Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I wish to bring to the attention of the U.S. House of Representatives the noteworthy accomplishments of the lower Naugatuck Valley towns located in my congressional district in Connecticut. After being chosen as a finalist in the National Civic League’s All-American City competition in 1999, the Naugatuck Valley’s 2000 delegation sharpened its presentation and on June 3, 2000, was awarded the League’s highest honor, that of an All-American City.

The Naugatuck Valley is comprised of seven municipalities: Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Derby, Naugatuck, Oxford, Seymour and Shelton. Delegates from each community traveled together to Louisville, Kentucky to compete for recognition as an All-American City. Started in 1894 by President Theodore Roosevelt and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis, this award recognizes municipalities and regions where governments, citizens, businesses and volunteer organizations work together to address important local problems.

Moving beyond its background as an old industrial area, the Valley’s entry in the competition highlighted the region’s recent initiatives to address its needs. The delegation presented a 10-minute skit outlining the region’s Alliance for Growth, a nonprofit development corporation that has attracted business to the Valley and has created jobs for its residents. The judges were also told about Project Co-N-Corporation that has attracted business to the industrial area, the Valley’s entry in the competition.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and the rest of the people of Florida.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities [HBCUs] were created as early as 1837 to provide African-American access to higher education. America’s HBCUs have provided a crucial avenue to educational and economic advancement for African-American youth for more than 150 years.

The best opportunities for personal and professional success will go to those who are well educated. Our Nation’s HBCUs have assisted African-American and other students in achieving their educational goals and reaching their full potential, while keeping tuition costs affordable. The vast majority of African-Americans with bachelor’s degrees in engineering, computer science, life science, business, and mathematics have graduated from one of the 105 Historically Black Colleges and Universities. These graduates, numbering 300,000 African-Americans, make up the majority of our Nation’s African-American military officers, physicians, Federal judges, elected officials, and business executives. The distinguished faculty members at HBCUs serve as role models and mentors, challenging students to reach their full potential.

I am proud to have one of these universities in the congressional district that I represent, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, founded on October 3, 1887, in Tallahassee. Florida, as the State Normal College for Colored Students, began classes with 15 students and 2 instructors. Since then, it has become an institution of higher learning, striving toward even greater heights of academic excellence. Today, Florida A&M University is one of nine 4-year, public, co-educational and fully accredited institutions of higher learning in Florida’s State University System, and excellence remains its goal.

For more than 100 years, Florida A&M University has served the citizens of the State of Florida and the Nation through its provision of preeminent educational programs. By serving the African-American community, A&M, like FAMU, serve all Americans. These institutions embody many of our most deeply cherished values—equality, diversity, opportunity, and hard work. FAMU is a source of great pride and a symbol of economic, social, and political growth in the community. Preparing talented young men and women to succeed in every sector of our economy, FAMU, “Florida’s Opportunity University,” is committed to meeting the challenges and needs of future generations.

As education and diversity become increasingly important in the 21st century, graduates of HBCUs will continue to be at the vanguard of America’s progress. I would like to commend Florida A&M University for its commitment to educational opportunity, outstanding performance, and invaluable contributions to the people of Florida.

DIGNITY FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL ACT OF 2000

HON. MATT SALMON
OF ARIZONA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 20, 2000

Mr. SALMON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Dignity for the Terminally Ill Act of 2000.
TRIBUTE TO ADELE HALL

HON. KAREN McCARTHY
OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2000

Ms. MCCA Herty of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional leader and friend to our Kansas City community and our country. Adele Hall is being honored as the 2000 Woman of the Year by the Central Exchange, an organization of which she is a founding member. Adele Hall has an extensive history of helping children and families in Kansas City and across our Nation. She has shown outstanding dedication as a philanthropist and representative of gender concerns for equality in the workplace and society.

Adele Hall is considered by many in Kansas City as a lifelong friend to our community. Her civic pursuits have led her to hold positions in an outstanding number of Kansas City and national philanthropic organizations. She has served as Chair or as boards including Children’s Mercy Hospital, the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, the Partnership for Children, and the former Crippled Children’s Nursery School, now Children’s Therapeutic Learning Center. Nationally, she has served as a board member for the Trust Fund of the Library of Congress, the George Bush Presidential Library Center, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Salvation Army. Currently, she is serving as Co-Chairman of a $175 million capital campaign for the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. She is the Vice-Chairman of the United Negro College Fund and the Youth Corps of America.

As a founding member of one of Kansas City’s most reputable women’s organizations, the Central Exchange, she has worked tirelessly to promote the advancement of women in all sectors of society. For the past 20 years the Central Exchange has worked to bring people of diverse backgrounds together to encourage the personal and professional growth of women. Today the Central Exchange boasts nearly 900 members from all areas of the Kansas City metropolitan area. The astounding membership can be attributed to what members of the Central Exchange value the most, creating opportunities to meet and learn from other women. This is an extremely difficult goal when many women are busy with work and family responsibilities. Adele Hall’s various roles and achievements throughout the history of the Central Exchange have demonstrated that she has succeeded in fulfilling her dream of increasing the visibility and effectiveness of Kansas City women.

Adele Hall’s personal and professional record exhibits her spirit of commitment to others. Her entire life has exemplified the core values that we all strive for: commitment to the community, to families and to the innate desire to truly make a difference in the lives of others. Her devotion is an example to us all. I am honored to acknowledge Adele Hall for her successful efforts to promote equity and opportunity for women and children. I urge my colleagues to cosponsor my bill and I submit the Wall Street Journal article of June 5th to be printed in the RECORD.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 19, 2000

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a man who has served as one of the most determined and effective advocates for America’s hard working families in the United States Senate. Senator DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN was first elected to the Senate in 1976, and has served the people of New York as well as the entire country with commitment, leadership and integrity. As a Ranking Member on the Senate Finance Committee, he has pioneered for new initiatives to feed our nation’s poor, to provide critical welfare and job training services to families in need, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality health care. Senator MOYNIHAN has been particularly committed to an issue I know well: AIDS.

As many of my colleagues know, since the moment I first stepped foot in Washington, I have fought for increased funding for critical HIV and AIDS education, treatment and research programs. I have also worked to expand our current programs to areas that are still in need of our help. Africa, India, the Caribbean, and Central and Eastern Europe in particular need our help and Senator MOYNIHAN spearheaded this call.

Senator MOYNIHAN introduced S. 2032 to amend the Foreign Assistance Act to address mother-to-child transmission of HIV in Africa, Asia and Latin America. At the same time, I introduced H.R. 4665 to initiative a $10 million pilot project in Africa and India to reduce and prevent mother-to-child HIV/AIDS transmission. I am extremely pleased that H.R. 3519, the Global AIDS and Tuberculosis Relief Act of 2000, was signed into law by the President on August 19 and included much of the language and intent of my International Mother-to-Child HIV/AIDS Prevention Bill. With this legislation, we can commit $25 million to this cause.

Worldwide, 1,800 infants become infected with HIV each day. The total number of births to HIV-infected pregnant women each year in developing countries is 3.2 million. HIV/AIDS has doubled infant mortality in poor countries most heavily affected by the epidemic. We have hit a critical point where we must take action in the world’s epicenter of HIV infection. We must act now if we ever hope to end this epidemic once and for all.

I thank Senator MOYNIHAN for his leadership on this serious public health issue and on so many issues affecting our women and children.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF JOHN C. MURPHY

HON. RICK LAZIO
OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2000

Mr. LAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize a man who has been dedicated to