administration, he joined Travelers Property Casualty Corporation in 1963 and today serves as regional vice president. In many of the cities where his career has taken him, he has made the OU presence stronger. He formed the OU Club of New Orleans in 1969, reactivated the OU Club of Kansas City in 1985, and organized the OU Club of Charlotte in 1991. He served as president of the OU Club of Charlotte for seven years and currently is a member of the Board of Directors. He has worked to raise funds for scholarship support to potential OU students and to bring new energy to the OU Club through recruiting and nominating younger members to leadership positions. He continues a long OU family tradition established by his great-uncle C. Ross Hume, a member of the first graduating class in 1898 and one of the founders of the OU Alumni Association in 1899. His grandfather, Dr. R.R. Hume, a member of the second graduating class, was instrumental in the selection of OU's colors of crimson and cream.

Robert Brady will retire July 31, 1999, after 37 years with Travelers, and he and his wife Betty plan to return to Oklahoma City. Bob started with Travelers in 1963 after graduating from the University of Oklahoma. Further tours of duty included New Orleans, Home Office, Oklahoma City, Kansas City and Charlotte. While in Charlotte, Bob helped make Travelers North Carolina's leading Independent Agency carrier.

Respected among his peers for his elegance and character, Bob is a colleague, mentor, friend, husband, father and grandfather.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DEBBIE McGOLDRICK AND NIALL O'DOWD UPON THE BIRTH OF THEIR DAUGHTER ALANA KATHLEEN

HON. PETER K. KING
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, August 2, 1999

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, I rise to inform the House that on Sunday, July 25, 1999, at 1:34 a.m., Debbie McGoldrick and Niall O'Dowd because the proud parents of a baby daughter, Alana Kathleen. Alana Kathleen weighed in at 8 pounds, 5 1/2 ounces and is 21 inches long. The best news is that Alana Kathleen and her mother Debbie are in perfect health.

I am proud to be able to call Debbie and Niall my good friends. Niall is the Founding Publisher of the Irish Voice newspaper and Irish America magazine. Debbie, who is clearly the brains and the beauty of the operation, is the Senior Editor of the Irish Voice. Niall and Debbie are leaders in the Irish-American community and have been in the very forefront of the Irish peace process.

As happy as Niall and Debbie are over the birth of their beautiful daughter, I know that Alana Kathleen will soon realize how fortunate she is to have such outstanding parents. On behalf of myself and my family I wish them the very best of health and happiness.

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HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, August 2, 1999

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues, two distinguished community leaders, Tom and Suzette van Arsdale. My good friends Tom and Suzette will be honored this month by the Luzerne Foundation for their community service and leadership. I am pleased and proud to have been asked to participate in this tribute.

Born in New York City in 1937, Tom van Arsdale grew up in New England. Tom joined the U.S. Army after high school and served in the Signal Corps as a top secret cryptographer for two years before receiving an honorable discharge. Tom began his business career as a teller at a New York bank in 1959. Within two years, Tom was a bank officer and within four years, he was a senior executive. While pursuing his career, Tom was also earning degrees from Roulton Valley Community College and Edison State College.

Tom's business acumen gained the attention in the banking world when he assumed the position of President of a troubled New Jersey bank, guided it out of its financial crisis, converted it to a public bank and subsequently sold it to the Dime Bank of New York. Tom continued to serve as the bank's President and CEO and was named to a directorship of the Dime Bank of New York.

Tom moved to northeastern Pennsylvania in 1990 after being named President and CEO of Franklin First Financial Corporation and Franklin First Savings Bank. After Franklin First was sold to Ontabcorp in 1993, Tom continued to serve as its President and was elected to the parent bank's board until his recent retirement.

Suzette van Arsdale also spent her early years in banking. Born in New Jersey, Suzette rose in the ranks rapidly shortly after beginning her banking career, becoming a corporate officer of one of the Nation's largest commercial banks. While working full time, Suzette earned a degree in management from Kean University. Tom and Suzette were married in 1986 and now have two children: Thomas Robert, age 12, and Matthew Ernest, age 20 months.

Tom, both van Arsdales have been active members of the community. Tom serves on several local boards, including the Luzerne County Community College Foundation, the Committee for Economic Growth, the Wyoming Valley United Way, Wyoming Seminary, College Misericordia, the Central Division of Pennsylvania Economy League, WVIA public radio and television, and the Northeast Philharmonic Orchestra, to name just a few. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Bankers Association and America's Community Bankers and a former chair of the Community Bankers Council of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.

Suzette has an equally impressive resume of community activity and involvement, currently serving or having served as President of the Junior League, member of the Presidents Council of King's College, second chair the Wyoming Valley Red Cross, member of the Wyoming Seminary Board of Directors, and as an active member of United Way of Wyoming Valley, Leadership Wilkes-Barre, Family Service Association and the Luzerne Foundation. Suzette has helped raise funds for the Osterhout Library, the Back Mountain Library, the Northeast Philharmonic, the American Cancer Society, the St. Vincent's South Kitchen, the Catherine McCauley House, the Meals on Wheels program, the Fine Arts Fiesta, and the Theater on the Green at College Misericordia.

In 1998, both Tom and Suzette were honored by Her Majesty, the Queen of England. Tom was invited to the Order of St. John as an Associate Commander while Suzette was given a similar honor by the Queen and also invested to the Cathedral of the Church of St. John by Lord Prior.

Mr. Speaker, I am extremely proud to call Tom and Suzette van Arsdale my friends. In just 10 years, they have both had an enormous impact on northeastern Pennsylvania. I have called on them numerous times to help support community efforts and they have always provided their leadership. More importantly, they have been wonderful friends to me, Nancy, and to many people throughout the area. I am proud to join with the community in thanking them for their years of service and wishing them the best for the future.

TRIBUTE TO TOM TIPPY, SR.

HON. SONNY CALLAHAN
OF ALABAMA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, August 2, 1999

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an important constituent, a fine community and business leader, and a close personal friend, Mr. Tom Tippy, Sr. Tom, who passed away back on March 12th following a long illness, will be sorely missed by his family and many friends, as well as numerous associates throughout the First District of Alabama.

Tom Tippy's relationship with the people of South Alabama began over twenty-five years ago when, as an executive with Parsons & Whittemore, he came to the area as part of the delegation sent by the Landegger family to locate a site for the construction of a new pulp and paper facility.

This mill, which became known as Alabama River Pulp, now employs hundreds of men and women from Monroe County and the surrounding area, and it is a testament to the hard work of the entire Parsons & Whittemore corporate family, as well as the tremendous dedication and perseverance displayed by Tom Tippy and his staff.

Prior to entering the world of business, Tom was a distinguished veteran of the United States Army Air Corps and saw a great deal of service in the Pacific Theater of operations. While serving as a gunner with the crew of a B-24 Liberator in the 5th Army Air Corps, and later as a top turret gunner and flight engineer on a crew assigned to the 90th Bomber Group, Tom exhibited the same qualities of leadership, professionalism and dedication to
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his crew mates and his nation that he dis-
played repeatedly throughout his life. I was
saddened, but nonetheless honored, to have
an American flag flown over this very building,
a shrine to democracy throughout the world,
which was draped over Tom's casket and pre-
sented to his family at his burial.

Perhaps one of the finest comments on
Tom's life was offered by his dear friend and
mine, Monroe County Probate Judge Otha
Lee Biggs, when he said, "He wasn't happy
when he was present with the employees of
that company. They were a part of his family.
If they needed him, he wanted to be there for
him. And, for the leadership he gave to them,
gave him their support in return. For he was
a people's man and he was a working
man's executive."

Indeed he was.

Mr. Speaker, I offer this memorial tribute to
Tom Tippy with the belief that his legacy of
goodness, of sound decisions and of always
being a man of his word, will continue in per-
petuity. Truly, he lived his life with an enthusi-
siasm toward helping others and in so doing,
I believe he inspired the rest of us to try to do
a little better ourselves as we approach our
fellow man.

Tom is survived by his lovely wife, Rita;
three sons, Tommy Tippy, Jr., Bill Tippy and
Richard Tippy; one stepdaughter, Melanie Lee
Ford; eight grandchildren and five great-grand-
children. My condolences go out to each of
them.

DISAPPROVING EXTENSION OF NONDISCRIMINATORY TREAT-
MENT TO PRODUCTS OF PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA

SPEECH OF HON. ZOE LOFGREN
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, July 27, 1999

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to ex-
press my opposition to House Joint Resolution
57 disapproving the extension of nondiscrimi-
atory treatment (or normal trade relations) to
the People's Republic of China. The continued
extension of normal trade relations (NTR) to
China will do much to benefit the United
States domestically, while engagement with
China remains the most powerful means of
advancing our interests abroad.

I share the concerns of many of my col-
leagues over China's record on human rights.
In particular, the plight of the people of Tibet
is one that we must not ignore. As we engage
China economically, we should work to en-
gage China in a policy that allows Tibetan
peoples, cultures, and beliefs to flourish. As
President Clinton has repeatedly emphasized,
ge engagement with China is one path by which
to encourage reform. The Clinton administra-
tion and Congress will continue to press China
for human rights' reform and democratization
of its political process.

Approximately 400,000 American jobs de-
pend on trade with China. Nearly all of China's
other major trading partners, including Japan
and Europe, currently grant normal trade sta-
tus to the People's Republic of China. Were
China to retaliate with trade restrictions
against the United States, these nations would
lose a competitive trade edge against the
United States that would jeopardize vast num-
bers of American jobs.

Additionally, the revocation of China's NTR
status would likely simply replace Chinese im-
ports with goods imported from its neighboring
nations, harming only the American consumer.
Let us also remember that over the past dec-
ade, American exports to China have quad-
rupled to $14.3 billion, a large portion of which
is made up by high-technology imports pro-
duced in locations such as my district in Sil-
icon Valley.

It is also possible that China might soon gain
entrance into the World Trade Organization
(WTO), an action that might result in the
critical and historic acceptance by Chinese
markets of American agricultural and industrial
products. The chances of opening these Chi-
inese markets would be severely diminished if
the United States were to revoke NTR status
at this point.

China also plays an extremely important
role in guaranteeing regional security and sta-
Bility from the Korean Peninsula to the Indian
Subcontinent. China's constructive efforts for
peace between North and South Korea, and
its push for restraint by India and Pakistan in
the wake of their nuclear tests, highlight the
positive role China is capable of playing in the
international arena. And our policy of engage-
ment has exhibited some meaningful success;
as a result of our policy China has signed the
Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and the Com-
prehensive Test Ban Treaty and joined the
Chemical Weapons Convention and the Bio-
logical Weapons Convention.

China clearly must take substantial steps to
improve its record on human rights and de-

democratize its government if it wishes to be
fully accepted by the international community.
Yet only further engagement with China will
allow the United States the opportunity to ad-
vocate on behalf of its own interests and those
of the Chinese people. I urge you vote against
House Joint Resolution 57.

SUPPORT FOR BULGARIA, H. CON.
RES. 170

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, August 2, 1999

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, House Concur-
rent Resolution 170 outlines our United States
foreign policy towards Bulgaria, notes the ob-
jectives of our new, post-Cold War relationship
with Bulgaria, and points out some of the posi-
tive changes now underway in Bulgaria.

Since elections held in April 1997, the gov-
ernment of Bulgaria has committed itself to
making progress on badly-needed economic
reforms, fair treatment of all of Bulgaria's citi-
zens, including those from its large ethnic
Turkish minority, and Bulgaria's eventual in-

gration into the pan-European and trans-Atlan-

tic community.

However, despite Bulgaria's economic re-
forms, democratization, and progressive for-
eign policy, the breakup of the Soviet-domi-
nated "COMECON" economic organization,
the failure of the previous Bulgarian govern-
ment to adequately address corrupt activities,
and the imposition of international sanctions
on neighboring Serbia and nearby Iraq during
most of this decade have placed serious bur-
dens on the Bulgarian economy.

I believe it is important that the United
States recognize and commend Bulgaria's ef-
forts to make progress in the midst of its cur-
rent economic difficulties. House Concurrent
Resolution 170 does that and makes it clear
that the United States also supports Bulgaria's
eventual integration into pan-European and
trans-Atlantic economic and security institu-

tions.

Bulgaria is working hard to overcome the
legacy of four decades of communist rule and
to assume its proper place in the trans-Atlantic

community of states. Accordingly, I strongly
encourage my colleagues to support House
Concurrent Resolution 170, which I believe to
be a recognition of our new relationship with
this important country. I submit the text of H.
Con. Res. 170 to be inserted at this point in the
Record.

H. CON. RES. 170
Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), that the

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds the following:

(1) Elections held in April 1997 in the

Republic of Bulgaria brought to office a govern-

ment committed to full economic reforms,
discipline in government budgetary and cur-

rency policies, increased foreign, direct in-

vestment in Bulgaria, and energetic efforts
to combat corrupt and criminal activities
that had undermined previous economic re-
forms.

(2) The Government of the Republic of Bul-

garia has worked to ensure the proper treat-

ment of its citizens, regardless of ethnic
background, including those of ethnic Turk-
ish background, many of whom were sub-
jected to forced assimilation campaigns and
deportation under the former communist re-


gime in Bulgaria.

(3) The Government of the Republic of Bul-
garia has made Bulgaria's integration into
pan-European and trans-Atlantic institu-
tions, including the European Union and the
North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO),
the highest priority of its foreign policy, and
has undertaken efforts to promote stability in
eastern Europe and the Black Sea region.

(4) The economy of the Republic of Bul-
garia has suffered considerable decline due
to the disruption of important markets
caused by the break-up of the former, Soviet-
dominated "COMECON" economic and trade
organization, the application of inter-
national sanctions on Iraq, and the failure of
the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria
to confront widespread corrupt activities
prior to the elections of April 1997 that re-
sulted in the theft of large sums from both
government and industry and that bank-
rupited many Bulgarian banks.

(5) The economy of the Republic of Bul-

garia has suffered as well from the imposi-
tion of international sanctions on neighboring
Serbia and continues to suffer from the
military conflict in that country, which has dis-
rupted commerce throughout the region of
southeastern Europe.

The Government of the Republic of Bul-
garia has recently taken steps to finalize bi-

lateral agreements with the neighboring Re-
public of Macedonia, recognized by the