after receiving a request from the registrar for a specific product to either agree to accept the registration package approved by the Canadian Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) or to explain their reasons for not approving the request.

Clearly, there is an inequity in pesticide registrations, particularly for canola, wheat, and barley, between the United States and Canada. In the case of canola, Canada has about 40 pesticides registered while the United States has only seven. American farmers ought to have access to the same, environmentally safe pest control tools that are available to their Canadian counterparts.

Mr. Speaker, American farmers are facing 50 year low commodity prices, at the same time costs of production are continuing to rise. The Pesticide Registration Harmonization Act of 1999 is a step in the right direction of leveling the playing field for American producers.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the 50th anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Merrick which occurred on Sunday, May 23, 1999.

Known as "The Club With a Heart," the work of the Kiwanis Club of Merrick has benefited children, senior citizens, teachers, students, disabled youth, needy families and Merrick residents in general. By engaging in activities of fundamental importance to our community, the club has consistently shown itself to be a leader in civic service.

Whether it is the distribution of food baskets to needy families during the holidays, awarding scholarship funds to deserving high school graduates, picknicking with disabled youth or sponsoring geriatric home visits and sing-alongs, the dedicated members of the Merrick Kiwanis Club have played a crucial role in bettering the lives of countless members of New York's third district since the club's foundation in 1949.

Most recently, the club has undertaken efforts to donate pediatric trauma kits and portable emergency generators to local fire departments to donate pediatric trauma kits and portable emergency generators to local fire departments to donate pediatric trauma kits and portable emergency generators to local fire departments to donate pediatric trauma kits and portable emergency generators to local fire departments to donate pediatric trauma kits and portable emergency generators to local fire departments to donate pediatric trauma kits and portable emergency generators to local fire departments to donate pediatric trauma kits and portable emergency generators to local fire departments to donate pediatric trauma kits and portable emergency generators to local fire departments to donate pediatric trauma kits and portable emergency generators to local fire departments to donate pediatric trauma kits and portable emergency generators to local fire departments to donate pediatric trauma kits 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Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great civic and women’s rights leader, an outstanding individual who has devoted his life to his family and to serving the community, Mr. Nat Ross. For the past 60 years, he has played a major role in virtually every significant movement for civil rights, empowerment, and social and economic justice. Mr. Ross will turn 95 on June 25.

Born to immigrant parents who labored as garment workers, Nat Ross started on his path to the American Dream when he was awarded a 4-year scholarship to Columbia University. There he was deeply influenced by a faculty that included John Dewey, who would become Franklin Roosevelt’s “Brain Trust”. Nat dedicated himself to education and to two emerging social issues, civil rights and women’s rights. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa in 1927. Nat began his career as a printing salesman with Lincoln Graphic Arts, becoming an expert in direct mail marketing. In the 1930’s he served in the civil rights movement, volunteering in Alabama in the midst of the infamous "Scottsboro Boys Case”. There he would not only observe as a war correspondent during World War II. They were married for 55 years until her passing. Mr. Speaker, Nat’s second career started in 1967 when he started teaching Direct Marketing at New York University. Under his leadership, the New York University Center for Direct Marketing was born and is now considered the prominent program in this field. Nat also founded the Direct Marketing Idea Exchange, a discussion club including the most prestigious talents in the business. In 1984 he was named to the Direct Marketing Association’s Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing a happy 95th birthday to Nat Ross.