

strongly supported the spirit of my colleague's amendment, it appears that its real intent was to prevent the strong conservation programs in the bill from being funded. The amendment stated that the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) must provide "certification" that the public debt will be fully paid by 2013, that there will not be an on-budget deficit, and that the Social Security and Medicare trust funds will not fall into a deficit in the next five years before any CARA funding could be dispersed. As the CBO has asserted, it is not able to make such certifications, but can only provide estimates. Because of these technical imperfections in the Shadegg proposal, I believe his amendment would permanently block all CARA funding. For this reason, I joined 207 of my colleagues in voting against this amendment, and supported the motion to recommit the bill to ensure that Social Security and Medicare would truly be protected.

I am a cosponsor of the Conservation and Reinvestment Act CARA, because I strongly support increasing the federal investment in conservation. This bill will make an important, dramatic change in the funding of conservation programs. It establishes a permanent funding source for these programs by setting aside royalties earned from off-shore oil and gas drilling. This funding will be directed toward, coastal conservation, land acquisition through the Land and Water Conservation Fund, wildlife conservation, urban parks and recreation, historic preservation, federal and Indian land restoration, and endangered species recovery. Additional funds are also designated to increase federal payments for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes payments and the Refuge Revenue Sharing programs. I urge my colleagues to support his bipartisan legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF SAVE THE CHILDREN'S WORK TO STAVE OFF A LOOMING FAMINE IN ETHIOPIA

SPEECH OF

HON. SAM GEJDENSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, today I call attention to the exemplary work of Save the Children, a relief organization based in my home state of Connecticut. For nearly seventy years, Save the Children has worked to relieve the suffering of millions of men, women and children worldwide. Save the Children has been on the front lines of humanitarian crises in Africa, Asia and Latin America, delivering humanitarian assistance to millions in need. In the United States, and specifically in Connecticut, Save the Children's relief workers have lent their assistance to both adults and children in underprivileged communities.

Save the Children represents the best of what America has to offer. Today, Gary Shaye, Vice President of International Programs for Save the Children International, testified before the House International Relations Committee on the organization's efforts to stave off a looming famine in Ethiopia. Save the Children's relief workers were among the

first on the ground in Ethiopia, helping to deliver critical food and humanitarian assistance to victims in the hardest-hit areas. The organization has spearheaded education, public health and food distribution programs in the region to meet the needs of a people on the brink of starvation.

Ethiopia today faces a crisis not unlike the famine of 1984. Sustained periods of drought have led to high rates of malnutrition, severe water shortages and a significant loss of livestock. Save the Children has developed a program to address each of these issues, by aiding in the distribution of food and water to the poorest areas and by vaccinating livestock to prevent death and improve the food security of families who depend on livestock for their livelihood. The organization has prepared and initiated food distribution programs for some 135,600 children and adult family members in the Liben, Afdheer, and Borena regions, with plans to distribute 9,200 metric tons of wheat, vegetable oil, and corn soya blend.

Over 10 million people face severe food shortages in Ethiopia alone. Nearly 16 million in the Greater Horn of Africa risk imminent starvation. We cannot afford to turn our backs to their outstretched arms or turn a deaf ear to their anguished cries. Instead, we must continue to provide humanitarian assistance to these victims. I am particularly proud that Save the Children of Connecticut is helping to lead this effort, both within Africa and our own country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, during the day on Wednesday, May 17, 2000, I attended the funeral services for Representative STUPAK's son. As a result, I was unavoidably absent from rollcall votes 190 through 193.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall 190, "yes" on rollcall 191, "yes" on rollcall 192, and "yes" on rollcall 193.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE GRAND OPENING OF THE OVER 60 HEALTH CENTER, CENTER FOR ELDER'S INDEPENDENCE AND MABLE HOWARD APARTMENTS IN BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in celebration of the Grand Opening of the Over 60 Health Center, Center for Elders Independence and the Mable Howard Apartments located in the new Over 60 Building in Berkeley, California. This event will take place on Sunday, May 21, 2000, and include public tours, food and entertainment.

The Over 60 Building is a unique collaboration of three local non-profit organizations.

Over 60, a division of LifeLong Medical Care, is the oldest community health center serving seniors in the United States; the Center for Elders Independence is one of 13 nationally-acclaimed "Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly" (PACE); and Resources for Community Development is a developer of low-income housing in Alameda County. This partnership will offer a full continuum of medical and community-based long term care services for low-income elders that will allow them to remain independent, socially active and live in a community throughout their life span.

In addition to the health care component of this new facility is the Mable Howard Apartments, named posthumously for one of Berkeley's most active, committed and influential residents. This site includes forty affordable studios and one-bedroom apartments for seniors with health care services just an elevator ride away.

The opening will showcase the building, introduce the local community and media outlets to these services, and unveil a community mosaic art project featuring beautiful tiles handmade by over 600 elders and children that are installed throughout the building. This art project was funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Over 60 Building is truly an innovative model of care for seniors, quickly becoming a source of civic pride and a valuable resource for the citizens of Berkeley. I am excited to join in this grand opening and look forward to the possibility of similar facilities being established throughout the country.

IN HONOR OF JULIANA TEXLEY, RETIRING SUPERINTENDENT OF ANCHOR BAY SCHOOLS

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the distinguished career of retiring Superintendent of Anchor Bay Schools, Juliana Texley. Administrator, educator, author and mother, Dr. Texley has dedicated her life to sharing knowledge and bringing it to others in multiple formats and settings.

Dr. Texley has been with the Anchor Bay Community Schools since 1990, but has been educating all her life. Beginning her career as a science and math teacher at Richmond High School, as her education increased, so did her responsibilities as an educator. She held instructor positions at Macomb Community College, St. Clair County Community College, Wayne State University, and Central Michigan University. Dr. Texley's influence on students has transcended the traditional classroom. She has contributed to many of the most respected scientific journals, studies and forums in the sciences.

Mr. Texley's toughness and determination were just what the Anchor Bay schools needed when she took over as Superintendent in 1993. She oversaw the rebuilding of a district ready to burst due to urban sprawl and new development. Thanks to her vision and resolve the Anchor Bay School system will soon see