

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to hear that the Flint Pan-Hellenic Council has sought to acknowledge the achievements of Mayor Woodrow Stanley. He is truly deserving of their honor. Furthermore, I am proud to have Mayor Stanley as my constituent, my colleague, and my friend. It is difficult to imagine the City of Flint without his influence. I would also like to recognize his wife Reta, and their two daughters, Heather and Jasmine. We owe them all a debt of gratitude.

“STRENGTHENING U.S. EXPORT CONTROLS” H.R. 5239

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 21, 2000

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, today together with the Ranking Minority Member Mr. GEJDENSON I am introducing a measure, the “Export Administration Modification and Clarification Act of 2000” that will strengthen the enforcement of our export control system by increasing the penalties against those who would knowingly violate its regulations and provisions.

This measure would implement one of the key recommendations of the Cox Commission report on protecting our national security interests and is virtually identical to a provision in H.R. 973, a security assistance bill, which passed the House in June of last year with strong bipartisan support.

Since the Export Administration Act, EAA, lapsed in August of 1994, the Administration has used the authorities in the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, IEEPA, to administer our export control system. But in some key areas, the Administration has less authority under IEEPA than under the EAA of 1979. For example, the penalties for violations of the Export Administration Regulations that occur under IEEPA, both criminal and civil, are substantially lower than those available for violations that occur under the EAA. Even these penalties are too low, having been eroded by inflation over the past 20 years.

The measure I am introducing today significantly increases the penalties available to our enforcement authorities at the Bureau of Export Administration, BXA, in the Department of Commerce. It also ensures that the Department can maintain its ability to protect from public disclosure information concerning export license applications, the licenses themselves and related export enforcement information.

In view of the lapse of the EAA over the past five and a half years, the Department is coming under mounting legal challenges and is currently defending against two separate lawsuits seeking public release of export licensing information subject to the confidentiality provisions of section 12(c) of the EAA.

Accordingly, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this very timely measure that will provide the authorities our regulators need to deter companies and individuals from exporting dual-use goods and technologies to countries and uses of concern and to protect the confidentiality of the export control process.

HONORING THE WESLEY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 21, 2000

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and Representative THOMAS DAVIS, I rise today to recognize the Wesley Housing Development Corporation on 25 years of service.

We are all aware of the national problem that is especially acute in Washington and other metropolitan areas. The booming economy has severely tightened the rental market, putting low and moderate rental properties out of reach for scores of our citizens.

True to its mission, Wesley Housing has pioneered affordable housing solutions that have stabilized and strengthened families, neighborhoods and entire communities throughout Northern Virginia.

Additionally, through its efforts to empower these residents, it has formed partnerships with area institutions of higher learning to assist residents in acquiring the necessary skills and training central to competing in this new age of information and technology.

Many of our colleagues here in Congress have espoused the notion of bridging the digital divide.

Mr. Speaker, it is through community efforts as demonstrated by the Wesley Housing Development Corporation that we are able to achieve this reality.

During 25 years of service, it has remained true to one general theme which has been vital to its success, everyone counts.

Over these years, it has served over 7,000 residents including the elderly, physically disabled persons, those living with HIV and AIDS, and those representing a broad spectrum of ethnic backgrounds.

Mr. Speaker, we take great pride in commending the Wesley Housing Development Corporation on a job well done during its 25 years of service.

Thanks to the men and women of this Corporation who have answered the call of duty for our most neediest citizens, our outlook for tomorrow is much brighter.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 4577, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. BRIAN BAIRD

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 19, 2000

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, school-based health centers provide a valuable service for the youth of America. Students across this

country rely on their parents for critical advice, judgement and emotional support. However, for the small percentage of children who are not fortunate enough to have an involved parent, school-based health centers become vital for the welfare of those kids and the community they serve.

We have to admit to ourselves that some parents do not live up to their responsibility. Far too many children today are the product of neglect, bad parenting, and broken homes. Therefore, many local communities have decided to play a positive role in the lives of these students by offering them an opportunity to seek help from school-based health centers.

Mr. COBURN's motion prohibits any federal funding for emergency contraception provided to elementary and secondary school-based health clinics. Contrary to our shared national goal of reducing unintended pregnancies, this motion tries to confuse abortion with preventative contraception. Emergency contraception can be used after having unprotected sex or if a method of birth control fails and a woman does not want to become pregnant. This procedure, which has been deemed safe and effective by the Food and Drug Administration, prevents pregnancy. It does not abort pregnancy.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to note one thing for the record. I do not advocate the federal government funding these programs at the elementary school level. But because this motion overreaches and includes secondary schools as well, I can not support the Coburn amendment in its current form.

Local school-based health centers were established by community representatives, parents, youth and family organizations to address the needs within their community. These centers provide a confidential, safe place for teens to receive health-care services and related counseling. Although pregnancy is a serious matter which should be dealt with in a family environment, I feel school-based health clinics offer a necessary option to prevent unwanted pregnancies.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO JOHN L. STEER FOR HIS PATRIOTISM AND HEROIC SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 21, 2000

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to pay special tribute to a true American patriot, Mr. John L. Steer. John served his country with great distinction while protecting the values and ideals of democracy. A decorated war hero for his gallant service and duty in the Vietnam War, John Steer courageously fought and nearly gave his life for his country as a paratrooper with the 173rd Airborne Infantry Division of the United States Army.

During many encounters with the enemy, John was wounded, but continued to fight and assist his fallen comrades. In one of the most remembered battles, Hill 875 at Dak To, John