

2001 Women Business Center funding from \$11 million to \$12 million per year. Additionally, the legislation will reserve 60 percent of these appropriations for grants to new centers—to continue to promote women's business centers in more communities throughout the nation as well as to ensure adequate, continuing support for established, effective centers.

The Women's Business Center program has helped countless women start and expand their own businesses. It is vital that we continue to support this valuable program. I invite and encourage all of my fellow Members of Congress to join me in supporting this program.

#### INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION ON PELL GRANT FUNDING

**HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 20, 1999*

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join with my colleagues on the Committee on Education and the Workforce to introduce a resolution urging Congress and the President to increase funding for the Pell Grant Program and existing Campus-Based Aid Programs.

The Pell Grant Program was first authorized in 1972 in the Higher Education Act Amendments. It has become the largest need-based federal higher education scholarship program and is considered the foundation for all federal student aid. The purpose of the Pell Grant Program is to assist students from low income families who would not otherwise be financially able to attend a postsecondary institution by providing grants to students to pay the costs of attending the college of their choice. In the late 1970s, the Pell Grant Program covered 75 percent of the average cost of attending a public 4-year college. By the late 1990s, however, it has only covered 36 percent of the cost of attending a public 4-year college.

Families across the country are concerned about the rising cost of a college education, and for children from low income families, the cost of college continues to be an overwhelming factor in their decision not to attend. Children from high income families are almost twice as likely to enroll in college as compared with children from low income families. This is particularly noteworthy given the fact that higher education promotes economic opportunity for individuals and economic competitiveness for our nation. The Pell Grant Programs and Campus-Based Aid Programs help to begin to fill the cost gaps that will, in turn, encourage students from low income families to attend college.

Over the past few years, I have been pleased to support an increase in the Pell Grant maximum. Last year, under the Higher Education Amendments, the Committee on Education and the Workforce increased the authorization to a maximum grant level of \$4,500 for 1999–2000, with annual increases of at least \$300 thereafter. However, the maximum Pell Grant appropriated has historically not kept pace with inflation and when college tuition increases are factored in, the buying power of the Pell Grant has been significantly reduced.

Providing access to higher education for students across the nation is vitally important, and while I believe that colleges have the primary responsibility of ensuring that rate increases are fair and reasonable, I also believe that the Federal Government should assist students when postsecondary education is out of their reach.

I am pleased to join with my colleagues today who believe that need based grant aid for low-income students must be our number one priority in higher education funding.

H.C. BERGER BREWING COMPANY  
OF COLORADO

**HON. BOB SCHAFFER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 20, 1999*

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, last week, I visited several small businesses in Fort Collins, Colorado involved in beer making. Northern Colorado is fast becoming known for its growing number of high-quality, small brewers, in addition to being home of America's largest breweries.

Beer is a significant industry in Colorado's Fourth Congressional district supporting agriculture suppliers, farmers, shippers, and others. Among the manufacturers I visited was the H.C. Berger Brewing Company of Fort Collins.

Mr. Speaker, the H.C. Berger Brewing Company, rapidly establishing a name throughout much of the U.S. as a maker of superior quality beers, finds its strength in family tradition. Owners Peter and Bob Davidoff trace their family's culinary roots back to the Café Schiller in turn-of-the-century Berlin; at one time, their grandfather owned Central Park's famous Tavern on the Green Restaurant. The name of the brewery is traced to an old German Brewmaster from the early 1900's. This sense of history and a resolute commitment to excellence have fueled H.C. Berger's expansion in the booming microbrewery market.

H.C. Berger opened in Fort Collins, Colorado, in the spring of 1992. In its first year, the company sales were 930 bbls, all to the Fort Collins area. The brewery now (1996) sells in excess of 5500 bbls a year to buyers throughout Colorado, Wyoming, Ohio, Texas, Kentucky, Illinois, Michigan, and London, England. Plant expansion, completed during the summer of 1996, provided a new capacity of 25,000 barrels a year, while still maintaining the high H.C. Berger standards of quality. Bob Davidoff handles all Distributor relations and sales both in Colorado and the rest of the United States. Peter Davidoff handles brewery operations and marketing.

H.C. Berger beverages are brewed in both American and German styles using blended malts to produce truly outstanding microbrewed beers and ales. H.C. Berger creates beers with the care and dedication of a vintner, and like a great wine, the company has flourished with age.

Mr. Speaker, here are a few key facts about the brewery.

H.C. Berger Brewing Company was founded in 1992 in Fort Collins, Colorado.

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Since its opening in 1992, the company has expanded sales from the Fort Collins area to all of Colorado, as well as Wyoming, Ohio, Illinois, Texas, Kansas, Kentucky, North Carolina, Indiana, Virginia, North Dakota, South Carolina, Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Minnesota.

Recent plant expansion increases the brewery's capability to 25,000 barrels a year. H.C. Berger offers a stellar selection of beers and ales under its label, including Whistlepin Wheat, Mountain Kölsch, Indégo Pale Ale, Red Banshee Ale, Chocolate Stout, Red Raspberry Wheat as well as several specialty and seasonal ales.

During 1996, H.C. Berger launched their high-end Grand Crû Brewmaster's Choice Dunkel, Kölsch, and Stout. The Brewmaster's Choice label also includes seasonal specialties such as Maibock (in May) Doppelbock (fall), and smoke beer (Rauchbier)—ideal beverages for fine dining establishments.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the Davidoff brothers for their community leadership and business success. The fine employees at H.C. Berger are committed to the Fort Collins community and dedicated to the craft of beer making. I deeply appreciate the time they spent to help me better understand the small brewery business and the many contributions H.C. Berger Brewing Company makes to Colorado's superior quality of life.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NATIONAL  
AP SCHOLARS FROM THE 41ST  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**HON. GARY G. MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 20, 1999*

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate 15 outstanding students from my district who have been recognized as "National AP Scholars." This is no small accomplishment. Out of 635,000 students who took Advanced Placement (AP) exams last year, only 1,451 of them have earned the distinction of being named a "National AP Scholar." That puts them in the top .2 percent of all high school students taking Advanced Placement exams.

I am proud that such a large group of the students who have earned this national distinction live in the 41st Congressional District.

David M. Kallemeyn from the City of Upland, Von P. Fernandes from the City of Chino Hills, Fred J. Freeman from the City of Yorba Linda, Matthew G. Lee from the City of Yorba Linda, Don Wang from the City of Upland, Jacqueline T. Kung from the City of Yorba Linda, Adam S. Feffer from the City of Upland, William A. Therien from the City of Upland, Vijaya K. Reddy from the City of Chino Hills, Nicholas G. Genesta from the City of Pomona, Omri M. Ceren from the City of Ontario, Gilpeter M. Layugan from the City of Pomona, Jeremy N. Wong from the City of Rowland Heights, Christopher Lau from the City of Diamond Bar and Brinda Balakrishnan from the City of Upland are "National AP Scholars."

I know that their families and their teachers are proud of their academic accomplishments and their hard work.