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The legislation includes programs for violence and drug abuse prevention, technology in the classroom, charter schools, and a number of other smaller authorizations. ESEA governs the bulk of the federal government's involvement in elementary and secondary education. Once this bill is completed the House will have completed the ESEA reauthorization process that we began last year with the following components: Education Flexibility Partnership Act (signed into law as P.L. 106-25); Teacher Empowerment Act, H.R. 1995 (passed the House); Student Results Act, H.R. 2 (passed the House); Academic Achievement for All Act, H.R. 2300 (passed the House); LIFT (Literacy Involves Families Together), H.R. 3222, and Impact Aid, H.R. 3616, were approved last month in committee and are awaiting consideration by the full House.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING CAPTAIN JOSEPH
AVVEDUTI, CMDR., U.S.S. "KALAMAZOO"

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 30, 2000

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to come today before this House and the American people to formally thank and honor a true American hero, Capt. Joseph Avveduti, for his great and long service to our nation.

Captain Avveduti served as commander of the U.S.S. *Kalamazoo* from September 1995 to August 1996, and will be retiring from the U.S. Navy in July of this year. His retirement will not only be a great loss to our Armed Forces, but our nation as a whole.

Joseph Avveduti first came to my attention as commander of the U.S.S. *Kalamazoo*, a vessel whose namesake is Kalamazoo, MI, a city in my district. Like the residents of Kalamazoo, Captain Avveduti represents the best America has to offer.

In reviewing his distinguished service record, Captain Avveduti's dedication to his country is immediately evident. Throughout his many years of meritorious service to our country, he has been awarded the Bronze Star, three Meritorious Service Medals, the Air Medal and the prestigious Legion of Merit in addition to service and campaign medals too numerous to name here.

Captain Avveduti should be embraced as a shining example for many young men and women who are entering our Armed Forces today. After graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1974, he was designated a naval aviator and served his initial aviation tour with the helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron in Jacksonville, FL.

Mr. Speaker, Captain Joseph Avveduti has not only spoken of dedication and service to our nation throughout his career—he's lived it. Between 1983 and 1985 while serving as the assistant air officer of the U.S.S. *Guam*, Joseph Avveduti saw combat in Grenada and in Beirut, Lebanon. Just a few years later, Captain Avveduti was once again called to arms to defend democracy during Operation Desert

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Storm. During this conflict, by all accounts, Captain Avveduti served valiantly aboard the U.S.S. *Saratoga* in the Red Sea as part of the team that successfully defeated Saddam Hussein and restored freedom to the people of Kuwait.

After returning to the United States, in 1997 Captain Avveduti graduated from the National War College here in Washington, DC, and, in his tradition of continuing dedication, he currently holds the Chief of Naval Operations Chair at that institution.

Mr. Speaker, I believe I speak for every Member of this Congress and a grateful nation when I extend to Captain Avveduti, his wife Carol, and his sons Joseph and David, our best wishes for a happy, healthy, and productive retirement. Because I am humbled by his dedication and achievements, I ask your indulgence in making these remarks part of the permanent record of the Congress so that all Americans, now and in the future, can read and reflect on the honor, distinguished service and achievements of a great American—Capt. Joseph Avveduti.

VALLEY GRANGE HONORED ON
100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 30, 2000

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Valley Grange 1184 of Danville, Pennsylvania, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of its charter. Valley Grange was chartered April 2, 1900, and has been continuously active since that date.

The Grange is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life through educational, social and legislative activities; promoting family life through family-oriented activities; advancing the cause of agriculture; developing rural leadership; and acting as a spokesman in public affairs.

From its founding, the Grange has been in the forefront of the fight to secure fair treatment and better conditions for farm and rural citizens. From securing rural free mail delivery to rural electrification, to fair prices for farm products to local tax reform, the Grange has been there for its citizens, "preserving the traditions of yesterday and ensuring the hope for tomorrow," as its current slogan proclaims.

The Grange deserves much credit for preserving the very traditions that have made America a strong and caring country—traditions such as legislative action, family values, citizenship, stewardship and community service.

Exemplifying commitment to those traditions are ten members of the Grange in Danville who will be honored for their many years of continuous membership when Valley Grange celebrates its 100-year milestone with a dinner at the Grange Hall on April 3.

I am pleased to join their fellow Valley Grange members in honoring the following people, who will be presented with certificates and pins for their dedication: Hazel Savage, 75 years; Sarah Kreisher and Clyde and Ruth Krum, 70 years; Lansford Steininger, 60 years;

Robert George, 55 years; and James and Lois Hagenbuch, Dorothy Keefer and Minor Leighow, 25 years.

Mr. Speaker, it is people like these ten members of Valley Grange who help to keep rural America strong, and I am proud to wish them and their fellow members a happy 100th anniversary.

2000 EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 29, 2000

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3908) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes:

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Chairman, I applaud the House's adoption of the amendment to H.R. 3908, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, offered by my colleague, the gentleman from Arkansas, Mr. HUTCHINSON.

My District is currently struggling with an explosion in the use, distribution, and production of methamphetamine. The number of methamphetamine incidents in the First District of Kentucky is estimated to be one of the highest in the country.

The outbreak of clandestine meth labs is creating a tremendous burden of local law enforcement agencies, especially in rural areas with small police departments. Methamphetamine investigations are time consuming and require unique techniques and specialized equipment. Law enforcement officers in making a meth bust cannot simply arrest the suspect or suspects; they must be certified to dispose of these volatile and hazardous chemicals.

This amendment will reallocate much needed funding to DEA for cleanup of hazardous materials at clandestine methamphetamine laboratories. The funds available to DEA for lab cleanups were recently exhausted.

Western Kentucky was fortunate enough to receive a \$1 million earmark for methamphetamine eradication and cleanup. However, we could still experience a funding shortfall based on statistics provided to me by DEA. During Fiscal Year 1999, there were 58 meth lab cleanups in the State of Kentucky; 50 were in my District. During the first quarter of this year, there were 25 meth lab cleanups in Kentucky and 20 were in my District.

This is a serious problem we can't ignore.

GRANTING CHINA PERMANENT
NORMAL TRADE RELATIONS
(PNTR)

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 30, 2000

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, a great nation has to stand on its principles. If it fails to do