areas where the federal government owns the
base amount in this legislation.
lar increase. This amendment will add ten mil-
came out of conference with a ten million dol-
crease PILT by twenty million dollars and
states and local communities.
propriations for the Department of the Inte-
consideration the bill (H.R. 4578) making ap-
Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Chairman, I
Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, today
T.C. Williams High School in Alex-
VA, for their fine season this spring. The
medals at the Virginia State Championships, the
Stotesbury Cup Regatta in Philadel-
Rowing Association of

The federal government has a responsibility
law to help support local governments in areas
where the federal government owns the
tax base. We know how important are these efforts and
decisions of Chairman REGULA’s sub-
that appropriations for PILT have not kept up with the authorized amounts. An
increase of ten million dollars will not close this gap, but it will provide much-needed as-
sistance to local governments.
For the residents and government of
Edmonson County in my district in Kentucky,
the support from PILT is essential. Edmonson
County is home to Mammoth Cave National
While the park draws many visitors to
rural area, Edmonson County’s small pop-
ula and low per capita income make it dif-
ficult for local taxpayers to provide basic ser-
divices, from waste management to emergency
services. The support from an increase in
PILT will keep the cost of these services more bearable to local taxpayers.
PILT funds help support a 24-hour ambu-
sance service for the National Park and county residents. Federal land ownership has contrib-
uted to the isolation of much of Edmonson County. When major transportation routes ex-
panded in the past, the county was bypassed in favor of areas with a larger property tax
base to support the projects. Equitable PILT payments add to the tax base
Edmonson County has given up for the Na-
tional Park as the area faces new challenges for economic development.
The situation faced by Edmonson County is
far from unique. As the federal government continues to place responsibilities on local
governments, PILT increases are necessary to relieve local taxpayers across the country,
mot of them in rural areas. The Bureau of Land Management reports property taxes
would provide local governments with one dol-
lar and forty-eight cents per acre. PILT pay-
ments are far below that amount per acre. It is
difficult to explain to constituents why PILT
appropriations have not followed the amounts authorized when they have not even come
The situation is difficult to explain why Congress
creates new programs when we are not fund-
ing the ones already in existence.
I strongly urge my colleagues to support this
amendment. By doing so you add $10 million dollars to PILT to aid local taxpayers in rural
areas and fulfill a pledge made by the federal
government.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMENDING THE T.C. WILLIAMS HIGH SCHOOL CREW TEAM

HON. JAMES P. MORAN
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, June 19, 2000

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, today
I commend the Women’s Lightweight Eight Crew of T.C. Williams High School in Alex-
dania, VA, for their fine season this spring. The
T.C. lightweight crew captured gold medals at the
State Championships, the presti-
gious Stotesbury Cup Regatta in Philadel-
phia, and the Scholastic Rowing Association of

IN HONOR OF NAOMI GRAY

HON. NANCY PELOSI
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, June 19, 2000

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknow-
edge Naomi Gray’s contributions to the Citi-
zens’ Advisory Commission to the Golden
Gate National Recreation Area and Point
Reyes National Seashore as she steps down
after nearly six years of service. Ms. Gray has
been a consistent leader in the fight to make
our National Parks more welcoming to minority communities. Her
mission a concern for how our National Parks
are perceived and how they can be made more welcoming to minority communities. Her
work helped to open the Golden Gate National Recreation Area to all of our citizens.
Naomi’s work on the Citizens’ Advisory
Commission is just one of her many activities in
the House of Representatives.

TRIBUTE TO NADIA SHAKOOR

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, June 19, 2000

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you
today to commend Nadia Shakoor of
Springfield, IL, for being selected as a finalist in
the Intel International Science and Engi-
neering Fair. She was one of 1,200 students
from over 40 countries who traveled to
Detroit, MI to compete for more than $2 million in awards and scholarships.
As a teacher myself, I want to recognize
Nadia for her academic achievement. Her suc-
cess has not come without hard work though.