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Congress and the President turn away from trying to be the world's policeman. But if the Administration insists on dispatching troops across the globe, then Congress must ensure that these troops are at least prepared to carry out the mission.

I might have done things a little differently, but I think that the country's soldiers and military retirees have some serious problems, and the gentleman from South Carolina and his committee have made an honest effort to address those problems. On balance, H.R. 4205 is a fair attempt at assessing and meeting the country's defense needs. I find it disturbing that the Defense Appropriations Act looks so different. There are many unauthorized items in the Appropriations bill, that at least appear more directed toward ensuring victory at the ballot box, rather than on the battlefield.

I choose to base my national security votes on national priorities. Therefore, I support the Defense Authorization Conference Report, but oppose the Defense Appropriations bill.

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IN MEMORY OF FREDERICK  
DEBARROS OF NORWICH, CON-  
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**HON. SAM GEJDENSON**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 17, 2000*

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Frederick DeBarros of Norwich, CT. Mr. DeBarros was a life-long resident of Norwich and gave so much to his community over more than eight decades.

Mr. DeBarros was born in Norwich in March 1914 and attended public schools in the community. He worked for Sears and as a custodian with the Norwich school system until his retirement in 1993. He was also an elder of the Easter Pequot Tribe.

Mr. DeBarros will be remembered by many in the community as a tremendous athlete and an avid sports fan. As a young man, he played for the A.C. Softball Team while later in life he served as an umpire in the Norwich City League. The community has recognized his many athletic accomplishments by including him in the Norwich Sports Hall of Fame. Mr. DeBarros was also a lifetime member of the Sportsmen Athletic Club of Norwich. I am told that he was an intense Yankees fan.

Mr. Speaker, Frederick DeBarros was devoted to his family and his community throughout his long life. I join with his neighbors in offering my condolences to his family and the Eastern Pequot Tribe. We can take comfort in knowing that Mr. DeBarros' memory will live on in Norwich through his many achievements on the field of play and his service to the community.

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN MEMORY OF THE LATE GOV-  
ERNOR OF MISSOURI, GOVERNOR  
MEL CARNAHAN

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**HON. RICHARD A. GEPHARDT**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 17, 2000*

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, fate seems especially cruel when wonderful people are taken away in the prime of life, and the death of Governor Carnahan is just such a tragedy. Words alone do not fully describe the sorrow Jane and I and all Missourians feel at the loss of our Governor.

Mel Carnahan was a good man. He was a decent, caring man. He loved his state, and he fought hard for every person in it. A man who considered public service a high calling, Mel had a quiet, humble demeanor and his commitment to families in Missouri made a difference in the lives of millions of people.

A beloved governor, the son of two teachers in the Ozark mountains, Mel worked hard day after day to give every child a chance in life. He was committed to education with a sincere passion.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mel's wife Jean and their three surviving children; our thoughts and prayers are with them at this difficult moment. Missouri has lost a giant, and, humbly, we will work to ensure that Mel's wonderful, positive, humane spirit lives on in all our lives.

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MCDONALD'S CORPORATION—EPA  
WASTE WISE PARTNER OF THE  
YEAR, OCTOBER 17, 2000

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**HON. JUDY BIGGERT**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 17, 2000*

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the McDonald's Corporation for its exemplary leadership in environmental conservation. McDonald's has been a pioneer in a range of efforts to conserve energy, protect natural resources, and reduce solid waste.

In the past, the Corporation has been honored for its conservation work by major environmental organizations, including the Council on Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). As a result of its comprehensive waste reduction program, McDonald's has received further recognition for its efforts in this area by recently receiving the EPA's prestigious Waste Wise Partner of the Year award.

In 1989, McDonald's partnered with the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) to develop a comprehensive action plan for reducing waste. This cooperative project laid the foundation for a new approach to solving environmental problems. It served as a model for additional EDF alliances with leading U.S. businesses and also as a catalyst for other corporate/environmental organization partnerships.

The following year, McDonald's established one of the first corporate "buy recycle" programs. The Company also initiated an ongoing series of environmentally friendly changes in

packaging design that continues to this day. In 1992, McDonald's enrolled in EPA's Green Lights program to institutionalize the use of energy efficient lighting and, in 1994, became the very first partner in the EPA WasteWise program.

The impact of these commitments and partnerships has been extraordinary. During the course of the 1990's, McDonald's: Eliminated 297 million pounds of packaging; Recycled 2 billion pounds of corrugated cardboard, thus reducing restaurant waste by 30 percent; Purchased over \$3 billion worth of products made from recycled materials—over 300,000 tons in 1999 alone; and Saved over 510 million kilowatt hours, the equivalent of all the energy used by 14,500 homes over ten years.

These impressive numbers do not tell the whole story. By entering into these partnerships, McDonald's is proving that commitment to the environment and core business interests can go hand in hand. In so doing, they are helping to bring about a new environmental ethic and, in a broader sense, the growth of corporate social responsibility.

The Waste Wise award is an appropriate recognition for such leadership and for McDonald's sustained, effective commitment to making the world a better place. I congratulate the McDonald's corporation and its employees for this outstanding achievement.

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IN TRIBUTE TO THE LATE  
REPRESENTATIVE SIDNEY YATES

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**HON. JERROLD NADLER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 17, 2000*

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend and colleague, the late Congressman Sidney Yates, who passed away earlier this month. Sid Yates represented the Ninth District of Illinois for close to 50 years with great distinction. He was a man of vision who will be remembered most for his dedication to defending and promoting the arts in America.

Throughout his career, Sid Yates made Federal funding of the arts a priority. He helped push for the legislation establishing the National Endowment for the Arts and worked to steadily increase its budget as chairman of the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee. When the NEA came under attack in 1995, it was Sid Yates who helped lead our efforts to preserve. I was proud to stand with Sid as his passionate and eloquent defense of the NEA and of government's role in the arts helped stave off its elimination.

We mourn his passing, but we should celebrate the many contributions he made to this Chamber. The arts community, in particular, has lost one of its great champions, but his memory will live on in the smiles of the young people who will be introduced to the arts thanks to the efforts of Sidney Yates. I speak for all of those who care deeply about the arts in this country when I say that he will be greatly missed, but will never be forgotten.