New §127 also contains transition language which governs how the recycled materials ex-
emption is intended to affect Superfund liability in pending or concluded actions. §127(i)
pro-
vides that the exemptions from CERCLA liabil-
ity shall not affect any concluded judicial or
administrative action or any pending judi-
cial action initiated by the United States prior to
enactment. One reason for this amendment is to
ensure that where a judicial or administra-
tive action has been fully complied with, this
bill will not force persons who believed that
they had fully settled their liability and claims to
revisit those issues.

However, where a consent decree or other
judicial order requires enforcement of its terms
after the date of enactment, nothing in this
section should be interpreted to prevent a
person subject to such future enforcement from
revisiting the validity of those future obligations
in light of the passage of this legislation. §127(i)
should not be interpreted as leading to the
fundamentally inequitable result that a person
would be forced at some future date to
take actions to abide by a consent decree
where the legal predicate for the consent
decree has changed so substantially that it no
longer has a foundation in federal law or con-
flicts in part with federal law. Congress does
not intend the transition language to overrule
Supreme Court precedent holding that “parties
have no power to require of the court con-
tinuing enforcement of rights the statute no
longer gives.” System Federation No. 91 v.
Wright, 364 U.S. 642, 652 (1961). Nothing in
this legislation prevents parties from filing mo-
tions under rule 60(b) of the Federal Rules of
Civil Procedure to re-open the consent decree
with respect to future obligations.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES H. MALONEY
OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 22, 1999

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker,
I was unavoidably detained during rollcall vote
No. 605. Had I been present I would have voted “no” on rollcall No. 605.

SALUTING THE CAREER OF CHIEF
DAVID P. NEWSHAM SERVING BURBANK,
IN THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES
FOR NEARLY 3 DECADES

HON. JAMES E. ROGAN
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 22, 1999

Mr. ROGAN. Mr. Speaker, today our country
is stronger, more secure, and safer than it was
just a few short years ago. Nowhere is this
more true than in my own district. Today, the
City of Burbank and the surrounding commu-
nities are among the safest areas in the coun-
try. The unique quality of life in my district is
due in no small part to the efforts of one dis-
tinguished public servant. And today, I ask my
colleagues to join me in saluting him as he
celebrates his retirement—Chief David P.
Newsham.

Chief Newsham has been committed to
public service for nearly three decades. A na-
tive of Long Beach, California, he served in
the Air Force for four years and graduated from
the University of Redlands with a degree in
Management. In 1970 he joined the ranks of
the Burbank Police Department as a Re-
serve Officer. In 1972, he earned his badge as
a sworn officer. He would go on to serve in all
three divisions of the department—administra-
tion, investigation, and as a uniformed patrol
officer—gaining invaluable experience that
would serve him later as the department’s
Chief.

In many cities the Police Chief is an ap-
pointed administrative role, but not in Burbank.
Chief Newsham has distinguished himself
throughout the community as a man who is
dedicated to making our hometown a better
place to live through his own deeds. He is a
committed volunteer with the Boy Scouts of
America, the Burbank YMCA, the Burbank
Kiwanis Club, the American Red Cross and a
host of other civic and law enforcement asso-
ciations.

What’s more, he has made community serv-
ice and accountability a hallmark of his admin-
istration. Chief Newsham was instrumental in
estimating the Departmental Air Support Pro-
gram—linking Burbank with nearby commu-

nities through a joint air patrol service. He
implemented innovative agility and fitness pro-
gams for all Burbank officers, and played a
key role in the development and completion of
the city’s joint Police-Fire headquarters facil-
ity.

And Mr. Speaker, I am proud to say that I
am not the only resident of Burbank to attest
to his success as Chief of Police. As the Los
Angeles Daily News recently reported, when
David Newsham took over the reins as Chief,
the city’s Elmwood area was riddled with gang
activity. Under his leadership, the city took im-
mediate action and, with the help of the courts
and community members, turned the
Elmwood neighborhood. Today, in the Chief’s
own words, “the problem down there is gone.”

As with all men and women in uniform, the
Chief’s service extends beyond his daily work
in uniform. He is a committed community ac-
tivist and volunteer, proving that the true
meaning of public service is to give back more
than we received from our community. As he
retires from the Burbank Police Department,
Chief Newsham leaves the community a
stronger, safer and more prosperous commu-
nity than it was when he began. In recognition
of his nearly three decades of service, and as
thanks from a grateful resident of Burbank, I
ask my colleagues to join me in saluting the service of Chief David P. Newsham.

TRIBUTE TO SISTER DAMIEN

HON. MARY KAPTUR
OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 22, 1999

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend
my profoundest condolences to the Sisters of
St. Francis and all of the friends of our dear,
beloved Sr. Damien, upon her passing from
this life into the next. Sister Mary Damien was
a treasured friend and gifted educator in To-
leod, Ohio. She was an absolute inspiration,
a master craftsman of teaching, a singularly
focused and dedicated educator.

To watch Sr. Damien practice her craft was
pure joy. She knew every trick to command
the attention of students and to grade them
on an infinite variety of skills she hoped they
would come to master. I recall, as an adult,
visiting her class at Central Catholic High
School with a former classmate from Little
Flower Grade School, which was attended
when Sister Damien was our teacher and prin-
cipal. As we observed her work with her Ge-
ometry students, we remembered and reveled
in the moment. She was uninvolved in her
trade.

She kept a black notebook on her desk,
with the name of each student in it. As the
months of the school year went by, there ap-
peared thousands of crosshatches beside each
student’s name, indicating that student’s per-
formance on technical manuals as well as other
measures of performance. Those note-
books were as detailed as the program for the
Mars launch. She graded students for every-
thing—from participation to effort to appear-
ance. Though one could never be certain what
all the categories were, every student knew
there was always room for improvement. I can
still hear her teaching students how to spell
commonly misspelled words, and remember
the distinction she drew between “pupil” and
“student” as she tried to get young minds to
grow. She had a unique ability to have
her students exercise “the gray matter be-
 tween the ears” even as she never stopped
using hers. She embodied a living metaphor
for lifelong learning.

Sr. Damien always wore her habit, a most
pious Sister of St. Francis. She never pushed
religion, but she lived her vows every day. Her
holiness and piety moved with her. I must also
offer public gratitude to her for her abiding
kindness to our family, though not always
with the attention of students and to grade them on
life-span together.

Sister Mary Damien was a stem task mas-
ter, yet beloved by all of her students. We
consider ourselves many times blessed to
have known her and been helped to grow
through her tutelage. What she selflessly gave
all of us—literally thousands of students
who were fortunate to sit at her knee—is
priceless. Her contributions to others will live
through the people she helped to advance
educationally and spiritually. What a legacy
she has left as she served Christ and our
Blessed Mother as a Sister of St. Francis.

HONORING ONE OF AMERICA’S
FINES T: ISAIAH HILLARD PILLOWS

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 22, 1999

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker,
I rise to honor a very distinguished gentleman

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and to recognize the important life works of one of Los Angeles’s finest residents, Mr. Isaiah Hilliard Pillors, who passed away on September 10, 1999.

Isaiah H. Pillors was born March 23, 1914 to the union of Ella and Isaiah Hillard Pillors, Sr., in Shreveport, LA. He professed Christ at an early age and later united with Union Mission #1 Baptist Church. He received his early education in the public schools of Caddo Parish including a high school diploma from Central Colored High School in Shreveport. Isaiah then entered Tuskegee Institute, now Tuskegee University, in Tuskegee, AL. During his college years, he performed with the famous Tuskegee Choir whose director was the renowned composer, William L. Dawson. Isaiah also had an opportunity to work with the Great Scientist George Washington Carver. He went on to a Bachelor’s degree in Agriculture.

Upon relocating to Los Angeles, CA, Isaiah worked briefly in the shipyards before obtaining a position with the Los Angeles Unified School District where he was employed for 34 years. He immediately joined the renowned Second Baptist Church with his late wife, Johnnie Louise, from his early affiliation with Second Baptist, he actively participated as a very faithful and tireless member. Throughout his 50 plus years of service, he continued his love of music as a dedicated member of the Cathedral Choir. Additionally, Isaiah worked as a Sunday School teacher where he helped to establish audio-visual programs to accompany the regular lesson plans. Famous for his barbecue and his willingness to cook for others, he also directed the weekly activities of the Church’s kitchen committee, including the purchase of new kitchen equipment. Several times during my busy schedule, he prepared dinners for my family. He was such a noble man!

Isaiah’s other great interest was his alma mater, Tuskegee University. Over a 45-year period, he held a variety of positions with the Los Angeles Tuskegee Alumni Club. His efforts were always geared toward supporting scholarship programs and enhancing overall alumni support for the University. He gave so freely of his time and financial resources.

Until his death, he was an active participant in the Alumni Scholarship Committee and served as the L.A. Club’s Chaplain. Recently, he was recognized at the Club’s Annual Scholarship Luncheon where a dais chair was set aside in his honor.

Isaiah Pillors was my friend. He was like “Grandpa” to my children. He was one of my strong supporters and admirers. He will truly be missed by my family, his church family, and all who knew him in the Los Angeles Community.

Larry A. Colangelo, Finalist, Manufacturing Entrepreneur of the Year

Hon. Robert A. Borski
Of Pennsylvania

In the House of Representatives
Monday, November 22, 1999

Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to report that one of my outstanding corporate constituents, Larry A. Colangelo, was selected by Ernst & Young as a national finalist for Manufacturing Entrepreneur of the Year.

Larry heads SPD Technologies Inc. on Roosevelt Boulevard in the Third Congressional District of Pennsylvania. In the 1980s, SPD became a dedicated supplier of electrical distribution equipment to the Navy. With the end of the Cold War, SPD came within a week of closing. Larry then took charge and had to figure out how to save the company, its UAW workforce and its hundreds of Pennsylvania retirees and their families.

In 1992, Larry implemented a growth strategy, which included development of new products based on commercial designs; record long-term agreements with labor; diversification into non-military markets; and an effective acquisition/consolidation program. At the same time, he was determined to stay as a critical part of the Navy's industrial base, and to keep faith with his retirees.

This year, SPD is employing more people than ever at Roosevelt Boulevard. The company has become a leading part of L-3 Communications, at a value more than twenty times its distress sale before Larry took over. When Ernst & Young picked Larry A. Colangelo as a finalist for Manufacturing Entrepreneur of the Year, it picked the right man.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Larry Colangelo. He is truly an outstanding entrepreneur and a great American citizen.

The Association of Mapping Seniors Celebrates Anniversary

Hon. Constance A. Morella
Of Maryland

In the House of Representatives
Monday, November 22, 1999

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to congratulate the Association of Mapping Seniors who will celebrate their 25th anniversary on December 4, 1999. This social organization is made up of more than 760 employees and former employees of the National Imagery and Mapping Agency. These dedicated men and women have been involved for most of their working lives with the production of Maps, Charts, and Geospatial data, for use in the defense of our nation’s security and in support of the men and women of our armed forces. This common bond of service to the nation has been a continuing source of pride and satisfaction to members of the AMS.