

critical beginning by introducing legislation which will protect what is a core value of every American—privacy. When any of us provide an institution with personal information, we expect the information to be used in the narrowest sense. Representative CANNON and I strongly believe that while the Internet has opened up an entirely new world, it has also created problems we have never before encountered. Information about Internet users can now be accessed in an instant, and often times with the user being completely unaware that his or her information is moving down the information superhighway at lightning speed. The bipartisan legislation we've introduced today will help to assure the security Americans expect when it comes to their privacy.

The legislation requires Web sites to conspicuously post clear and concise information about their policies relative to how personal information collected from online users is used. Companies will be required to disclose exactly who is collecting the information, how it will be used, the types of data being collected and whether consumers have to provide personal information in order to use a Web site. Companies also would have to take steps to secure personal information once it is in their databases.

Perhaps most importantly, Internet users will be able to assess a company's privacy policy before registering at a Web site, or purchasing merchandise over the Internet, and then control the extent to which their personal information can be used by the company. Companies that violate the requirements could face civil penalties of \$22,000 per violation, up to a maximum fine of \$500,000. The U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) would enforce the provisions.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my colleague, Representative CHRIS CANNON, our colleague, who joins me in introducing this bill today. Representative CANNON is a leader in protecting the civil rights of Americans. His work on this bill has been critical and he once again demonstrates his leadership on the issue of privacy. I'd also like to acknowledge the original authors of this legislation in the Senate—Senators KERRY of Massachusetts and MCCAIN of Arizona.

Mr. Speaker, Representative CANNON and I believe this legislation can become the backbone of a new law in privacy for America. We look forward to working with the entire House to move this bill through the 107th Congress.

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THE LIFE AND TIMES OF OBRA  
QUAVE

**HON. RONNIE SHOWS**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, January 20, 2001*

Mr. SHOWS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a minute to tell my fellow colleagues and the American People about Obra Quave. Mr. Quave is a gentleman and scholar whose dedication to education over the past 40 years has inspired youths to pursue excellence in the arts. On January 26th Mr. Quave will be honored by his colleagues at William Carey College in Hattiesburg, Mississippi for lifetime

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contributions to the greatness of that institution in communications and theater. Because of his many sacrifices, William Carey College has produced numerous teachers in public and private schools and colleges throughout the nation as well as scores of professionals who have achieved success on Broadway and other comparable venues. Mr. Quave's contributions to the great State of Mississippi have not gone unnoticed.

Let this remind us all of the sacrifice and dedication that America's teachers have given so that others might fulfill their dreams. Also, let us not forget the sacred trust imparted in the Congress to ensure that all Americans are given the opportunity that a quality education affords. To all the teachers like Mr. Quave who have blessed the lives of so many we thank you and America thanks you as well.

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A TRIBUTE TO DET. SGT. WILLIAM  
HOLT

**HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, January 20, 2001*

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Det. Sgt. William Holt on his induction into the Police Chief's Hall of Fame. William A. Holt, Jr. was born and raised in the Crestmont section of Willow Grove, Pennsylvania and attended Abington public schools. Upon graduation he entered the the U.S. Army where he served 3 years and did a full tour of Vietnam. In July 1968 he joined the Abington Police Department and was promoted to patrol sergeant in 1987 and to the prestigious ranking of detective sergeant in 1995.

Detective Sergeant Holt is an active member of the First Baptist Church of Crestmont. He is the cofounder and president of the Montgomery County Black Law Enforcement Officers Association. He is a past president of the Abington Township Police Association, a State certified instructor at the Police Municipal Training School, Scout Master of Boy Scouts of America Troop #712, and a life member of the VFW Post 3398 Corporal William Sydnor.

Detective Sergeant Holt has received numerous awards and citations over the years from local civic organizations. Some of those awards include: Law Enforcement Office of the Year, Induction into the American Police Hall of Fame, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day award for community service, Recognition for Unselfish Devotion, Outstanding Contribution to Law Enforcement and the NAACP Recognition Award. It is an honor and privilege to acknowledge Det. Sgt. William A. Holt on this momentous occasion. The citizens of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania are fortunate to have benefited from the outstanding service he has provided to our community.

*January 20, 2001*

A TRIBUTE TO THE HOMEFIRST  
CHARITABLE CORPORATION'S  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, January 20, 2001*

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize eleven extraordinary members of the HomeFirst Charitable Corporation's Board of Directors and one extra-special friend of the organization. HomeFirst was founded in 1990 for the sole purpose of raising funds for other non-profits in the city of Somerville, Massachusetts. At that time, the economy was in dire straits and contributions to non-profit organizations was at its lowest.

HomeFirst is run by a Board of Directors, which includes local attorneys, community organizers, and business people. There is also a ten member Advisory Board that reviews and comments upon every funding request. These dedicated people deserve recognition for raising over \$550,000. Every member of this Board volunteers their time and energy; no one receives a single penny for the important and generous work they do. Furthermore, funds raised by HomeFirst go directly to other, unaffiliated non-profits; not a single penny is spent or distributed by HomeFirst itself.

Volunteerism is of great importance to America. Honoring dedicated volunteers, such as the Board of Directors of the HomeFirst Charitable Corporation, helps express society's immense appreciation of a job well done to these individuals and to all Americans who volunteer to make our world a little better place.

In conclusion, I express the heartfelt appreciation of a grateful nation to HomeFirst Board members Mr. Robert Arnold, Mr. James Brennan, Ms Barbara T. Capuano, Ms Anna Ciccariello, Mr. Richard DiGirolamo, Ms Mary Doherty, Mr. Michael Foley, Ms Francine Mello, Mr. Frank Scimone, Ms Joyce Shallah, and Mr. John L. Sullivan. I also express similar appreciation to Mr. David Doherty, who generously gave of his time and energy to help HomeFirst with every event it ever conducted.

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A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO COL.  
PAULA E. KOUGEAS, AIR NA-  
TIONAL GUARD FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE

**HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, January 20, 2001*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding officer in the Air National Guard. Col. Paula E. Kougeas is retiring after a distinguished career in the United States Armed Forces, most recently with the National Guard Bureau's Office of Policy and Liaison. Throughout her career, Paula Kougeas has distinguished herself as articulate spokesperson, able administrator and extraordinary innovator. She began her service to her country as an Air Force ROTC cadet at the University of Massachusetts. Upon graduation from