

the single most effective incentive for convincing parents to send their children to school, including their daughters.

The McGovern-Dole Program has used American-grown commodities and financial and technical assistance to decrease the incidence of child hunger and increase educational opportunity for millions of these vulnerable children. Nutritious meals, take home rations, or both are provided as means to increase food security for children, and increase school enrollment and attendance. Official evaluations by USDA document how McGovern-Dole has been especially successful at increasing access to education for girls and in strengthening parental and community commitment and engagement in education, nutrition and agriculture. McGovern-Dole has also become a catalyst for other community-based projects such as clean water, sanitation, children's health, and HIV/AIDS education, treatment and prevention programs. These outcomes have resulted in broad bipartisan support for the program and especially for increased annual funding. The McGovern-Dole Program has also garnered the support of farm, commodity and agricultural groups, as well as U.S. and international humanitarian, development, education, anti-hunger and food security organizations.

In several projects, the McGovern-Dole Program also supports maternal and child health projects when those projects complement school feeding, including early learning and early childhood development programs that address critical nutritional and developmental needs of children under five years of age.

Named in honor of former Senators George McGovern and Robert Dole, who worked closely during their tenures in the U.S. Senate to address the problems of hunger and malnutrition in the United States and around the world, the McGovern-Dole program was initiated in 2000 by President Bill Clinton as a \$300 million pilot program, the Global Food for Education Initiative (GFEI). From 2001–2003, the GFEI fed nearly 7 million children through 48 projects in 38 countries. Enrollment increased by up to 10 percent in participating schools, and other donors provided almost \$1 billion of funding to complement the GFEI program. In 2003, as part of the Farm Bill Reauthorization, the GFEI was established as a permanent program, and renamed the McGovern-Dole Program. During 2003–2004, the McGovern-Dole Program used \$100 million of Commodity Credit Corporation funds and \$50 million in appropriated funds to support over 4 million children in 26 countries. School enrollment overall rose by 14 percent in participating schools, with girls enrollment increasing by 17 percent on average. McGovern-Dole helped considerably in Afghanistan when the country's leadership changed and girls were once again allowed to be educated. The program helped to build or renovate schools, provided meals and other incentives for children to come to school, and contributed to a 123 percent increase in overall enrollment in the country. The McGovern-Dole school feeding programs also received support from other donors, private businesses, and local governments and communities.

Mr. Speaker, I have had the privilege of visiting some McGovern-Dole and school feeding programs in Colombia. They were in some of the poorest neighborhoods surrounding the capital of Bogotá, where thousands of people

displaced by violence and conflict were trying to survive. I remember, in particular, a mother and grandmother who came up to me and thanked me and the United States for supporting the school and providing these daily meals. They told me how members of the right-wing paramilitaries and the FARC guerrillas would prowl around the edges of their neighborhood, trying to recruit young children as soldiers with the promise of a meal. But their children would not be lured into becoming child soldiers because they were being fed and educated at the school. Mr. Speaker, you can't imagine how proud and grateful those words made me feel. I could see the powerful good will this modest project had created for America among these poor families.

I was reminded of the words of these families when I read the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission, and more recently, when reviewing the declassified judgments of the latest National Intelligence Estimate (NIE). Both of these reports noted that the lack of sustained social and economic reform and development feed the anger, humiliation, powerlessness and sense of hopelessness that are the feeding grounds of terrorists and extremists. When mothers and fathers have hope for a better future for their children, they turn away from extremists. When children have the chance to go to school and stay in school, and when hunger no longer impedes their ability to learn, then they are on the path that leads to greater economic opportunity. Hope and opportunity are among our most powerful weapons in the fight against terrorism, Mr. Speaker, and I believe it is programs like McGovern-Dole that will ultimately help us win the war against extremism.

Mr. Speaker, the bill we just introduced would reauthorize the McGovern-Dole Program for fiscal years 2008 through 2012. It provides stable funding with annual increases to expand the reach of current programs and initiate new project in more countries, bringing hope and opportunity to more children and their families. Such secure funding will allow McGovern-Dole programs to work with local communities and national governments to make these critical educational, nutritional and development programs self-sustaining. The increase in funding over time will also support greater project development in early learning and early childhood development programs so that more children enter school healthy and ready to learn. And by demonstrating a firm, long-term commitment to this program, I believe this reauthorization will serve as a catalyst to increase support from other donors for global school feeding programs.

In the true spirit of George McGovern and Bob Dole, Congresswoman EMERSON and I are also very proud that this bill reflects the strong bipartisan support that the McGovern-Dole Program has received since first initiated. In a time of intense partisanship, this bill demonstrates that men and women of good will not only can come together, but want to come together, on issues and programs that genuinely make a difference in children's lives and help make our world a better place. I would like to thank Representatives LANTOS, HYDE, SKELTON, WOLF, POMEROY, SMITH (NJ), DELAURO, LEACH, HERSETH, OSBORNE, KAPTUR, WALSH, BOSWELL, BOUSTANY, MCCOTTER, PAYNE, SHIMKUS, MOORE (KS), ENGLISH, SNYDER, MORAN (KS), MCCOLLUM (MN), and SOLIS for joining us as original cosponsors of this important legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask to submit for the RECORD a copy of a letter Senators George McGovern and Robert Dole sent to representatives urging Members of Congress to cosponsor the McGovern-Dole Reauthorization Act.

WASHINGTON, DC,

July 21, 2006.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE: We are writing in support of the George McGovern-Robert Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program and to request that you cosponsor legislation reauthorizing this important program.

The McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program has made a critical difference in the lives of millions of children and provides a clear statement throughout the world about America's compassion and values. The McGovern-Dole Program provides American-grown food to hungry children in schools in the world's poorest countries. It helps ensure that children suffering from hunger receive at least one nutritious meal during the day. In addition, where school feeding programs are offered, enrollment and attendance rates increase significantly—especially for girls. Increasing girls' education has important implications for social and economic progress in the world's poorest communities. It is a model food aid program that is tailor made for the 21st Century and we strongly support its reauthorization.

Representative Jim McGovern and Representative Jo Ann Emerson are introducing legislation to reauthorize the McGovern-Dole Program. We respectfully urge you to contact either Jim or Jo Ann and add your name as a cosponsor of this important legislation as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

GEORGE MCGOVERN.
ROBERT DOLE.

TRIBUTE TO MR. RICHARD G.
"ANDY" ANDERSON

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 2006

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to recognize and honor an outstanding citizen and public servant who will celebrate his 50th Anniversary as Fire Chief of the Quincy Volunteer Fire Department on November 11, 2006. I join with the local community of Quincy and the residents of Plumas County in congratulating Mr. Richard G. "Andy" Anderson for his remarkable service.

Andy Anderson was born and raised on a farm in Southern Illinois. In addition to attending school and performing farming chores, Andy also worked at the local mortuary. When World War II commenced in 1941, he pleaded with his father to allow him to serve in the United States military. When his father finally granted permission in 1942, Andy enrolled in the United States Navy and served aboard the USS Cullman for the duration of the conflict and received an honorable discharge for his contributions.

After the war, Andy attended mortician school in San Francisco and completed his apprenticeship in the Bay Area. He then took a position in Red Bluff, California, before purchasing mortuaries in Portola and Quincy, California. In 1956, Andy moved to Quincy to manage his businesses and was elected fire chief of the local department in November of that same year.

During his service as chief, Andy made the Quincy Volunteer Fire Department into a model organization. He has stressed the importance of interagency cooperation and created the Plumas County Fire Chiefs Association which included the fire chiefs from throughout rural Plumas County. Andy served as the chairman of this organization for 25 years. Presently, the organization has expanded to include all Plumas County emergency service providers. In addition to this valuable contribution, Andy participated in or created several other county and statewide organizations dedicated to emergency services and disaster preparedness. To this day, he serves as the Director of the Plumas County Office of Emergency Services and as Plumas County Fire Warden.

Andy is also an accomplished pilot and has an active interest in radio broadcasting, railroading, and county fairs. He has poured his efforts into these worthy causes as well as numerous other local volunteer and civic organizations. Andy has great pride in his two grandsons, Will and Richard, and has been married to his wife Gayle for over 42 years. He affectionately refers to Gayle as "the real Chief."

Mr. Speaker, my district encompasses a large area of rural California, and I am happy to say that these communities are kept strong by people like Andy Anderson who make sacrifices in order to serve their fellow citizens. Andy is deserving of our recognition because of his five decades of public fire and emergency service, his military service to our country, and his love of family. I appreciate the opportunity to honor him today.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR. G. DAVID HORTON, PASTOR OF GREATER NEW BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 2006

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to one of our community's indefatigable church leaders, Rev. Dr. G. David Horton, Pastor of Greater New Bethel Baptist Church, as he celebrates his 27th Pastoral Anniversary.

Rev. Horton is married to Modena Smith Horton and is the father of five sons: Gregory, Eldrick, Reginald, Michael, and Thomas, and one daughter, Ava Rena.

Rev. Horton represents the vocation of a Good Shepherd who attends to his flock in ways we can never understand. As pastor and teacher, he exudes the knowledge and pragmatism of a visionary who goes about teaching the ways of God. He has tirelessly worked to enlighten our community on the agenda of spiritual wisdom and good governance, impacting our duties and responsibilities to the less fortunate.

I want to commend his tremendous work in guiding not only the members of Greater New Bethel Baptist Church, but also the members of the larger community. Through the longevity of his pastorate, he has truly persevered in showing us the Way and expounding for us the Truth that emanates from the teachings of the Gospels.

Having completed his religious studies at the Easonian Theological Seminary in Birmingham, Alabama, he went on to pursue and obtain his Doctorate of Ministry from the South Florida Center for Theological Studies. In the midst of his studies, he continued to serve as the CEO of Bethel's Family Life Center and Bethel's Child Care Center. He emphasizes the sanctity of the family and the importance of responding to the needs of children. This commitment truly underscores his unshakeable belief that ". . . the ruin of a nation starts in the homes of its people."

Rev. Horton continues to be involved in the Baptist Church on both the state and national level. He is currently Moderator of the Seaboard Baptist Association, Inc. and President of the Moderator Auxiliary, Florida General Baptist State Convention, Inc. He has previously served in several other capacities within the Seaboard Baptist Association and the State Congress of Christian Education.

Rev. Horton's timely and persevering leadership at Greater New Bethel Baptist Church for 27 years is genuinely admirable. As a man of God and as a deeply spiritual leader immersed in Scriptural commitment, he has earned our deepest respect and commendation.

This is the legacy of Rev. Dr. G. David Horton. I am truly privileged in thanking him for his many years of service. My pride in sharing his friendship is only exceeded by my utmost gratitude for everything he has sacrificed on behalf of our community. He continues to teach us to live by the noble ethic of loving God by serving our fellow man.

BRINGING TERRORISTS TO JUSTICE

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 2006

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I would like to talk about the most important reason our constituents send us to Washington—to work to secure our Nation. Our forefathers never shirked from this responsibility and neither should we. Since the Supreme Court's Hamden decision this year it is critical that this Congress create a legal structure to bring terrorists to justice.

Since September 11, 2001, our country has captured hundreds of members of the al-Qaeda network including masterminds of the 9/11 attacks and others who have made it their mission in life to kill innocent Americans. It is critical that we continue to stay on the offensive in the fight against terror. Our soldiers have pushed this objective forward with the apprehension of these terrorists, who, with the passage of the Military Commissions Act of 2006, will have their day of justice.

This Act ensures that terrorists have basic legal rights, including the right to counsel, the right to obtain evidence and witnesses, and the right to appeal a guilty verdict. Suspected terrorists have the right to be present at all legal proceedings, and no evidence may be presented to the jury unless it is also provided to the accused terrorist. This measure also reinforces our commitments under Common Article 3 of the Geneva Conventions that prohibit the use of torture contrary to the outcries of some.

I am glad to cast my vote in support of creating a legal system that will bring to justice those who seek to destroy our way of life. As President Bush said before a joint address before Congress, "whether we bring our enemies to justice, or bring justice to our enemies, justice will be done."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MELVIN L. WATT

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 2006

Mr. WATT. Mr. Speaker, if I was present to vote on rollcall No. 431, I would have voted "no."

INTRODUCTION OF THE WITHHOLDING TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2006

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 28, 2006

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, I have long championed tax relief for small businesses because I believe such firms are the lifeblood of our economy. As a small businessman myself, I know how small business owners struggle to remain profitable in a highly competitive and extremely challenging environment. Yet they continue to be the drivers of much of our Nation's economic and new job growth. It is for this reason that I have strongly supported increases to the current section 179 small business expensing limits, an end to the onerous death tax, and the reduced double taxation of capital gains and dividends. I am concerned, however, that a little known revenue raising provision, passed as part of the tax reconciliation bill in May, will hamper small business' creative spirit by significantly and adversely changing the way governments pay for the goods they use and services they require.

Effective in 2011, section 511 of the Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005 will require federal, state, and local governments to withhold 3 percent from payments for goods and services, excluding payments to non-profits and those made by governments with less than \$100 million in annual expenditures. This onerous provision will not take effect for 4 years. But I believe we must begin addressing the impacts it will have on honest taxpaying businesses now, and actively seek alternatives to withholding in the meanwhile.

Every day, thousands of businesses and individuals across the country are reimbursed by governments for various reasons. In my Northern California congressional district, governments rely on local and regional businesses all the time to maintain public services—from the electrician who rewires a city council chambers in Redding to the construction company that builds an interchange at a dangerous stretch of highway in Butte County. When the Feather River needs a new setback levee, or an existing levee in the network requires urgent repairs to protect the community, the Army Corps of Engineers employs local businesses for construction and materials. Similarly, when an escape route from a fire-