made that recommendation in its report to Congress, and it testified to that effect before the Committee in a hearing on DOE Worker Safety on June 29, 1999. This is a good example of how the legislative process works. Problems in agency performance, in this case recurrent safety problems at DOE facilities, prompted a closer look by the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, with the assistance of the GAO. This led to the legislation we are introducing today to solve those problems.

A TRIBUTE TO BERT ASKWITH

HON. NITA M. LOWEY
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my great admiration for Bert Askwith, a leader in the worlds of business and philanthropy, who this year will be honored by the United Way for his exceptional community service.

Mr. Askwith is a living embodiment of the American dream. He founded Campus Coach Lines while still a college student in Depression-era Michigan. In the years that followed, Mr. Askwith would move Campus Coach Lines to New York and build it into a leading charter company. Indeed, today, Campus Coach supports everything from athletics to education to the arts by providing affordable, quality transportation to major institutions and individuals alike.

Mr. Askwith’s business acumen and contributions to his field are evidenced by his election to six terms as President of the New York State Bus Association and by his service as a Director of the American Bus Association.

But in his home town of Harrison and home county of Westchester, Mr. Askwith is at least as well known for his volunteer work and boundless devotion to community needs. His contributions to the United Way alone have been vast—spanning everything from leadership of a local chapter to policy-making with the national organization.

Mr. Askwith is blessed with a wonderful family. His wife, Mimi, is a national resource in her own right and was voted Harrison’s “Woman of the Year” in 1995. Mimi and Bert’s energy and commitment are reflected in and shared with their three children, Patti Kenner, Dennis Askwith, and Kathy Franklin, as well as in their four grandchildren.

I am pleased to join in recognizing Bert Askwith on his many achievements and his towering personal example. He is a great man and a great American.