make sure that everyone clearly understands that this new legislation does not in any way undermine the fiscal stability of the Congress in the previous tax bill. We expect the Conservation Trust Fund of Puerto Rico to continue getting one-sixth of the increase at the same time the government of Puerto Rico receives its payments and that those funds be segregated by the Trust into an account that is solely for the purpose of building up the endowment fund. These amounts are not to be used for normal operational expenses or for expenditures for new projects or acquisitions.

I know that the Secretary of the Interior has prepared a Memorandum of Understanding to be signed by himself and the Governor of Puerto Rico memorializing the commitments made to Congress in this matter. To my knowledge this document has not been signed at this date, and I urge the governor and the Secretary of the Interior to do so at their earliest opportunity.

RECOGNIZING 225TH BIRTHDAY OF UNITED STATES ARMY

SPEECH OF HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE OF TEXAS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2000

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer my best wishes, while conveying the warm regards of the residents of the 8th Congressional District for the men and women of the United States Army on the occasion of the 225th Anniversary of the United States Army's service to our nation.

From the battlefield of Breed's Hill, most commonly known as the Battle of Bunker Hill, to the war torn former provinces of Yugoslavia the army has repeatedly proven its ability to meet the challenges offered by this nation's leadership. Any time the nation called the men and women of the United States Army has answered in the affirmative and successfully met the challenges of their mission on the behalf of a free and independent United States of America. Therefore, it is proper that this historic milestone for the United States Army should occur on this our Nation's Flag Day.

I am happy to join millions of Americans in thanking the men and women of the United States Army for their vigilance in protecting this nation from its enemies both foreign and domestic for the last 225 years. Although most Americans cannot recount each individual act of bravery or heroism, which comprises the long history of this much-lauded branch of our nation's armed forces, they are told in the sustained unbroken history of this great nation.

The sacrifices of the men and women who are the United States Army have for over two centuries put the country's best interest ahead of their own for the benefit of all of our freedom.

Today, we celebrate their sacrifice to this nation, because they have made the world a safer place for democracy and freedom. May they continue in the fine tradition established by the last two-and-a-quarter centuries of the existence of the United States Army well into this new millennium.

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