

and colleges, and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) which represents 2,900 colleges, universities and independent elementary and secondary schools recently joined to select 44 state winners. Dr. Glass was selected from among 20 nominees at universities throughout California.

Among Dr. Glass' most visible contributions to Cal State-Hayward are the two programs she has developed for the university CableNet television station, which reaches 120,000 East Bay households. The first, Math on TV, was a video course that ran 2 years ago which targeted high school students preparing for mathematics placement exams.

The second program developed by Dr. Glass is College Algebra, which can be viewed on CableNet, Channel 26 in the Hayward area. The course is offered for college credit, and has an Internet component that allows students to interact with the instructor.

Among other projects, Dr. Glass has co-developed the Mathematical Explorations for Girls' Achievement Camp, a summer enrichment program to encourage girls ages 10-12 to pursue an advanced education in mathematics and science. Program participants have traveled to a wastewater treatment plant and the NASA Ames Center to learn more about career opportunities in these fields.

Dr. Glass also has several children's books with mathematical themes to her credit, and helps to train Cal State-Hayward student interns to work with students from local high schools on their math skills.

We thank Dr. Glass for all she has done to promote proficiency in mathematics and science, and for inspiring young people who would otherwise not consider a career in these fields. We are extremely fortunate for educators who encourage students to become independent thinkers, and help students build the skills they need to participate in the global, technological economy. We are very grateful for a professor who makes it her life's work to prepare our children to be productive adults. We send Julie Glass our warmest congratulations and thanks.

ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 1999

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I have introduced legislation that will provide a clearinghouse for the latest research on issues of significant social concern so that national policymakers can make informed and sound decisions. The bipartisan legislation I am introducing with Representative ASA HUTCHINSON will create a National Center for Social Work Research at the National Institutes of Health. The research conducted and supported through this Center will provide Congress, government agencies and other policymakers with empirical research on how to address social problems such as school violence, depression, mental illness, domestic violence, child abuse, teen pregnancy and a host of other challenges facing our society.

Social workers are in a unique situation to provide such valuable research. They approach both service delivery and research from an interdisciplinary, family-centered, and community-based approach. This comprehensive approach also takes into account a wide-range of social, medical, economic and community influences—information that we as policymakers need to make better informed decisions.

For example, this year Congress has struggled to develop comprehensive legislation on how to deal with the spread of school violence. Unfortunately, there is not one place we as policymakers can turn in order to receive the latest, up-to-date research on what other communities or States are doing to approach this serious issue. Through the National Center for Social Work Research, we can ensure that all research conducted on issues of serious social concern are collected and made available through one entity.

Currently, the Federal Government provides funding for various social work research activities through the NIH and other agencies. However, we currently lack coordination or direction of these activities.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on providing us with a research center that we can turn to for help on formulating policy that will improve the lives of women, children, and families in our communities. The collection of this important data will help us find solutions so that children can feel safer at school, women will no longer suffer from abuse, and communities and States will be empowered with resources on how to deal with major social issues. We owe it not only to ourselves but the women, children and families that rely on us to make informed policy decisions on a daily basis.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RONNIE SHOWS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 1999

Mr. SHOWS. Mr. Speaker, I was away from the floor of the House on Wednesday, November 3, 1999, on official business and was unable to cast a recorded vote on rollcall 557.

Had I been present for rollcall 557, I would have voted "yea" on approving the Journal.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 900, GRAMM-LEACH-BLILEY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 1999

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the rule, and I would like to make a couple of comments about why I think we should support the conference report.

The future of any American business enterprise is not determined, in the final analysis, by imagination, innovation, technological advances or determination.

It succeeds only when those of us in Congress establish policies that encourage and accommodate sensible and healthy economic growth.

The conference report represents a balanced approach between the House and Senate versions of financial services modernization.

Congress has spent several decades considering many of the complicated and extremely important issues addressed in this compromise.

Failure to adopt this bill will relegate our financial industry to continue to operate under the current artificial structural limitations that place them at a competitive disadvantage in the constantly evolving international playing field.

This rule and the conference report should be adopted.

HONORING LISA FORD AND NICK WALLACE, FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES AND FELLOW TRAVELERS

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 5, 1999

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the upcoming marriage of my Executive Assistant Lisa Ford and Nick Wallace. Lisa and Nick will be married in a few short weeks on November 21, 1999, in Miami, Florida.

Both Lisa and Nick go way back with me. When I was working for the Republican nomination in 1994, Lisa joined my team to help me win the Primary. I went on to win the nomination, and the subsequent general election, and Lisa played an essential role in those victories. She has been with me through the two elections since, and she is with me still today.

Mr. Speaker, I can say without hesitation that Lisa Ford has been an integral part of my life. She has managed all facets of my political life with grace and aplomb. Lisa's calm demeanor has been, and continues to have, a tremendous influence in my office. Under fire, Lisa's clearheadedness and diligent focus is inspirational and her intelligent insight a tremendous asset. In addition, Lisa's compassion and loving nature shines through her every action and inspires respect and affection from everyone she meets. I am very fortunate to have Lisa Ford as my Executive Assistant.

At the same time that Lisa was helping me win my primary, an old friend in the District was helping me as well. The Wallace's son Nick came to Washington as an intern, and little did I know that they were falling in love! This is truly, a romance made in DC.

Nick went back to California and then returned as the star player on the Western Caucas Softball team. He continues to influence the office with his outstanding Almond Roca and his homemade sushi, as well as his wry observations on the abnormality of Washington life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring the marriage of two wonderful friends. I know that Lisa Ford