

principals who are truly helping our children in the learning process.

Passage of the Dollars to the Resolution, followed by the Dollars to the Classroom Act would mean millions in new dollars for school-children across the country.

This is the next common sense step in our efforts to improve public education for the students of the next millennium.

RACIAL TERRORISM AT FLORIDA
A&M UNIVERSITY

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 1999

Mr. BOYD. Mr. Speaker, many of you have seen in the Washington Post today that Florida A&M University, a historically black college in Florida's Second Congressional District, has been targeted by a racist bomber. In the last month, the school has received several bomb threats and has suffered two random blasts in an administrative facility and an academic building. While we are grateful that none of the students or faculty have been injured in these horrible incidents, a caller to a local television station, using racial slurs and profanity, indicated that these two bomb blasts are "just the beginning."

This racial terrorism has brought classes at Florida A&M to a halt, frightened students and faculty, and stunned the surrounding Tallahassee community. Following this most recent bombing, I spoke with the President of Florida A&M, Dr. Frederick Humphries, about his efforts to avoid further tragedy. With the assistance of local and federal law enforcement officers, school officials have been working to improve security and identify suspects. Dr. Humphries has increased mechanical surveillance and the number of police officers patrolling campus. However, as with any large school, the challenge of scouring every inch of campus is monumental.

Today, I ask for your prayers and support for my constituents whose lives have been turned upside down by this evil plot. Florida A&M has a history of excellence, and the school's efforts to provide superb educational opportunities to its students should not be hindered by the acts of one hateful individual. I pray that these terrorist acts will not only be brought to a quick demise, but they will also serve to unite the Tallahassee community against the racial hatred of a select few.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 1059,
NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION
ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 1999

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my strong support for the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000, S. 1059, which includes legislation to re-

form the Department of Energy (DOE) to ensure the security of our strategic nuclear defense.

I rise today to address the concern that by creating the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) there may be a negative effect on Defense Facilities Closure Projects. In fact, the language establishing the NNSA is intended to complement the ongoing work at Closure Project sites rather than to hinder it.

Specifically, the NNSA should have a positive effect at Closure sites because a greater priority will be placed on the consolidation of defense program and material disposition inventories from Closure sites to other DOE facilities with an ongoing national security mission. In addition, the creation of the NNSA does not impact the funding structure of the Environmental Remediation and Waste Management activities.

Part of the reason we have seen progress at the Closure sites has been the use of integrated funding under a separate Closure Projects line item and the Department should continue this approach in order to ensure that Closure sites retain maximum funding flexibility and expedited nuclear materials movement.

TRIBUTE TO MS. BARBARA
BROWN'S EFFORTS FOR PROSTATE
CANCER AWARENESS

HON. CHARLES W. STENHOLM

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 1999

Mr. STENHOLM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Barbara Brown of Coleman, Texas who is crusading for increased awareness of prostate cancer in honor of her late father, Carl Houston Hale, of West Memphis, Arkansas, who lost his life to this cancer on December 12, 1997. Known as a silent killer, prostate cancer will affect over 175,000 men in the United States this year. Today alone, approximately 100 men will die from this disease, and in one year over 37,000 will be lost as well. Excluding skin cancer, cancer of the prostate is the most common malignancy and the second leading cause of death among men in the United States. The risk of prostate cancer increases with age; more than 80% of all prostate tumors are diagnosed in men over age 65. And while 1 in 5 men will develop prostate cancer in their lifetime, we still know far too little about the cause and behavior of this silent killer. Clearly, it is a national problem that has a severe impact on our nation.

In her younger years, Barbara sang in gospel groups, and dreamed of recording her own album. Through the grief of her father she wrote two songs, "Resting In the Arms of the Lord" and "Wind That Blows From Heaven," in an effort to cope with the overwhelming emotion of losing her father. These two songs eventually led to the recording of her first album in March 1998, entitled "Resting In the Arms of the Lord." With this Barbara achieved a life-long aspiration amidst unfortunate circumstances, and she is committed to donating a part of her tapes' proceeds to the American Cancer Society. As each tape is sold, a part

of her father's life and his memory touches the lives of so many others, all while working towards the ultimate goal of a cure.

Additionally Barbara has devoted her life to bringing more awareness to this disease by urging men to seek regular check-ups and treatment if necessary. At Barbara's urging, the Coleman County Commissioners Court passed a proclamation declaring September 21st through September 27th as Prostate Cancer Awareness Week and advocating all to be aware of prostate cancer. With this proclamation, countless lives could be saved. Barbara also has plans to continue to promote awareness of this disease in the community of Coleman as well as surrounding areas by hosting various on-going promotional events raising money for the American Cancer Society.

I close by using Barbara's words which I believe have distinguished her as a heroic woman: "Out of our pain comes some of our greatest accomplishments. As I continue to educate men on this disease, hopefully it will prevent another person from having to face this needless pain. I have a responsibility to do this: in honor of my father's memory."

I ask that all of my colleagues join me in honoring Barbara for her efforts, and I encourage all Americans to take that crucial step of participating in important health screenings and visiting your doctor regarding health concerns. Early detection is critical for survival.

CELEBRATING OF LORRIE NELSON'S
DEDICATION TO EDUCATION

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 1999

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the energy and dedication that Lorraine "Lorrie" Nelson, a fifth-grade teacher in my district, brings to her classroom and her profession. The Poinsettia Elementary School educator was honored this week as Ventura County's Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Nelson was raised to be a teacher, although she didn't realize it until she was enrolled in law school. Her parents encouraged the young Lorrie and her brother to engage in family discussions, to ask questions and expect answers. She learned to listen from her parents' example. Now, after some 10 years of encouraging other young minds to learn. Mrs. Nelson couldn't see herself doing anything else.

Children in the Ventura Unified School District who have experienced her lesson plans calls her "funny" and even "crazy." But it's fun with a purpose. Mrs. Nelson encourages her students to set high standards and helps them achieve them. She believes teachers should be skillful in the topics they teach our children, a subject I have strongly supported legislatively for several years.

To achieve her goal, Mrs. Nelson directed the Ventura Unified Writing Project from 1993 to 1997. The Writing Project is a mentoring program for teachers who write extensively, demonstrate instructional techniques and examine research in the teaching of writing.