

devotion to their children—Bryan, Zakary, and Kyle.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join me in paying tribute to Jim and Ellyne Warsaw. They are both deserving of our utmost respect and praise.

IN HONOR OF THE INSTALLATION
OF HONORARY CONSUL OF THE
SLOVAK REPUBLIC FOR THE
STATE OF OHIO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Edward Keshock, Honorary Consul Designate of the Slovak Republic for the State of Ohio.

Dr. Keshock is currently Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Cleveland State University. He received his Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from Oklahoma State University and has conducted research on a variety of topics, including energy conservation. Dr. Keshock was also a summer faculty fellow at the NASA Lewis Research Center in Cleveland. He has received numerous awards for his teaching and research. In addition, he holds the rights to two patents.

In addition to his academic achievements, he is also President of the Cleveland-Bratislava Sister Cities. In 1995 he helped coordinate the group of trade and government officials from the Slovak Republic who attended the White House Conference on Trade and Investment in Central and Eastern Europe.

Dr. Keshock has strong ties to the Slovak Republic and was a co-founder of the Public Against Violence movement in 1989 that was the leading Slovak force in the Velvet Revolution against communism.

On May 2, 1999, Dr. Keshock will be installed as the Honorary Consul during the Slovak Spring Weekend celebration. The weekend events include the ceremonial opening of Slovak Consulate Offices in Cleveland, Ohio, which will be attended by the Slovak Republic Ambassador, Ambassador Butora. This opening is a historic event in Slovak-American relations and interactions. Other activities being held include traditional Slovak entertainment and history presentations.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Dr. Keshock for being installed Honorary Consul Designate, a position for which he is well qualified.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT
COLONEL CHESTER A. RILEY

HON. BILL C.W. YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 1999

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding Marine

Corps Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Chester A. Riley who has served with distinction for the past three years for the Commandant of the Marine Corps and the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Financial Management and Comptroller as a Principal Assistant and Deputy in the Appropriations Matters Office. It is a privilege for me to recognize his many outstanding achievements and commend him for the superb service he has provided to the Marine Corps, the Department of the Navy, the Congress, and our great Nation as a whole.

During his tenure in the Appropriations Matters Office, which began in October of 1996, Lieutenant Colonel Riley has provided members of the House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Defense as well as our professional and personal staffs with timely and accurate support regarding Marine Corps plans, programs and budget decisions. His valuable contributions have enabled the Subcommittee and the Department of the Navy to strengthen its close working relationship and to ensure the most modern, well trained and well equipped naval forces attainable for the defense of our great nation.

Mr. Speaker, Chet Riley and his wife Licia have made many sacrifices during his career in the Marine Corps and as they embark on the next great adventure beyond their beloved Corps I call upon my colleagues to wish him every success and to thank him for his long, distinguished and ever faithful service to God, country and Corps. Semper Fidelis.

A TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT
COLONEL MARK L. HAALAND

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 29, 1999

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to inform the Congress of the imminent retirement of Lieutenant Colonel Mark L. Haaland, a truly outstanding soldier in the United States Army. His service to the nation has been perfectly honorable and faithful for 20 years. The story of Mark's service reflects the devotion to duty, family and nation that keeps America strong and free.

The son of a military family, Mark graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point on June 6, 1979 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Armor. Upon completion of the Ranger and Armor Officer Basic courses, Mark flew to Germany to serve with the glorious 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. His bride, Toni, joined him a few months later. Mark served as a platoon leader, executive officer, and troop commander with this famous regiment, frequently deploying to the East-West German border areas to guard against communist aggression during the height of the Cold War.

Mark and Toni returned from Germany in late 1984, to attend the Infantry Officer Advanced Course at Fort Benning, Georgia followed by graduate school toward an MBA at Syracuse University. Upon completion of graduate school, Mark served as a comptroller at

the Army's Training and Doctrine Command headquarters at Fort Monroe, Virginia. While serving at Training and Doctrine Command, Mark provided important analytical assistance with the Army's long-range strategic and program planning, and the command budget. During these quiet years between graduate school and serving as a junior comptroller, Mark and Toni started their family with the birth of Robyn in 1985 and Patrick in 1987.

In 1988, Mark was selected for promotion to the rank of Major and attendance at the prestigious Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Upon graduation in 1990, Mark's next assignment took the Haaland's to the Army's Armor Center at Fort Knox, Kentucky, for duties with the 194th Separate Armored Brigade. Two months after their arrival in Kentucky, Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait. For the next year, Mark trained and assisted in the preparation of Army active and reserves units and soldiers for deployment to the Kuwait Theater of Operations. At the same time, Toni helped families and the communities of Fort Knox and Radcliff, Kentucky cope with the challenges of an Army at war far from home. During the war and for the following two years, Mark served as the Brigade operations officer for planning, then as a battalion/task force operations officer, and finally as the Brigade operations officer.

Following his very rewarding three-year experience with the soldiers and families of the 194th Separate Armor Brigade, Mark was ordered to the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. where he was assigned to the Army's Budget Office. Although somewhat hesitant about moving to the major metropolitan area of Washington, D.C., Mark, Toni, Robyn, and Patrick were glad to return to their home state, the Commonwealth of Virginia. Soon after the Haalands' arrival in the summer of 1993, the Army selected Mark for promotion to lieutenant colonel and he pinned on his new rank in 1994. During his almost six years in Washington with the Department of the Army, Mark has served as the Army's budget analyst for counter-drug operations and has managed the nearly \$9 billion budget and financial operations for the Army's operating forces. Most noteworthy, Mr. Speaker, during the past three years, Mark Haaland has supported the House and Senate Appropriations Committees as Deputy Chief of the Army's Congressional Budget Liaison Office. I am pleased to have had Lieutenant Colonel Mark Haaland serving in this position. His experience with our Army's operational units together with his comptroller experience has been of immeasurable importance toward ensuring that America's Army has been well represented on Capitol Hill. Mark's dedication to the Army and the Congress, technical competence, intellectual capacity, boundless energy, and irrepressible good humor have earned Mark the respect and admiration of the Members and staffs of both Chambers' appropriations committees. His contributions to our success over the years have been great and will be missed.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank this officer and his family for their service to our nation—truly a standard of duty, honor and country. And I wish for them all God's blessings and success in the future.