

in order to provide students with accurate comprehensive sex education.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support comprehensive, medically accurate sex education so that we can reduce the number of teenage pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections. I look forward to working with a new administration to ensure that our younger generations will be provided with real, medically accurate sexual health information.

TRIBUTE TO THE IOWA ARMY
NATIONAL GUARD

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 27, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Iowa Army National Guard for being recognized as the Best Installation Management Program in the nation during the Army National Guard's Construction and Facility Management Officers annual conference in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Iowa scored 902 points out of 1,000 and was the only state to receive a Gold Award in the installation management program. The Iowa Army National Guard has had a history of putting an emphasis on installations and stresses the importance of setting goals to provide facilities that make our Soldiers and citizens proud, which has included important modernization efforts such as improving accommodations for female Soldiers. It also provides continuing education for all Iowa Army National Guard installation management professionals to help them become the best they can be on the job.

The Iowa National Guard, which has 42 armories, continues to make Iowa and our nation proud through its dedicated service. It is an honor to represent Installations Division Chief Col. Michael Bouchard, Construction and Facilities Management Officer Col. Scott Ayres and all those involved in installations at the Iowa Army National Guard in the United States Congress and I wish them success in their future work.

STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES GIFT OF
LIFE MEDAL, ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my strong support of H.R. 6950, the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Gift of Life Medal Act.

I was pleased to work with Chairman PETE STARK to craft this bill that recognizes those that have donated their organs, and gave the gift of life. And it is a fitting tribute to name this bill in honor of our late colleague, Stephanie Tubbs Jones. A dedicated public servant to the end, she too gave the Gift of Life, helping over 50 individuals.

Enacting this bill will give the thousands of Americans who also donated their organs appropriate recognition for their tremendous gift by presenting them with a Congressionally-

sponsored medal. Each year, individuals donate approximately 14,000 organs. This is an amazing success and they should be recognized. Yet there are still nearly 100,000 individuals waiting for transplants.

In order to further encourage individuals to consider organ donation, Congress must publicly thank those that have made this selfless and living saving decision.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank Former Senate Majority Leader, Dr. Bill Frist. As a transplant surgeon and sponsor of this legislation in previous years, Dr. Frist helped to encourage greater organ donation. Mr. STARK and I introduced an earlier version of this bill in honor of Dr. Frist, who has endorsed H.R. 6950. Enclosed is a copy of Dr.

Finally, I want to thank the Tubbs Jones family for allowing this bill to be named in her honor. I am proud that we will pass this bill to ensure that through tragedy, lives will be saved and honored.

NASHVILLE, TN,
September 15, 2008.

Hon. PETE STARK,
Chairman, Ways and Means Health Subcommittee, Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC.

Hon. DAVE CAMP,
Ranking Member, Ways and Means Health Subcommittee, Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN STARK AND RANKING MEMBER CAMP: Thank you for your leadership on the Gift of Life Congressional Medal.

Like you, I am truly inspired by those that donate their organs. I can think of no act that is more honorable or selfless, and it is befitting of Congress to pass this act to recognize these outstanding individuals and their families. I was pleased to sponsor this legislation in the Senate.

It is also extremely fitting to name this legislation in honor of the late Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones. A tireless advocate for those in need, she cemented her legacy by donating her organs and tissue, which will help over 50 individuals. Her act, and the thousands that have come before it, must be recognized.

Each year, there are nearly 14,000 organs that are donated. As a transplant surgeon, I have seen firsthand how lives are transformed through these miraculous gifts. For me, it is a privilege to be part of the transplantation process. I am continually amazed at the advances in technology that make transplants more successful every year.

While advances are being made, there are still too few donors—nearly 100,000 people are waiting on national transplant lists. To encourage more donors, we should make every effort to recognize those that make this life-saving decision. I believe creating a Gift of Life Congressional Medal is critically important to increasing awareness on this issue.

Again, please accept my sincere appreciation for your work and strong support for naming the Gift of Life Congressional Medal Act in honor of Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones. It is a fitting tribute for such an outstanding and committed woman.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM H. FRIST.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN LINCOLN

HON. JOHN R. "RANDY" KUHL, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 27, 2008

Mr. KUHL of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of New York Farm Bureau President John Lincoln.

Throughout his career, John has proven time and again his commitment to bolstering our agriculture industry here in New York State.

During his 12 years as President of the New York Farm Bureau, John has made a significant impact on our State's agricultural industry at every level. He has been a tireless advocate for the industry and he has never failed to communicate his enthusiasm for agriculture. As a member of many boards and task forces, John is one of the most respected and devoted members of our agricultural community.

In the words of John himself, "farming is a challenging business, and without farm bureau working for farmers, farmers simply wouldn't have a voice. We're too busy farming."

Yet, through it all he remained a farmer, operating a dairy farm with his wife Anne.

The farm has expanded over the years to include his daughter Julie and son Mike, ensuring that the next generation will keep farming in upstate N.Y.

John Lincoln has been an outstanding leader and advocate for strengthening the agriculture industry in New York and across the Nation, and for that, I thank him and wish him the best in his retirement.

LINCOLN TO RETIRE AS FARM BUREAU CHIEF

(By Julie Sherwood)

EAST BLOOMFIELD.—John Lincoln will retire in December as president of the New York State Farm Bureau after 14 years as head of the agriculture advocacy organization that includes 52 county farm bureaus statewide.

"I am so honored to have been a part of this wonderful, farmer-driven organization for all of these years," stated Lincoln, an East Bloomfield dairy farmer. "It's been a place where, working together, we've been able to positively advocate for real changes in public policy which have made a difference in the ability of family farmers to live and farm and thrive in New York."

"Farming is a challenging business, and without Farm Bureau working for farmers with a constant presence in Albany and D.C., farmers simply wouldn't have a voice. We're too busy farming," he added.

Delegates from each of the 52 counties in the bureau will vote for a new president at a two-day meeting in Albany in December.

Lincoln, who served 29 years on the state Farm Bureau's board of directors, said he thinks it's time for "the next crop of farm leaders to take their turn" leading the organization.

During his tenure, Lincoln took part in major victories for farmers including revisions to the agricultural-assessment program, the beginning of the farmland-protection program, passage of the farmers' school property-tax credit, authorizing interstate shipment of wine, incentive programs to encourage on-farm production of renewable energy and the recent boost of funding for specialty crops through the federal Farm Bill passed this year.

"John has been a great asset for New York agriculture," said Laura Pedersen, president of the Ontario County Farm Bureau. "We will miss him representing us" at both the state and national level.

In addition to being president of the state Farm Bureau, with its 30,000 member families, Lincoln also serves on the American Farm Bureau Federation's board of directors. In that role Lincoln has been involved in numerous immigration, trade, and environmental policy issues.

Lincoln "has played a key role in improving the financial well-being and quality of