credit card and bought two airplane
tickets on Japanese Airlines. Mr. 
Budiman and Miranda left on a jet to
Tokyo on February 2, 1999.

There is currently a felony kidnap-
ning out for Mr. Budiman. He was born 
in Indonesia and has family in Jakarta. 
But the whereabouts of he and Miranda 
remain unknown. Miranda’s mother 
has not had any contact with her since 
the abduction.

Mr. Speaker, we need to do every-
thing possible to reunite parents and 
children like Miranda and Tara 
Budiman. We must continue to focus 
on this issue of abducted United States 
citizens and bring our children home.

GREENHOUSE EFFECT IS GLOBAL 
CHALLENGE

(Mr. GILCHREST asked and was 
given permission to address the House 
for 1 minute.)

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, I 
would like to share with the House 
some interesting observations from a 
recent book that I just read called “Laboratory Earth” by Dr. Schneider 
from Stanford University.

Our atmosphere has a very tiny trace 
amount of carbon dioxide, which is nat-
ural for the atmosphere, but that tiny 
trace amount has a substantial effect 
on the atmospheric heat balance of our 
planet, which we call the “greenhouse 
effect.”

In the last 100 or so years, we have 
increased because of our energy needs 
the amount of that trace gas in the at-
mosphere by about 30 percent, which is 
fairly extraordinary when we think 
that minute amount that causes a bal-
ance of heat on the planet.

Think about this observation, and I 
think it is interesting: When we burn a 
lump of coal today, we are recovering 
the carbon dioxide and solar heat of di-
nosaur times in fossil organic matter. 
While it took millions of years to make 
the lump of coal today, we are recovering 
the carbon dioxide and solar heat of di-
nosaur times in fossil organic matter.

The speed of this human accelerated 
process creates one of the biggest glob-
al challenges that face us today. An in-
teresting observation.

PASSING OF EARL SHINHOSTER

(Ms. MCKINNEY asked and was given 
permission to address the House for 
1 minute on November 1.)

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, our 
Nation has lost one of its bravest war-
rriors. Mr. Earl Shinhoster was one of 
Georgia’s finest, one of America’s fin-
est.

This brave warrior fought for over 30 
years with the NAACP to make Amer-
ica a better place for all of us. He 
worked tirelessly to empower the pow-
erless and to give hope to the hopeless. 
He labored thanklessly to make a dif-
ference. He certainly made a difference 
in my life. I knew him to be a loving 
husband, an understanding father, and 
a great friend.

Earl Shinhoster has now received his 
very last battle scar, but his memory 
will never fade. His mantle may not 
have been filled with trophies. His bat-
tles were not put to song. No chest of 
shiny medals. But true warriors do not 
wear medals. They wear scars.

Earl Shinhoster was a warrior in the 
truest sense of the word, and he will 
surely be missed by us all.

MIAMI RIVER CLEANUP

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was 
given permission to address the House 
for 1 minute and to revise and extend 
her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I 
rise in continuing support of securing 
Federal funds to dredge the Miami 
River located in my congressional dis-
trict.

The 5½ mile River runs through the 
heart of Miami and is in desperate need 
of cleaning. Dredging of the River is 
necessary because sediment buildup in 
the River has impaired the $5 billion 
cargo trade of the shipping industry. 
Many ships cannot load to capacity 
and are restricted to sailing only at 
high tide. The dredging is a key ele-
ment of the River’s revitalization.

The project has the support of our 
local business and environmental 
communities. And we have a funding 
partnership with the State of Florida, 
Miami-Dade County as well as the city 
of Miami.

Mr. Speaker, I urge a full cleanup of 
the Miami River, as it will result in 
economic improvements to the private 
riverside development by stimulating 
the shipping industry and providing 
much needed inner-city jobs. Federal 
funding for this project would also re-
store the environmental quality of the 
river and improve the quality of life for 
local residents and neighborhoods.

We have the U.S. Army Corps of 
Engineers and all of our local partners 
ready to do the work. Let us get going.

COMMENORATING FLAG DAY

(Mr. CARDIN asked and was given 
permission to address the House for 
1 minute and to revise and extend his 
remarks.)

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, on this 
date, in 1777, 223 years ago, the Conti-
nental Congress approved the first flag 
of our Nation. June 14 is now known as 
Flag Day. It also represents today the 
21st anniversary of the annual national 
parade for the pledge of allegiance that 
will take place this evening 7 p.m. at 
Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Maryland. 
I think my colleagues are aware of the 
importance of Fort McHenry in our na-
tional history and the importance of 
our flag, particularly as an inspiration 
to Francis Scott Key and writing our 
national anthem.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all Americans to 
join those that will be gathered at Fort 
McHenry this evening at 7 p.m. to 
pause for one moment and pledge alle-
liance to our flag.

WAKE UP, WHITE HOUSE, AMERIC-
ANS ARE BEING GOUGED AT 
THE GAS PUMPS

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given 
permission to address the House for 1 
minute.)

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, I realize 
that Secretary Richardson has his 
House Republican leadership has stead-
fastly opposed reform.

Unlike the Senate, where an 
OPEC cartel. He has chosen not to use 
the OPEC cartel. He has chosen not to use 
them. It is time we get serious about 
this and let us do something about the 
gas prices in this country.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM 
LEGISLATION

(Mr. DOGGETT asked and was given 
permission to address the House for 
1 minute.)

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, our ef-
fort to mandate full disclosure from 
clandestine political organizations 
 began with a bipartisan appeal. Unfor-
tunately, it has gone largely unan-
swered. Unlike the Senate, where an 
idea that began here in the House, was 
approved last week as the McCain-
Feingold-Lieberman amendment, the 
House Republican leadership has stead-
fastly opposed reform.

Finally, last week, they promised a 
vote on this very reform issue during 
this month. This morning we have a 
way to assure that promise is fulfilled 
through the signing of this discharge 
petition. I call on my colleagues, both