

black man, James Byrd, by white racists, and there were renewed calls for Congress to pass the Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

The murder four months later of Matthew Shepard because of his sexual orientation had a similar impact on the public. Since then, Jews, Asians, blacks, women and homosexuals have been attacked in well-publicized, widely condemned acts in Illinois, California, Pennsylvania, and even my own state of Maryland, and in a number of other jurisdictions around the country, solely because of who they are.

Those who argue that the apprehension and prosecution of the perpetrators in the high profile cases of Byrd and Shepard obviates the need for HCPA have failed to appreciate the assistance which HCPA would provide to local law enforcement. For example, because of the federal jurisdiction granted in the race-based Byrd case, Jasper authorities were able to access nearly \$300,000 of federal grant money to help bring those killers to justice. In contrast, while the authorities in Laramie, Wyoming, faced similar challenges in the investigation and prosecution in the murder of Matthew Shepard, they were unable to access any federal money. Unfortunately, because sexual orientation is not currently covered under federal law, the Laramie law enforcement officials were forced to furlough five law enforcement employees to help cover the cost of bringing those killers to justice.

While murder is the most prominent example of hate violence, other Americans continue to be brutalized, beaten, harassed, hazed, and vandalized simply because of who they are. No one in our great land should have to be concerned for their safety solely because of their race, gender, sexual orientation, or religious belief. HCPA will strengthen law enforcement efforts to ensure that hate-motivated crimes are investigated and prosecuted. We should pass it this year.

HONORING MR. DAVID ASHDOWN,
RECIPIENT OF THE TIME WARNER
CABLE NATIONAL TEACHER
AWARD

HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. David Ashdown, an outstanding young teacher and recipient of this year's Time Warner Cable National Teacher Award. Mr. Ashdown teaches fourth grade at Cambridge Elementary School in Upstate New York. His award-winning entry, entitled *Save the Coelacanths*, engaged his fourth grade students' creative abilities through a multimedia presentation on oceans and ocean life.

David Ashdown has dedicated the last three years to upholding the hopes and dreams of hundreds of children in his classroom. He is known as the "technical and computer expert" throughout his school district. Mr. Ashdown used Time Warner's Road Runner high speed modem and service to create *Save the Coelacanths*. Each student in Mr. Ashdown's class wrote and illustrated one web-page of

the story about the endangered coelacanth fish. The pages were all linked together to form an exciting underwater adventure with multiple outcomes.

I commend Mr. Ashdown's innovative approach to teaching. He has made learning fun and exciting in his classroom. His students learn through hands on experience in a technologically sophisticated, yet relaxed and friendly atmosphere. I salute Mr. Ashdown's efforts to provide a rich, intellectually stimulating environment in which children learn the vital skills required to be successful in our society.

I also recognize the valuable work Mr. Ashdown does for his school district and for other teachers around this nation. He has dedicated himself to teaching professional development courses to other educators in an attempt to integrate advanced technology into more New York classrooms. His upcoming book, *HyperStudio Made Very Easy*, is designed to help teachers incorporate multimedia into their everyday teaching plans. His dedication is admirable, as is his desire to see students succeed.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating David Ashdown on his receipt of the Time Warner Cable National Teacher Award. Also, please join me in wishing him and his students the very best of luck in all their future endeavors.

WELL DESERVED RECOGNITION
FOR NANCY KAUFMAN

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I was very pleased—but not at all surprised—to learn that on June 7, the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston will be honoring Nancy Kaufman, who has for ten years now been the Executive Director of that important and well run organization. Nancy Kaufman personifies the best in the Jewish tradition, and she is also an outstanding example of the spirit of community caring that is so important in America. Under her leadership, the JCRC has played an extremely significant role in a number of aspects of both the Jewish community and the Greater Boston community at large. We are very lucky that she has chosen to dedicate her very considerable talents to the service of others. Her first rate intelligence, her high energy level, her compassion, her wonderful ability to work others and to get the best from them—these combined make her an extraordinary leader of an extraordinary organization.

I have personally benefitted innumerable times from her advice and I have been proud to work with her on a number of important issues. Few people I know have worked harder, more consistently, or with more effect to make the world that they live in a better place.

TRIBUTE TO THE EVANGELICAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize the Evangelical United Church of Christ in Godfrey, IL. They recently celebrated their 150th anniversary.

The celebration was marked with a service, a dinner, and a program, along with a display of memories set up in the church. It was a great time for the congregation to celebrate where they have been and where they are going.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage them and thank them for their many years of ministry. I wish the church continued growth and another 150 years of service.

HONORING THE BLOCH CANCER
FOUNDATION

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, today I honor a family and a foundation that have changed the lives of thousands of cancer patients in our country—Richard and Annette Bloch and the volunteers of the R.A. Bloch Cancer Foundation.

In 1978, Richard Bloch was told he had terminal lung cancer and that he had 3 months to live. He refused to accept this prognosis, and after two years of aggressive therapy, he was told he was cured.

Since Richard's bout with cancer, he and his wife Annette have devoted their lives to helping other cancer patients. Richard, one of America's best known businessmen, sold his interest in H&R Block, Inc. and retired from the company in 1982 to be able to devote all of his efforts to fighting cancer.

The Bloch Cancer Foundation, which is fully supported financially by the Bloch family, is fueled by over a thousand volunteers—other cancer survivors and supporters who share the vision of Richard and Annette Bloch, such as:

Doctors who have shared their time, knowledge and expertise;

Home volunteers who call newly diagnosed cancer patients and place the metaphorical arm around a shoulder. These home volunteers guide new patients through their apprehension and fears so they can face their disease with confidence;

Computer specialists who have developed the web sites so patients and survivors can seek help over the Internet;

Volunteers who give their time on a weekly basis to answer phones and e-mail and form the backbone of an organization committed to cancer patients;

The professionals and volunteers of the Bloch Cancer Support Center;

Those who help develop Cancer Survivors Parks;