

Washington where he serves as the assistant director for Higher Education Issues in the Health, Education and Human Services Division. He has played a vital role throughout the years in identifying problem areas within the student loan program and providing solutions to long standing problems. Most importantly, some of those solutions have saved the Federal taxpayers millions of dollars that would have otherwise been lost to fraud and abuse within the program.

My committee has come to rely on Jay for solutions to numerous issues that arise in the context of administering a very large and complicated student loan program. His suggestions and recommendations for improvements have been invaluable over the years and especially during the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act in 1998. He was instrumental in helping the committee quantify the rapid increases in tuition and fees at colleges and universities across the country. This year, his involvement in the market mechanisms study required by the Higher Education Act has helped to move forward so that a timely report will be delivered to Congress. It is no easy task given the various interests represented by the study group and the complex issues involved.

I want to wish Jay the very best in his retirement on behalf of our committee members who have come to admire and respect his commitment to the improvement of education in America.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY HONORS
THE MEMORY OF JEREMIAH F.
REGAN

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2000

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of one of central New Jersey's most distinguished citizens, Jeremiah F. Regan. Tonight the city of Oceanport will be officially dedicating the Jeremiah F. Regan Library/Media Center, a fitting tribute to a man who put such great effort into improving education in New Jersey.

Jeremiah Regan was born in Skibbereen, Ireland, and came to the United States in 1932. He served in the Army during World War II, and became a United States citizen while serving in Germany. After leaving the Army, he worked for Western Electric, and then came to work at the Electronics Command at Ft. Monmouth in Eatontown, NJ. While at Ft. Monmouth, Jerry Regan earned many honors, including, in 1984, the Department of the Army Exceptional Civilian Service Award—the highest award the Army gives to civilians.

Jerry served on the school board in Oceanport for 30 years, and served as president from 1976 to 1984. From 1988 to 1990 he served as president of the New Jersey School Boards Association. While with the NJSBA, Jerry worked tirelessly for students in New Jersey, putting special efforts into advocating for early childhood education programs. In 1998, Jerry received the Milestone Award from the NJSBA in recognition of his 30 years

of service to the children and families in his community.

Jerry also served on the Save Our Fort Committee with me and Representative FRANK PALLONE, working tirelessly to see that Ft. Monmouth remains an active and integral part of the community. Jerry continued to work for his community until his unfortunate passing in 1999. I was proud to call him a friend and still count his wonderfully warm wife of 44 years, Pinky, as a good friend.

Mr. Speaker, one word has constantly reappeared in this statement, and that word is served. Jeremiah F. Regan truly lived a life of service, and represents the best that central New Jersey has to offer. He was an immigrant, like so many of my constituents today, and like them, he gave himself wholeheartedly to making New Jersey, and America, a better place. I hope the House will join me in recognizing Jerry's accomplishments, and in commending Oceanport for creating this lasting memorial to one of its great citizens.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2000

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, during the following rollcall votes, I was out in my district on official business. Had I been present, I would have voted as indicated below.

Rollcall No. 96—"yes"; rollcall No. 97—"yes."

A FOND FAREWELL TO DEPUTY
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE DR.
JOHN HAMRE

HON. J.C. WATTS, JR.

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2000

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, recently, I was saddened to hear that the Department of Defense is losing one of its greatest minds and greatest public servants. Dr. John Hamre is leaving his post as Deputy Secretary of Defense to move into the private sector. Dr. Hamre has had a long and distinguished career of public service in the defense community.

In his two and a half year tenure as Deputy Secretary of Defense he initiated improved business practices, improved defenses against cyberterrorism, and improved defense against biological and chemical warfare. Clearly, our national security has been strengthened by his diligence in these and other areas.

Before his position as Deputy Secretary of Defense he served as Comptroller of the Department of Defense. He had moved to the Department of Defense from the Senate Armed Services Committee where he served as a professional staff member.

Dr. Hamre is not only an extraordinary civil servant, but a good man and good friend. The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) will be well served with the addition of

Dr. Hamre. I would like to thank Dr. Hamre for his years of service to the American people, and wish him all the best with his future endeavors with the CSIS.

IN HONOR OF DENNIS J. VADINI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dennis J. Vadini, Secretary Treasurer and Principal Officer of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 52 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Dennis Vadini was born and raised in Parma, Ohio. He graduated from Parma High School and then served in the United States Navy from 1968–72. After returning to Cleveland, Dennis immersed himself in labor studies, first at Cuyahoga Community College and then at Cleveland State University. He also earned several certificates in labor law, labor negotiations, and other labor-related subjects from Ohio State University's Continuing Education program.

Dennis Vadini has enjoyed a long and successful Union career. He worked his way up the ladder in the Teamsters Local 52, beginning as chief steward with the Union, and then becoming Trustee in 1980. He also served as Vice-President and President of the Local 52 before reaching his current position as Secretary Treasurer and Principal Officer. In addition, Dennis is Co-chairman of Ohio Bakery Division of the Ohio Conference of Teamsters, and serves on the Medical Mutual Health Care Advisory Council. Because of his commitment to organized labor and his concern for improving the lives of his fellow human beings, Dennis is now being honored by the Cleveland State of Israel Bonds.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring Dennis Vadini, Secretary Treasurer and Principal Officer of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 52.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE JOSEPH G.
CIRILLO

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2000

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today I pay my respects and honor Joseph G. Cirillo, a long-time friend and community leader in Haverford Township, PA, who passed away on March 22 at the age of 60.

Joe Cirillo's life was centered around service to others—he was a devoted family man, a man of deep faith and a generous and hard-working community leader. After serving in the Navy, Joe enrolled at Widener University and later received a master's degree in counseling and human relations from Villanova University. His public service spans almost thirty years working on all the many important areas facing the township—parks and recreation and zoning, to name a few. At the time of his