

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

death he was Haverford Township Commissioner and Chairman of the Township's Republican Party organization. Although his political leadership gave him high profile as a Republican, his community involvement extended beyond just politics. His work as personnel director at Fair Acres, Delaware County's geriatric center, placed him in an environment where his concern, compassion and devotion to duty were in evidence on a daily basis.

Joe and his childhood sweetheart, Cathy Dupal, recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Joseph; daughters Theresa McLean, Susan Ferry and Cathy Koval; five grandchildren; and a brother, Vincent, of Philadelphia. My deep sympathy goes out to Joe's wife, Cathy, to their children, grandchildren and to his brother, Vincent.

The entire community knows Joe as a man who could be counted on in every situation. If ever a man lived his faith, it was Joe Cirillo. Joe was an extraordinary man who went above and beyond what was needed because of his sincere desire to help his fellow man. We will all miss Joe, but we count as blessing all the many wonderful memories of his life and work. Mr. Speaker, our region has lost a great leader, and I have lost a good friend.

[From the Philadelphia Inquirer, Mar. 23, 2000]

JOSEPH G. CIRILLO, A GOP LEADER
(By William Lamb)

Joseph G. Cirillo, 60, a Haverford Township commissioner and chairman of the township's Republican Party organization, died yesterday of an apparent heart attack at Delaware County's Fair Acres Geriatric Center, where he was director of personnel.

Mr. Cirillo had represented Haverford's Third Ward on the township's Board of Commissioners since 1995, when he was appointed to fill the seat vacated by the death of Stephen Campetti. In 1997, he was appointed to the Haverford Authority, a body charged with recommending uses for the 239-acre site of the former Haverford State Hospital.

Mr. Cirillo's political allies and foes described him as a diligent worker who devoted much of his free time to his party and community.

A native of West Philadelphia, Mr. Cirillo graduated from St. Thomas More High School in 1957, an achievement he noted proudly with a personalized license plate: "STM 1957."

After serving in the Navy, Mr. Cirillo took a job with Acme Markets at the supermarket chain's West Philadelphia warehouse at 59th Street and Upland Way. He enrolled at Widener University after chronic back problems forced him to leave the job, and later received a master's degree in counseling and human relations from Villanova University.

In 1959, he married Cathy Dupal, whom he had known since childhood. The couple moved to Haverford in 1966.

Mr. Cirillo immersed himself in his community, and in the Republican organization that ran it. He served on the township's parks and recreation board in the early 1970s. He was appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board in 1980 and was elected chairman in 1993.

By the mid-1980s, Mr. Cirillo was first vice president of the township Republican committee, eventually taking control of the local party organization in 1994 after the resignation of Hugh A. Donaghue.

Until his ally Fred Moran failed to win reappointment as commissioners chairman in

January, Mr. Cirillo was Haverford's undisputed GOP boss. Despite rumors of an effort to depose him as party chair, Mr. Cirillo had said this week that he planned to seek reelection to the post next month.

He began working for Delaware County in 1982 as a human resources information and referral specialist. In 1987, he was appointed personnel director at Fair Acres, the county's geriatric center in Lima, a position he held until his death.

"I don't know anyone that can't say that Joe was the most loyal and hard-working Republican in this township," said Joan Genthert-Giangiulio, a former Haverford commissioner who befriended the Cirillos in 1969. "He was one of the guys that did all of the work—he didn't delegate much—and I think it's going to be a big loss."

Mr. Cirillo's political opponents also acknowledged his contributions yesterday.

"I was impressed that his community involvement extended beyond just politics," said State Rep. Gregory S. Vitali (D., Delaware), acknowledging Cirillo's involvement at St. Denis Church.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Joseph; daughters Theresa McLean, Susan Ferry and Cathy Koval; five grandchildren; and a brother, Vincent, of Philadelphia.

WOMEN'S HEALTH RESEARCH

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2000

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to draw your attention to the critical need for Congressional commitment to support research for women's health research. As a survivor of ovarian cancer myself, and on behalf of the millions of women who suffer debilitating diseases, the advancement of women's health must be a national priority.

Historically, women's diseases have sat on the "backburner" of research agendas. But one hundred years ago when many women did not live through menopause, women were not represented in elected offices as they are now. Today, women are not only 12% of this House, but also 50% of the American workforce and the primary caregivers in our homes. Our daily health greatly affects the productivity of America and the quality of life for our children and families. We need to continue to fight aggressively to make women's health research a national priority.

Too many times, chronic health conditions affecting women have been labeled and dismissed as "psychosomatic." Yet, we know through medical research that these "women's conditions" are real diseases with real biological causes. Chronic conditions are often associated with significant medical costs as patients and providers seek to identify the root of the problem, rule out other conditions, and find a satisfactory approach to managing and treating the illness.

The Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research recently sponsored a briefing that I was pleased to support, "Reaching Gender Equity in the 21st Century: A Renewed Focus on Women's Health." The briefing highlighted the need for increased research into chronic conditions that affect women and their productivity.

The briefing featured two chronic conditions that disproportionately affect women during their prime working years, irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) and migraine headaches. IBS is a common intestinal disorder characterized by recurring abdominal pain and abnormal bowel functions. IBS affects as many as 50 million Americans, predominately women, and is a leading cause of absenteeism at work.

Many successes have been achieved in medical research of women's health, for which I am personally grateful. All of us have benefited from the advances in medical research and the resulting technology. But it has been only in the last 10 years that women have been included in clinical trials. We have a long road ahead of us and many challenges to meet. We can not rest on the laurels of our past. Instead, we must dedicate ourselves to advancing our national women's health research agenda. I intend to do just that.

2000 EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

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. BENTSEN. Mr. Chairman, I rise in reluctant support of the Fiscal Year 2000 Supplemental Bill, which provides over \$9 billion in emergency funds for this year. This bill provides \$5 billion for ongoing operations in Kosovo, \$2.2 billion for natural disaster assistance, \$2 billion additional funds for the Defense Department, and \$1.7 billion in assistance to Colombia, Peru, and to fight narcotics traffickers.

While I support the Supplemental Appropriations bill, I have strong reservations about using this legislation as a vehicle to circumvent the regular appropriations process. Many initiatives and decisions contained in this bill should be part of the regular FY 2001 appropriation process rather than trying to slip under the past and current year spending levels. This bill reduces the non-Social Security budget surplus for this year by about 35%. Such efforts don't speak well for the often-stated Congressional pledges to pay down the debt. Too often under this GOP leadership, the term "emergency" is misunderstood and misused. This Emergency Supplemental request should not be an opportunity to evade spending caps for non-emergency items.

I supported the increases of the Lewis-Spence amendment, which would provide \$4 billion in additional emergency funds, mostly targeted at maintaining critical need areas under the Department of Defense. While it would be preferable to consider this funding during the regular budget process, I believe the military has urgent needs in the areas specified by the amendment. Under the amendment, an additional \$4 billion will be