

reason human offspring are sent home from the hospital with a couple of parents instead of a Visa card and the keys to an apartment. They are unformed. And uninformed. We're supposed to fill them in.

## KEEPING TABS

They don't need us to be their buddies. They have younger, cooler people willing to do that. They need snooty, pushy, loving, know-it-all parents.

A study presented Monday to the Pediatric Academic Societies convention reports that children of parents who keep close tabs on them are less likely to get in trouble. Do you suspect our parents already knew this? You know, the generation who set curfews, made us work for our spending money, made us answer a lot of annoying questions before they would allow us out of the house, nagged us about our hair and clothes.

Dr. Susan Feigelman, a University of Maryland researcher who led the study, advised parents to check up on their children's friends. This is a shocking notion for many enlightened former flower children.

Researchers surveyed children ages 9-15 over a four-year period. The group was asked whether their parents knew where they were after school, whether they were expected to call and say where they were going and with whom, whether their parents knew where they were at night.

Children monitored by their parents were less likely to sell drugs or use them. They were less likely to drink alcohol or have unprotected sex. Dr. Feigelman said the study showed that peer groups became more influential as children get older.

Probably peer groups and everything else. So it only makes sense for parents to monitor that, too. That's not repressive. That's not illegal. That is our job.

If a Marilyn Manson concert is unsuitable for viewing now, why not next month? If a gun show is inappropriate in the wake of the terrible crime committed with them in Littleton, why not forever? If a violent television show is too graphic today, how about tomorrow?

And when it becomes apparent that children are tormenting each other, adults need to intervene. Stop it. Even if the tormentors are popular athletes.

We have to start saying some hard things. To each other. But especially to our children.

Beginning with "no."

## RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WIC PROGRAM

## HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 5, 1999*

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to note that today marks the 25th anniversary of the Special Supplemental Program for Women, Infants, and Children—better known as WIC.

I was a member of Congress when the WIC program was created and am very proud of what it has accomplished. The hopes we had for the program have been achieved. WIC assists millions of lower-income pregnant, postpartum, and nursing women, infants, and children who are at risk of poor nutrition and health problems. The WIC program results in healthier babies and prevents health problems

that would cost far more in dollars and human suffering than WIC's preventive nutrition services.

I am especially proud of Hawaii's WIC program, which has increased its caseload by some 34 percent while absorbing a budget cut of 30 percent over the past two years. This remarkable accomplishment resulted in Faye Nakamoto, director of Hawaii's WIC program, being named 1998 Hawaii State Manager of the Year.

As we celebrate the 25th anniversary of WIC, I urge all my colleagues to support the president's funding request of \$4.1 billion—an increase of \$181.5 million from the funding levels of FY 1999 and 1998—so that this valuable program will be able to serve more women and children in need.

## A TRIBUTE TO DR. WILLIAM R. MAGILL

## HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 5, 1999*

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a longtime educator, Dr. William R. Magill. This evening, friends and family will gather to pay tribute to Dr. Magill's long and distinguished career as he retires after 46 years of service.

A retired Army officer, Dr. Magill has always shown a great willingness to serve his community. Even after he put away his military uniform, Dr. Magill continued his service to the people of Pennsylvania as an assistant principal and Director of Federal programs at Steelton-Highspire School District in Steelton, PA and as principal of Annville Cleona Jr. and Sr. High Schools in Cleona, PA.

Dr. Magill then joined the faculty of Cheyney University where he has played a vital role in expanding the minds of his students and introducing them to other cultures. As part of his role as Chair of the graduate school's Educational Administration and Foundation Department, Dr. Magill has hosted graduate students from China and led study groups to England to study at Cambridge University.

Beyond his career in education, Dr. Magill also worked for a variety of community organizations. He serves as a board member of the Fellowship for Christian Athletes in Delaware and Chester Counties and as a precinct committeeman in West Goshen, PA.

Dr. Magill has served his country as a military officer, a teacher, and a volunteer in his local community. Over his 46 year career as an educator, he has influenced and made an impact on the lives of the countless young people.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in today recognizing the accomplishments of Dr. Magill. He is a true American patriot.

## TRIBUTE TO SYLVAN RODRIGUEZ

## HON. TOM DELAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 5, 1999*

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, hypothetical quandaries always elicit interesting answers. Over two hundred years ago, Thomas Jefferson wrote that if he had to choose to have a government without the press or the press without a government, he would without hesitation prefer the latter situation. This position reflects that great founder's understanding of the important role of journalism in the American experiment. Sylvan Rodriguez also understands this role and has dedicated his life to making both journalism and the country better together.

Sylvan Rodriguez is a giant in the world of Houston broadcasting. Since 1977, he has graced the city's airwaves with crack reporting on politics and a special focus on space operations. His coverage of the space shuttle program and the exposure from the tragic Challenger explosion opened up many doors for him, including a stint as a Los Angeles correspondent for ABC News. His expertise has been sought by David Brinkley for the This Week program, by Ted Koppel for Nightline, by Peter Jennings for ABC World News Tonight and for Good Morning America.

Such a lion of the press did not start at the top however. Rather, Sylvan Rodriguez is an American success story whose love for journalism struck in early age and was nurtured over time. This boyhood love for the industry matured and was honed while attending the University of Texas at Austin where he tirelessly scribed for several newspapers and a wire service. At this time, his appetite for big news was wetted by covering the powers that were in Washington as an intern for the United States Information Agency where he learned the ins-and-outs of the White House, the Pentagon, the State Department and Capitol Hill. This foundation was bolstered by experience as a reporter and photographer covering state and national politics in San Antonio and Houston.

But the passion for reporting was not all consuming for Sylvan Rodriguez. Throughout his life, he has understood that a balance must be made between giving and taking. He has given much to the community and to his profession to match all the opportunities he earned for himself. While his list of philanthropic activities is a book long, he has given particular attention to foundations that give opportunities to children and fight cancer, diabetes, arthritis, Tourette Syndrome and Cerebral Palsy. A great example to any budding journalist, he is a founding member of the Houston Association of Hispanic Media Professionals.

Journalism has been described as an ability to meet the challenge of filling space. This definition does not only apply to column inches or airtime. It also touches on the space within ourselves where our heart and love of country should rest. Through his dedication to his profession and to others, Sylvan Rodriguez has filled all of these spaces for many years. Today, it is my honor to ask Congress to pay