

the unparalleled natural resources and outstanding quality of life in Chester County. This wonderful nonprofit organization should be applauded for their hard-work and dedication to this most worthy cause.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO GINA
ROBISON-BILLUPS

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Gina Robison-Billups, for being honored by the Nevada District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration as the Home Based Business Champion of the Year.

Gina attended Loyola Marymount University and, shortly thereafter, began running her parents' home-based entertainment business. Gina then started her own business, the Marketing and Business Development Corporation, which specialized in providing marketing and business strategy services to small business clients. During her tenure at the head of the Marketing and Business Development Corp., Gina noticed that there was no organization that specifically targeted women business owners and she committed to help the 64 million working mothers in America.

In addition to her successful business endeavors, Gina has also established the Moms in Business Network and the International Association of Working Mothers. Through these networks, Gina has provided valuable networking opportunities as well as educational and financial opportunities through the grant program run by the Moms in Business Network. Presently, the network has over 250 members and the International Association has over 1,500 members worldwide.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Gina Robison-Billups; her dedication to helping working mothers is truly commendable. I congratulate her for her recent recognition by the Nevada District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration and wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1867) to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008, 2009, and 2010 for the National Science Foundation, and for other purposes:

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to express my strong support for H.R. 1867, which authorizes \$21 billion in funding for the National Science Foundation over the next 3 years.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) was created by the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, with a broad mission of supporting science, engineering and funding basic research across many disciplines. As the only

agency dedicated to the support of education and fundamental research in all scientific and engineering disciplines, we must continue to be generous and fund the NSF at the necessary levels to remain at the forefront of discovery, learning, and innovation.

In 1952, the NSF began by funding 28 research grants—in 2005 the number has grown to well over 10,000. In 2005, the agency received 42,000 proposals for research, fellowships, and projects in science, mathematics, and engineering.

There have been more than 100 Nobel Prize Winners and thousands of other distinguished scientists and engineers that have conducted their groundbreaking research with funding from the NSF.

From successfully splitting the atom, to landing the first man on the moon, to mapping the human genome, it is because of our investment in science and technology that the United States can be credited for these accomplishments. The majority of the research supported by the NSF is conducted at U.S. colleges and universities and approximately 82.6% of its estimated research and development (R&D) budget for 2005 was awarded to U.S. colleges and universities.

Today, we live in a global society and must continue to invest in our research and development to ensure we remain competitive in this global society. Every year, China and India graduate 950,000 engineers in comparison to the 70,000 the United States graduates each year. We must adequately fund and support the NSF, in order to be internationally competitive and continue to make those cutting-edge discoveries that have forever changed the way we view innovation.

I thank Mr. Baird for bringing this legislation to the floor and encourage all of my colleagues to support this bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROBERT P.
BINKLEY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Robert P. Binkley for his unyielding dedication to the Social Security Administration of Northeastern Ohio.

Robert Binkley has been a devoted member of the SSA for over 40 years. He worked at the first social security teleclaims taking center in Cleveland, where he provided all the agency's beneficiaries with the prompt and courteous service they deserve. He continued his personal commitment to help those in vulnerable positions as a field representative in Michigan.

Robert later returned to the Cleveland area as a supervisor in the Akron office. It was no surprise to his peers when he was promoted the Manager of the Teleservice Center in Cincinnati, and then Cleveland. While manager of the Cleveland Teleservice Center, Robert spent time at the SSA's headquarters in Baltimore, where he was instrumental in developing a national 800 number service guide for the nation's teleservice centers. Because of his ingenuity, many telecommunication services across the country are able to better

serve their clients. Robert's continued dedication to improving the customer experience led to the development of a nonreceipt method so that SSA beneficiaries could receive replacement checks seven to ten days sooner.

With the same enthusiasm Robert demonstrated when assisting the public, he encouraged his staff to attain higher positions within the agency. He continuously offered advice and expertise and many careers have been cultivated under Robert's tutelage.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Robert P. Binkley for his exceptional public service. His selfless devotion to the Social Security Administration and his staff has left an indelible mark on the community.

ON PASSAGE OF THE TORTURE
VICTIMS RELIEF ACT—H.R. 1678

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam Speaker, last week I was pleased to have the opportunity to vote to extend the Torture Victims Relief Act (TVRA). I have been a cosponsor of this legislation since 2003. In the last Congress, the bill became law, but it authorized appropriations only through the end of fiscal year 2007. So it's important that Congress act to renew it before the current authorization expires. H.R. 1678 authorizes for two years additional appropriations for domestic centers and programs for the treatment of victims of torture, for foreign centers for the treatment of victims of torture, and for the U.N. Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture.

There is no question about the need for this funding. Two-thirds of the world's countries still practice torture. An estimated 500,000 torture survivors live in the United States, and about 1,100 refugees and 400 asylum seekers enter my state of Colorado alone each year. Repressive governments use torture to target the very leaders who share our principles of freedom and democracy. Without their voices, communities are fearful. But torture treatment can undo the legacy of torture and reclaim the leaders who stand with us in promoting human rights and the rule of law.

I am proud that one of the most effective domestic torture treatment centers is located in Colorado. This year is the tenth anniversary of the Rocky Mountain Survivors Center (RMSC), which has served over 1,000 survivors of torture from over 53 different countries and regions around the world, in 35 languages. The RMSC is working hard to ensure that torture survivors in Colorado become functioning members of the citizenry through its in-house Legal Services, physical and mental healthcare, psychosocial services, and interpreter services. Most recently, RMSC introduced a community development effort to bring the topic of torture and its impact to newcomer communities in Colorado and hear from those newcomers what that impact has been on the larger community, the families of survivors and the survivors themselves.

The Rocky Mountain Survivor Center also educates providers, healthcare systems, and community members about torture and how to work to heal the wounds of torture, as well as