

the state's school funding system inequitable. That decision led to enactment of a law to require wealthier school districts to share funds with lower-income districts.

I am deeply saddened that Texas has lost a public servant who dedicated more than a quarter century in service to his fellow Texans. I ask the House to join me in remembrance of Justice Mauzy, a true champion for working men and women and schoolchildren in my state.

**SANTIAGO JIMENEZ RECEIVES
PRESTIGIOUS MUSICIAN AWARD**

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2000

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Santiago Jimenez of San Antonio, Texas, who is being recognized for his accomplishments as a singer and accordion player by the National Endowment for the Arts. The National Heritage Fellowship is an award given to a select group of people, reflecting the diverse heritage and cultural tradition that have become a part of our society.

Local artists are nominated by a member of the community, in recognition of the artist's excellence in a particular area. Each year only a select group of these artists are honored. The National Endowment for the Arts has awarded only slightly more than 222 National Heritage Awards.

Mr. Jimenez plays a style of music known as conjunto, which has both German and Mexican roots. His music interest began when his father would take him to hear German polka bands in New Braunfels, Texas. At the age of 15, he began performing professionally at weddings, clubs and traditional community settings. Following his father's example he developed creatively and incorporated a wider audience. In 1958, at the age of 17, with his brother he recorded *El Principe y el Rey del Acordeon*. Since then, he has made 60 recordings of more than 700 pieces of music on several different labels.

He started Chief Records, his own label, in order to give younger musicians the opportunity to have their music heard. He works to help others in an industry that he has experienced barriers to entry. Mr. Jimenez has toured throughout the US, Europe and South America to bring the world of conjunto music to millions.

I join the City of San Antonio and the National Endowment for the Arts in recognizing Santiago Jimenez on his accomplishment as a recipient of the National Heritage Fellowship award.

TRIBUTE TO MARGARET TOWSON

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2000

Mrs. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional individual

and friend to the State of Missouri. This year, after 56 years of service to the citizens of Missouri, Margaret Towson will celebrate her retirement from her historic post at the Missouri State Senate in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Margaret Towson started in the Secretary of the Senate Office in 1949. During her tenure she witnessed twenty-six General Assemblies for the equivalent of almost fifty-two years. She then served as the distinguished Assistant Secretary of the Senate, whose duties, in addition to functioning as secretary and receptionist, included tallying and filing roll calls, maintaining good public relations with legislators and lobbyists, remaining in the office each day until adjournment, and addressing any challenge or task which required her assistance.

As a lifelong member of the Cole County Democrats and the Cole County Democratic Women's Club, Margaret Towson is widely recognized as an outstanding civic minded individual who has consistently committed her time and energy to promote civic involvement. One of Margaret's greatest moments came when her efforts were recognized by President Harry S Truman, a man she greatly admired and affectionately referred to as "Cousin Harry."

Margaret Towson's kind, dedicated spirit is celebrated, admired, and respected in Jefferson City and throughout the State of Missouri. She will be missed not only for her professional excellence, but also for her personally endearing qualities and delectable apple pies that were savored by the many people she met and worked with. Margaret's retirement marks the end of a historic era in the Missouri State Senate. She is looking forward to spending more quality time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandson. Margaret Towson has left a lasting impression upon her peers and friends that will not be forgotten.

It is with deep gratitude and honor that I recognize Margaret Towson for over a half a century of friendship and service to the State of Missouri. Her devotion is an example to us all.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and the Missouri Ninetieth General Assembly in congratulating Margaret Towson on her outstanding service to the people of Missouri.

**LUPUS RESEARCH AND CARE
AMENDMENTS OF 2000**

SPEECH OF

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 10, 2000

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my strong and heartfelt support for the Lupus Research and Care Amendments Act, which was introduced by our hardworking and dedicated colleague, Congresswoman CARRIE MEEK. She has been a tireless advocate for this issue for years. As the Co-Vice Chair of the Women's Caucus, I am a proud co-sponsor of this legislation, as are 45 Women Caucus members. This legislation is the perfect illustration of a bipartisan effort to address a painful, debilitating disease

that affects women nine times more often than men, and African American women three times more often than white women.

It is estimated that between 1.4 million and 2 million Americans have been diagnosed with this disease and that many more have undiagnosed cases. This serious, complex, inflammatory autoimmune disease can simultaneously affect various parts of the body, including the skin, joints, kidneys and brain. It can be difficult to diagnose this disease because its symptoms are similar to those of many other diseases and many people suffering the signs of its onset have never heard of lupus, nor understand how to respond to these symptoms.

The Lupus Research and Care Amendments Act authorizes funding to expand and intensify research on lupus at the National Institutes of Health, including basic research on the causes of lupus; research to determine why the disease is more prevalent in women and particularly African-American women; research on improving diagnostic techniques; and research to develop and evaluate new treatments. This bill also requires the Health and Human Services department to establish a grant program to deliver services to those afflicted with lupus and their families. The program would provide grants to state and local governments, nonprofit hospitals, community based organizations and community or migrant health centers to provide services for diagnosing and managing lupus.

I urge my colleagues to follow the women of the House, and pass this legislation to help countless women and families. This legislation will spur unprecedented yet direly needed research on how this disease affects women and on what the best treatments are to cure this disease. Lupus can be fatal if not detected and treated early, but with this research and proper delivery of services, we can not only enhance people's lives, but save them as well.

**WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER
AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT
ON H.R. 4461, AGRICULTURE,
RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD
AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001**

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM DeLAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 2000

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to address a provision in the FY01 Agriculture Appropriations Conference Report that is not only disturbing, but highly objectionable on legal grounds. This provision was subject to absolutely no deliberative thought. In fact, the Chairmen of the House and Senate Judiciary Committee raised serious constitutional and legal concerns about it. The Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers decried it. I am referring to section 745 of the bill. It states, "No manufacturer of a covered product may enter into a contract or agreement that includes a provision to prevent the sale or distribution of covered products imported pursuant to subsection (a)."