his financial accomplishments have been quite significant, his commitment to building a better Buffalo region has been equally profound. Last year Mr. Wilmers and his wife, Elizabeth, were recognized by the United Way of Buffalo & Erie County for corporate and personal donations to a number of local charities including: the Buffalo Zoo, the Darwin Martin House, Shea's Performing Arts Center, the Albright-Knox Art Gallery and the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra.

Mr. Wilmers has also taken a special interest in building a better future for Buffalo children through promoting education. This focus has involved contributing to enhancements at Buffalo Public School No. 68—Westminster Community Charter School and helping sponsor the search for a new superintendent for the Buffalo Public School System.

Furthermore, Mr. Wilmers has lent his financial skills to the Buffalo Fiscal Stability Board, the Buffalo Niagara Partnership, and a business leaders association called the "Group of 18."

While Mr. Wilmers will continue to be involved professionally at M&T Bank, after over two decades of success, he has decided to relinquish his position as President and CEO of the Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and gratitude I stand here today to recognize Robert Wilmers, a man who has dedicated his life to economic, community and social development. On behalf of the residents of Buffalo and Western New York, we are grateful for your enduring commitment to this area and wish you health and happiness in your new semi-retirement role.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT  
FINANCING, AND RELATED PRO-  
GRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT,  
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SPEECH OF

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 28, 2005*

The House in Committee of the Whole House in the State of the Union and under consideration the bill (H.R. 3057) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes:

Mr. STARK. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to the Foreign Operations Appropriations Act for FY 2006.

The United States should be the world's leading peace broker rather than its largest arms dealer. Unfortunately, about one-quarter, or about \$5 billion, of the funding for this foreign operations appropriations bill is direct military aid and more than \$2.5 billion are "Economic Support Funds," which are often used for security operations. Supplying so many weapons to other nations does more to promote war than it does to enable peace.

To be fair, there are positive provisions in this bill. For example, it increases funding for family planning programs and the United Nations Population Fund, UNFPA. Regrettably, this good news is tarnished by another provi-

sion in the bill that gives President Bush the power to unilaterally withhold funding from the UNFPA initiative. For several years, President Bush has withheld these funds claiming that UNFPA plays a role in the coercive abortion practices of the Chinese.

Despite that rhetoric, UNFPA does not provide funding for abortions or abortion services. It works to prevent the need for abortions by educating women in other countries on the many advantages to services such as contraception and disease prevention. UNFPA is the largest internationally funded source of population assistance to developing countries. For over three decades, the UNFPA has provided billions of dollars of assistance to more than 150 countries for voluntary family planning and maternal and child health care.

I am also disappointed that the bill fails to fund the Global Environmental Facility, GEF. The GEF is the largest single funding source for projects to improve our global environment.

I also oppose provisions in this bill that have removed all conditionality on U.S. military assistance to Indonesia and Guatemala. Indonesia continues to abuse the human rights of its people and Guatemala has violated numerous agreements stipulated in its domestic peace accords.

What message is this Republican Congress sending the world? On the one hand, President Bush sends Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on a tour of the Middle East touting democracy. On the other hand, this Republican Congress is allowing brutal regimes to get military aid without any restrictions.

I cannot vote for this legislation. The large amount of military aid and the lack of commitment to promoting democracy and international family planning initiatives force me to vote against it. I urge my colleagues to join me in voting against this ill-conceived legislation.

HONORING THE FIRST GRAD-  
UATING CLASS FROM THE CAM-  
DEN ACADEMY CHARTER HIGH  
SCHOOL

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the first graduating class of the Camden Academy Charter High School. The high school grew out of Camden's Promise Charter School, which opened its doors in September of 1998. From the beginning, Camden Academy Charter School has provided a safe environment for the children of Camden. The students here are not just presented with a foundation in academics, but also discover how their education translates into opportunities outside the classroom. The students participate in summer immersion, job shadowing, and even internships with local companies.

These students have truly earned their diplomas. I commend them for their dedication and hard work, and hope that their education will not end here. Education is a lifelong goal, one that serves to the betterment of the individual, and of society. I ask them to read the newspaper; read a novel; write poetry; study current events; talk to friends and family about

the issues of the day. Their graduation today is a starting point from which they can grow and learn, and I wish these students all the best in their future endeavors.

The following are the 2005 graduates from the Camden Academy Charter High School:

Aaron Adams, Kristen Alpheus, Devon Alston, Jamellah Best, Diana Borges, Tyesha Brantley, Domonic Busbee, Troy Butler, Edwin Caraballo, TieQuann Carver, Jesse Coltrane, Alexis Cooper, Michael Cropper, Bianca Cox, Juan Cruz, Aramis Cruz, Letitia Curry, Khalil Davis, Julissa DeCasanova, Yesenia DeCasanova, Christopher Dickerson, Marilyn Ferguson, Rashon Fisher, Sheila Gabriel, and Tajah Gamble.

Abraham Gonzalez, Adrian Graham, DeV Vaughn Hailey, LaToya Hairston, Marcus Harris, Theresa Holmes, Michael Hopkins, William Hughes III, Hope Ibeneche, Nashid Ibn-El, Daniel Irizarry, Brittany Johnson, Damian Johnson, Nigel Jones, Erving Jones, Kris Keaton, Monique Kinard, Keyana Kirkland, Antonia Maldonado, Jorge Maldonado, KiaMarae Mathes, Steven McDonald, Jessica Medina, Jevon Miles, and Tabron Miles.

Naemah Mitchell-El, Rafael Montanez, Ebony Mosley, Chanell Moyer, Shardaewood, Saunier O'Neill, Jeremy Ortiz, Charles Parrish, India Powe, Dianna Pujols, Veda Quann, Quameer Reddick-Parker, April Reid-Bey, Christopher Rivera, Daniella Rivera, Jeremy Robinson, Samuel Rodriguez, LaTisha Rodriguez, Cheryl Ross, Kabria Satterwhite, Devin Seamon, Phillip Smalls, Dareese Smith, Akacia Spearman, and Yaniece Spencer.

Vaughn Spicer, Genice Steward, Troy Still, Steven Taylor Jr., Mercy Torres, Gina Torres, Jemaine Underdue, Fashionette Underdue, Alexander Vargas, Jha-Nai Wagner, Tangier Washington, Brittney Webb, Rasheen Webb, Gabrielle Williams, Chanteera Wilson, Lateema Yellock, and Tiffany Young.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR,  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED  
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS  
ACT, 2006

SPEECH OF

**HON. TIM RYAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 23, 2005*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill, (H.R. 3010) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes:

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in recognition of House Amendment 343 to House Resolution 3010, to restore full funding to the Corporation of Public Broadcasting.

The passage of this amendment preserves public broadcasting, a longstanding American tradition. This amendment enables the Corporation of Public Broadcasting to continue providing countless benefits to our society, including unbiased and nonpartisan information and news, educational and developmental programming and services, and arts and entertainment to the American public.

I would like to commend my fellow colleagues on their cooperation and nonpartisanship in voting to preserve the American institution of public broadcasting. I was unable to vote on the amendment because I was paying my respects to the family of a brave soldier who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

I am strongly against the cuts proposed by House Republicans that were even more severe than the President's suggested budget cuts. While the President recommended a cut of approximately ten million dollars in funding to the Corporation of Public Broadcasting, the House Appropriations Committee and other subcommittees recommended a total cut of \$246.2 million, or 44.9 percent of the current funding. While I recognize the importance of fiscal responsibility, especially in the midst of a severe budget deficit, I believe that we must properly prioritize funding provided by taxpayer dollars. The majority of Americans, according to a recent poll, rank public broadcasting as the second most important publicly provided service, after military defense; additionally the majority of Americans believe not only that their tax dollars are well spent on public broadcasting, but actually support an increase in its funding.

The proposed cuts to public broadcasting are clearly contrary to public opinion. Moreover, these cuts would result in the loss of invaluable services that Americans trust and rely upon, and would harm local economies in the form of closed local stations and lost jobs. For these reasons, I celebrate the passage of this amendment, and pledge my support to continuing funding the Corporation of Public Broadcasting.

THE RETIREMENT OF RABBI  
RICHARD LEVINE

**HON. JIM SAXTON**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of an extraordinary gentleman who I am honored to call a friend. On July 1, 2005, Rabbi Richard Levine will retire after 41 years of service as the spiritual leader of Congregation Adath Emanu-El. Since 1964, Rabbi Levine has worked tirelessly on behalf of his Congregation and the greater Jewish community of southern New Jersey. As my friend continues his journey after retirement, it is with great pride and admiration that I look back on his tenure as a spiritual and community leader.

After graduating from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, Richard Levine went on to the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion whereupon completion of his studies, he was ordained as a Rabbi. Arriving in Willingboro, New Jersey in 1964, Rabbi Levine began to get involved with a countless number of Jewish and non-sectarian organizations and causes. In addition to holding the Presidency of the Delaware Valley Association of Reform Rabbis and the Tri-County Board of Rabbis, he was the first New Jersey Rabbi ever to serve as President of the Greater Philadelphia Board of Rabbis. He has served on the Boards of the Jewish Federation of Southern

New Jersey, Jewish Family and Children Services and the Board of Jewish Education.

Rabbi Levine's dedication to our local community goes far beyond his service on Rabbinical and community boards. Over the years he has worked with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Operation Head Start, various multi-ethnic human relations organizations and has taught classes at local schools. He has served with distinction as a "scholar in residence" in other communities and has led over a dozen trips to Israel. During these trips, the participants enjoy his first-hand knowledge of the country, its history, people and spiritual meaning.

Today, as we honor the accomplishments of this exceptional American, Rabbi Levine is still hard at work, as the patriarch of a growing family. He and his lovely wife Judith are the proud parents of nine children and are celebrating the arrival of their eighth grandchild! As a father, grandfather and rabbi, Richard Levine has earned the respect, gratitude and admiration of all of us who have had the privilege to work with him over the years.

Mr. Speaker, my friend Richard Levine has dedicated his professional life to the service of his people and the greater community of which I am honored to be a part. As he begins his well-earned retirement, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for his friendship, leadership and service.

IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN JEFFREY  
E. KLINE

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Jeffrey E. Kline, United States Navy, who retires this month after 26 years of uniformed service to our Nation's Navy. His career is highlighted by a blend of significant operational and academic achievement.

At the University of Missouri, CAPT Kline participated in the NROTC Program and was commissioned in 1979 upon graduation with honors. He then attended Surface Warfare Officer School at Newport, RI. His first assignments were as Gunnery Officer and Navigator on board the USS *Moosbrugger* from 1979 to 1981 and then on the USS *Ranger* as the Propulsion Officer until 1983. Upon completion of USMC Instructors School, CAPT Kline was a Naval Gunfire Instructor with the Land Force Training Command, Pacific, until 1986. He returned to Department Head School at Newport followed by another sea duty assignment as Combat Systems Officer on board the USS *John L. Hall* from 1986 to 1988. This led directly to a billet as the Combat Systems and Operations Officer on the staff of Commander Destroyer Squadron THREE TWO through 1990. Captain Kline then continued his education at the Naval Postgraduate School graduating with a Masters Degree in Operations Research with distinction in 1992.

Upon graduation, Captain Kline served his first tour as a Commanding Officer on board the USS *Aquila*. In 1993, he was assigned to the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Programs, Analysis and Evaluation as a Naval Forces Analyst, and was awarded the Legion of Merit for his work in 1996. Returning to aca-

demia, he graduated with distinction from the National War College at the National Defense University in 1997.

From 1997 to 1999, Captain Kline assumed his second operational command as the Commanding Officer of the USS *Cushing*. This was followed by a two-year tour as Deputy Operations Officer for the Commander Sixth Fleet. For this work he received the Defense Meritorious Service Medal in 2001. Captain Kline completed his distinguished naval career as the Associate Dean and Chair of Warfare Innovation at the Naval Postgraduate School.

Captain Kline has been consistently recognized for his outstanding service throughout his naval career. In addition to the Legion of Merit and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, he has been awarded two Meritorious Service medals, three Navy Commendation Medals, and two Navy Achievement Medals by various commands. His academic achievements in naval education earned him the 1992 CNO Excellence in Operations Research Award, the 1996 Naval War College Award for the best Geostrategic Context paper and two Northrop Grumman Awards of Excellence for Systems Engineering in 2003 and 2004 while at the Postgraduate School.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to applaud a person who has served his country with such distinction for so many years. I join with all his friends and family in honoring this talented man and his many achievements.

COMMENDATION FOR ROSALIND M.  
WON-PAT FLEET FOR HER PUBLIC SERVICE

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Rosalind M. Won-Pat Fleet for 26 years of dedication and commitment to the security of this Nation through her career with the U.S. Department of Defense. I want to express my personal thanks to Rose as her family and friends gather to honor her accomplishments on the occasion of her retirement.

Born on Guam to the late Congressman Antonio Borja and Ana Perez Won-Pat, Rose currently resides in Haymarket, Virginia. She is married to William Don Fleet and is the proud mother of three children, Natalie, William, Jr., and Michael.

After graduating from George Washington High School in Mangilao, Guam, Rose attended the University of Maryland at College Park where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism and was a member of Theta Sigma Phi, the National Professional Society for Women in Journalism and Communications. She continued her postgraduate studies in Communications and Public Administration.

Following in her family's tradition of public service, Rose began her career in 1984 as a Budget Assistant with the Commander of Naval Forces Japan (COMNAVFORJAPAN) in Yokosuka, Japan. Within 3 years, she became Budget Chief at the Office of the Director of Naval Intelligence (DNI) at the Pentagon. She continued her rise within the Department of Defense, serving as the Financial Resource Manager with the Defense Intelligence Agency

(DIA), a Program/Budget Analyst at the Pentagon, and now, as a Senior Congressional Analyst with the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence.

Her outstanding performance throughout her career has not gone unrecognized. She has received many awards, including the award for Sustained Superior Performance and the Quality Step Increase.

Although Rose has spent most of her career away from Guam, she has never forgotten her roots, promoting and preserving the Chamorro culture through her active involvement as an Executive Board Member with the Guam Society of America, Inc. here in the greater Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Area. In addition, she has served as an Alternate Delegate for Guam to the National Conference of State Societies.

I want to thank Rose for her many years of dedicated service in the day-to-day operations of our Federal Government. Your contributions are appreciated by your colleagues and fellow citizens. Dangkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase.

A TRIBUTE TO THE SOUTH COAST  
CHINESE CULTURAL CENTER

**HON. CHRISTOPHER COX**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate the South Coast Chinese Cultural Center on the occasion of its grand opening celebration on Sunday, April 24, 2005 in Irvine, California. This important and vibrant cultural center will serve as a gathering place for thousands of Californians. This is a center that will serve as a place of community bonding and fellowship; a place to build new relationships and to foster old ones; a place to learn about Chinese history and to teach younger generations about Chinese culture and language; and, of course, a place to relax and to play mah-jong with the best of them.

The South Coast Chinese Cultural Association, founded in 1977, is the heart and soul behind this new center. For 28 years the SCCCA has served and supported Orange County's Chinese community. The mission of the association is the same today as it was in 1977: to promote an, understanding of Chinese culture, to preserve Chinese heritage, and to support the rights of all Chinese Americans. This outstanding organization currently serves more than 1,000 member families in the greater Orange County area. The South Coast Chinese Cultural Center was born out of the idea that the association could better serve its members from a central campus.

Tradition is a large and vital part of Chinese culture and way of life. Ancient traditions continue with new life here in America in places such as the South Coast Chinese Cultural Center. Younger generations will have the opportunity to learn from their elders about the timeless art of Chinese Brush Painting, Chinese Calligraphy, Chinese Swordsmanship, and Chinese Martial Arts. The Irvine Chinese School, now in its 28th year, will continue to serve the community at this new center by giving new meaning to Chinese language and lessons for future generations of Chinese Americans. The heritage of the Old World will not be lost so long as there are places like the

South Coast Chinese Cultural Center in which to congregate.

This grand opening celebration of the South Coast Chinese Cultural Center was a momentous occasion for not only the Chinese community, but also for people of all backgrounds throughout Orange County and all of Southern California. This center aims to unite the unique and diverse ethnic framework that makes ours such a thriving and vibrant community.

I am particularly proud that the South Coast Chinese Cultural Center—the largest center of its kind on the West Coast—has chosen to call Irvine its home. The leadership exemplified by the Chinese community in Orange County in building this wonderful center has shown us that, with a great vision and dedication, we can ensure that the global traditions and cultures that have been brought to America's melting pot will live on for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in congratulating the South Coast Chinese Cultural Center on the occasion of its recent grand opening.

CHINA: A GROWING THREAT

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of our colleagues a two-part series that ran in the Washington Times this week, which gives an eye-opening account of the growing military and intelligence threat posed by China. As this series makes clear, we are naive to view China as simply a trading partner, when in fact they are a global superpower with military ambitions directly at odds with the United States.

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CHINESE DRAGON AWAKENS

(By Bill Gertz)

China is building its military forces faster than U.S. intelligence and military analysts expected, prompting fears that Beijing will attack Taiwan in the next 2 years, according to Pentagon officials.

U.S. defense and intelligence officials say all the signs point in one troubling direction: Beijing then will be forced to go to war with the United States, which has vowed to defend Taiwan against a Chinese attack.

China's military buildup includes an array of new high-technology weapons, such as warships, submarines, missiles and a maneuverable warhead designed to defeat U.S. missile defenses. Recent intelligence reports also show that China has stepped up military exercises involving amphibious assaults, viewed as another sign that it is preparing for an attack on Taiwan.

"There's a growing consensus that at some point in the mid-to-late '90s, there was a fundamental shift in the sophistication, breadth and re-sorting of Chinese defense planning," said Richard Lawless, a senior China-policy maker in the Pentagon. "And what we're seeing now is a manifestation of that change in the number of new systems that are being deployed, the sophistication of those systems and the interoperability of the systems."

China's economy has been growing at a rate of at least 10 percent for each of the past 10 years, providing the country's military with the needed funds for modernization.

The combination of a vibrant centralized economy, growing military and increasingly fervent nationalism has transformed China into what many defense officials view as a fascist state.

"We may be seeing in China the first true fascist society on the model of Nazi Germany, where you have this incredible resource base in a commercial economy with strong nationalism, which the military was able to reach into and ramp up incredible production," a senior defense official said.

For Pentagon officials, alarm bells have been going off for the past two years as China's military began rapidly building and buying new troop- and weapon-carrying ships and submarines.

The release of an official Chinese government report in December called the situation on the Taiwan Strait "grim" and said the country's military could "crush" Taiwan.

Earlier this year, Beijing passed an anti-secession law, a unilateral measure that upset the fragile political status quo across the Taiwan Strait. The law gives Chinese leaders a legal basis they previously did not have to conduct a military attack on Taiwan, U.S. officials said.

The war fears come despite the fact that China is hosting the Olympic Games in 2008 and, therefore, some officials say, would be reluctant to invoke the international condemnation that a military attack on Taiwan would cause.

ARMY OF THE FUTURE

In the past, some defense specialists insisted a Chinese attack on Taiwan would be a "million-man swim" across the Taiwan Strait because of the country's lack of troop-carrying ships.

"We left the million-man swim behind in about 1998, 1999," the senior Pentagon official said. "And in fact, what people are saying now, whether or not that construct was ever useful, is that it's a moot point, because in just amphibious lift alone, the Chinese are doubling or even quadrupling their capability on an annual basis."

Asked about a possible Chinese attack on Taiwan, the official put it bluntly: "In the '07-'08 time frame, a capability will be there that a year ago we would have said was very, very unlikely. We now assess that as being very likely to be there."

Air Force Gen. Paul V. Hester, head of the Pacific Air Forces, said the U.S. military has been watching China's military buildup but has found it difficult to penetrate Beijing's "veil" of secrecy over it.

While military modernization itself is not a major worry, "what does provide you a pause for interest and concern is the amount of modernization, the kind of modernization and the size of the modernization," he said during a recent breakfast meeting with reporters.

China is building capabilities such as aerial refueling and airborne warning and control aircraft that can be used for regional defense and long-range power projection, Gen. Hester said.

It also is developing a maneuverable re-entry vehicle, or MARV, for its nuclear warheads. The weapon is designed to counter U.S. strategic-missile defenses, according to officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity. The warhead would be used on China's new DF-31 long-range missiles and its new submarine missile, the JL-2.

Work being done on China's weapons and reconnaissance systems will give its military the capability to reach 1,000 miles into the sea, "which gives them the visibility on the movement of not only our airplanes in the air, but also our forces at sea," Gen. Hester said.

Beijing also has built a new tank for its large armed forces. It is known as the Type 99 and appears similar in design to Germany's Leopard 2 main battle tank. The tank is outfitted with new artillery, anti-aircraft and machine guns, advanced fire-control systems and improved engines.

The country's air power is growing through the purchase of new fighters from Russia, such as Su-30 fighter-bombers, as well as the development of its own fighter jets, such as the J-10.

Gen. Hester compared Chinese warplanes with those of the former Soviet Union, which were less capable than their U.S. counterparts, but still very deadly.

"They have great equipment. The fighters are very technologically advanced, and what we know about them gives us pause for concern against ours," he said.

Missiles also are a worry.

"It is their surface-to-air missiles, their [advanced] SAMs and their surface-to-surface missiles, and the precision, more importantly, of those surface-to-surface missiles that provide, obviously, the ability to pinpoint targets that we might have out in the region, or our friends and allies might have," Gen. Hester said.

The advances give the Chinese military "the ability . . . to reach out and touch parts of the United States—Guam, Hawaii and the mainland of the United States," he said.

To better deal with possible future conflicts in Asia, the Pentagon is modernizing U.S. military facilities on the Western Pacific island of Guam and planning to move more forces there.

The Air Force will regularly rotate Air Expeditionary Force units to Guam and also will station the new long-range unmanned aerial vehicle known as Global Hawk on the island, he said.

It also has stationed B-2 stealth bombers on Guam temporarily and is expected to deploy B-1 bombers there, in addition to the B-52s now deployed there, Gen. Hester said.

#### PROJECTING POWER

China's rulers have adopted what is known as the "two-island chain" strategy of extending control over large areas of the Pacific, covering inner and outer chains of islands stretching from Japan to Indonesia.

"Clearly, they are still influenced by this first and second island chain," the intelligence official said.

The official said China's buildup goes beyond what would be needed to fight a war against Taiwan.

The conclusion of this official is that China wants a "blue-water" navy capable of projecting power far beyond the two island chains.

"If you look at the technical capabilities of the weapons platforms that they're fielding, the sea-keeping capabilities, the size, sensors and weapons fit, this capability transcends the baseline that is required to deal with a Taiwan situation militarily," the intelligence official said.

"So they are positioned then, if [Taiwan is] resolved one way or the other, to really become a regional military power as well."

The dispatch of a Han-class submarine late last year to waters near Guam, Taiwan and Japan was an indication of the Chinese military's drive to expand its oceangoing capabilities, the officials said. The submarine surfaced in Japanese waters, triggering an emergency deployment of Japan's naval forces.

Beijing later issued an apology for the incursion, but the political damage was done. Within months, Japan began adopting a tougher political posture toward China in its defense policies and public statements. A re-

cent Japanese government defense report called China a strategic national security concern. It was the first time China was named specifically in a Japanese defense report.

#### ENERGY SUPPLY A FACTOR

For China, Taiwan is not the only issue behind the buildup of military forces. Beijing also is facing a major energy shortage that, according to one Pentagon study, could lead it to use military force to seize territory with oil and gas resources.

The report produced for the Office of Net Assessment, which conducts assessments of future threats, was made public in January and warned that China's need for oil, gas and other energy resources is driving the country toward becoming an expansionist power.

China "is looking not only to build a blue-water navy to control the sea lanes [from the Middle East], but also to develop undersea mines and missile capabilities to deter the potential disruption of its energy supplies from potential threats, including the U.S. Navy, especially in the case of a conflict with Taiwan," the report said.

The report said China believes the United States already controls the sea routes from the oil-rich Persian Gulf through the Malacca Strait. Chinese President Hu Jintao has called this strategic vulnerability to disrupted energy supplies Beijing's "Malacca Dilemma."

To prevent any disruption, China has adopted a "string of pearls" strategy that calls for both offensive and defensive measures stretching along the oil-shipment sea lanes from China's coast to the Middle East.

The "pearls" include the Chinese-financed seaport being built at Gwadar, on the coast of western Pakistan, and commercial and military efforts to establish bases or diplomatic ties in Bangladesh, Burma, Cambodia, Thailand and disputed islands in the South China Sea.

The report stated that China's ability to use these pearls for a "credible" military action is not certain.

Pentagon intelligence officials, however, say the rapid Chinese naval buildup includes the capability to project power to these sea lanes in the future.

"They are not doing a lot of surface patrols or any other kind of security evolutions that far afield," the intelligence official said. "There's no evidence of [Chinese military basing there] yet, but we do need to keep an eye toward that expansion."

The report also highlighted the vulnerability of China's oil and gas infrastructure to a crippling U.S. attack.

"The U.S. military could severely cripple Chinese resistance [during a conflict over Taiwan] by blocking its energy supply, whereas the [People's Liberation Army navy] poses little threat to United States' energy security," it said.

China views the United States as "a potential threat because of its military superiority, its willingness to disrupt China's energy imports, its perceived encirclement of China and its disposition toward manipulating international politics," the report said.

#### 'MERCANTILIST MEASURES'

The report stated that China will resort "to extreme, offensive and mercantilist measures when other strategies fail, to mitigate its vulnerabilities, such as seizing control of energy resources in neighboring states."

U.S. officials have said two likely targets for China are the Russian Far East, which has vast oil and gas deposits, and Southeast Asia, which also has oil and gas resources.

Michael Pillsbury, a former Pentagon official and specialist on China's military, said

the internal U.S. government debate on the issue and excessive Chinese secrecy about its military buildup "has cost us 10 years to figure out what to do."

"Everybody is starting to acknowledge the hard facts," Mr. Pillsbury said. "The China military buildup has been accelerating since 1999. As the buildup has gotten worse, China is trying hard to mask it."

Richard Fisher, vice president of the International Assessment and Strategy Center, said that in 10 years, the Chinese army has shifted from a defensive force to an advanced military soon capable of operations ranging from space warfare to global non-nuclear cruise-missile strikes.

"Let's all wake up. The post-Cold War peace is over," Mr. Fisher said. "We are now in an arms race with a new superpower whose goal is to contain and overtake the United States."

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#### THEFTS OF U.S. TECHNOLOGY BOOST CHINA'S WEAPONRY

(By Bill Gertz)

China is stepping up its overt and covert efforts to gather intelligence and technology in the United States, and the activities have boosted Beijing's plans to rapidly produce advanced-weapons systems.

"I think you see it where something that would normally take 10 years to develop takes them two or three," said David Szady, chief of FBI counterintelligence operations.

He said the Chinese are prolific collectors of secrets and military-related information. "What we're finding is that [the spying is] much more focused in certain areas than we ever thought, such as command and control and things of that sort," Mr. Szady said.

"In the military area, the rapid development of their 'blue-water' navy—like the Aegis weapons systems—in no small part is probably due to some of the research and development they were able to get from the United States," he said.

The danger of Chinese technology acquisition is that if the United States were called on to fight a war with China over the Republic of China (Taiwan), U.S. forces could find themselves battling a U.S.-equipped enemy.

"I would hate for my grandson to be killed with U.S. technology" in a war over Taiwan, senior FBI counterintelligence official Tim Berezney told a conference earlier this year.

The Chinese intelligence services use a variety of methods to spy, including traditional intelligence operations targeting U.S. government agencies and defense contractors.

Additionally, the Chinese use hundreds of thousands of Chinese visitors, students and other nonprofessional spies to gather valuable data, most of it considered "open source," or unclassified information.

"What keeps us up late at night is the asymmetrical, unofficial presence," Mr. Szady said.

"The official presence, too. I don't want to minimize that at all in what they are doing." China's spies use as many as 3,200 front companies—many run by groups linked to the Chinese military—that are set up to covertly obtain information, equipment and technology, U.S. officials say.

Recent examples include front businesses in Milwaukee; Trenton, N.J.; and Palo Alto, Calif., Mr. Szady said.

In other cases, China has dispatched students, short-term visitors, businesspeople and scientific delegations with the objective of stealing technology and other secrets.

The Chinese "are very good at being where the information is," Mr. Szady said. "If you build a submarine, no one is going to steal a submarine. But what they are looking for

are the systems or materials or the designs or the batteries or the air conditioning or the things that make that thing tick," he said. "That's what they are very good at collecting going after both the private sector, the industrial complexes, as well as the colleges and universities in collecting scientific developments that they need."

"One recent case involved two Chinese students at the University of Pennsylvania who were found to be gathering nuclear submarine secrets and passing them to their father in China, a senior military officer involved in that country's submarine program.

BIT BY BIT

To counter such incidents, the FBI has been beefing up its counterintelligence operations in the past 3 years and has special sections in all 56 field offices across the country for counterspying.

But the problem of Chinese spying is daunting.

"It's pervasive," Mr. Szady said. "It's a massive presence, 150,000 students, 300,000 delegations in the New York area. That's not counting the rest of the United States, probably 700,000 visitors a year. They're very good at exchanges and business deals, and they're persistent."

Chinese intelligence and business spies will go after a certain technology, and they eventually get what they want, even after being thwarted, he said.

Paul D. Moore, a former FBI intelligence specialist on China, said the Chinese use a variety of methods to get small pieces of information through numerous collectors, mostly from open, public sources.

The three main Chinese government units that run intelligence operations are the Ministry of State Security, the military intelligence department of the People's Liberation Army and a small group known as the Liaison Office of the General Political Department of the Chinese army, said Mr. Moore, now with the private Centre for Counterintelligence Studies.

China gleans most of its important information not from spies but from unwitting American visitors to China—from both the U.S. government and the private sector—who are "seriously indiscreet" in disclosing information sought by Beijing, Mr. Moore said in a recent speech.

In the past several years, U.S. nuclear laboratory scientists were fooled into providing Chinese scientists with important weapons information during discussions in China through a process of information elicitation—asking questions and seeking help with physics "problems" that the Chinese are trying to solve, he said.

"The model that China has for its intelligence, in general, is to collect a small amount of information from a large amount of people," Mr. Moore said during a conference of security specialists held by the National Security Institute, a Massachusetts-based consulting firm.

IN THE LEARNING PHASE

Mr. Szady acknowledges that the FBI is still "figuring out" the methods used by the Chinese to acquire intelligence and technology from the United States.

Since 1985, there have been only six major intelligence defectors from China's spy services, and information about Chinese activities and methods is limited, U.S. officials said.

Recent Chinese spy cases were mired in controversy.

The case against Katrina Leung, a Los Angeles-based FBI informant who the FBI thinks was a spy for Beijing, ended in the dismissal of charges of taking classified documents from her FBI handler. The Justice Department is appealing the case.

The case against Los Alamos National Laboratory scientist Wen Ho Lee, who was suspected of supplying classified nuclear-weapons data to China, ended with Mr. Lee pleading guilty to only one count among the 59 filed.

The FBI has been unable to find out who in the U.S. government supplied China with secrets on every deployed nuclear weapon in the U.S. arsenal, including the W-88, the small warhead used on U.S. submarine-launched nuclear missiles.

"I think the problem is huge, and it's something that I think we're just getting our arms around," Mr. Szady said of Chinese spying. "It's been there, and what we're doing is more or less discovering it or figuring it out at this point."

Mr. Berezney said recently that Chinese intelligence activities are a major worry. FBI counterintelligence against the Chinese "is our main priority," he said.

In some cases, so-called political correctness can interfere with FBI counterspying. For example, Chinese-American scientists at U.S. weapons laboratories have accused the FBI of racial profiling.

But Mr. Szady said that is not the case. China uses ethnic Chinese-Americans as a base from which to recruit agents, he said.

"They don't consider anyone to be American-Chinese," Mr. Szady said. "They're all considered overseas Chinese."

So the answer he gives to those who accuse the FBI of racial profiling is: "We're not profiling you. The Chinese are, and they're very good at doing that."

PUSHING AN AGENDA

China's government also uses influence operations designed to advance pro-Chinese policies in the United States and to prevent the U.S. government from taking tough action or adopting policies against Beijing's interests, FBI officials said.

Rudy Guerin, a senior FBI counterintelligence official in charge of China affairs, said the Chinese aggressively exploit their connections to U.S. corporations doing business in China.

"They go straight to the companies themselves," he said.

Many U.S. firms doing business in China, including such giants as Coca-Cola, Boeing and General Motors, use their lobbyists on behalf of Beijing.

"We see the Chinese going to these companies to ask them to lobby on their behalf on certain issues," Mr. Guerin said, "whether it's most-favored-nation trade status, [World Health Organization], Falun Gong or other matters."

The Chinese government also appeals directly to members of Congress and congressional staff.

U.S. officials revealed that China's embassy in Washington has expanded a special section in charge of running influence operations, primarily targeting Congress. The operation, which includes 26 political officers, is led by Su Ge, a Chinese government official.

The office frequently sends out e-mail to selected members or staff on Capitol Hill, agitating for or against several issues, often related to Taiwan affairs.

Nu Qingbao, one of Mr. Su's deputies, has sent several e-mails to select members and staff warning Congress not to support Taiwan.

The e-mails have angered Republicans who view the influence operations as communist meddling.

"The Chinese, like every other intelligence agency or any other government, are very much engaged in trying to influence, both covertly and overtly," Mr. Szady said.

TAKING TECHNOLOGY

The real danger to the United States is the loss of the high-technology edge, which can

impair U.S. competitiveness but more importantly can boost China's military.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), a part of the Department of Homeland Security, is concerned because the number of high-profile cases of illegal Chinese technology acquisition is growing.

"We see a lot of activity involving China, and I think it would be fair to say the trend is toward an increase," said Robert A. Schoch, deputy assistant director in ICE's national security investigations division.

Mr. Schoch said that one recent case of a South Korean businessman who sought to sell advanced night-vision equipment to China highlights the problem.

"We have an awesome responsibility to protect this sensitive technology," he said. "That gives the military such an advantage."

ICE agents are trying hard to stop illegal exports to China and several other states, including Iran and Syria, not just by halting individual exports but by shutting down networks of illegal exporters, Mr. Schoch said.

Another concern is that China is a known arms proliferator, so weapons and related technology that are smuggled there can be sent to other states of concern.

"Yes, some of this stuff may go to China, but then it could be diverted to other countries," Mr. Schoch said. "And that is the secondary proliferation. Who knows where it may end up."

As with China's military buildup, China's drive for advanced technology with military applications has been underestimated by the U.S. intelligence community.

A report prepared for the congressional U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission found predictions that China was unable to advance technologically were false.

In fact, the report by former Pentagon official Michael Pillsbury highlights 16 key advances in Chinese technology—all with military implications—in the past six months alone.

The failure to gauge China's development is part of the bias within the U.S. government that calls for playing down the threat from the growing power of China, both militarily and technologically, Mr. Pillsbury stated.

"Predictions a decade ago of slow Chinese [science and technology] progress have now proved to be false," the report stated.

Unlike the United States, China does not distinguish between civilian and military development. The same factories in China that make refrigerators also are used to make long-range ballistic missiles.

At a time when U.S. counterintelligence agencies are facing an array of foreign spies, the Chinese are considered the most effective at stealing secrets and know-how.

"I think the Chinese have figured it out, as far as being able to collect and advance their political, economic and military interests by theft or whatever you want to call it," Mr. Szady said. "They are way ahead of what the Russians have ever done."

HONORING JOHN PITTS, SR.

HON. HAROLD E. FORD, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished leader in the Memphis business community, John Pitts Sr., who has recently been selected as a member of the Tennessee Insurance Hall of Fame. This

honor is well deserved by Mr. Pitts for his success and influence in the insurance industry, his outstanding contributions to the Memphis community, and his truly exemplary life.

Over 50 years ago, Mr. Pitts co-founded Lipscomb & Pitts Insurance which has grown to become the largest locally-owned independent insurance agency, and one of the largest privately-owned, single-site insurance agencies in the United States. Throughout his career, Mr. Pitts has served locally as president of both the Insurers of Tennessee and the Insurers of Memphis, and he has been active nationally as the State National Director of the Independent Insurance Brokers of America and as the president of the Professional Insurance Agents.

With all of these achievements, Mr. Pitts still affirms that the most rewarding experiences of his professional career have been the instances when he has watched employees develop professionally and has had the opportunity to influence the lives of those who work at Lipscomb & Pitts. Mr. Pitts has been instrumental in leading Lipscomb & Pitts to support many community organizations both with financial resources and with employees' volunteered time.

Mr. Pitts is an Eagle Scout and the father and grandfather of Eagle Scouts. He has received numerous awards for the Boy Scouts of America and currently serves as the chairman of the Eagle Board of Review. Mr. Pitts has also been an active life-long member of his church, Faith Christian Church.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. John Pitts, a man who is a true leader in the insurance industry, the Memphis business community, his local community, and his family on the occasion of his induction into the Tennessee Insurance Hall of Fame.

RECOGNIZING THE HEROIC EFFORTS OF THE PEOPLE WHO SAVED DEAN OLSON

**HON. COLLIN C. PETERSON**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, May 25, 2005, 84-year-old Dean Olson of Montevideo, Minnesota lost control of his pickup truck during a storm, went off the road, and landed approximately 35 feet into the Minnesota River. The vehicle was not visible from the road. Mr. Olson spent over 2 hours trapped in the vehicle, submerged to his shoulders in 40-degree water, after sustaining multiple injuries.

It is our intention today to recognize the compassionate and heroic efforts of three people who saved Mr. Olson's life that day: Mr. Kevin Applewick, Chippewa County Sheriff Deputy Timothy Christensen, and Mr. Robert Pender.

Kevin Applewick discovered the partially submerged truck while searching for a fishing spot. Mr. Applewick could not determine if anyone was in the vehicle. He promptly notified the Chippewa County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Timothy Christensen was dispatched to the scene and arrived at the same time as Robert Pender, who was fishing in the area. By the time of their arrival, Mr. Applewick

thought he had heard low moans coming from the pickup. Mr. Pender and Deputy Christensen immediately waded into the swift current of the near freezing Minnesota River, where they discovered Dean Olson trapped in the vehicle. They notified emergency response personnel, and kept Mr. Olson breathing and prevented him from drowning for 20 minutes while standing in over 4 feet of cold river water until EMS professionals could evacuate him.

Dean Olson, who served his country as a fighter pilot in the Pacific Theater during WWII, remains hospitalized in serious condition at Hennepin County Medical Center.

He and his family are extremely grateful for the extraordinary efforts that sustained Mr. Olson's life.

The extraordinary efforts and exceptional actions of Kevin Applewick, Timothy Christensen, and Robert Pender are hereby recognized and commended.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, due to business in my district, I was unable to vote during the following rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as indicated below.

Rollcall No. 324: "yes"; rollcall No. 325: "no"; rollcall No. 326: "no"; rollcall No. 327: "yes"; rollcall No. 328: "no"; rollcall No. 329: "no"; rollcall No. 330: "yes"; rollcall No. 331: "yes"; rollcall No. 332: "yes"; rollcall No. 333: "yes"; rollcall No. 334: "no"; rollcall No. 335: "yes."

ACKNOWLEDGING THE PARKER FAMILY FOR THEIR SACRIFICES DURING WORLD WAR II

**HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Chas and Effie Parker of Westfield, FL, who had five sons in World War II: Samuel, Leon, John, Lewis, and Chas Jr. Their three daughters, Clea, Nita, and Marquerite, and other son, Alan Parker, remained in the U.S. For their accomplishments the Parkers received a Blue Banner with five blue stars. After the war all five sons returned home safely. They lived out the American dream and made a home, a family and life in the country they loved.

The millions of young Americans, like the Parkers and their sons, pulled the U.S. out of a Great Depression. They defeated fascism and saved the world from the threat of Nazi occupation of Europe. Without their help, America would not have had victory during World War II.

In a letter to the mother of five men who died during the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln wrote, "I feel how fruitless must be any words of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering to you the con-

solation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic they died to save."

I thank the Parkers for their sacrifices during World War II, which helped preserve the freedom Americans enjoy. The Parkers are a model American family, a family I am proud to call constituents.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL JOHN W. IVES

**HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor today to rise and pay tribute to a great American, Colonel John W. Ives, for his distinguished and exemplary service on behalf of my constituents and a grateful nation.

When Colonel Ives first enlisted as a soldier in 1972, no one could have imagined the events of September 11, 2001 and the war on terrorism that would ensue. And yet in hindsight, Colonel Ives' entire career prepared him to be a leader in our post 9/11 world and to help the Army position itself to face the future.

Colonel Ives was commissioned as a military intelligence officer in 1981 after completing his undergraduate studies in the Business School at the University of Texas, El Paso. Colonel Ives led two platoons in the 125th Military Intelligence Battalion (CEWI), followed by 2 years as the S2 Intelligence Officer with the 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division. He later directed a Joint Agency Task Team from the National Photographic Interpretation Center, specializing in North Korean affairs. During his combat tour in Operation Desert Storm, Colonel Ives served as the S3 Operations Officer.

Following his time in Desert Storm, Colonel Ives continued his established career in intelligence by managing sensitive advanced technology programs for the Office of Secretary of Defense. From 1997-1999, he commanded the 532nd Military Intelligence Battalion (Operations) in the Republic of Korea, afterwards being assigned as Director, Imagery Assessments Directorate (IAD) with the National Ground Intelligence Center (NGIC). In June 2002, he assumed command of the Army Garrison at Fort Meade.

A highly decorated individual, Colonel Ives' commitment to American security is evident in the number of awards he has earned. The Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster), Joint Staff Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster), National Defense Service Medal (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster), Saudi Arabian-Kuwait Liberation Medal, and the Kuwait Liberation Medal are just a few of the many decorations Colonel Ives has achieved. Never one to rest in his accomplishments, Colonel Ives continues to fight for excellence for every soldier and for our nation's Army.

I am proud to represent both Ft. Meade and NSA. As a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, I understand the threats our nation faces and fully appreciate the contributions of military intelligence experts like Colonel Ives. I have also had the pleasure of personally knowing Colonel Ives to be a man who cares deeply about his country. He has provided dutiful service as a leader on

the battlefield and an expert in the field of intelligence for over 30 years. Our nation is indebted to leaders like Colonel Ives, who deserve our respect for their unending dedication in providing security for Americans both at home and abroad. Of course, no soldier can be successful without a supportive and understanding family at home. Their service and sacrifice in allowing Colonel Ives to do his work deserves our respect and appreciation as well.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Colonel Ives for his decades of tireless service towards the protection of our nation. We wish him and his family well in his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO LANCE CORPORAL  
RYAN S. MCCABE, UNITED  
STATES MARINE CORPS

**HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lance Corporal Ryan S. McCabe of the United States Marine Corps for his extraordinary courage and heroism while serving our nation in Afghanistan. On March, 10, 2005, Lance Corporal McCabe was presented with the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Lance Corporal McCabe put himself at grave personal risk to protect the lives of the Marines in his unit. He used a bayonet to navigate his unit through a minefield in Afghanistan. Due to his bravery, Lance Corporal McCabe's patrol leader—who had been wounded by a detonated landmine—received the urgent medical care he needed to survive and recover.

Lance Corporal McCabe has brought great pride to his parents, Stephen and Kathleen, and his hometown of Lowell, Massachusetts. I would like to congratulate Lance Corporal McCabe, and enter into the record a news article titled "V for valor" by reporter Robert Mills which ran in the May 30, 2005 edition of The Lowell Sun.

His patrol leader had already been wounded by a landmine explosion when Lance Cpl. Ryan McCabe, of Lowell, was handed a bayonet and told by his sergeant to start digging his way through the minefield.

McCabe, 22, took his orders without hesitation.

Just minutes before, McCabe and the rest of the six-man patrol he was part of on that mid-August day had started up a hill where they saw a bunker. The patrol leader took the lead, walking up a trail even though the troops saw landmines on the hillside.

Nevertheless, the patrol leader soon detonated an anti-personnel mine, which blew off part of his leg.

The rest of the patrol retreated from the immediate area to avoid setting off any other mines, and began to organize a rescue mission.

That's when McCabe received his orders.

McCabe, who comes from a long line of veterans and Lowell firefighters, got on his hands and knees, and began probing through the minefield, plunging the bayonet into the dirt, searching for mines.

"You feel through the dirt with the bayonet at an angle so if you find a mine you hit it on the side, which won't set it off," he said.

The anti-personnel mines are triggered when they are stepped on, so only direct pressure on top of the mines will cause an explosion.

McCabe was too excited at the time to remember about how far he had to crawl through the minefield, but he eventually got to the lieutenant and secured the area around him which allowed the rest of the patrol, and the medic that was traveling with it, to rescue and treat the group's leader.

In recognition of his efforts, McCabe was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, with a combat V—for valor—earlier this month.

Despite his heroism in Afghanistan, which he returned from in December, McCabe and his unit, Lima Company of the Third Battalion Sixth Marines, will now ship out for duty in Iraq starting in August or September.

He will leave for urban and desert warfare training in California next week, before spending an estimated six to nine months in Iraq.

He said having another deployment so soon is "stressful," but nothing he can't handle.

"It's stressful, but once you get over there it's not too bad" he said. "The first few months are depressing, but you get used to it real quick."

McCabe, who lived in Lowell all his life before joining the Marine Corps, ran cross-country and track while he was a student at Lowell High School.

When his duty with the Marine Corps is finished in about two years, he hopes to return to Lowell to become a firefighter, just as his father, two uncles and grandfather were before him.

McCabe's father, Steve McCabe, of Lowell, is a lieutenant with the Lowell Fire Department's Ladder 4. McCabe's uncle, Patrick McCabe, is one of the department's eight deputy chiefs. His uncle, Bob McCabe, is also a Lowell firefighter, as was his grandfather, Patrick McCabe, who was a deputy chief when he retired from the department in 1984.

He followed in his father's footsteps when he joined the Marines in 2001. His father had served from 1974 to 1976, just missing being sent to Vietnam.

Speaking from his Lowell home last week, Steve McCabe said he is proud of his son, though he naturally worries about him being in such dangerous situations.

"Like any parent that has a son or daughter serving I'm extremely proud, but at the same time I have mixed emotions because like any parent I worry," Steve McCabe said. "I'm nervous about him going to Iraq."

Steve McCabe said that just as he did when his son was in Afghanistan, he will be following closely any reports he can find while his son is in Iraq.

Though his rescue mission in Afghanistan was perilous, McCabe said he didn't realize what he had done until after the lieutenant was saved.

"At the time, the adrenaline was going so much I just wasn't thinking of what was going on," he said from Fort Lejeune, in North Carolina, last week. "It happened so quickly I didn't have time to get nervous."

"Afterward, I realized 'wow, what did I just do?'" McCabe said.

Mr. Speaker, we're blessed to have brave men and women like Lance Corporal Class

Ryan S. McCabe serving our nation. We should never forget the risks they take to preserve our liberty.

TRIBUTE TO MR. GEORGE  
RODRIGUEZ

**HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to a long time friend, Mr. George Rodriguez. "Georgie", as he is affectionately known in my community, will be honored in the Bronx, New York tonight for his outstanding work and unyielding service to the people of the Bronx, NY.

Since he arrived in New York over forty years ago, George has devoted most of his time to fighting the good fight. Serving as an advocate for the disadvantaged, George has helped to curtail the debilitating effects of racism, poverty and disease throughout the Bronx community.

Among George's long list of accomplishments are several projects which have helped to put roofs over the heads of our most vulnerable citizens. He has served as Chairman of the NYC Model Cities Program (a program that provides low income residents and senior citizens with housing), and helped to establish Mins Plaza Housing, OVB Garden Apartments and Borinquen Court housing for seniors. In addition, George has assisted in providing his neighbors with much needed quality healthcare. He was instrumental in the establishment of the New Lincoln Hospital, and the Segunda Ruix Belvis Neighborhood Health Center.

Mr. Speaker, men like George are a rare breed. It is not everyday that you find individuals who are willing to devote their entire lives to uplifting others. His selfless acts of kindness have helped countless Bronxites live better lives. Furthermore, his actions serve as a testimony to the great influence an individual can have when he is determined to bring about change.

Mr. Speaker, I am truly appreciative of the work George has done for residents of the congressional district. As a result of his strong leadership and vision, the Bronx is a better place and as result of his enduring friendship I am a better leader. For his outstanding service to the people of my community, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. George Rodriguez.

MILITARY PERSONNEL FINANCIAL  
SERVICES PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 27, 2005*

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of Title II of H.R. 458. This provision protects our service men and women from the predatory practices of high cost military lenders. Companies such as Pioneer Financial have demonstrated the need

for increased lending restrictions due to their avaricious behavior.

Pioneer Financial has realized that it can prey on military customers by charging unjustifiable rates, high fees and selling them expensive and often unnecessary credit insurance, and then refinancing the loan within a year to generate more fees. Some military customers have found alternatives to Pioneer's costly loan products, and because of this Pioneer has fought back and launched a targeted campaign to pass legislation that cripples its payday lender competitors and stops them from being able to sell to our military personnel.

Mr. Speaker, no one deserves to be taken advantage of, and it is despicable that someone would specifically target the very people that are protecting the freedoms that allow us to participate in commerce at all. That is exactly why I support this bill.

H.R. 458 protects and balances military borrowers' responsibilities and rights. It is important to note that the bill applies not only to payday advance lenders, but also to other higher-cost creditors like Pioneer, small loan companies, title lenders and finance companies.

This legislation also ensures that military borrowers are given additional warnings and special protections if their lender targets military personnel and charges higher rates. In particular, borrowers are protected from garnishment and other collection activities while on active military duty. Further, H.R. 458 takes care to maintain access to many types of credit. By doing so, this bill provides both choice and protection for our service members.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the members of the Financial Services Committee for addressing these abusive lending practices, and for protecting those who risk their lives to protect us every day.

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RECOGNIZING THE 22ND ANNUAL  
FREMONT FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the twenty-second anniversary of the Fremont Festival of the Arts, sponsored by the Fremont, California Chamber of Commerce. Annual contributions from the Festival provide over \$400,000 to non-profit agencies in the Fremont community.

The Festival is expected to attract over 45,000 individuals and will feature more than 800 artists, 40 culinary selections and 30 musical groups. This effort is made possible through the generous help of some 3,000 volunteers who give willingly of their time to insure the success of the Festival.

The spirit of community service continues to thrive in Fremont as exhibited by the Fremont Festival of the Arts. I am confident this year's Festival will be a success, and through its contributions to non-profits, will make a difference in the lives of all who live in our community.

I commend the efforts of David M. O'Hara, Festival Chairman, and Cindy Bonair, Cham-

ber CEO and Festival Director, for their generous and untiring efforts to make the Fremont Festival of the Arts a model event.

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TRIBUTE TO MISS MARTHA  
HARRIS

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Miss Martha Harris, from Altoona, Pennsylvania, as one of twenty national winners in a new award program called The Alexander Hamilton Citizenship Achievement Award. The award is sponsored by a new 501(c)3 non-profit organization, The Alexander Hamilton Friends Association, AHFA, of Seattle, Washington. Fourteen states were represented and amongst the twenty winners, Pennsylvania had three, all of whom happened to be from Altoona Area High School. Over 200 candidates were considered for the award and it is a remarkable achievement for these three students and the Altoona Area school district.

The Alexander Hamilton Friends Association is a non-profit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Washington. The AHFA's goal is to preserve Alexander Hamilton's legacy by recognizing and honoring young people who share Hamilton's strong sense of integrity, achievement, pragmatism, and service. For a student to win the award the student needs to exhibit a high degree of personal integrity and receive an outstanding rating in two of the five areas, which are: community service, school-related extracurricular activity, entrepreneurial skill, scholastic record, and personal achievement. George Cox, president of AHFA said, "The key question we asked ourselves, was this: If a young Alexander Hamilton were placed in a situation like this student, would he have responded in a similar manner? In the case of our winners, we think the answer is yes."

Miss Martha Harris is a junior at Altoona High school. She is a editor and serves on the staff of the school newspaper, yearbook, a literary magazine. As a copy editor of the yearbook, she supervises more than 25 students. Harris who is totally blind, frequently speaks to parents of blind children and the sighted public concerning the need for Braille texts and blindness awareness. She is active in Young Life and helps read scriptures for services at her church.

Mr. Speaker, we would like to congratulate Miss Martha Harris on her outstanding achievements in community service and we are proud to have her as one of our constituents.

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HONORING TWO RIVER THEATER  
COMPANY IN RED BANK

**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Two River Theater Company on the

opening of a new, state of the art, performance center in Red Bank, New Jersey. The Two River Theater Company is in Monmouth County, New Jersey's leading professional theater.

Since the company first opened its curtains in 1994, the Two River Theater Company has used many venues for their productions. Starting at Monmouth College and traveling around Monmouth County, the Two River Theater Company has been innovative and resourceful in creating productions in borrowed spaces. With the opening of their new home, the Two River Theater Company will provide an excellent addition to the artistic and cultural makeup of Red Bank, Monmouth County and all of central New Jersey.

As a supporter of the arts, I cannot stress enough the importance of culture in our lives. The arts play a crucial role in our society, enhancing our creativity; promoting critical aspects of education; and providing Americans with the opportunity to view works of beauty and expression. I commend the Two River Theater Company for bridging together local groups and communities through their educational and cultural programming and providing individuals with access to many different forms of art.

The Two River Theater Company decision to locate their new theater on Red Bank's west side, easily accessible by car and train, is an example of the desire to contribute to the local community. The new space is comprised of a main theater, named for the cofounders of the Two River Theater Company, that will provide an intimate atmosphere for both the actors and audiences. A small box theater will provide a different type of venue for performances as well rehearsal space for productions on the main stage. The complex also holds costume and craft shops, lighting and sound shops and dressing rooms.

For more than ten years, the individuals involved with the Two River Theater Company have shared their love for the theater, arts and music with local schools. From educational programming to reduced admission for school groups to running a yearlong program for 25 exceptional high school juniors to teach them about all aspects of theater, the Two River Theater Company is committed to educating our youth and helping students gain a greater appreciation for the arts.

Kicking off their inaugural season, the Two River Theater Company held a gala fund-raiser and then hosted three free programs for the local communities including a Celebration for Educators on April 26, a Neighborhood Open House & Concert on April 28, and a Family Day on April 30. The theater season kicked off on May 7th with the Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy "You Can't Take It With You" by George S. Kaufman, which will run in the Robert "Bob" and Joan Rechnitz Theater and "Suicide in B flat" by Sam Shepard, a one act play that includes music, that will be performed in the Marion Huber Theater for a limited number of days in June.

I congratulate the Two River Theater Company for their hard work and dedication to achieving their dream of their own theater. Not only will the new venue provide an excellent place for audiences to enjoy the arts, but it has and will continue to bring cultural and new life to downtown and west side Red Bank. I applaud the achievements of the Two River Theater Company and may they break a leg during their inaugural theater season.

ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
NEW SANCTUARY ON ROCK  
SPRINGS CHURCH

**HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of the House a momentous occasion occurring in the Eighth District of Georgia—the one-year anniversary of the new sanctuary of Rock Springs Church in Milner, Georgia which will be celebrated on August 14 of this year.

The ministry of Rock Springs is an amazing demonstration of the faithfulness of God in the lives of His people. The church has been a lighthouse for more than 150 years, faithfully calling on people in Georgia to follow the Lord in accordance with His Word.

It was 1852, when some of the first Congregational Methodist churches were being formed, that Rock Springs first began. The church began serving the area immediately, and moved into its first sanctuary in 1855.

From that point, a number of faithful men served in the pulpit, proclaiming God's Word to all who came to hear, and going out into the community to spread the message of truth.

The church has continued to grow, and now Dr. Benny Tate leads the work that has been carried on by so many before him. Dr. Tate's vision of ministry for the community has continued to grow, and the church stands as a lighthouse, true to the Word of God.

Dr. Tate's messages on the importance of Christian involvement in government have been an encouragement and challenge to me, and I appreciate his vision for Christians serving all throughout the halls of government. But true Christian statesmanship involves a deep commitment to living out the truths of the Bible, and that is the message that comes out loud and clear from the people of Rock Springs.

One year ago, Rock Springs dedicated the new church sanctuary, as Solomon dedicated the temple, to the glory of God. This is the base of operations for ministry to the community. But the building itself is not the church. As we celebrate this new sanctuary, dedicated to the worship of God, the equipping of His people, and the evangelization of the lost, we also thank God for the people of Rock Springs and the testimony they are to a watching world around them.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to lay before this House the ministry of Rock Springs Church, and pray God's richest blessings on the ministry there as they look back on the past year of the new sanctuary, and look forward to many, many years of ministry in the future.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR,  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED  
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS  
ACT, 2006

SPEECH OF

**HON. TOM UDALL**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 24, 2005*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under

consideration the bill (H.R. 3010) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes:

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to state for the record, that although I will not be able to vote on final passage of H.R. 3010, I oppose this bill. As many of you are well aware because of actions recommended in your own districts, the BRAC Commission is in the process of holding regional hearings throughout the country. They are holding a hearing on closure of Cannon Air Force Base, located in my district, tomorrow, Friday June 24th, and I will be in attendance with the entire New Mexico delegation to show our support for keeping Cannon open.

With that said Mr. Chairman, I do appreciate the difficult constraints under which Mr. REGULA and Mr. OBEY had to work in crafting this important spending bill, and I certainly commend them for the work. Unfortunately, because these appropriations bill implements the budget resolution that I opposed, but that Congress passed, it does not give enough funding for many important services of the Federal Government. Services that have real implications for real people throughout New Mexico and the Nation.

As Mr. OBEY pointed out in his opening remarks, last year's Labor/H bill funded the programs at \$3.5 billion above the previous year. This year, however, on a program-to-program basis, the bill cuts \$1.6 billion. Programs such as the Community Access Program, which received \$83 million last year, are devastated in this year's bill. The Community Access Program has been utilized by several organizations in New Mexico to provide better integrated systems of care for uninsured and underinsured, but receives no funding under H.R. 3010.

Also, H.R. 3010 cuts funding for rural health care and emergency medical services by \$44 million, or 41 percent. That does not take into account the cuts to the Health Professions Training Program, which is also an important program for rural and underserved areas in New Mexico. The Health Professions program encourages new medical and dental school graduates to choose primary care specialties and to practice in rural and urban underserved areas. H.R. 3010 cuts funding for this program by \$252 million, or by 84 percent.

Another program that I believe is of great importance is the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant. Earlier this year I sent a letter, joined by 70 of my colleagues from both sides of the aisle, urging the appropriations committee to provide funding for this program. The President unfortunately requested zero funding for it in his budget request, so I am pleased that the Chairman and Ranking Member included \$100 million in H.R. 3010. I do hope, however, that the Senate will provide a greater level of funding that will be ultimately retained in the conference report.

I also would like to highlight, as many others have done today, the \$100 million cut to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. This figure represents a 25 percent cut over FY05 levels for CPB, and I hope that Mr. OBEY's amendment to restore this funding passes. Again, though I will not be able to vote on this amendment, I strongly support its passage.

I also support the amendment that will be offered by Mr. MILLER to deny funds in H.R.

3010 for the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC). The PBGC just today published official notice in the Washington Post that it would be terminating the pension plan of United Airlines Flight Attendants next week. This termination—and the terminations of the rest of the United Airlines pension plans for pilots, flight attendants, mechanics, public contact employees and others—is unfair. It is the result of a backroom deal struck between the PBGC and United Airlines to terminate the company's pension plans and dump the liabilities onto the PBGC. The PBGC should not be allowed to go forward with this plan, and the Miller amendment will ensure that it does not.

Mr. Chairman, I have just highlighted a few of the issues important to my constituents and me. I did not touch on the key education programs that are shortchanged under H.R. 3010, nor did I address the worker training, labor, and human services programs that are shortchanged under this legislation. The list is too lengthy for me to do so. What it does all add up to, however, is a bill that does not represent the values of me, or my constituents. And for that reason, were I to be here tomorrow, I would vote "no" on final passage of H.R. 3010.

HONORING JIMMY LEE GREEN

**HON. ZACH WAMP**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Mr. WAMP. Mr. Speaker, Jim Lee Green—or Jimmy Lee as he's known in my hometown of Chattanooga—is an ordinary man with an extraordinary amount of commitment.

He began working for Southern Champion Tray in Chattanooga when he was 18 years old. And now, 50 years later, Jimmy Lee is the first person in Southern Tray's 78-year history to attain this landmark anniversary! Having no plans for retirement, Jimmy Lee Green has an extraordinary amount of energy, commitment and devotion.

Southern Tray will honor Jimmy Lee for his 50 years of servant leadership and dedication this Saturday, July 2, 2005. Words that his co-workers use to describe him are "honest, faithful, loyal, determined, fair and trustworthy."

Jim L. Green was born in Welch, West Virginia, on February 16, 1937. He's more than a faithful employee, he's a family man, a loyal friend and veteran of our Naval Services.

Congratulations to Jimmy Lee Green for reaching this unprecedented milestone! And, congratulations to Southern Champion Tray for its great work environment and continued investment in those who work there.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR THE  
LAWRENCE JOURNAL-WORLD

**HON. DENNIS MOORE**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, last Sunday's edition of the New York Times carried a lengthy analysis of the recent service expansions into new media delivery outlets

undertaken by the Lawrence Journal-World, a daily newspaper published in my congressional district.

The Lawrence Journal-World, long owned and managed by the Simons family, epitomizes locally based newspaper publishing in America. While many Kansas papers in neighboring communities have been purchased and reworked by out-of-state media conglomerates, the Journal-World has remained independent, feisty, and unique. While I have not always agreed with the conclusions advocated by the paper's management in its editorial columns, I respect the Simons' family's commitment to the strength of the Lawrence community, the advancement of the University of Kansas, and the independence of a free and activist press in the United States. I commend the New York Times' coverage of the Journal-World to my colleagues, Mr. Speaker, and I hope it presents a model that other newspaper publishers nationwide will seek to follow.

[From the New York Times, June 26, 2005]

THE NEWSPAPER OF THE FUTURE

(By Timothy L. O'Brien)

Every Little League player in this town of about 85,000 people can be a star. Regardless of how he or she hits or fields, each tyke and teenager is eligible for a personalized electronic trading card—replete with a picture, biography, statistics and an audio clip of the player philosophizing about the game—that can be posted on the Web site of the local newspaper, The Lawrence Journal-World.

Lawrencians buying tickets for University of Kansas football games can visit the same site, LJWorld.com, and find photographs offering sightlines from each of Memorial Stadium's 50,000 seats. Law aficionados can find transcripts of locally significant court cases posted on the site and participate in live, on-line chats debating the pros or cons of some cases—sometimes with experts who are involved in the proceedings.

A related Web site, lawrence.com, is aimed at college readers. It allows visitors to download tunes from the Wakarusa Music Festival, find spirited reviews of local bars and restaurants and plunge into a vast trove of blogs, including the Gay Kansan in China Blogger, who recently had his first "disgusting" experience with a woman, to the Born Again Christian Blogger, who offers videotaped huzzahs to the Nascar legend Dale Earnhardt Sr.

The steward of this online smorgasbord is Dolph C. Simons Jr., a politically conservative, 75-year-old who corresponds via a vintage Royal typewriter and red grease pencil while eschewing e-mail and personal computers. "I don't think of us as being in the newspaper business," said Mr. Simons, the editor and publisher of The Journal-World and the chairman of the World Company, the newspaper's parent. "Information is our business and we're trying to provide information, in one form or another, however the consumer wants it and wherever the consumer wants it, in the most complete and useful way possible."

Owned by the Simons family since 1891, The Journal-World is a small-town paper emphasizing small-town news, but it is hardly restrained by a small-town mentality. Indeed, at a time when newspapers big and small are facing financial and journalistic crossroads, media analysts say The Journal-World, with a circulation of just 20,000, offers guidelines for moving forward.

The Simons family, through the World Company, enjoys an unfettered and often criticized media monopoly in Lawrence. But the family has used that advantage to cross pollinate its properties, ranging from cable

to telephone service to newspaper and online publishing, and to take technological and financial risks that other owners might have avoided.

Mr. Simons and his associates describe their overall goals as a shared belief in quality, a deep attachment to Lawrence as a community and a constant reinvention of their business's relationship with readers, viewers and advertisers.

"We believe that journalism has been a monologue for so long and now is the perfect time for it to become a dialogue with our readers," said Rob Curley, 34, the World Company's director of new media. "We want readers to think of this as their paper, not our paper."

Lawrence has a long history as an independent, contrarian town. Founded in 1854 by New England abolitionists, it became one of the most violent, bloody battlegrounds in the slavery debate and was burned to the ground by pro-slavery raiders in 1861.

The University of Kansas opened its doors here just after the Civil War; women made up almost half of its first class. Haskell Indian Nations University, a college for Native Americans, opened here in 1884. After Mr. Simons's grandfather arrived in town more than a century ago, he bought the local paper for \$50.

Today, Lawrence is a regional anomaly, anchoring a Democratic county in a solidly Republican state. Its large student population brings spunk to Lawrence, the university adds academic sophistication and sports fanaticism, and the town, dotted with funky restaurants and boutiques, has become a favorite of artists and activists.

Lawrence is also peppered with tidy, attractive homes and schools that draw middle- and upper-class families headed by professionals who commute to work in Topeka and Kansas City. "It's a real town with a real soul where people like to get involved," said Paul Carttar, a Lawrence native who is executive vice chancellor for external affairs at the University of Kansas. "People here care about what Lawrence will become."

Mr. Simons says his family takes its Lawrence roots seriously. "My dad told me that if you take care of Lawrence, Lawrence will take care of you," he said.

To that end, Mr. Simons has been an aggressive consolidator of local news and information services while resisting what he described as repeated offers over the years from larger companies wanting to buy him out. He has also been an early adopter of new technologies. The World Company began laying cable in 1968 and offered cable programming to residents in 1971, paying for the expansion with profits from The Journal-World—long before most larger media companies would embrace cable.

Today, about 80 percent of homes in Lawrence have cable connections. The Journal-World began publishing on the Internet in 1995, the same year that Sunflower, the broadband subsidiary of the World Company, first offered cable modems to customers. In 1999, the newspaper and its television station began sharing talent, using reporters to write for The Journal-World and appear on the company's news stations.

"We're not afraid to jump outside of the box, and that's because of who our owners are," said Patrick Knorr, 32, Sunflower's general manager, who also oversees strategic planning for the World Company. "They're determined not to lose because they were asleep at the switch."

Mr. Knorr said that World, which employs a total of about 600 people, did not try to offer new content to broadband subscribers until it had solid relationships with its customers and a robust pipeline through which it could pump media offerings.

"Content is absolutely critical and king," Mr. Knorr said. "But consumers have more power than ever over who gets crowned."

On a sweltering midsummer morning in 2001, Mr. Simons convened most of his media staff in the basement of a handsomely restored former post office at the corner of New Hampshire and Seventh Streets. The building was World's new "converged news center," where the company's television, newspaper and online staffs would all be housed.

Mr. Simons told his editors and reporters that they were going to do more than merely work shoulder to shoulder; they were going to share reporting assignments, tasks and scoops—whether they liked it or not.

Many did not like it at all, and some World reporters say they sometimes still feel taken advantage of—when they are asked to squeeze multiple print, television and online duties into the course of a single day. Print reporters and their editors have, at times, been reluctant to share scoops or ideas with their television counterparts, and vice versa. But many reporters also said that, over time, they have adapted.

"You can really teeter on the edge of, 'I'm not enjoying this and it's not fair,' to, 'This is one of the coolest things I've ever done,'" said Deanna Richards, a television reporter who works in World's converged newsroom. The company currently has 81 news employees, an unusually large number for an operation of its size.

In 1993, Mr. Simons recruited Bill Snead, an award-winning photographer from The Washington Post, to oversee the Journal-World newsroom. Now a senior editor, Mr. Snead, 67, has written, photographed and shot video for feature assignments on topics such as farm strife, cheerleaders and cowboys. He said that while he had never shot video before arriving at The Journal-World, he had no trouble adapting.

"Technology is our servant; it's our valet; it gets our stuff out there—but it's still about the content," he said, adding that his company's online and cable properties have helped to forge a closer relationship with readers. "If you show people respect and don't treat them like a novelty, you'll have free rein. That's what we're doing here."

For as ambitious and creative as the Journal-World team is, the newspaper still offers a menu of stories that is relentlessly, sometimes numbingly, local. Weather, local trials, local sports and other local comings and goings dominate. Some critics say that controversial topics, like divisive land-use debates, are soft-pedaled in the paper's pages.

"They control the dialogue on local news," said Charles Goff III, 46, a political activist and artist in Lawrence. "Every viewpoint goes through their filter and is tied to the Chamber of Commerce and the moneyed elite."

Mr. Goff conceded, however, that he was unaware of the depth of offerings on the Web site of The Journal-World. He also said that while he felt that the paper's editorial and opinion pages were staunchly and unsparingly conservative, he thought that the news pages usually offered more balanced viewpoints.

Mr. Simons and his news staff vehemently deny that controversial topics are sidestepped.

And while some residents bemoan The Journal-World's local navel-gazing, those overseeing the publication are unapologetic and enthusiastic examiners of all things Lawrence. "When the space shuttle blew up, we didn't have it on our home page; when the war in Iraq started, we didn't have it on our home page," Mr. Curley said. "It's focusing entirely on local stories that we think made our Web traffic go crazy."

Mr. Simons recruited Mr. Curley to the World Company three years ago, when The Journal-World's Web site snared about 500,000 page views a month. Mr. Curley says the number is now about seven million. The company said its online operation was losing about \$15,000 a month when Mr. Curley arrived; it expects the online business to become profitable this year.

Ralph Gage, World's chief operating officer, is a no-nonsense taskmaster whom Mr. Simons deputized to make sure the company's trains ran on time. Online revenue comprises only about 1.5 percent of World's total revenue, he said, while the bulk comes from broadband, at 53 percent, and the newspaper operation, at 37 percent.

But Mr. Gage says the company expects newspaper revenue to slacken over time, with online ventures eventually being a much more significant source of sales. For that reason, World has been willing to use its broadband funds to underwrite its online ventures until the online profits become more meaningful, probably by the end of the decade.

According to a recent survey by Nielsen/NetRatings, newspaper Web sites nationwide had a 12 percent increase in unique visitors from May 2004 to May 2005, with a significant portion of readers aged 35 to 44 switching from a newspaper to the same paper's Web edition for their daily read.

"Newspaper circulation has been tanking since the '60's and now we're finally growing our audience online, so when I hear people complain about having to give their content away for free on the Internet I think they just don't get it," Mr. Curley said. "I'm a capitalist, and I respect people who want to make a ton of money, but, dude, I'm a journalist and I want to build cool things."

Of course, building cool things simply for the sake of building cool things suffered a notable national flameout during the dot-com bust. But through the newspaper Web site and lawrence.com, Lawrence comes alive in a fashion rare for a town of its size. (Lawrence.com is also published as a print weekly.)

The town, once home to the poet Langston Hughes and the novelist William S. Burroughs, has a rich literary tradition. Journalists at World are assembling a lushly embroidered Web site devoted to Mr. Burroughs that includes rare letters, photographs and other archival material.

During a local election, a list of questions reporters had asked of all candidates as part of a voter's guide were posted online. That allowed voters to answer the same questions themselves. Then they could use an online tool to find the candidates whose answers most closely matched their own—an example of civic journalism on steroids.

The paper also routinely files local freedom-of-information requests and uploads piles of public records to its Web site. In 2003, World installed about 30 wireless hot spots around Lawrence. That same year, it began sending daily content to cellphones. For example, subscribers can have real-time scores and statistics from the University of Kansas's football and basketball games delivered on demand.

The company has begun offering daily "podcasts" of news and other information to Apple iPod owners or anyone else carrying an MP3 player. It plans to offer a service that automatically loads information onto a docked MP3 player in the early-morning hours before students head to school.

About a third of the 18 employees in the online operation are interns, and their presence allows Mr. Curley to have data, video, photos and other material collected and uploaded at little cost, a process he grinningly refers to as "internology."

"People come here from thousands of miles away expecting to see something very high tech and expensive, but a lot of what we do we do on the cheap," Mr. Curley said. "So it just amazes me when people say they can't do what we do because they don't have the resources."

Still, it is financial resources, not content, that is behind the handwringing in newspaper circles everywhere.

While print advertising stagnates or slips, it is not yet being replaced in a meaningful way by online advertising revenue—especially at companies that lack a source of bridge financing like World's broadband operation. Although journalists may cringe to hear it, the near-term battle for corporate survival is likely to be waged and won primarily by inventive business and advertising teams at media companies.

The World Company's advertising staff said that its sales force had embraced convergence enthusiastically and that offering customers multiple advertising platforms—on TV, on the Internet and in print—has become a strong pitch.

But the company is still finding it difficult to persuade readers to interact with online display ads. And, while willing to adapt to news advertising demands, the company refuses to turn its Web site into an advertising billboard, believing that the clutter would undermine the quality and integrity of its journalism.

"I think as we've converged the content we're going to converge the advertising," said Dan Simons, president of the company's broadband operations and a son of the chairman. "I think you'll have to adapt to how buyers want to convey their messages so we're not just sellers of space and time. We have to be both advertisers and public relations advisers so we can help companies create their messages."

As effervescent as the new media are in Lawrence, analysts balk at making grand extrapolations from World's efforts.

"It's a market dominated by one company so you have to be very careful when holding them up as a paragon," said Howard Finberg, director of interactive learning at the Poynter Institute, which operates a Web site devoted to journalism. "Are they creative? Without a doubt, but I'm cautious about it being seen as a single solution or a model."

Others are more laudatory but equally cautious about Lawrence's online innovations. "Nobody else is close to doing what they've done," said David Card, a new-media analyst at Jupiter Research. "But you also wouldn't necessarily be able to duplicate what they're doing in towns like San Francisco or New York."

Dolph Simons, who writes a cantankerous Saturday column that draws barbs from Lawrence's liberals, is a gentle, self-effacing man who still serves Thanksgiving turkey to his newsroom employees. He says he considers himself a "little fish in a big pond" and is reluctant to be seen as a know-it-all by colleagues and competitors in the news business.

Even so, his opinion about the future of the news business is clear.

"I'm terribly concerned about readership in the country and I think we all have to learn new things as fast as we can. Otherwise other people are going to beat us to it," he said. "We need to be driving with our brights, because if we're driving with our dims somebody's going to come in from the side of the road and knock us off."

SIDNEY BARTHWELL, BLACK ENTREPRENEUR, BELOVED FATHER, AND ROLE MODEL

## HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to honor a great man and fellow Detroit, Mr. Sidney Barthwell. As a child and young adult in Detroit, I grew up aware of the legacy of Mr. Barthwell. Later, I was blessed to both meet and come to know him personally. He was one of the first African American entrepreneurial beacons of Detroit to exemplify the "American Dream." Many watched him succeed in business and sought to replicate his success. I was and remain extremely impressed with both his humanity and his brilliance. He never bought in to the notion that to have economic success made him better than those who may have been struggling financially. He treated everyone, regardless of title or income, in the same manner, with kindness and warmth. Not only was he an astute businessman, but he was also a role model, a mentor, a benefactor and I am proud to say a friend. I would like to insert into the RECORD the article below which appeared on June 25, 2005 in the Detroit Free Press:

SIDNEY BARTHWELL: HIS LIFE'S SUCCESS  
INSPIRED OTHERS

(By Alexander B. Cruden)

In many ways, Sidney Barthwell's life was the story of 20th-Century Detroit.

Born elsewhere, with few resources, he arrived as a teen in the city, studied hard, overcame tough situations, made much from nothing and provided opportunities for his family and hundreds of others.

In many ways, his life was also the story of the creation of black success in Detroit.

Mr. Barthwell, who founded and ran, under his own name, what was once the largest black-owned drugstore chain in the country, died of heart failure on Thursday at Harper Hospital in Detroit. A steady, friendly, slyly humorous and discerning man, he was 99.

When he came to Detroit with his family from Cordele, Ga., in 1922, he was 16. He graduated from Cass Technical High School and earned a bachelor's degree in pharmacy in 1929 from what is now Wayne State University.

But with the prevalence of discrimination, the only pharmacy that would hire him was unlicensed, and it failed early on in the Depression.

Mr. Barthwell took over the store and built his business from there. He was a good observer of what people wanted and worked tirelessly to fulfill opportunities.

At the peak, he had 13 stores around the city, providing substantial employment, especially for younger people.

"I think my operation became the bridge for many blacks to achieve their goals," Mr. Barthwell said at a 1996 dinner attended by hundreds to launch a WSU pharmacy scholarship in his name. The scholarship built on a loan fund established in his honor in 1975.

His own children were high achievers as well. Daughter Akosua Barthwell Evans is a Yale Law School graduate and a lawyer and banker for J.P. Morgan in New York. Son Sidney Barthwell Jr. graduated from Harvard Law School and is a 36th District Court magistrate in Detroit.

Mr. Barthwell made it a point to see that other black pharmacists found job opportunities. He recalled that at least 30 pharmacists got their start by working with him.

"He was very wise, very understanding, very optimistic . . . just an amazing person," his daughter said Friday. He had a quick grasp of difficult concepts "but was always down to earth . . . He always respected people . . . regardless of their station in life."

In his business achievements, Mr. Barthwell was both a trendsetter and typical member in Detroit's growth from the 1930s on. As well, he was a model for what is now a broadly established black middle class, serving for a time as president of the Booker T. Washington Business Association in Detroit.

He was a delegate to the Michigan Constitutional Convention in 1962, elected without party affiliation and serving on the judiciary and education committees. He was a life member of Detroit Branch, NAACP, and a charter member of the Alpha Beta chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi at WSU.

In 1998, Mr. Barthwell was named by the Detroit Urban League as a Distinguished Warrior.

A meaningful moment was being invited to give a black history lecture at his grandson's exclusive prep school, the Lovett School in Atlanta. There, he spoke to an audience of wealthy white people. In the back of his mind were the racial humiliations of his Georgia childhood. He said later the Atlanta experience was a very rewarding interaction.

He loved his family deeply, his daughter and son said, though always mindful of the value of work.

His wedding day was a prime example. He and his wife, Gladys, were married about 11 p.m. Christmas Day in 1936, after a full day at the store.

As his son recalled, laughingly, if you woke up ill, Mr. Barthwell would say: "Get up and go to work. You'll feel better as the day goes on."

The younger Barthwell said his father was a man of "high integrity, high character. To say he was unpretentious is an understatement. . . . He was very egalitarian; a great father."

His grandson, Walter Evans, said "he was always very loving, very interested in what I was doing," and as well kept up with what was going on in the world, right to the end.

Perpetually a committed Detroit, Mr. Barthwell nonetheless saw national chain stores and shopping malls edge out smaller city businesses. The construction of 1-75 knocked out the core of a busy commercial area of Detroit. He began closing his stores, selling the last one in 1987.

He lived in Detroit's Boston-Edison neighborhood. An avid bridge player, he was an active member of the Plymouth United Church of Christ in Detroit.

The funeral will be at his church, 600 E. Warren, at 11 a.m. Thursday. A family hour is scheduled at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Thompson Funeral Home, 15443 Greenfield, Detroit.

Memorials are requested to the Sidney Barthwell Scholarship Fund at the WSU College of Pharmacy and Health Services, 259 Mack Ave., Detroit 48201.

#### RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF DANICA PATRICK AT THIS YEAR'S INDIANAPOLIS 500

##### HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Beloit, Wisconsin native Danica Pat-

rick for her outstanding achievement at this year's Indianapolis 500. Anyone who watched the race knows that her performance this past May was simply remarkable.

Even before the green flag dropped, Danica amazed the racing world by qualifying in the fourth position, marking the highest beginning position for a woman in the Indianapolis 500's history. When the race started, fans across the country watched as Danica advanced as high as third place. At lap 80, Danica's engine stalled, causing her to drop back to 16th place. It looked like the race was over for her, but she fought back. As the race sped to its end, Danica charged through the field, advanced place after place, and eventually led the race for a total of 19 laps. Rather than play it safe, Danica gunned it out for the win by using all the fuel she had instead of taking a pit stop. As the checkered flag waived, Danica's efforts came up just short as she finished fourth—the highest finish ever for a woman. While Danica did not win this year's Indy 500, her performance won her this year's Rookie of the Year award and helped her capture the attention of racing fans around the world.

Danica's philosophy is that "life is what you make of it," and she says she prepares for races by visualizing herself making laps around the track. She gives her work her full attention, and it is clear that her dedication is strong and her perseverance fierce. I join Wisconsin in applauding Danica for her performance at this year's Indianapolis 500 and for her hard work and dedication in becoming one of Formula 1 Racing's most exciting drivers. I cannot wait to see Danica's future electrifying races and I wish her the best of luck.

Congratulations to you, Danica.

#### HONORING EARL ALFORD

##### HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, today in Amite County, Earl Alford is retiring after 39 years with the Mississippi Forestry Commission—all of them in Amite County. He is the longest serving county forester in the history of the commission. He has a great knowledge of Mississippi and Mississippi trees and has been honored and praised by friends, neighbors and colleagues in Southwest Mississippi.

He is one of our great tree farmers who possesses not only an understanding of the operations of the timber business, but also a love for the land. He is a conservationist who wants to balance timber and the environment so we can produce the wood our industries need while protecting the land that gives birth to these forests. His service to the community includes managing the school system's 16th Section timber land of which he has managed the harvest of, replanting of, growth of, and harvest of once again.

I would like to share with the House some of the comments on Earl Alford recorded recently in McComb's Enterprise-Journal newspaper.

"He birthed the association . . . If it wasn't for him I don't think it would still be operating."—Bryant Barron, president of the Southwest Mississippi Forestry Association.

"He's forgotten more than most of us will ever know about forestry. Humble, common as peas, but a very learned man."—James Copeland, U.S. Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Amite County School Board.

"The Mississippi Forestry Commission and the people of Amite County are going to lose tremendously because we're not going to have him on the job every day."—Richard Hay, Extension Service.

"He's never asked us to do anything he wouldn't do—except boot up a computer."—Charlotte Reynolds, Earl's secretary.

"Having known him on a professional level, I've learned what a highly qualified forester he is, what a great people person he is, what a great asset he is to Amite County."—Lee Wilson, U.S. Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Earl was born in Waltham County into a logging and farming family, the grandson of a tree farmer and sawmill operator. His father worked for the forestry commission and after school he would follow in the family legacy. He graduated from Salem High School, Southwest Mississippi Community College and finally Mississippi State University. In 1966 he went to work as the Mississippi Forestry Commission's Amite County forester; he retires today.

Mr. Speaker, Earl and his wife Pauline, a retired Extension Service home economist, have reared two children. Holly Alford is a sonographer at Southwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center. Mac Alford recently received a Ph.D in plant biology at Cornell University and has taken a position at the University of Southern Mississippi. He has served his family and community for many years and I am proud to take this time to honor him on this day of retirement. Though I know, his service to God and family and man will continue for years to come.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. ROBIN HAYES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I was with President Bush at Ft. Bragg on Tuesday, June 28th. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: "nay" on roll No. 326, "nay" on roll No. 327, this vote was a procedural motion to provide the Congressional pay raise which I am against, "yea" on roll No. 328, "nay" on roll No. 329, "yea" on roll No. 330, "nay" on roll No. 331, "yea" on roll No. 332, "yea" on roll No. 333, "yea" on roll No. 334, and "nay" on roll No. 335.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, on June 22 and June 23, 2005, the Base Realignment and Closure Commission held a site visit and hearing in Grand Forks, North Dakota, at which I testified. Due to the schedule, I missed rollcall

votes Nos. 293 through 304. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: rollcall No. 293, "no"; rollcall No. 294, "no"; rollcall No. 295, "no"; rollcall No. 296, "aye"; rollcall No. 297, "no"; rollcall No. 298, "no"; rollcall No. 299, "no"; rollcall No. 300, "no"; rollcall No. 301, "no"; rollcall No. 302, "aye"; rollcall No. 303, "aye"; rollcall No. 304, "no".

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent for rollcall votes 326–335 as I was visiting our servicemen and women at Fort Bragg in Fayetteville, North Carolina and traveling with the President to my Congressional District. Had I been present I would have voted: rollcall No. 326, "yes"; rollcall No. 327, "no"; rollcall No. 328, "no"; rollcall No. 329, "no"; rollcall No. 330, "yes"; rollcall No. 331, "yes"; rollcall No. 332, "yes"; rollcall No. 333, "yes"; rollcall No. 334, "no"; rollcall No. 335, "yes".

#### TRIBUTE TO MRS. JANIE HOLLOMAN JOHNSON

### HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mrs. Janie Holloman Johnson, a native South Carolinian whose dedication to service for all God's children shines as an example to each of us. On July 13, 2005, she will celebrate her 100th birthday, and I believe it is important to highlight a few of the contributions she has made during her life as we commemorate her centennial birthday.

Born in Timmonsville, South Carolina, Mrs. Johnson attended public schools in Darlington County where she had to walk four miles each way on a daily basis. An avid learner from an early age, she was one of a few students who had the capability to recite her ABC's forwards and backwards with great speed. As an example of her commitment to learning, at the age of 69, Mrs. Johnson went back to school to receive her high school diploma from Old Johnson High School in Timmonsville, South Carolina, taking night classes to achieve this long time goal.

Mrs. Johnson has been a tireless worker in her community. After she received her diploma, she held classes in the community to teach others to read and dial a telephone. In addition, she served as a caretaker to disabled members of her family and to others in the community at large.

Mrs. Johnson has been a longtime and active member of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Timmonsville, South Carolina serving in many capacities including the church choir, the Sunday School Department, and the Missionary Society. Her roots in the church date back to her childhood, where she received religious training from her parents and the leaders of Center Baptist Church in Timmonsville where she worshipped while growing up.

In addition to being a woman of faith, a woman dedicated to her community, and a woman who is a lifelong advocate of learning; Mrs. Johnson is a woman dedicated to family. She is the widow of the late Evander Johnson, Sr. to whom she was married for 65 years until his death. She is the mother of 6 children, 17 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, 5 great-great grandchildren, and 1 great-great-great grandchild.

While their children were young, the family lived as sharecroppers and Mrs. Johnson handmade most of the clothes for her growing children. Once her children were grown, she became a cosmetologist and worked from her home. To this day, she is still active with volunteer work in her community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life and legacy of this venerable woman on her 100th birthday. She blazed a trail in her community through Christian service that continues to influence future generations. And she has demonstrated, with great fervor, her timeless commitment to serve the people of her community. I wish her a Happy Birthday and Godspeed.

#### CONGRATULATING MILLINOCKET REGIONAL HOSPITAL FOR FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE

### HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Millinocket Regional Hospital for fifty years of dedicated service to the Katahdin Region.

For half a century the Millinocket Regional Hospital has touched the lives of all us in the Katahdin Region. Like most who live in our area, my family has experienced the full range of experiences at MRH, from the joy of childbirth to the care of an ailing loved one. Through it all, the employees of MRH, past and present, have provided a caring and supportive haven for everyone and their dedication to compassionate care is second-to-none.

The Millinocket Regional Hospital will celebrate their half century of service this weekend and I am sure the people of the Katahdin region will unite in celebrating so many dedicated years of service.

The Millinocket Regional Hospital has provided essential access to health care services to our communities and I look forward to MRH's continued service to the Katahdin Region. Congratulations to all who have contributed to the hospital's longevity and success.

#### TRIBUTE TO COLONEL FRANK GALLEGOS

### HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Colonel Frank Gallegos, Commander of the 30th Space Wing and the Western Range at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California. Colonel Gallegos will be retiring after more than twenty-four years of faithful service to our nation.

Colonel Gallegos entered the Air Force in 1981 after graduating from the United States Air Force Academy. Since then, he has served in various operational assignments, and has performed staff duties at Headquarters, United States Air Force; Strategic Air Command; and on the Joint Staff. Colonel Gallegos also served as the Vice Commander of the Air Force Space Command and has commanded the 12th Missile Squadron at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana and the 90th Operations Group at Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming.

Throughout his career in the Air Force, Colonel Gallegos has always maintained a commitment to the men over which he commanded. While some military leaders choose not to know the personnel which they command, Colonel Gallegos has maintained a reputation as someone who places his troops before himself. In fact, in each one of his command posts, Colonel Gallegos established personal relationships with each of his Airmen, understanding that such relationships are important to maintaining cohesion, respect, and morale.

Colonel Gallegos is a true leader, worthy of recognition. His strategic, tactical, and operational expertise has served our nation well and as our armed forces continue to confront the threat of terrorism around the world, we look to individuals like Colonel Gallegos to lead the fight. His replacement, Colonel Jack Weinstein, will be given the command of a Wing that represents the best this country has to offer. I am confident that he will provide the Airmen of Vandenberg Air Force Base with the same leadership and dedication that Colonel Gallegos exhibited for so many years.

Colonel Gallegos will retire to Omaha, Nebraska, the same place he met his wife Julie. His time with his wife and his daughters is well deserved and I would like to wish him the best of luck in the years to come. On the occasion of his retirement, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the dedication and service of Colonel Frank Gallegos.

#### A TRIBUTE TO COLONEL CHARLES R. ALEXANDER, JR. UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGI- NEERS

### HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2003*

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today and honor Colonel Charles R. "Ray" Alexander, Jr. of the United States Army Corps of Engineers. On July 14, 2005, Colonel Alexander will retire after serving the people of this great nation for over twenty-three years.

Ray Alexander was a decorated officer, who spent his career ensuring that the freedoms the United States holds dear are protected. Throughout his illustrious career, Colonel Alexander was honored with the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Parachutist and Air Assault Badge, and Joint Specialty Officer.

As Commander of the Wilmington District of the United States Army Corps of Engineers,

Colonel Alexander continued to serve the people by managing many civil works projects in southeastern North Carolina. Without the dedication and determination of Colonel Alexander, many of these projects would not have been possible. From the Wilmington Port to the Brunswick, New Hanover, and Pender County beaches, from the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway to our many shallowdraft inlets, his commitment has been unwavering and steadfast.

We owe Colonel Charles R. "Ray" Alexander our sincere appreciation for his twenty-three years of committed service to our nation. His devotion to the people of the United States should serve as an example to us all.

May God bless him and his family, and may God bless this great nation.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DONALD  
E. GREENE, JR.

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Reverend Donald E. Greene, Jr., on his tenth anniversary as the Pastor and visionary leader of Andrew Chapel Baptist Church in Orangeburg County, South Carolina.

Not only has Reverend Greene's leadership resonated on Sunday mornings, but he has also pioneered movements that have increased his church's membership by more than 500 members in his first decade of service. Under his guiding hand, the church has expanded physically as well. The Andrew Chapel congregation currently worships in a new sanctuary on a 33-acre site on Five Chop Road. The building, in its fifth year of existence, serves the community at large and is a reminder of what can be achieved by a deep and abiding faith and a dedicated outreach to others.

The church is truly a success story in that its members have worked to establish many beneficial programs and resources. One of its amazing successes is the Andrew Chapel Christian Academy which was established seven years ago. Under the direction of Reverend Greene, it has already quadrupled in enrollment and has inspired afterschool tutorial assistance for its students. Whether the need is for better materials in the classrooms or upgrading facilities in the old Andrew Chapel building, Reverend Greene and his church are dedicated to creating a house of worship that fits the needs of all people and attracts visitors and new members at the same time.

Andrew Chapel Baptist Church is a blessing for the Four Holes community of Orangeburg. It is establishing a rich legacy as a parish on the move with many energetic and devoted individuals driving it toward a bright future. Reverend Greene has led this congregation with a firm foundation in faith and has engaged the fellowship to serve as spiritual leaders to others around them.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulations to Andrew Chapel Baptist Church and wishing them Godspeed as they continue to illuminate the virtues of moral leadership and community service. I wish the congregation many more decades of

growth and sharing with Reverend Greene at the church's helm.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 322 and 323, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

CONGRATULATIONS TO JUDGE  
CHARLES R. BUTLER, JR. ON  
THE OCCASION OF HIS ASSUMING  
JUDICIAL SENIOR STATUS

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to pay tribute to the Honorable Charles R. Butler, Jr., on the occasion of his assuming senior status on the bench of the United States District Court, Southern District of Alabama. For the past seventeen years, Judge Butler has served the families of the State of Alabama with compassion, dedication, and a tremendous level of commitment.

A 1962 graduate of Washington and Lee University, and a 1966 graduate of the University of Alabama School of Law, Judge Butler was hired for his first position with Hamilton, Butler, Riddick and Denniston law firm in Mobile, Alabama. Within two years, he had moved on to work as an assistant public defender and, in 1971, was elected as District Attorney for Mobile County. In 1975, following his work as district attorney, Judge Butler went to work for Butler and Sullivan law firm and, ultimately, returned to a position with Hamilton, Butler, Riddick, Tarlton and Sullivan law firm.

President Ronald Reagan nominated Judge Butler to his position as a district judge in 1988, and he began his official duties on November 1 of that year. From July, 1994, to February, 2003, he served as the southern district's chief judge, and he moved to senior status on March 28, 2005.

Along with his many professional responsibilities, Judge Butler has also served as a member of numerous State and Federal justice programs. This long list includes memberships on the Eleventh Circuit Judicial Council, the Executive Committee of the Eleventh Circuit Judicial Council, the Eleventh Circuit Criminal and Civil Pattern Jury Instruction Committees, the Judicial Conference Committee on Criminal Law, and the Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States. His work in these areas, as well as his professional accomplishments, has also resulted in public recognition and many awards during his long years of public service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Judge Charles R. Butler, Jr., for his tremendous contributions to the citizens of the First Congressional District and of the entire State of Alabama. The experience and enthusiasm he brought to his job and the

concern and compassion he displayed for all citizens in our State are unquestioned and unparalleled. He has indeed been a genuine asset both to the district court and to the thousands of men, women, and children he has assisted over the past two decades. I am proud and honored to call him my friend.

Make no mistake, the Judge's talents and experience will continue to be of great value to his colleagues in his new role as senior judge, and I am confident he will continue to remain actively involved in the United States District Court, Southern District of Alabama, and the life of the Mobile community for many years to come. Along with his friends and colleagues throughout Alabama, I wish to extend to Judge Butler and his family all the best now and in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I was attending my daughter's graduation from Harvard and I regret missing rollcall votes 230-240 on June 8 and 9, 2005. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

On rollcall vote No. 230, on Agreeing to the Weiner amendment to H.R. 2744, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2006; I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 232, on Agreeing to the Hinchey amendment to H.R. 2744; I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 233, on Agreeing to the Sweeney amendment to H.R. 2744; I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 234, on Agreeing to the Blumenauer amendment to H.R. 2744; I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall vote No. 235, on Agreeing to the Chabot amendment to H.R. 2744; I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall vote No. 236, on Agreeing to the Hefley amendment to H.R. 2744; I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall vote No. 237, on Agreeing to the Garrett amendment to H.R. 2744; I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall vote No. 238, passage of H.R. 2744, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2006; I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 239, passage of H.J. Res. 27, withdrawing the approval of the United States from the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization; I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall vote No. 240, on Motion to Table H. Res. 310; I would have voted "nay."

HONORING SIX SENIOR MEMBERS  
OF THE FORT MILL ROTARY CLUB

**HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, six senior members of the Fort Mill Rotary Club in Fort Mill,

South Carolina are being honored for life-long contributions to their community.

All six have demonstrated the ideals of Rotary in their lives and made significant contributions to their communities, Fort Mill and Tega Cay. All are Paul Harris Fellows and all are World War II veterans. They are not only dedicated Rotarians but dedicated civic leaders, and most importantly, they are men who love their families, their country, and their church.

I want to share with my colleagues in the House of Representatives sketches that indicate the contributions of these six outstanding citizens: O.T. (Buddy) Culp, Robert C. (Bob) Hill, William H. (Howard) Jones, William C. (Bill) Kimbrell, Roderick W. (Rod) Snider, and Phillip D. (Phil) Ray.

Buddy Culp—U.S. Army Artillery, Fort Mill native, 1999 Fort Mill Business Person of the Year, Charter Member of Fort Mill Rotary Club, Sustaining Member and Paul Harris Fellow Award, Life-long member of Unity Presbyterian Church, served on the session and board of deacons several terms. Fort Mill Area Chamber Board of Directors, Life-long membership in York County Regional Chamber of Commerce, United Way and Boys & Girls Club of York County Board of Directors. Owned and operated Culp Brothers, oil jobber and convenience stores. Married to Bette Jo, two children.

Bob Hill—U.S. Marine Corps, Fort Mill native, 2005 Lifetime Achievement Award—York County Regional Chamber, Charter Member of Fort Mill Rotary Club, Sustaining Member and Paul Harris Fellow Award, Fort Mill Chamber—First President and First “Man of the Year,” Rock Hill Advisory Board of NationsBank, Retired Officers Association (Retired Major, SC ARNG), Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Former Member of York County Economic Development Board, United Way, Fort Mill Community Playhouse Past President, Member of the first York County Library Board, Masonic Lodge—Past Master, Optimist Club—Past President, Member for 60+ years of Unity Presbyterian Church. Owned and operated State Farm Insurance Agency in Fort Mill. Married to Dot, two children.

Howard Jones—U.S. Army Air Corps—saved three of his crew of four in a plane crash in combat over Italy, Member of Fort Mill Rotary Club since 1992, Sustaining Member and Paul Harris Fellow Award, Tega Cay Chamber—Past President, Carolina Historic Aviation Commission, Civic Air Patrol since 1948, Tega Cay Lions Club. Owned and operated American Management Appraisal. Married to Nancy, three children.

Bill Kimbrell—U.S. Navy, Fort Mill native, 2001 Lifetime Achievement Award, York County Regional Chamber, Charter Member of Fort Mill Rotary Club, Sustaining Member and Paul Harris Fellow Award, Fort Mill Chamber—Past President and “Man of the Year,” Member of Unity Presbyterian Church Choir for 55+ years and served on the session and board of deacons for several terms, American Heart Association, Boy Scouts of America, Boys & Girls Club of York County, Winthrop University Foundation, York Technical College Foundation Board of Directors. Married to Joanne, three children.

Phil Ray—U.S. Army Air Corps, Member of Unity Presbyterian Church and served on the session and board of deacons for several

terms, Charter Member of Fort Mill Rotary Club, Sustaining Member and Paul Harris Fellow Award. Started Ray Textiles of Fort Mill from scratch and has been running it for 25 years. Married to Fannie, two children.

Rod Snider—U.S. Navy, Member of Fort Mill Rotary Club since 1995, Sustaining Member and Paul Harris Fellow Award, Member of Unity Presbyterian Church, Good Folks of York County, United Way, Vintage Club of Tega Cay, York County Foundation Board. Owned and operated Snider Plumbing. Married to Peg, three children.

H.R. 432, BETTY DICK PRIVATE  
RELIEF BILL

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this bill, and to thank Chairman POMBO and Ranking Member RAHALL of the Resources Committee as well as the House leadership on both sides of the aisle for making it possible for the House to act on it today.

The bill would permit Ms. Betty Dick to continue her use and occupancy of a house located on lands within Rocky Mountain National Park.

The bill is not complicated. It would allow Ms. Dick to continue to use the property and live in this house in Grand County, Colorado, for the rest of her life.

This is not about ownership. The property belongs to the Federal Government and is part of the National Park. There is no dispute about that.

This is strictly about whether Ms. Dick should be permitted to continue to use the property.

There is no dispute that she has had that right for the past 25 years, under a legal agreement between her late husband and the National Park Service—not a lease, but an agreement that settled a lawsuit.

There is also no dispute about the fact that the agreement ends on July 16th of this year.

Without this bill or a new agreement with the National Park Service, at that time Ms. Dick, who has been a good neighbor with the National Park and who has opened her home for community events, will have to leave.

I do not think that is either necessary or desirable.

As I said, Ms. Dick has been a good neighbor. She has taken good care of the property and has not created management or administrative problems for the National Park Service in the years she has lived there.

In my opinion, she should be allowed to continue to live on this property and continue to contribute to the National Park and the surrounding community.

I had hoped that Ms. Dick and the Interior Department could work out a resolution to this issue so that she could remain.

Ms. Dick needs to have a resolution to this issue as soon as possible—she needs to know by this spring whether she has to start packing her things and move out, or arrange to do some maintenance on the property if she is allowed to stay.

Last year I wrote to Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton, asking her to help make that happen.

However, the response—from the Director of the National Park Service's Intermountain Region—was that the Interior Department is “legally bound to honor the provisions of the [1980] settlement agreement” and that the furthest the Department would go would be to offer Ms. Dick “the opportunity to remain on the property for the entire summer of 2005,” an offer that evidently she has declined.

I am not convinced that the Interior Department lacks the authority to resolve this matter by entering into a new agreement with Ms. Dick.

But in any event, the bill would settle that question.

Since I first raised this matter with the Interior Department, I have been impressed with the outpouring of support from the nearby communities of Grand Lake and Granby, Colorado. The people in these communities have expressed a strong desire to have Ms. Dick remain on this property and be a part of their community. The bill would enable that to happen.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, it should be noted that this bill deals only with this particular property and the arrangement that has permitted Ms. Dick to use it over the years.

I recognize that somewhat similar arrangements may exist in various other parts of the National Park System, and that other Members may propose legislation addressing some of them.

I think that the right way to proceed is to evaluate each such proposal on its own and in the light of the particular facts involved.

That is what I have done in drafting this bill, and I hope that is the approach the Resources Committee and the House will take in considering similar measures in the future.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT  
FINANCING, AND RELATED PRO-  
GRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT,  
2006

SPEECH OF

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 28, 2005*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3057) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes:

Mr. POE. Mr. Chairman, I want to express my support for the underlying bill. I thank the Chairman for allowing an amendment in committee, by my colleague from Missouri, Ms. EMERSON, which reverses the Treasury Department's ruling against the definition of payment of cash in advance—a ruling that hinders rice exports to Cuba.

Since this Treasury Department ruling, rice exports to Cuba have been down 66 percent. Since the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act that was passed in 2000, rice sales to Cuba had grown to \$64 million a year and last year's rice imports from the U.S. amounted to 160,000 tons. According to the President of Cuba's Food Agency, Cuba expects to import 750,000 tons of rice this year. We need to make sure this is American rice

and this amendment went a long way to ensure this. This amendment stops the Treasury Department's roadblocks in shipping American rice to Cuba.

The Cuban people will eat rice. If we will not sell it to them, they will get it elsewhere, from countries like Vietnam, Thailand, and China. I appreciate the hard work Ms. EMERSON, the U.S. Rice Producers, and the U.S.A. Rice Federation have done toward reversing these trade restrictions. American rice is the best in the world and our Government must encourage rice trade instead of preventing such trade.

I encourage my colleagues to support the underlying bill.

ACKNOWLEDGING AFRO-DESCENDANT POPULATION IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to begin a formal acknowledgment of the injustices imposed on African descendants of the transatlantic slave trade in all of the Americas, with an emphasis on populations in Latin America and the Caribbean, and to encourage United States and international efforts to work to improve the situation of Afro-descendant communities in these regions.

In the 108th Congress, my colleagues and I concluded that, for too long, this country and other nations had ignored the struggle and challenges faced by Afro-descendant populations in the Americas. While the U.S. has been compelled to take steps to address our race problem in this country, we have often unintentionally forgotten or deemphasized the impact of that struggle throughout the Western Hemisphere.

The transatlantic slave trade had a devastating impact on the region's economies. While the exact events and conditions of slavery that dominated the U.S. did not necessarily permeate into Latin America and the Caribbean directly, Central and South America did have to deal with its own "peculiar institution." Slavery transforms the body politic and the institutions of power and culture. It lifts one group of nations above another group, makes some the superior to others, and discriminates against those in the minority.

In this country, it led to three centuries of segregation, discrimination, and prejudice. It remains a battle that African-Americans continue to suffer through today. Rising above the harmful effects of centuries of racism has not been easy for us; neither has it been for countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.

In 2005, the struggle of Afro-descendants in Latin America and the Caribbean continues. Representing the largest population of African descendants outside of Africa, Afro-descendants have not fared well in the region. Afro-Latinos for instance account for about 30 percent of the Latin American population and make up over 60 percent of its poor. Afro-Latinos also have extreme high rates of suicide, homicide, infant mortality, and illiteracy.

Brazil has the largest population of Afro-descendants in Latin America and the Caribbean. Shockingly, only one in three Afro-Bra-

zilians attends secondary schools. Colombia has the second largest Afro-descendant population in the region and Afro-Colombians have shorter life expectancies, limited access to medical and health care facilities, and the highest rates of illiteracy.

Our involvement, dependency, and complicity in the transatlantic slave trade require action by this country to help address the issues of Afro-descendant populations. With my House colleagues, I have introduced legislation (H. Con. Res. 175) to call for the recognition by this Congress of the struggle of Afro-descendant populations and to encourage and promote efforts to assist Afro-descendant communities. The resolution calls on the President, the Congress, and the international community to devote resources and services to help eradicate the economic and social disparities that exist in Latin America and the Caribbean.

I also must acknowledge the productive support, insights, and assistance of the Afro-Latino Working Group: The Honorable Mr. JOHN CONYERS, Mr. DONALD PAYNE, Ms. BARBARA LEE, Mr. WILLIAM JEFFERSON, and Mr. GREGORY MEEKS. Their counsel, advocacy, and commitment to these issues have been instrumental in raising the importance and awareness of this cause to me and this Congress. I appreciate their support.

I would also like to thank the number of colleagues that have extended their support to this resolution and are currently listed as co-sponsors to the legislation. They are a sign of the bipartisan and broad support of this resolution by this Chamber. Today, the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere of the International Relations Committee marked up this legislation and voted to support it. I hope the 109th Congress will give it the same attention and support.

I would like to submit the text of House Concurrent Resolution 157 for the RECORD.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Acknowledging African descendants of the transatlantic slave trade in all of the Americas with an emphasis on descendants in Latin America and the Caribbean, recognizing the injustices suffered by these African descendants, and recommending that the United States and the international community work to improve the situation of Afro-descendant communities in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Whereas during Black History Month it is important that we not forget that African-Americans are not the only survivors of the transatlantic slave trade;

Whereas like the United States, many European nations benefited greatly from the colonization of Latin America and the Caribbean and their participation in the slave trade;

Whereas the story of African descendants in all of the Americas remains untold, leading them to be forgotten, made invisible, and allowed to suffer unjustly;

Whereas it is important to acknowledge that as a result of the slave trade and immigration, approximately 80,000,000 to 150,000,000 persons of African descent live in Latin America and the Caribbean, making them the largest population of persons of African descent outside of Africa;

Whereas Afro-descendants are present in most all Latin American countries, including Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela;

Whereas the size of Afro-descendant populations vary in range from less than 1 per-

cent in some countries to as much as 30 percent in Colombia and 46 percent in Brazil and make up the majority in some Spanish speaking Caribbean nations, such as Cuba and the Dominican Republic;

Whereas Afro-descendant populations have made significant economic, social, and cultural contributions to their countries and the Western Hemisphere from their unfortunate involvement in the transatlantic slave trade to their recent contributions to trade, tourism, and other industries;

Whereas although persons of African descent have made significant achievements in education, employment, economic, political, and social spheres in some countries, the vast majority are marginalized—living in impoverished communities where they are excluded from centers of education, government, and basic human rights based upon the color of their skin and ancestry;

Whereas Afro-descendants have shorter life expectancies, higher rates of infant mortality, higher incidences of HIV/AIDS, higher rates of illiteracy, and lower incomes than do other populations;

Whereas Afro-descendants encounter problems of access to healthcare, basic education, potable water, housing, land titles, credit, equal justice and representation under the law, political representation, and other economic, political, health, and basic human rights; and

Whereas skin color and ancestry have led African-Americans in the United States and African descendants in Latin America and the Caribbean to share similar injustices, leading to economic, social, health, and political inequalities: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That Congress—

(1) recognizes and honors African descendants in the Americas for their contributions to the economic, social, and cultural fabric of the countries in the Americas, particularly in Latin American and Caribbean societies;

(2) recognizes that as a result of their skin color and ancestry, African descendants in the Americas have wrongfully experienced economic, social, and political injustices;

(3) urges the President to take appropriate measures to encourage the celebration and remembrance of the achievements of African descendants in the Americas and a resolution of injustices suffered by African descendants in the Americas;

(4) encourages the United States and the international community to work to ensure that extreme poverty is eradicated, universal education is achieved, quality healthcare is made available, sustainable environmental resources, including land where applicable, is provided, and equal access to justice and representation under the law is granted in Afro-descendant communities in Latin America and the Caribbean; and

(5) encourages the United States and the international community to achieve these goals in Latin America and the Caribbean by—

(A) promoting research that focuses on identifying and eradicating racial disparities in economic, political, and social spheres;

(B) promoting, funding, and creating development programs that focus on Afro-descendant communities;

(C) providing technical support and training to Afro-descendant advocacy groups that work to uphold basic human rights in the region;

(D) promoting the creation of an international working group that focuses on problems of communities of Afro-descendants in the Americas; and

(E) promoting trade and other bilateral and multilateral agreements that take into account the needs of Afro-descendant communities.

RECOGNIZING BOULDER COUNTY AIDS PROJECT ON ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Boulder County AIDS Project, BCAP, and to honor their commitment to those in my community who are affected by HIV/AIDS. They are a model for advocacy and an invaluable asset to our community.

BCAP began in 1985 when two people volunteered two afternoons a week to answer a single borrowed telephone line. As the acronyms HIV, Human Immunodeficiency Virus, and AIDS, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, became household terms, and as the stigma about what was termed a "gay cancer" relaxed, the name of the organization was formally changed to the Boulder County AIDS Project.

BCAP has grown to include twelve staff members and over 300 volunteers. These volunteers work together with staff to serve those in the community who are infected with or affected by HIV and to educate the public about HIV and AIDS. In 2004, 368 HIV-infected individuals received services from the caseworkers and volunteers at BCAP; 17,000 youth and adults heard presentations by the BCAP Speakers Bureau, over 500 received HIV antibodies testing and counseling, and thousands of people attended BCAP's AIDS awareness events. The dedication demonstrated by BCAP staff and volunteers is a praiseworthy example of how to make a difference.

As with all great causes and organizations in today's society, their merit stands before the blind eye of a restrictive budget. Despite the success of BCAP, many difficult obstacles affect the center. Changes in the federal response to HIV/AIDS impact their ability to provide evidence-based, scientifically-researched HIV prevention programming. Colorado state budget cuts affect BCAP's ability to meet the increased need for services in an economic climate of decreasing resources.

In response to these challenges, BCAP recently adjusted their prevention programs to focus on access to HIV-antibody testing and early access to HIV care. BCAP and the Boulder County Public Health Department estimate that 30 percent of the population in BCAP's service area are HIV positive and are unaware of it. To address this issue, BCAP will purchase a van to be equipped as a mobile HIV testing facility. This will allow BCAP to meet one of its strategic goals of enhancing its HIV-antibody testing program while reducing a significant barrier to access and care—the access to easy testing.

Even in the midst of struggle and looming challenges, the Boulder County AIDS Project goes above and beyond the call of duty to provide for those infected with HIV or affected by AIDS. Their dedication to this honorable cause has given dignity and comfort to individuals living with HIV and AIDS.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in thanking the Boulder County AIDS Project for their efforts in this commendable cause.

HONORING DR. ROBERT SMOTHERMAN

**HON. RON LEWIS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable individual from my home district. Dr. Robert Smotherman, school superintendent of the Bardstown Independent School System, is retiring this month, bringing his distinguished career as an educator to a close.

Before becoming Superintendent in 1983, Dr. Smotherman spent a 9-year tenure as principal and assistant superintendent in the Kingsport, TN school system. He earlier taught in schools in Atlanta, Birmingham, and Nashville. During his 22 years as superintendent, Bardstown Independent Schools has been a catalyst for many Kentucky firsts including first in the state to create a private educational foundation to raise money for the school district; the first district to offer an educational program for all 3- and 4-year olds regardless of economics or special needs; the first district to mandate school uniforms; and the first district in Kentucky to move to a year-round calendar at all schools. He has also been a tireless advocate, throughout his tenure, for effective Adult Education. The current program offers a wide range of educational opportunity and the GED program, producing over 150 graduates annually.

Dr. Smotherman has been a consistent recipient of academic and community honors including being named one of the "Top 100 Superintendents in America" by Executive Educator Magazine, the Kentucky Department of Education's "Good Apple" Award, the American Legion Award for Educational Excellence, and the Jenson Award from the National Association for Year Round Schools, recognizing his outstanding leadership in a movement that he helped to organize. Dr. Smotherman served on the NAYRE Board of Directors and was later elected President of the national organization, the first Kentuckian to hold that position. In 2003, Dr. Smotherman was named to the Bardstown-Nelson County "Hall of Fame."

I applaud Robert Smotherman's accomplishments in public education, an occupation of great responsibility and ever greater reward, motivating young people to recognize and develop their talents and abilities. On behalf of so many in the Bardstown area, I would like to express my profound appreciation for his service and inspiration to the countless men and women who have benefited from his generosity and vision.

It is my great privilege to recognize Robert Smotherman today, before the entire U.S. House of Representatives, for his many achievements as an educator. His unique dedication to the development and well-being of young people and the communities they now serve make him an outstanding citizen worthy of our collective honor and respect.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

SPEECH OF

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 28, 2005*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3057) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes:

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Chairman, this bill is far from perfect, but I think it deserves to be passed.

The bill provides important resources to help our allies in the struggle against international terrorism and against the narcotics trade. For example, it includes economic assistance for Afghanistan at the requested level of \$430 million, \$205 million above last year's level, but includes a new provision that withholds \$225 million of the total until the Secretary of State certifies that the national and local governments in Afghanistan are fully cooperating with the U.S.-funded narcotics eradication and interdiction efforts. The bill also includes \$220 million for military assistance for Pakistan to support their efforts in hunting terrorists along the Afghan border, as well as \$347 million—\$111 million above last year—for International Narcotics Control.

Some of the other high-priority items in the bill include much-needed assistance to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria—\$131 million more than the President's request and \$502 million more than in fiscal year 2005.

The Peace Corps is funded at \$325 million, \$8 million above fiscal 2005, and the bill includes provisions to provide for a greater role in oversight of U.S. taxpayer contributions to international organizations.

Of course, the bill is far from perfect, and I do not agree with all its priorities. I voted for a number of amendments that would have improved it and regret that not all of them were adopted.

I also voted against some amendments, including two that dealt with the sensitive subject of extradition from other countries of people accused of crimes in the United States.

One of those amendments, by my Colorado colleague, Representative BEAUPREZ, calls for cutting off any assistance to a country that refuses to comply with a request to extradite a person charged with killing a police officer in the United States.

Killing a policeman is a very serious matter, and I am a cosponsor of a bill (H.R. 2363) to authorize much more severe penalties for such fugitive killers of a peace officer—including any Federal, State, or local police officer.

However, I voted against the Beauprez amendment after receiving a communication from the District Attorney in Denver. He is currently working to complete the extradition from Mexico of a fugitive wanted in connection with the murder of a Denver police officer and has indicated that Congressional threats to reduce assistance as a way to bring pressure on the Mexican authorities run the risk of being counterproductive. I am not opposed to using leverage, including our foreign assistance programs, to insist that other countries extradite

wanted fugitives, but the District Attorney's comments persuaded me that adoption of the amendment at this time could make it harder for the District Attorney's efforts with Mexico to succeed.

On balance, while the bill is not all that I would wish in all respects, I think it deserves approval and I will vote for it.

SUPREME COURT DECISION IN  
CASTLEROCK V. GONZALES

**HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD**  
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 29, 2005*

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, we have heard much discourse today about two decisions handed down by the Supreme Court yesterday that addressed the constitutionality of displaying the 10 Commandments.

This is an important issue, but I believe that another case handed down yesterday, *Castle Rock v. Gonzales*, deserves serious attention as well.

Let me begin by saying that I am deeply disappointed with the Supreme Court's decision in *Castle Rock v. Gonzales*. In that case, the Court revealed a policy that strikes fear and sadness in the hearts of domestic violence victims and those of us who fight on their behalf: victims do not have a federal constitutional right to due process when they seek enforcement of their protective orders.

Jessica Gonzales's story elicits anger and sadness. Jessica Gonzales's relationship with

her husband was dangerous and abusive. Knowing the threat he posed to her and her children, she mustered a tremendous amount of personal strength and obtained a protective order against her husband from the State of Colorado. She went through this arduous process believing that the state and local authorities would come to her aid if her husband violated the order. She did not think she would have to beg and plead with them to enforce it.

She was wrong. The *New York Times* reported today that:

For hours on the night of June 22, 1999, Jessica Gonzales tried to get the . . . police to find and arrest her estranged husband . . . who was under a court order to stay 100 yards away from the house. He had taken the children, ages 7, 9, and 10, as they played outside, and he later called his wife to tell her that he had the girls at an amusement park in Denver.

Ms. Gonzales conveyed the information to the police, but they failed to act before Mr. Gonzales arrived at the police station hours later, firing a gun, with the bodies of the girls in the back of his truck. The police killed him at the scene."

Mr. Gonzales murdered their daughters after Ms. Gonzales spent hours trying to get the police to pay attention to her plight. This should never have happened.

A protective order without guaranteed enforcement does not protect victims. It puts them in the position of being victimized over and over again.

Domestic violence victims are already among the most vulnerable in our system. When they have children they are trying to protect, that vulnerability is compounded. Vic-

tims and their families rely on protective orders as one of the only tools they have to escape violent homes and relationships.

We need to make sure that they know that a court-issued protective order, accompanied by a hearing and court appearance in front of their abuser, is worth more than the paper it is printed on.

Recently, I introduced legislation that has received bipartisan support. H.R. 2947 seeks to require domestic violence education programs in high schools to teach teenage victims of dating violence about the legal options available to them as they seek to extricate themselves from abusive relationships.

I want this legislation to have its intended impact: that more teenage victims will have the knowledge that they are not alone in their struggle to end abusive relationships and that there are legal processes available to aid them in this process.

These young people, and every victim seeking the same assistance, need to know that the legal steps in place will actually protect them.

We cannot change the Supreme Court's decision, but we can do our part to prevent Jessica Gonzales's horrific situation from replicating itself across the nation.

First, we can pass my legislation, H.R. 2947. Second, we can strengthen and reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act before it expires on September 30th of this year. These victims deserve no less.