

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

INTRODUCTION OF THE COMPUTER CRIME ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1999

HON. MATT SALMON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 1999

Mr. SALMON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Computer Crime Enforcement Act of 1999. The bill provides \$25 million in grants (from the Department of Justice) to local law enforcement officials to combat computer crime. Specifically, the grants will be used to: Teach State and city law enforcement agents how to investigate hi-tech crimes; purchase the necessary equipment to assist in the investigation of computer crime; and train prosecutors to conduct investigations and forensic analysis of evidence in prosecutions of computer crime.

As you know, many businesses, educational institutions, banks, hospitals, and other information-intensive entities have fallen prey to hi-tech criminals who illegally break into computer systems and steal sensitive information. And too often, local law enforcement agents have not had the necessary equipment or training to protect the public from hi-tech thieves.

Computer Crime is on the rise. And companies are requiring more Federal assistance. According to a recent report released by the FBI and the Computer Security Institute, 32 percent of companies surveyed required help from law enforcement agencies—up 17 percent from the prior year. And, according to a recent report by San Francisco's Computer Security Institute, nearly a third of U.S. companies, financial institutions, government agencies, and universities say their computer systems were penetrated by outsiders last year. More than half of the organizations said their computer systems were subject to unauthorized access by insiders, and 57 percent said the Internet was a "frequent point of" by hackers, up 37.5 percent from 3 years ago.

We can no longer afford to be mystified by those who commit these hi-tech crimes. The small network that once was the electronic home to a few scientists has become an electronic labyrinth where hundreds of millions of people regularly pay taxes, trade stock bank, buy goods, and send intensely personal information. When criminal gain access to this sensitive information, the consequences can be devastating.

Computer criminals know no boundaries. And they are becoming sophisticated to the point that most companies aren't even aware that they are under attack. therefore, it is imperative that Congress address the needs of local police officers who are fighting this new wave of crime on the front lines. I urge my colleagues to cosponsor my bill.

IN HONOR OF WINNIE LEE BROWN MARTIN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the memory of Mrs. Winnie Lee Brown Martin of Garfield Heights, Ohio for her years of devotion and service to her community.

Mrs. Martin devoted her time selflessly and wholeheartedly, balancing between the community, a family, and her job. She was a diligent worker and worked at the Joseph Feiss and Company's clothing factor for more than twenty-eight years, but never let it subtract from her life at home. Her sense of family values lead to a warm, loving home for her two sons, Elroy Martin, Jr. and Laddree Lee Martin, and to her late husband, Elroy Martin, Sr. who sadly passed away eleven years ago.

She skillfully represented her community and was a dynamic local political leader. The list of her achievements is seemingly endless. She served as president of the Garfield Heights Women's Civic Club, precinct committeewoman, and was on the executive board of the Garfield Heights Democratic Club. The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections further deputized her to assist them in the voting process. She also contributed so much to the community life, serving on the Council of Ministries of Schaffer United Methodist Church and later, as an active member of St. Paul United Methodist Church. She even organized the community's popular High Steppers drill team. These activities did not go unrecognized: in 1983 she was awarded the Phillips-Van Heusen Corporation Award for outstanding community service and in 1985 she was awarded the Henry S. Trubiano Award for service in the Democratic Club.

Mrs. Martin's legacy lives on in her sons, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Her dedication and her warm personality will be remembered with affection for many years to come. My dear colleagues, please join me in honoring the memory of this remarkable woman. She will be greatly missed.

TRIBUTE TO THE WELLNESS COMMUNITY, SOUTH BAY CITIES

HON. STEVEN T. KUYKENDALL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 1999

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a very special organization in my district, the Wellness Community, South Bay Cities. For the last 12 years, this group has provided much needed emotional support and educational resources for South Bay cancer patients.

The mission of Wellness Community, South Bay Cities is to help people with cancer fight for their recovery by providing psychological and emotional support services at no cost whatsoever to people with cancer and their loved ones.

They are the ones who provide the support so vital to one's recovery. The Wellness Center, South Bay Cities' programs are designed to address the loss of control, hopelessness and social isolation that cancer patients and their families often experience. Each year, they help thousands of patients and families who are battling this illness, providing assistance during the difficult times.

I commend the staff and volunteers for providing such outstanding care. The South Bay is grateful for your services.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. PHRA E. KERCHEVAL

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 1999

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Phra E. Kercheval, an outstanding citizen of the United States and a lifelong resident of the State of West Virginia, who celebrated his 101st birthday on May 21, 1999.

Dr. Kercheval was born on May 21, 1898 in Horton, Randolph County, WV, to George H. and Ella Kercheval. He graduated from Tunnelton High School-Preston County in 1914, from Potomac State College with a Pre-Dental degree in 1916, and from Baltimore College of Dental Surgery-University of Maryland in 1921. He was a member of Sigma Nu, Theta Nu Epsilon, and Psi-Omega Alpha Chapter.

Dr. Kercheval is a veteran of World War I, being a member of the U.S. Army Medical Corps, serial number 512556, and received an Honorable Discharge in 1918. Dr. Kercheval established his dental practice in Tunnelton and Kingwood, WV in 1921 and practiced for 52 years, until 1973. He founded and established the Kercheval Memorial Clinic with the cooperation of Dr. John Lehman in July, 1939. He was instrumental in establishing the current Preston Memorial Hospital in Kingwood, WV in 1952.

Dr. Kercheval is a member of the American Legion and has held the position of Post Commander on five occasions, is Past Commander of the State of West Virginia 1944-1945, was on the National Executive Committee 1947-1958, served on the National Rehabilitation Committee, and was one of the organizers of the Mountaineer Boy's State. He met with Senate and House leaders in regard to veterans' benefits during his activity with the National Rehabilitation Committee.

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