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SUPPORT FOR LEGISLATION CON-
DEMNING RACIAL AND RELI-
GIOUS INTOLERANCE

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, racial and religious intolerance have no place in twenty-first Century America. Hate for a fellow human being because of religion or skin color has no place among us. Institutions that teach our next generation of leaders prejudice are breeding grounds for bigots. And political leaders who fail to speak out against such hurtful and divisive mantras have failed their duties and the people they represent.

We cannot afford to remain silent in the face of anti-religious, anti-Catholic, and anti-minorities preaching from leaders of Bob Jones University. That is why I rise today to commend the gentleman from New York for his forthright Resolution. I am a proud cosponsor of his resolution that rejects discrimination and intolerance based on religion, race, and ethnicity. This resolution would put Congress on record as opposing policies preached and practiced only at Bob Jones University in South Carolina. Policies that are repulsive and unimaginable by a majority of Americans today. Some of these policies include the barring of free association of interracial couples on campus. Just as repulsive is the anti-Catholic venom emanating from the halls of this university.

This is not what is supposed to be taught in the classrooms. We cannot stand idly by while bigots are free to spout their shortsighted and hurtful words. We must speak out against intolerance and injustice. Congress must act now and pass this Resolution.

HONORING THE TORRANCE CHAM-
BER OF COMMERCE'S CELEBRA-
TION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HON. STEVEN T. KUYKENDALL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce's celebration of Black History Month. On February 25th, the Torrance Chamber will hold its annual Black History Celebration.

It is during this important month that we celebrate black history and the achievements and legacy of all African Americans. I am grateful that the people of my district have this event which will help them understand the contributions of Black Americans to our entire nation.

As the leading business organization in the South Bay, the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce is an aggressive, independent advocate of business interests exercising its influence with government, business and the community to ensure economic growth and vitality. I commend the Torrance Chamber for the creation of its Cultural Involvement Task Force. This important outreach program seeks to assist Chamber members of diverse ethnic

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backgrounds to assimilate into positions of involvement and effectively take advantage of the business opportunities available throughout the community.

To highlight the month-long celebration of African American heritage, Brigadier General Clara L. Adams-Ender will give the keynote address at the Chamber's Black History Celebration 2000. She has had a distinguished career, rising from a staff nurse in the army nurse corps to become brigadier general responsible for the army's 20,000 nurses.

I commend the Torrance Chamber's commitment to multiculturalism. The Torrance Chamber is a community leader in celebrating the importance of our country's African American heritage.

HONORING NEW JERUSALEM BAP-
TIST CHURCH OF GREER, SOUTH
CAROLINA

HON. JIM DeMINT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. DeMINT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remind my friends in this chamber that freedom in America is created not by government, but by individuals who take responsibility upon themselves and share in the responsibilities of community. When citizens take this responsibility, local people keep dollars, decisions and freedom in their hands. It is my honor several times each year to present the Congressional Spirit of Freedom Award to members of the 4th District of South Carolina. This non-partisan award goes to individuals, organizations, schools, and businesses that go above and beyond the call of duty to advance the spirit and ideals of freedom and volunteerism in service to the communities of South Carolina.

It is my pleasure today to honor one such group, the New Jerusalem Baptist Church in Greer, SC that has embodied these ideals. The Church is headed by Reverend Steve Watson. Under his guidance, the church sponsors summer youth programs, a soup kitchen, homeless shelter, and after-school programs that provide tutoring and mentoring to area children. New Jerusalem Baptist Church is a shining city on a hill, choosing to work through their love and talents rather than forcing government to support them. The entire congregation has answered the call to help those in need, showing the tremendous impact a group of people can have in changing the lives of thousands.

It is an honor to serve constituents of such high character and dedication to the service of others. I offer my sincere thanks and best wishes for their continued success in bringing freedom home to the citizens of the Upstate and South Carolina. I am honored to present the New Jerusalem Baptist Church, Greer, SC with the Congressional Spirit of Freedom Award.

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HONORING CARA RAINWATER

HON. TOM DeLAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. DeLAY. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to congratulate and honor a young Texas student from my district who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in her community. Cara Rainwater of Missouri City has just been named one of my state's top honorees in The 2000 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, an annual honor conferred on the most impressive student volunteers in each state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

Ms. Rainwater, a senior at Lawrence Elkins High School and an active community volunteer, is being recognized for serving as a peer counselor for burn victims at Camp Phoenix, a summer camp sponsored by the Burn Children Recovery Foundation.

In light of numerous statistics that indicate Americans today are less involved in their communities than they once were, it's vital that we encourage and support the kind of selfless contribution this young citizen has made. People of all ages need to think more about how we, as individual citizens, can work together at the local level to ensure the health and vitality of our towns and neighborhoods. Young volunteers like Ms. Rainwater are inspiring examples to all of us, and are among our brightest hopes for a better tomorrow.

The program that brought this young role model to our attention—The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards—was created by the Prudential Insurance Company of America in partnership with the National Association of Secondary Schools Principals in 1995 to impress upon all youth volunteers that their contributions are critically important and highly valued, and to inspire other young people to follow their example. In only five years, the program has become the nation's largest youth recognition effort based solely on community service, with nearly 75,000 youngsters participating since its inception.

Ms. Rainwater should be extremely proud to have been singled out from such a large group of dedicated volunteers. Mr. Speaker, I heartily applaud Ms. Rainwater for her initiative in seeking to make her community a better place to live, and for the positive impact she has had on the lives of others. She has demonstrated a level of commitment and accomplishment that is truly extraordinary in today's world, and deserves our sincere admiration and respect. Her actions show that young Americans can—and do—play important roles in our communities, and that America's community spirit continues to hold tremendous promise for the future.

HONORING TOM PROUD

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to rise today and tell you a story about a man

who has gone to great lengths to help another. In the face of a storm, Tom Proud is definitely someone to have around.

Tom, a Pueblo County Sheriff's Deputy, was on his way to Denver when he saw a car slide on ice and land in the ditch. He claims that he did nothing more than the average citizen when he pulled over to offer assistance. Tom saw that a woman was stranded with children and went out of his way to make sure that they were safe and back on their way.

Miles from any town, Tom drove to a tire station to have the flat tire repaired and then drove back to the car to put in on the car. Tom was so dedicated to making certain Mrs. Martinez, the woman who was stranded, and the children were safe that he put his own plans on hold.

Mrs. Martinez was so overwhelmed with gratitude that a simple thank you was not enough. She wrote a letter to a Pueblo County Commissioner telling the story of selfless valor displayed by the off-duty peace officer. She told the Commissioner that without Tom's help, they would not have been able to be in Denver before one of their family members went into surgery. Mrs. Martinez counts all of Pueblo lucky to have Tom among its citizens.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I offer tribute to Tom Proud. He has gone above and beyond the call of duty and deserves our thanks and praise.

REPEAL THE FEDERAL DIESEL
TAX

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today I have introduced legislation to help protect all Americans from the artificially-inflated rise in fuel costs by temporarily suspending the 24.4 cent per gallon federal tax on diesel fuel.

This step is necessary because the price of diesel has almost doubled in the past six months. This steep rise is bringing ruin to America's truckers, carriers, shippers, farmers, and adversely affecting all consumers. While the U.S. Congress cannot force OPEC to increase production, we must initiate a federal investigation into possible manipulation and price gauging by OPEC members and other oil producers. Clearly there is no shortage of oil. What we see today is intentional manipulation of production to ensure the highest prices for oil producers.

In addition to launching a federal investigation, Congress should pass my legislation which is designed to provide immediate, albeit temporary, relief for the American consumer and so many small businesses which depend on diesel fuel. The average independent trucker and small farmer cannot continue to operate their businesses with the cost of diesel at almost \$2 per gallon! Let's help them out by repealing the federal tax on diesel at the same time that we work the diplomatic and legal channels to bring pressure on oil producers. Please cosponsor this bill.

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RECOGNIZING DR. HILARY
KOPROWSKI

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to recognize the outstanding achievements of Dr. Hilary Koprowski—a man who has changed America, and the world, for the better.

Dr. Koprowski is one of the most distinguished and respected biomedical researchers in American history. On February 27, 2000 we marked the 50th anniversary of the first application of his oral polio vaccine—one of Dr. Koprowski's most notable achievements. Truly one of the outstanding scientists of our time, Dr. Koprowski, along with co-workers, engineered a new rabies vaccine that is more effective and less painful than the traditional Pasteur technique. In addition, Dr. Koprowski has pioneered the development of monoclonal antibodies for the detection and treatment of cancer. Dr. Koprowski is known for being a creative scientist. His other contributions include a blood test for early detection of cancer, and a serum for effective therapy against cancer of the bowel. He found a connection between viral infection and diseases of the nervous system. Dr. Koprowski's other research focused on the toxic effect of free radicals on lesions caused by viral disease.

Today, Dr. Koprowski is the author of more than 850 scientific papers and a member of many learned societies. He has received honorary degrees from numerous universities and is the recipient of more than eighteen major honors, including the Order of the Lion, awarded by the King of Belgium, the Legion of Honor of France and the Nicolaus Copernicus Medal of the Polish Academy of Sciences, the Philadelphia Award, the Scott Award, and the Legion of Honor.

Born in Warsaw, Poland, Dr. Hilary Koprowski was faced with a choice between a career in music or in science. He received a degree in piano from the Warsaw Conservatory as well as the Santa Cecilia Academy of Music in Rome. In 1939, Dr. Koprowski obtained his M.D. degree and adopted scientific research as his life's work. Music remains a significant part of Dr. Koprowski's life. His compositions are published and are currently being played by various orchestras. Dr. Koprowski often compared science to music when he said, "A well-done experiment gives the same sense of satisfaction that a composer feels after composing a sonata."

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Hilary Koprowski is a hero. He has been a world leader in scientific research for over 50 years. His expertise and leadership have contributed greatly to the field of science, and he has helped save countless lives. I know the House will join me in paying tribute to this outstanding scientist on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his polio vaccine discovery.

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IN HONOR OF DR. LIFSHITZ

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to an outstanding physician, Dr. Aliza Lifshitz.

Many know her as Doctor Aliza, a doctor who has spent the past two decades working in the Latino communities in Los Angeles and across the country, to improve the health of Latino citizens.

Dr. Lifshitz grew up in Mexico, the daughter of a Russian immigrant father and New York-born mother. Dr. Lifshitz attended the prestigious Universidad Autonoma de Mexico. She also studied at Tulane University and at UC San Diego.

During her medical career, Dr. Lifshitz has become known as a primary source of health information to the Latino community. She reports on Primer Impacto, the highest-rated Spanish language news magazine television series on the air. She is also the health columnist for La Opinion, the largest Spanish-language daily newspaper in America.

Dr. Lifshitz' most recent accomplishment is a book, "Mama Sana, Bebe Sano—Healthy Mother, Healthy Baby," a pregnancy guide written in Spanish and English. The bilingual book is the first published that addresses pregnancy and infant care simultaneously in the same book.

Dr. Lifshitz' stellar career is a testament to dedication. She has concentrated her efforts in administering care to the under-served segment of the population—the indigent, teens in crisis, the elderly and the many who have fallen between the cracks of our society. She has also become a role model for millions of young women striving to better themselves and the world they live in. Throughout her career, Dr. Lifshitz has shared her considerable talent and gift of healing with everyone. Her role is not only as a physician, but as a "friend."

Colleagues, please join with me today as we honor Dr. Lifshitz, a caring physician who is committed to her profession and to the well-being of those in her care.

HONORING DAN KLOSTER,
SNOWMASS VILLAGE ROTARY
CLUB BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL
PERSON OF THE YEAR

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize the Rotary Club of Snowmass Village Business/Professional Person of the Year. Dan Kloster is a businessman who knows how important it is to give back to the community.

The Person of the Year award is given each year to the person who best exemplifies the principles of the club. Candidates for the award are nominated by either Rotarians or by