

Finally, I thank the South Bend community for continually supporting the South Bend Symphony Orchestra. I am proud to be a member of a community that invests in maintaining cultural diversity through continued patronage of the arts.

The South Bend Symphony Orchestra has achieved a memorable milestone. I offer my congratulations to the musicians, Maestro Tsung Yeh, the symphony's board, the many financial donors, and the greater South Bend community for helping the orchestra complete 75 wonderful years.

A TRIBUTE TO OUR TROOPS

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Madam Speaker, poet and capitol tour guide Albert C. Caswell has penned a number of heartfelt tributes to our military, and recently he wrote a piece dedicated to the "magnificent men and women who've given their lives to keep freedom alive."

ALL THEY ASK

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

A young man or woman goes off to war this day,  
 Followed with them by so many splendidly fine heroes on their ways. . .  
 Courageously fine Men and Women, with 'oh so such magnificent hearts so very brave!  
 But, all they ask. . .  
 As they do not cry, nor do they complain. . .  
 Knowing full well, that they may never so see their loved ones again!  
 With but just one final kiss, with just one final hug goodbye . . . wishing somehow to so remain!  
 But, all they ask. . .  
 As there they go, upon their most courageous ways. . .  
 All heading, straight out into that dark face of hell . . . as do they!  
 America's finest, her greatest of all patriots . . . all of whom, to us the word heroism is portrayed!  
 But all they ask. . .  
 Splendidly fine heroes, who are but willing to die. . .  
 Who go where Angels so fear to tread, and do not ask why. . .  
 With 'oh such brave hearts, who so dare to take up our beloved nation's battle cry!  
 But, all they ask. . .  
 Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force and Marines,  
 All with 'oh so such heroic hearts, there as seen . . . who just like all of us, all have the same such dreams!  
 Who all have families so beloved, all within their hearts of love . . . carried with them where they so convene.  
 But, all they ask. . .  
 As this the burden they so gladly take,  
 While, so very unselfishly their own lives they so forsake!  
 As this their gifts to God and Country, are of the greatest sacrifices . . . let none this so mistake!  
 But, all they asked. . .  
 For they are not looking for money, nor are they fame. . .  
 Nor, do they even so care if you but so remember their most magnificent names. . .

All for love of country, so stands the reason why . . . all of these most splendid heroes here so came!  
 But, all they ask. . .  
 For all they want and all they ask!  
 Is but, for you to stand behind them forever there steadfast!  
 And as the battle rages on, all they pray for is for your support to carry on . . . and to last!  
 That's, all they asked!  
 A young Hero died today. . .  
 While, it was he or she . . . who here so showed us all the way!  
 And now, as they lower this Most Splendid Hero . . . this Most Magnificent Patriot into their grave. . .  
 But, did you give them all that they asked . . . is that but what you gave?  
 That's all they asked!

INTRODUCTION OF THE PROTECTING AMERICANS FROM UNSAFE FOREIGN PRODUCTS ACT

**HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Protecting Americans from Unsafe Foreign Products Act.

I have been alarmed by the steady stream of defective, foreign-manufactured products flooding our marketplace. From the millions of toys recalled because of lead paint to heparin, the tainted blood thinner that caused at least 81 deaths and scores of injuries, it has become increasingly clear that our health and welfare have been compromised by foreign-made products.

I am also concerned that foreign manufacturers have gained an unfair advantage over U.S. manufacturers because foreign manufacturers have avoided liability for defective products in our marketplace. Because of the difficulties associated with serving process on and establishing jurisdiction over foreign manufacturers, many Americans harmed by defective foreign-made products never get their day in court. That is why I am introducing the Protecting Americans from Unsafe Foreign Products Act. This legislation would help eliminate the unfair competitive advantage enjoyed by foreign manufacturers and ensure that they can be held accountable for injuries consumers suffer as a result of defective products.

The legislation amends current law to facilitate service of process on foreign manufacturers by permitting service on manufacturers wherever they reside, are found, have an agent, or transact business. Service of process and personal jurisdiction is proper so long as one of the following two criteria is met: (1) the manufacturer knew or reasonably should have known that the product or component would be imported for or use in the U.S.; or (2) the manufacturer had contacts with the U.S. whether or not such contacts occurred in the place where the injury occurred.

Given the increase of imported products that do not meet U.S. standards for health, safety, and quality, and the fact that neither the Consumer Product Safety Commission nor the Food and Drug Administration have effectively prevented the importation of defective prod-

ucts, more consumers have become endangered. This legislation will improve accountability of foreign manufacturers and promote consumer safety, and I urge all my colleagues to join as cosponsors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. PUTNAM, Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, I was not present for three votes. Please let the record show that had I been here, I would have voted: "Yea" on H. Res. 981—Recognizing March 6, 2008, as the first-ever World Glaucoma Day, established to increase awareness of glaucoma, which is the second leading cause of preventable blindness in the United States and worldwide; "yea" on H.R. 5151—Wild Monongahela Act: A National Legacy for West Virginia's Special Places; and "yea" on H.R. 831—Coffman Cove Administrative Site Conveyance Act.

IN RECOGNITION OF NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION CENTENNIAL

**HON. JERROLD NADLER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Mr. NADLER, Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the New York County Lawyers' Association (NYCLA) which is celebrating 100 years of hard work and dedication in providing services to the legal profession and the public of New York City.

The New York County Lawyers' Association was founded one hundred years ago for the purpose of combating systemic exclusion of lawyers from bar membership on the basis of race, religion, ethnicity and sex.

In the past century, the Association has grown to 10,000 members, earning national prestige for its commitment to promoting the public interest. The NYCLA has continuously pursued the administration of justice through reforms in the law, by elevating standards of integrity and professionalism in the legal field, and by providing free legal services for those in need.

Over its long history, the NYCLA has sponsored countless initiatives that have contributed to the improvement of New York's justice system. The Association has played a major role in the reduction of court congestion, the rehabilitation of delinquent children, the implementation of anti-discriminatory provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, and the attainment of higher compensation for attorneys representing the indigent.

NYCLA has also issued many highly influential reports and resolutions to call attention to shortages of our legal system. These include calling for measures to reduce false confessions in criminal trials, ensuring right to counsel for residential tenants in Housing Court who cannot afford representation, and securing just compensation for judges.

The Association further offers a variety of meaningful Pro Bono Projects that provide