

Chapter of the Entrepreneurs Organization (EO). Through this organization, he has been able to apply to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's (MIT) Entrepreneurs Masters Program where he meets annually for one week with other CEOs and entrepreneurs and listens to business leaders and professors speak on issues related to running their own businesses.

Today, Jade is also focused on making certain that his company gives back to the community. He gives a large portion of time to Olive Crest, a nonprofit organization that supports the prevention and treatment of child abuse. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Olive Crest and assists with fundraising and volunteer efforts.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Jade Anderson and would like to recognize his small-business accomplishments within the Las Vegas community. I would also like to congratulate him on receiving the Small Business Person of the Year at the 2008 Small Business Awards.

TRIBUTE TO MIKE KEEFE

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Mike Keefe from the State of Iowa Fire Marshall's Office, and to express my appreciation for his dedication and commitment for the past 32 years for the safety of Iowans.

After receiving a business administration degree in 1975, Mike began volunteering for the Decorah, Iowa fire department. While on the job, the fire department was called to a fire at the church he attended and where his mother worked as a secretary. He rescued his mother by helping her out a window. The fire officials asked Mike to assist in their investigation, and afterwards Mike was encouraged to apply for a position with the Iowa Fire Marshall's Office. He was offered and accepted a job in 1976 with the office as an investigator. Over the years Mike has investigated nearly 3,000 fires, providing reliable and dedicated service to many Iowans.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in commending Mike Keefe for his service to the State Fire Marshall's Office and the people of Iowa. I consider it an honor to represent Mike in Congress and I wish him and his wife, Susan, a long, happy and healthy retirement.

LYNN FIELDS—COMMUNITY
SERVANT FOR EDUCATION

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, the Humble ISD board of trustees will say farewell to a dedi-

cated public servant on May 13, 2008 when my friend Mrs. Lynn Fields retires after serving 14 years as a board member.

I met Lynn when she was a reporter for the Baytown Sun back in the 1980s and I was a Texas Judge. Since those days, Lynn Fields has served as the voice of a mother and community volunteer on the Humble ISD school board who always looked out for the best interests of our children. She faithfully carried the torch of public service passed to her from her father-in-law, Jack Fields Sr., who previously served the district as board member for 21 years.

Over the years, she worked hard at improving services for students in both educational and social areas. She initiated the district's pursuit of a Spanish immersion program at two Humble elementary schools. She led the district with efforts to reduce alcohol and drug use among children with programs such as "Common Ground," which resulted in increased awareness of the dangers of binge drinking and the importance of students' making responsible decisions in social situations.

Many of her friends and colleagues have spoken kind words in describing her dedication to public service. "Lynn's heart is as big as the state of Texas," said Dave Martin, President of the Humble ISD Board of Trustees. "We could always count on Lynn's guidance to lead us down the direction and path that put the morality and ethical issues of our students first."

Lynn Fields and Humble ISD Superintendent, Dr. Guy Sconzo, have hosted a monthly cable access show called "Your Schools," which spotlights people and programs within the district. She received the School Bell Award for outstanding media coverage of educational news for the program by the Texas Retired Teachers Association.

"Lynn is frankly just one of the kindest, most caring servant leaders I have ever met," said Dr. Sconzo about working with Lynn. "Through literally every very difficult budget development crisis and challenging growth issues that face our district, Lynn always kept the discussion focused on what's best for children."

Lynn Fields has also experienced many wonderful personal moments in her 14-year tenure as school board member including the opportunity to hand two of her children their high school diplomas at their graduation. She also watched with pride when the board of trustees named an elementary school after her late father-in-law Jack Fields Sr.

In addition to her efforts in the school district, she is also an active community leader in several organizations. Lynn is a member of Humble Area First Baptist Church. She is a Light Keeper member of Mothers Against Drunk Driving and serves as MADD Southeast Texas Regional Council Chair. She has been a long-time advocate for women and children. Lynn started the Bay Area Women's Center in Baytown in 1981. With the help of her husband, former Congressman Jack Fields, they raised funds to help open "The Door," a shelter for battered women in the Humble area.

Jack Fields has been a long-time friend of mine, and he is extremely proud of Lynn's ac-

complishments as well. "My wife has given of herself, unselfishly, for the students of our area," he said. "She has led in the areas of character, alcohol and drug education, and Spanish immersion for those students wishing to become bilingual. She is an outstanding woman, mother and wife. Our area and my family are benefited by her years of service. She is the model for those who serve in their communities. I could not be more proud of her. I am honored to be her husband. I love her very much."

It is an honor today to recognize the great contributions that Lynn Fields has made to Humble ISD and the community. Madam Speaker, we thank Lynn, for her years of service, principled leadership and dedication to our children. I wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

And that's just the way it is.

PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION
TO STATES INCARCERATING UN-
DOCUMENTED ALIENS

SPEECH OF

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 1512, legislation to compensate the States for incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens.

The State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, commonly referred to as SCAAP, is a very effective federal-local government partnership that deserves robust funding from the Bush Administration.

Currently, SCAAP funding is about \$175 million less than what it was in fiscal year 1998, and falls far short of meeting the actual costs incurred by local jurisdictions. In my home state of California, we received about \$110 million for this program in 2007. However, the California Department of Corrections actually spent more than \$912.5 million of its own money to arrest and hold these criminal aliens. Like many other states, California is cutting funding in education and other programs in an effort to balance its budget; by underfunding SCAAP, the Bush Administration is forcing California to spend upwards of \$800 million of its own money, foisting a federal responsibility on our local governments.

H.R. 1512 restores the original partnership and allows our local law enforcement officials to focus on protecting our communities. If we are truly serious about removing these dangerous criminal aliens from our country, we must make sure that we provide state and local law enforcement officers with all the tools they need to succeed.