

statement which I believe would be of interest to my colleagues. On June 7th, President Lee Teng-hui announced that the Republic of China will donate US \$300 million to help Kosovar refugees rebuild their homes.

More than 782,000 ethnic Albanians have been forced to leave Kosovo since Yugoslav troops began ethnic cleansing in the region. Among them, 443,000 refugees fled to Albania and some 247,000 swarmed to Macedonia. The aid package will include emergency supplies for Kosovar refugees and contributions to long-term reconstruction efforts by the international community in Kosovo now that a peace plan has been accepted. Moreover, it also offers to arrange for Kosovar refugees to receive short-term technical training in Taiwan.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the Republic of China as a member of the world community for their continued commitment to protecting and promoting human rights. The announcement was both timely and insightful, fully demonstrating the ROC's concern for peace in the world. I submit the text of President Lee Teng-hui's statement to be printed in the RECORD.

PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT REGARDING
ASSISTANCE TO KOSOVAR REFUGEES

The huge numbers of Kosovar casualties and refugees from the Kosovo area resulting from the NATO-Yugoslavia conflict in the Balkans have captured close world-wide attention. From the very outset, the government of the ROC has been deeply concerned and we are carefully monitoring the situation's development.

We in the Republic of China were pleased to learn last week that Yugoslavia President Slobodan Milosevic has accepted the peace plan for the Kosovo crisis proposed by the Group of Eight countries, for which specific peace agreements are being worked out.

The Republic of China wholeheartedly looks forward to the dawning of peace on the Balkans. For more than two months, we have been concerned about the plight of the hundreds of thousands of Kosovar refugees who were forced to flee to other countries, particularly from the vantage point of our emphasis on protecting human rights. We thereby organized a Republic of China aid mission to Kosovo. Carrying essential relief items, the mission made a special trip to the refugee camps in Macedonia to lend a helping hand.

Today, as we anticipate a critical moment of forth-coming peace, I hereby make the following statement to the international community on behalf of all the nationals of the Republic of China:

As a member of the world community committed to protecting and promoting human rights, the Republic of China would like to develop further the spirit of humanitarian concern for the Kosovar refugees living in exile as well as for the war-torn areas in dire need of reconstruction. We will provide a grant aid equivalent to about US \$300 million. The aid will consist of the following:

1. Emergency support for food, shelters, medical care, and education, etc for the Kosovar refugees, living in exile in neighboring countries.

2. Short-term accommodations for some of the refugees in Taiwan, with opportunities of job training in order for them to be better equipped for the restoration of their homeland upon their return.

3. Furthermore, support the rehabilitation of the Kosovo area in coordination with international long-term recovery programs when the peace plan is implemented.

We earnestly hope that the above-mentioned aid will contribute to the promotion of the peace plan for Kosovo. I wish all the refugees an early return to their safe and peaceful Kosovo homes.

HONORING THE YOUTH AWARD
WINNERS OF THE HISPANIC
YOUNG PEOPLES ALTERNATIVE

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 18, 1999

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Youth Award Winners who are being honored by the Hispanic Young Peoples Alternative (HYPA). These young people are being recognized this day for the effort and hard work which has led and will lead them to continued success. In these times of uncertainty, limited resources, and random violence in our communities and schools, it is encouraging to know that they have overcome these obstacles and succeeded. And they have succeeded not only for themselves, but for their community as well.

These students have learned that community service is an important part of their education. They have exhibited great maturity and responsibility by taking on the personal challenge of working to make the community a better place. Their contributions are priceless. They understand that—along with education—community service is an important part of gaining new opportunities and going on to greater endeavors. Their success is not only a tribute to their strength but also to the support they have received from their parents and loved ones.

In closing, I encourage all my colleagues to join me in congratulating the young people of HYPA and all of the youth of America who are engaged in community service. These young people we honor today will be the leaders of tomorrow. And as we approach the new millennium, it is our responsibility to pave the road for this great Nation's future. Members of the U.S. House of Representatives I ask you to join me in recognizing the following Youth Award winners: Rosalie Nuñez, Peter J. Ramos, Emanuel Hernández, Peter M. Ramos, George Lozado, Steven Amenula, Thomas Nuñez, Paticio Cacho Jr., and Jessica Garcia.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 18, 1999

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 214, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

H.R. 1070, BREAST AND CERVICAL
CANCER TREATMENT ACT

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 18, 1999

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the bipartisan Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Act, H.R. 1070. This important legislation will help women beat back the ravages of breast and cervical cancer and save lives.

Every year, Cervical cancer kills 4,400 women and breast cancer kills over 46,000 women and is the leading cause of death among women between 40 and 45. This bill builds on a current program which covers screening services, but does not cover treatment for women who are detected with cancer. The bipartisan Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Act takes the vital next step to offer lifesaving treatment to cancer victims.

The medical community has the technology to detect and treat breast and cervical cancer. This bill will strengthen the existing ad hoc patchwork of providers, volunteers, and local programs that often results in unpredictable, delayed, or incomplete. The bill will offer consistent, reliable method of treatment for uninsured and underinsured women fighting breast or cervical cancer.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to say that H.R. 1070 has 248 co-sponsors. I want to compliment Representative ESHOO on her work on this issue. However, I am not pleased with the Republican leadership which has given inadequate attention to this bill. The Republican controlled House has not even held a Committee hearing on the "Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Act". This bill has enough co-sponsors to pass. We should pass this legislation and help save the lives of women.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM KOLBE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 18, 1999

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, on June 17, 1999 the House debated the Consequences for Juvenile Offenders Act (H.R. 1501). Following the vote, I was dismayed to see that I was listed as not voting on rollcall vote No. 223. I was on the floor and am positive I put my card in the voting device. Had my vote been recorded, it would have been "nay."

H.R. 2015

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 18, 1999

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I introduced H.R. 2015 on June 7, 1999. This legislation would reauthorize the Welfare to Work Tax Credit and the Work Opportunity Tax Credit programs for five years. Both of these tax