

and Equity Protection Act ended the use of Rule of 78 accounting in all high costs home equity loans. My bill would complete the task of eliminating Rule of 78 accounting in all remaining consumer credit transactions by prohibiting its use for calculating consumer interest refunds for precomputed installment loans with terms of less than 61 months, and also be requiring that creditors compute interest refunds using methods that are as favorable to the consumer as widely used actuarial methods.

Mr. Speaker, in enacting TILA Congress recognized the consumer's right to be informed and to be protected from deceitful and misleading credit practices. The "Truth In Lending Modernization Act" will assure that these basic consumer protections remain effective in the future. I urge my colleagues to join me as co-sponsors of this legislation and work with me toward its adoption.

IN HONOR OF SHIRLEY K. SMALL

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 25, 1999

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, with a heavy and sad heart I take this moment to recognize the life and contributions of Shirley K. Small, one of five daughters of Paul and Lucille Krier.

Shirley was a strong and patriotic American. She took immense pride in being a home maker and mother to her children Robbie, Darcy and Amy. She brought her children up with strong reverence for our great country. Often she would discuss with me her concerns for the direction of our country, its needs and its accomplishments over time. Shirley was a graduate of the University of Colorado and was preceded in death by her husband John.

Shirley's children have moved on to their own success in western Colorado and they too share their parents' love of and dedication to our country. Shirley's children's success is not only realized with accomplished careers, but above all with wonderful spouses and children of their own.

Even in the twilight of her life, Shirley took on her terrible disease with vigor and determination. In her last months, she attended numerous medical clinics, not for her own sake, but in the hopes she could help provide information that would lead to the cure of the disease that promised to take her life. Shirley willed her body to science so that doctors could continue to seek out a remedy for the infirmity that ailed her once she passed.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have been Shirley's Congressman and nephew. Her unconditional love for family and country will be greatly missed.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING BOB CURRAN UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 25, 1999

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Bob Curran, Columnist for the Buffalo News on the occasion of his retirement.

Bob Curran was born in Boston to Irish immigrants. World War II interrupted his football career at Cornell University. Bob was a Sergeant with the 95th Infantry Division and fought in France, Belgium and into Germany. Gen. George Patton personally gave him the Silver Star. Bob also received 2 Purple Hearts, Bronze Star and Combat Infantryman's Badge. His wounds kept him from playing football when he returned to Cornell.

Bob worked for Fawcett Publications in New York, becoming editor of Cavalier before resigning in 1961. He was director of college football's Gotham Bowl, head of sports publicity for NBC and syndicated columnist before moving to Buffalo in 1967.

Bob has been a columnist for the Buffalo News for 32 years. His columns are famous for telling readers how to "win friends and influence him," asking trivia questions and telling backward jokes.

What has set Bob apart from other columnists has been his strong advocacy on behalf of veterans. He wrote about real heroes, the veterans in Western New York. As Chairman of the House Veterans' Benefits Subcommittee, I have greatly benefited from his insight and advice on veterans' issues.

As everyone in Western New York is aware, Bob has been a vocal advocate of the designation of December 7th, Pearl Harbor Day, as a national holiday. It was through Bob's passion, encouragement and support that he generated in the veteran's community, that persuaded me to submit legislation in the House of Representatives, H.R. 965, to designate Pearl Harbor Day as a federal holiday in the same manner as November 11, Veterans Day.

I and the many members of the Western New York veteran's community look forward to Bob's continued support for veteran issues.

Mr. Speaker, today I would like to join with the Curran family, the Buffalo News, our veterans and their families as well as the entire Western New York community in tribute to Mr. Bob Curran.

With retirement comes many new opportunities. May Bob meet each new opportunity with the same enthusiasm and vigor in which he demonstrated throughout his brilliant career, and may those opportunities be as fruitful as those in his past.

Thank you, Bob, for your advocacy, tireless effort and personal commitment to our community, and for your friendship.

IN HONOR OF SHANNON MELENDI

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 25, 1999

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to share with my colleagues the tragic circumstances of a constituent, Shannon Melendi, a 19 year-old sophomore at Emory University in Atlanta.

Almost 5 years ago to the day, on March 26, 1994, Shannon disappeared on a Saturday afternoon from the Softball Country Club where she worked as a scorekeeper, during games.

Shannon took a work break from which she never returned and no one has seen her since that day.

The prime suspect, a part-time umpire at the park, was previously convicted of kidnapping and taking indecent liberties with a child and served only 2 years of a 4-year prison sentence.

This was his third sexual offense.

Perhaps if this man had served his full prison sentence, Shannon would not have disappeared.

Or, perhaps if he had received a harsher sentence, due to the fact that it was his third sexual offense and committed against a child, Shannon would still be here today.

Mr. Speaker, when sexual crimes are committed, we need to ensure that these criminals spend many years incarcerated so that women and children are safe from sexual predators who prey upon them.

I urge my colleagues to work together to enact legislation that will keep people who have committed sexual crimes off our streets so that what happened to Shannon will never have to happen again.

Shannon's father, Luis, summed it up the best when he said, "What happened to us cannot be changed, but because of what happened to us, changes can be made."

TRIBUTE TO EAGLEVILLE, TN

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 25, 1999

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th Anniversary of Eagleville, TN. Historically, the first known settlers arrived in the Eagleville area in 1790. There are indications that Native Americans also camped near the local springs. The town derives its name from a legend about an unusually large eagle that was killed near the village. This name was officially adopted on August 16, 1836. Eagleville received its charter of incorporation on March 31, 1949.

Today, the tradition of this historic city continues to grow with a nationally recognized school, the community churches and its businesses. The city government consists of an elected mayor, Nolan S. Barham, Sr., and six elected council members. Eagleville's population has steadily grown through the years and today stands at 501 people.