corporate constituent headquartered in my District, that embodies the entrepreneurial spirit as well as the environmental consciousness required by a global corporation.

Lexmark received the Kentucky Governor’s Environmental Excellence Award on November 9, presented by Lt. Gov. Steve Henry and James E. Bickford, Secretary of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, at the Governor’s Conference on the Environment.

Lexmark International was selected to receive this year’s Environmental Excellence Award for Industrial Environmental Leadership because of the many steps it has taken to prevent pollution and encourage recycling. Since 1991, Lexmark has increased the amount of materials it recycles by about 70 percent. Last year, this Lexington-based company recycled more than 4.3 million pounds of paper and one million pounds of scrap metal.

Lexmark encourages its customers to recycle by offering them an incentive to return their empty laser printer cartridges through its Prebate program. Since the incentive began, Lexmark says that returns of empty toner cartridges have tripled, saving them from ending up in landfills.

As we recognize America Recycles Day this week, I urge my colleagues and our constituents to help encourage environmental protection both at home and at work. I offer my congratulations to Lexmark International for setting such a positive example for others to replicate.

COURAGE

HON. BERNARD SANDERS
OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 1999

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, I am inserting this statement regarding my constituent, Gordon D. Ladd, who showed the courage and perseverance he displayed in organizing the first union in northern Vermont in the 1940s, into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD as I believe the views of this person will benefit my colleagues.

GORDON D. LADD—FIRST PRESIDENT OF IAM LODGE IN DERBY LINE VERMONT ORGANIZING A UNION IN VERMONT IN THE 1940’S

In 1943 I requested an interview with the superintendent of management at Butterfield Corporation in Derby Line Vermont to request a wage increase and my request was denied emphatically. I informed him that I would return.

I met a friend of mine who used to be a coach, a hockey coach, and he had relatives in the plant. This guy I met, Bert, you could call him, he was a machinist for the railroad in Island Pond, and he belonged to the machinist’s union. So he asked if we had a union up there and what the wages were. We did pretty good with improving wages and getting benefits—we got health insurance, a pension plan. I’ve collected from the pension plan for 19 years now, and we got pretty good medical. We didn’t have either before the union. It definitely pays to be union.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY
OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 1999

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, for those who might have missed it, I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues a commentary by David Ignatius from Wednesday’s Washington Post.

As a strong supporter of free trade, I share Mr. Ignatius’s optimism at the agreement reached by this week’s WTO Ministerial in Seattle later this month, I will work to ensure open access to the emerging Chinese markets, especially in the areas of financial services and telecommunications. This agreement will give that access to American companies. I salute Trade Representative Barshefsky on her hard work at achieving this agreement under difficult circumstances.

I also agree with Mr. Ignatius’s view that the agreement does not go far enough for the purposes of the congressional delegation to the WTO Ministerial in Seattle later this month, I will work to restore some of the more favorable aspects of the agreement rejected by the President in April.

[From the Washington Post, Nov. 17, 1999]

A BAD WEEK FOR ISOLATIONISTS

If you believe that international engagement is America’s best hope for the future, then this is a week to savor. For beyond the headlines you can see the restoration of the confident, outward-looking U.S. consensus that our history teaches: that America’s role in the world and the success of our country are indivisible and inseparable. The President’s success in winning Senate approval for the WTO, the continued importance of the GATT, and the administration’s aggressive efforts to ensure open access for American companies to emerging markets, throughout this week, are signs of a renewal of this consensus after nearly two years of steady decline.

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