

KATRINA EMERGENCY TAX  
RELIEF ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

**HON. WILLIAM M. THOMAS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 15, 2005*

Mr. THOMAS. Madam Speaker, I submit the following correspondence for the RECORD.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,  
Washington, DC, September 15, 2005.

Hon. JIM NUSSLE,  
Chairman, Committee on the Budget, Cannon  
House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN NUSSLE: I am writing concerning H.R. 3768, the "Katrina Emergency Tax Relief Act of 2005," which is scheduled for floor consideration today. Section 2 of the bill designates that any provision affecting receipts, budget authority, or outlays in the bill will be for emergency purposes pursuant to H. Con. Res. 95, the budget resolution for fiscal year 2006. Thus, the Committee on Ways and Means shares jurisdiction with the Committee on the Budget on this provision.

I recognize the Committee on the Budget's jurisdictional interest in Section 2 of the bill, but ask that you allow H.R. 3768 to go forward. I agree that by allowing the bill to be considered, the Committee on the Budget does not relinquish any jurisdiction over H.R. 3768 or similar legislation. I would also support your request to be represented on a conference on H.R. 3768, if one should become necessary.

Finally, I will include my letter and your response in the Congressional Record during floor consideration of the measure.

Best regards,

BILL THOMAS,  
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET,  
Washington, DC, September 15, 2005.

Hon. BILL THOMAS,  
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means,  
Longworth House Office Building, Washington,  
DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN THOMAS: In recognition of the desire to expedite floor consideration of H.R. 3768, the Katrina Emergency Tax Relief Act of 2005, the Committee on the Budget agrees to waive its right to consider this legislation. H.R. 3768, as introduced on September 14, 2005, contains subject matter that falls within the legislative jurisdiction of the Committee on the Budget pursuant to rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives. Section 2 of the bill, relating to the designation of provisions of the bill as emergency requirements pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95, is of jurisdictional and substantive interest to this Committee.

The Committee on the Budget appreciates the Ways and Means Committee's recognition of our jurisdictional interest in section 2. The Budget Committee also appreciates your offer to support any request we might make to be represented on the conference for H.R. 3768. Finally, the Committee on the Budget recognizes that the Committee on Ways and Means retains sole jurisdiction over all provisions of H.R. 3768 other than section 2.

I will include our letters in the Congressional Record during floor consideration of the measure.

Sincerely,

JIM NUSSLE,  
Chairman.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING  
MARY EDITH STONEBURNER ON  
HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 20, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Mary Edith Stoneburner was born on September 29th, 1905; and

Whereas, Mary Edith Stoneburner is celebrating her 100th birthday today; and

Whereas, Mary Edith Stoneburner, is a long-time active participant in the social and civic life of her community; and

Whereas, Mary Edith Stoneburner has exemplified a love for her family and friends and must be commended for her life-long dedication to helping others.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in wishing Mary Edith Stoneburner a very happy 100th birthday.

TRIBUTE TO DR. I. KING JORDAN

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 20, 2005*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. I. King Jordan upon his retirement as President of Gallaudet University on December 31, 2005. Dr. Jordan is an accomplished, respected leader and someone I consider a personal friend.

Dr. Jordan became the Nation's first deaf university President when appointed in 1988 and the first deaf President to preside over Gallaudet University. During his tenure there he has proven to be an able, caring leader propelling the University forward as well as becoming a strong advocate for deaf students on the federal level.

Among his accomplishments, he led the University's first ever capital campaign, raising nearly \$40 million, which supported the construction of the state-of-the-art Student Academic Center and contributed to the extraordinary increase in the University's endowment, which paved the way for an increase in scholarships and more academic programs. He also established a fellows program to provide support for deaf college graduates to complete their terminal degrees and become faculty members.

Dr. Jordan was not only a strong advocate for the Gallaudet community, but for individuals with disabilities across this Nation. Another proud accomplishment of Dr. Jordan's is the work he did to assist with the passage of the American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) in 1990. He was a lead witness in support of the ADA during a joint session of Congress and delivered significant testimony in Congress and across the country during the deliberations of this bill.

Before coming to Gallaudet Dr. Jordan's life was filled with many other accomplishments. A native of Glen Riddle, Pennsylvania, a small town near Philadelphia, Dr. Jordan earned a B.A. in psychology from Gallaudet University and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Psychology from the University of Tennessee.

Upon receiving his doctorate, Dr. Jordan joined the faculty of Gallaudet's Department of Psychology. Before his appointment as President, Dr. Jordan served as chair of Gallaudet's Psychology Department and as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. He has been a research fellow at Donaldson's School for the Deaf in Edinburgh Scotland and an exchange scholar at Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland.

Dr. Jordan holds eleven honorary degrees and is the recipient of numerous awards, among them: The Presidential Citizen's Medal, presented by Bill Clinton in 2001; the Washingtonian of the Year Award; the James L. Fisher Award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE); the Larry Stewart Award from the American Psychological Association and the Distinguished Leadership Award from the National Association for Community Leadership. President George H.W. Bush appointed Dr. Jordan Vice Chair of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities (PCEPD) in 1990, and President Clinton reappointed Dr. Jordan to that role in 1993. In the summer of 2005, Dr. Jordan was presented the George Bush Medal for the Empowerment of People with Disabilities from President George H.W. Bush.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Dr. Jordan much happiness in his retirement as he looks forward to traveling with his wife Lynda and spending more time with his family. His compassion and service will be greatly missed. I am proud to have had a chance to work with him these past years.

TRIBUTE TO EDWARD LEO COYLE

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 20, 2005*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Edward Leo Coyle as he celebrates the centennial of his life on September 27, 2005.

Edward Leo Coyle, known to his friends as Ed, was born on September 27, 1905, on Mount Pleasant Avenue in Columbus, Ohio. He was the youngest of five children born to William and Anne Bradley Coyle.

Ed Coyle attended Catholic schools and after graduating from high school he attended Ohio State University. After graduation from Ohio State, he followed in his older brother's footsteps, attending the University of Cincinnati Law School. He passed the Bar in 1930 and entered the legal profession at the start of the Great Depression. He joined his brother William in the practice of law, and served as Special Counsel to the Ohio Attorney General.

Ed Coyle married Winifred S. "Teddy" Johnson in 1936. The couple had two children, a son Ed and their daughter Nancy, now Mrs. Joseph Huber, a resident of the 14th Congressional District. He now has four grandsons, Michael and Jim Coyle and David and Matthew Huber, as well as three great grandsons, Jacob, Justin and Ryan Coyle.

Ed Coyle was employed as a lawyer for the Curtiss-Wright Company during the war, and then practiced law in his own office until 1950 when he and his family moved to southern California. He joined Bank of America and

served as a Trust Officer in charge of the Glendale District Trust Department until his retirement in 1970.

In 1976, Ed and Teddy moved to Palo Alto where Ed became a member of the Senior Group at the Palo Alto Golf Course, playing until he was 90. He gave generously of his time and talents as a volunteer at the Senior Center, counseling others on financial issues. Today although he suffers from neuropathy, he keeps up with his grandsons and walks each day at the Stanford University Track.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Edward Coyle on his 100th birthday and recognizing his countless contributions to our community and our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 62ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE USS "ELOKOMIN" (AO)

### HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 20, 2005*

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the plaque dedication for the USS *Elokomin*, AO, an auxiliary oiler of the United States Navy whose keel was laid on March 9, 1943 and—served our Nation with honor until its decommission in March of 1970. I am here to honor the men who served on the *Elokomin* and to celebrate the 62nd anniversary of this extraordinary vessel.

The USS *Elokomin* served with distinction and received numerous Naval commendations for her service. During World War II, the *Elokomin* was more heavily armed than a destroyer-escort, having one 5-inch 38 caliber dual-purpose gun, four 3-inch 50 caliber dual-purpose guns, four 40-millimeter twin-mount guns and eight 20-millimeter guns.

However, the story of the *Elokomin* is really the story of the men who served aboard her. The USS *Elokomin*, AO-50 Crewmembers Association was established in the 1980s and it is my understanding that since its first reunion in 1986, the Association has met regularly to keep the memory of this ship and her crew alive. These men and their families should be proud of their commitment not only to our country but also to each other. Their dedication and loyalty is commendable.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to take the floor of the House today to join with the veterans, their family and friends who will gather later this month for a celebration and dedication of the USS *Elokomin* at the Navy Memorial here in Washington, DC. I hope my colleagues will join me in celebrating this distinguished ship and the men who so ably served aboard her to defend this Nation.

COMMEMORATING 100 YEARS OF CHEESMAN DAM

### HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 20, 2005*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the century of service the Cheesman Dam has provided Coloradans. The dam is an engineering marvel that has

provided water to the Denver metropolitan area for the past century.

The dam was constructed with the goal of providing the natural resources necessary to Denver area expansion. The dam has provided effective water management that has brought both environmental stability and economic growth to Denver.

Chief Engineer C.P. Allen executed the construction of Cheesman Dam with speed, precision, and creativity. The dam contains three million cubic feet of masonry, 21,000 tons of concrete and weighs an impressive 300,000 tons. The world's largest dam at the time of its completion, Cheesman was hailed by many as an engineering marvel. Though it didn't remain the largest dam in the world, it has continued to garner engineering acclaim. In 1975 it was proclaimed a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark by the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Cheesman's engineering prowess and historical significance are not its only qualities worthy of praise. The dam is, in many ways, a unique reflection of the Colorado spirit. Built to emulate the surrounding natural area, Cheesman's granite construction attempts to assimilate modern engineering advancement with the beauty of Colorado's open space. Its spillway follows the same pattern as it was intentionally developed in the formation of a natural cliff rather than a typical dam.

The American Society of Civil Engineers explains that the, "Cheesman Dam is . . . of such historical significance and contemporary importance that it should never be forgotten, but placed side-by-side with other national and historical landmarks of the engineering profession."

Its 100th anniversary is an accomplishment for the hundreds of workers that laid the stone in its construction and its talented engineers. Special recognition is also owed Denver Water and all of its employees—past and present—who have maintained this critical feature of Denver's water supply system. Through the efforts of Denver Water and the foresight of those who built this facility 100 years ago, Denver has been able to thrive and prosper.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING DR. KALLA

### HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 20, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas Dr. Kalla is an exceptional individual worthy of merit and recognition; and

Whereas, Dr. Kalla has proven himself to be a man of strong will and character; and

Whereas Dr. Kalla shall be lauded for his strength, tenacity, and perseverance in his battle with cancer;

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in honoring and congratulating Dr. Kalla for his outstanding accomplishment.

CONGRATULATING STEVE McCULLOUGH

### HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 20, 2005*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer congratulations to my good friend Steve McCullough upon his retirement from employment as the city manager for the city of Irving, Texas. He has dedicated himself to the betterment of his community and neighbors and his tireless commitment and service should be commended.

Steve began his 30-year career with the City of Irving in June 1975 when he was employed as an administrative assistant in the Finance Department. He joined the City Manager's Office in 1978 and was named deputy city manager in 1986. He has held the position of city manager in Irving since December 1993. Additionally, Steve was appointed by the governor of Texas to the Texas Municipal Retirement System Board of Trustees in 1990 and served as chairman in 1992 and 1995.

During his tenure as city manager, Steve served under five mayors and 26 council members. He was essential in developing and implementing many key initiatives including the Texas Transportation Summit and TEX-21, the Transportation Excellence for the 21st Century and a new Comprehensive Plan for the City of Irving. Under his direction, the Lake Chapman Water Supply project, the Family Advocacy Center, the North Police Substation, the Heritage Senior Center, Campion Trails and the Valley View Municipal Complex were constructed. In addition, Steve was instrumental in the planning of a DART light rail line through Las Colinas to DFW International Airport and achieving and maintaining the city's AAA bond ratings.

I want to thank Steve McCullough for all that he has done to make Irving a better place to live, work and raise a family. He leaves behind a vision of pride, progress and continued success for the City of Irving, and I wish him all the best upon his retirement.

IN HONOR OF SIMON WIESENTHAL

### HON. MIKE FERGUSON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 20, 2005*

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Simon Wiesenthal, who died today at the age of 96.

Simon Wiesenthal, a concentration camp survivor, worked tirelessly to bring Nazi war criminals to justice. By compiling testimonial evidence at his Jewish Documentation Center in Vienna, Austria, Wiesenthal provided trial material and evidence to the lawyers who prosecuted the Nazis for their crimes. Through his lifetime, Wiesenthal helped to bring as many as 1,100 Nazis, including Adolf Eichmann, to justice.

For Wiesenthal—who lived by a standard of justice, not vengeance—trying the Nazis for their war crimes brought moral restitution to the Jewish people who suffered so severely under the Nazi regime. Wiesenthal dedicated his life to preserving the memory of all those