

growing and changing threats to our Nation's security.

Finally, I would like to commend the Committee for incorporating H.R. 3396 in the Defense Authorization Bill and look at California as a potential production site for the Joint Strike Fighter.

An independent study found that building the JSF at the Air Force Plant 42 in Palmdale, California could save upwards of \$2 billion over the life of the project.

These savings are based on state and local economic incentives, such as tax credits, and inherent capabilities, such as the existing 1.2 million square foot B-2 production facility, highly trained aerospace work force, and close proximity to test facilities.

If we are asking taxpayers to support the best manned, equipped, and trained fighting force in the world, we must ensure it's the most cost effective fighting force in the world.

In closing, I commend all the Committee Chairs, Ranking Members and Staff for working with their Senate counterparts to produce a bipartisan bill that looks out for those who serve and preserve's our role as the World's premier fighting force.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

TRIBUTE TO MIRIAM GOBSTOOB CANTER

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2000

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, October 12, 2000 the name of the Louis Wirth Experimental School in Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood will be changed to honor one of its founders: Miriam Gobstoob Canter.

Almost one year after Miriam died, it will be a fitting tribute to the life of a most remarkable woman who devoted much of her life to public education.

Miriam Gobstoob was born in 1923 in Boston, Massachusetts. She attended Boston University and joined the Women's Air Corps in 1944. She devoted herself to the war effort and was a part of the successful effort to integrate her company.

After the war, and her honorable discharge, she joined the first all-women's Jewish War Veteran's Post. She became a commander of that post and later in life commander of the Chicago Jewish War Veteran's Post, the only woman to command two such posts.

In 1956 she married David S. Canter and moved to Chicago where she dived into work, family and community activism.

Their children, Marc, Evan and Anna drew Miriam into a lifetime commitment to education including President of the Kenwood-Ellis Co-operative Nursery School, President of the Shoemith School PTA, President of Wirth School PTA, President of Kenwood High School PTA, President of Metro High School PTA, Community Representative of Wirth Local School Council.

She was recognized with awards including the Distinguished Service Award for 25 years of service to public education at Wirth School

and the Achievement Award for 10 years Service for Local School Council participation.

There were many other facets to Miriam's love of community and country.

She worked for over 20 years at Michael Reese Hospital, was a founding board member of the Michael Reese Health Plan and the Women's Health Initiative. She was active in protecting the rights and interests of hospital workers.

Miriam made her home a center for activism and was fiercely active in the struggle for civil rights, banning nuclear weapons and in opposition to the war in Vietnam. From freedom marches and peace meetings to fund-raising events and making sandwiches no job was too big or too small for Miriam.

She was awarded (posthumously) the Un-sung Heroine Award by the Cook County Women's Commission.

Miriam's home was a joyous place to visit. She was a hostess par excellence, and, according to at least one eye witness was a key player in the greatest little floating mah jongg game in Chicago.

Miriam is survived by her husband, three children, six grandchildren and uncounted friends, neighbors and coworkers. She will be remembered not only because her name is affixed to a public middle school, but because her name in indelibly engraved in the hearts of all those who knew her.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM KOLBE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2000

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, on October 10, 2000, I was on an airplane returning from my district and missed the following votes: H.R. 208, to amend Title 5, U.S. Code, to allow for the contribution of certain rollover distributions to accounts in the Thrift Savings Plan; H.R. 762, the Lupus Research and Care Amendments; and S. 2438, the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all three of these votes (#519, #520 and #521).

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. DALE STRAYHORN, PRINCIPAL OF ROCHELLE MIDDLE SCHOOL, LENOIR COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

HON. EVA M. CLAYTON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2000

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, for almost two decades, Mrs. Dale Strayhorn has quietly and effectively touched the lives of hundreds of young people. As a teacher, school administrator and principal, she has helped our communities meet the challenge of child-raising.

She has now brought her considerable energy and expertise to Rochelle Middle School in Lenoir County, North Carolina, where she

currently serves as principal. Since arriving at Rochelle, she has made every student feel important and has made every parent feel that the education of their child is being taken very seriously.

Dale Strayhorn is an educator, a mentor, an advisor, an advocate, a counselor, a visionary. She cares. She dares to be different, and she has made a difference. But, her path to excellence has not been easy. Like all who teach well, she first had to learn. One of eight children, she was instructed by her father to "get a job or go to college." She did both. She attended North Carolina Central University in Durham, and she took on the tough task of raising her daughter Gwen, beginning in her Sophomore year.

Over the years, Mrs. Strayhorn has taught elementary school, taught military-dependent children and taught alternative school children, among many other experiences. In all instances, she has emphasized character building, skill development and preparation for the future.

Despite her many accomplishments and her tireless agenda, she has always found time to be a devoted wife, a loving mother, a dedicated daughter and a dutiful member of her church. While balancing many responsibilities, she has never neglected to balance her priorities—those things most important in life—family, friends, neighbors, community and church.

Those who are charged with the education, growth and development of our young people must be among the best, the brightest, the most honorable. They must love what they do and conduct themselves with the highest standards and with impeccable integrity. Mrs. Dale Strayhorn meets and exceeds all of those qualities.

While she has assumed the role of Principal at Rochelle, above all, she is a teacher, one who guides, instructs and paints a path for others to follow. She deserves our praise and adulation.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER MEDICAL CENTER

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2000

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th Anniversary of the University of Rochester Medical Center.

From quality, compassionate patient care to cutting-edge research to individualized student education, the University of Rochester Medical Center has earned a nationwide reputation for excellence. Since its founding by Dean George Hoyt Whipple, the School of Dentistry and Medicine has produced some of our country's most skilled doctors and researchers, whose commitment to the art of healing has made a real difference in the lives of countless people and families.

To continue their tradition of excellence and prominence, the University of Rochester Medical Center will today mark the investiture of three deans, who will build on the center's successes heading into its second 75 years of