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I wish to recognize Teresa Jackson of Troop 1325 in Anaheim, CA.

Mr. Speaker, I also wish to congratulate and thank Karin Carlson, Director of Program Services for the Girl Scout Council of Orange County for notifying of their achievements. On behalf of the people of the 41st Congressional District of California, let me say that we are all proud of you.

IN HONOR OF OHIO TRAILS AND
GREENWAYS DAY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Ohio Trails and Greenways Day on Tuesday, April 20, 1999, and the work of the Ohio Field Office of Rails-to-Trails Conservancy.

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy's Ohio Field Office (RTC-Ohio) has three main goals: awareness, potential and sharing. RTC strives to promote awareness of trail and greenway projects in local communities, surrounding regions and throughout the state. The organization also seeks to explore the possibilities that trail and greenway projects offer to both transportation and recreation opportunities for the citizens of Ohio and visitors to the state. Their third goal is to create an atmosphere where information about trails and greenways is easily understood and accessible by everyone.

RTC has completed over 300 miles of rail-trail and is currently working on over 500 additional miles. In recognition of the importance of conservation and the efforts of RTC Ohio Governor Taft will officially declare April 20, 1999 at Ohio Trails and Greenways Day.

I am pleased to join in celebration of Ohio Trails and Greenways Day and wish the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy continued success in their environmental protection efforts.

HONORING PEGGY HASKINS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 1999

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Peggy Haskins for her tireless contributions to the Brooklyn community.

Although she was born in Tams, West Virginia, Peggy Haskins has truly made an indelible mark in Brooklyn, New York. From her volunteer work with the Society for Seaman's Foster children where she teaches arts and crafts to I.S. 364 and P.S. 346 where she provides classroom and yearbook support, Peggy Haskins unselfishly shares her time and energy.

As the youngest of 11 children born to Louis and Sarah, Peggy's family spirit has also ben-

efited the Women's Caucus for Congressman Edolphus Towns. She is a loyal, committed and inspiring member who prefers being in the background rather than in the forefront.

Peggy's concern for the Brooklyn community-at-large is also apparent in her professional life. She presently works for the New York City Board of Education. She is also working closely with her mentor, Dr. Ivan Bodis-Wollner, M.D., D.Sc., Director of Parkinson Disease and Related Disorders at Kings County Hospital Center. Peggy has degrees from both Chubb Institute and Kingsborough Community College.

Despite her numerous activities, Peggy maintains quality time with her 14-year-old son, Adam, and enjoys worshipping at St. Paul's Community Baptist Church.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Peggy Haskins for her tireless and unwavering service to the community.

TRIBUTE TO LARRY SHEHADEY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 1999

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Larry Shehadey for receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Institute of Family Business conference. Mr. Shehadey is in his 50th year with Producers Dairy Foods, Inc.

Larry Shehadey, 91, remains chairman of the board for the Fresno based Producers Dairy Foods which has a full line of dairy products, fruit punches and orange juices. Producers Dairy was not Larry Shehadey's first career. He began a successful soap business and sold it to Safeway, Shehadey then bought half interest in Producers as an investment. He became general manager and began controlling the company. Today Larry Shehadey presides over a family business that expanded from 25 to 300 employees, sells milk products from Eureka to Santa Barbara, operates a chain of convenience stores and farms 7,000 acres of land on the west side of the Valley that provides feed for the company's 7,000 head of cattle.

Producers is capable of milking 2,500 cows, twice a day. Shehadey is proud to be one of the few remaining locally owned independent businesses in the Central Valley. He has served on many dairy boards, including the Dairy council of California; Dairy Institute of California as president, California Growers Association; and The All Star Dairy Association, where he held the position of charter member.

Larry Shehadey was married for 63 years to wife Elaine, who passed away recently, and has two sons, Richard and John and eight grandchildren. Richard, president of Producers, runs the company with his father.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Larry Shehadey on his Lifetime Achievement Award. Mr. Shehadey's service to the community is commendable. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Larry many more years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO RUTH ZEMLOCK

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 1999

Mr. McINNIS. MR. SPEAKER, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO RECOGNIZE ONE OF COLORADO'S EXCEPTIONAL CITIZENS, RUTH ZEMLOCK. IN DOING SO, I WOULD LIKE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO A WOMAN WHO HAS SHOWN, TIME AND AGAIN, THAT IT PAYS TO GIVE A LITTLE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY.

Ruth Zemlock is a resident of Colorado who has made a large impact on her community through her genuine care for others. Above and beyond being a model citizen, Ruth contributes her time as a volunteer at the Valley View Hospital in Glenwood Springs. For the last 14 years, Ruth Zemlock has given more than 11,000 hours of her time to the hospital. In recognition of her contributions to the community Ruth Zemlock has recently been awarded the "1998 Senior Volunteer Service Award" in Garfield county. Obviously, this is a fitting award for such a fantastic public servant.

It is said by those how are privileged to know her, that Ruth Zemlock is a delightful lady who dedicates her senior years to making the lives of others a little bit better. Ruth is obviously a woman with a warm heart who, selflessly, gives to those in need.

Individuals such as Ruth, who volunteer their time to a good cause, are a rare breed. Fellow citizens have gained immensely by knowing Ruth Zemlock, and for that we owe her a debt of gratitude.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE JAMES
McLURE CLARKE

HON. CHARLES H. TAYLOR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 1999

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to our former colleague James McClure Clarke of Fairview, North Carolina who passed away last night. Although we were of different political parties and had our differences, James Clarke was a distinguished politician and, at all times, a gentleman.

Originally from Manchester, Vermont, Congressman Clarke graduated from Princeton University in 1939. He served as a Naval officer in the Pacific Theater during World War II from 1942-1945. Upon returning from the war, he began a lifetime of public service to the people of Western North Carolina, service that included the role of senior editor of the Asheville Citizen-Times from 1961-1969 and eight years on the Buncombe County School Board. He served with distinction two terms in the North Carolina House of Representatives from 1977-1980, and one term in the state Senate from 1981-1982. He represented North Carolina's 11th District in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1983-1985 and again from 1987-1989.

Congressman Clarke set a standard of service for the people of North Carolina to which every future member who has the privilege to represent them will be held. In every aspect of his professional and personal life, Congressman Clarke exhibited a gentility that is rarely seen in politics today. We will all certainly miss him. My prayers and those of everyone in Western North Carolina are with the Clarke family.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 1400 "BOND PRICE COMPETITION IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1999"

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 1999

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join with Representatives BLILEY, DINGELL, OXLEY, TOWNS and several other Members of the Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials in introducing aimed at improving price competition in the nation's bond markets.

Price Transparency, or the dissemination of market quotation and transaction information, is of critical importance to investors in our nation's securities markets. Experience has shown that price transparency produces several important benefits. It can help to improve the liquidity and efficiency of a market by assuring that comprehensive price and trading information is disseminated to as many market participants as possible, so that the market price of securities will move more quickly to reflect the underlying economic value of the security. In addition, price transparency provides investors with greater protection from abuses by reducing the disparity of information that may exist between market "insiders" and "outsiders" and providing public investors with more equal access to information that is available to primary and other dealers.

With equal access to pricing information, investors in stocks or bonds can better evaluate the quality of execution and the value of their securities. This information is particularly useful for investors evaluating prices for less actively traded securities, where bid-asked spreads may be wider. Such data also can encourage competition among dealers and assist regulators in discovering possible manipulation, fraudulent mark-ups, or other wrongful conduct, or in determining the state of the market at any point in time.

In 1975, the Congress directed the SEC to facilitate the creation of a National Market System for qualified securities. When the Congress enacted that legislation, it did not limit its application merely to stocks but to all securities—including debt securities. In fact, the only type of securities that were not included were so-called "exempt securities"—Treasury bonds, government agency securities, and municipal securities. At the time this legislation passed, there were many in the broker-dealer community who opposed it. But some 24 years later the Dow Jones Industrial Average has topped the 10,000 mark, and all observers agree that our stock markets are much more efficient and more liquid in large part due to their increased transparency. However, over

the years the SEC has not made much use of the powers Congress granted it in this area to bring transparency to the corporate bond market.

The legislation we are introducing today would direct the SEC to use the authorities Congress granted it back in 1975 to issue rules or take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate, to improve price transparency in the corporate bond market. Specifically, H.R. 1400 would mandate that the SEC assure the prompt, accurate, reliable, and fair collection, processing, distribution, and publication of transaction information in the corporate debt market. This would specifically include, but not be limited to, last sale information. The SEC is directed to assure that such information is made available to all exchange members, broker-dealers, securities information processors, and all other persons. In determining the rules or other actions to take under the subsection, the SEC is directed to take into consideration, among other factors, private sector systems for the collection and distribution of transaction information on corporate debt securities. Finally, the bill provides for a study by the General Accounting Office of measures needed to further improve price transparency.

I support this initiative because I believe that bond investors deserve to get full access to the type of market information that will better enable them to determine whether they are getting the best price for their buy and sell orders. I know that Chairman Levitt has already taken some preliminary steps to move the industry forward in this area, and that as a result of his leadership, the NASD is currently considering rule changes which would create transparency and audit trail systems for the corporate bond market. In addition, I understand that the bond dealers have also stepped in with a plan to make certain market information available. I welcome each of these initiatives, and would suggest that the legislation we are introducing today should be seen as complementing them by underscoring the determination of the Congress that effective and comprehensive action will be taken in this area.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill as it moves through the legislative process.

TRIBUTE TO LESLIE ELLINGSON

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 1999

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor seven young women in my district who have earned the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting.

The Gold Award requires the greatest achievement in career exploration, service to other people, and acquisition of skills. This award is a strong reflection of these youngsters' ability to set goals, to put value into action, to plan, and to relate to the needs of the community.

I wish to recognize Leslie Ellingson of Troop 286 in Placentia, CA.

Mr. Speaker, I also wish to congratulate and thank Karin Carlson, Director of Program Services for the Girl Scout Council of Orange County for notifying of their achievements. On behalf of the people of the 41st Congressional District of California, let me say that we are all proud of you.

IN MEMORY OF DON ROBERTSON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a gifted writer, Don Robertson.

A Cleveland native, Mr. Robertson attended Harvard University and Western Reserve University. After serving in the army, he began his professional journalism career as a copy editor for the Plain Dealer. Robertson was the author of 19 novels, many of which were set in Ohio and revolved around major historical events. His best known books include "The Greatest Thing Since Sliced Bread," "Praise the Human Season" and Paradise Falls."

Robertson also used his journalistic talents to write scripts for the television soap opera "The Edge of Night," movie and theater critiques for WKYC Channel 3 and to serve as editor for Houston City Magazine. He was also a columnist for the Cleveland Press and worked for the Cleveland Magazine.

Robertson's journalistic endeavors included being a features writer for the Cleveland News and a radio and television talk show host. He had shows on WERE Radio, WVIZ Channel 25 and Channel 61.

Robertson received numerous accolades for his writing. In 1991, he was presented the Mark Twain Award from the Society for the Study of Midwestern Literature, which is given to a writer whose work continues in the tradition established by Twain. He was inducted into the Press Club of Cleveland Hall of Fame in 1992. In addition, he was the recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Cleveland chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring the memory of a talented writer, Don Robertson.

SALUTING INTERFAITH MEDICAL CENTER—BROOKLYN, NEW YORK'S REACH AND READ PROGRAM

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 14, 1999

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the Interfaith Medical Center (IMC)—Brooklyn, New York's Reach Out and Read Program. Reach Out and Read is a Pediatric early literacy program developed at Boston City Hospital in 1989 by a collaboration of pediatricians and early childhood educators. The Reach Out and Read program makes literacy