TRIBUTE TO JENNETTA HARRIS

HON. GARY G. MILLER
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute and honor the accomplishments of Jennetta Harris, of Alta Loma, California.

Ms. Harris has been employed by Southern California Edison for twenty-eight years. In her role as Public Affairs Region manager, she has provided support to many organizations and the community at large. Ms. Harris has received numerous, well-deserved honors for her legendary giving of time and self to professional, civic and youth organizations. She was recently honored by the American Red Cross for her outstanding leadership as chair of the Pomona Valley Chapter. Past awards and honors include: NAACP Legal Defense Fund Black Woman of Achievement; Los Angeles African American Women’s Political Action Committee; Mary Church Terrell Award; 1999 AOH Woman; Pitzer College Learning Center Achievement Award; YMCA Leadership Award; Inland Valley News Publisher’s Celebration of Excellence Award; American Woman Business Association Community Service Award; Boys and Girls Clubs of Tulck McGuire Award and San Gabriel Valley Branch NAACP Black Women of Achievement Award.

Ms. Harris serves as a minister, Sunday School Teacher and editor for her parish, Greater Bethel Apostolic Community Church in Riverside, California. She enjoys spending time with her children, Elijah and Jennell, writing poetry and traveling.

Ms. Harris’ impressive record of community service has earned the admiration and respect of those who have had the privilege of working with her. I would like to congratulate her on these accomplishments and thank her for the service she has provided to her community.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF ST. THEODOSIUS ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH
OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 30th Anniversary of the Open Door Community Health Centers.

Hon. Mike Thompson of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 30th Anniversary of the Open Door Community Health Centers.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize and honor their dedication on this 30th Anniversary of the Open Door Community Health Centers.

Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. JERRY MORAN
OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2001

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2500) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes:

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to speak in favor of the Small Business Administration 7a Loan program.

Currently, 40% of all long term business loans of $1 million or less through private sector lenders have SBA involvement. Because of inadequate federal resources, SBA has had to rely on increased user fees. This results in higher costs and many lenders quit providing SBA loans because they are not profitable. This often means that small businesses are denied long term credit.

Over the last eight years, over 5,500 small business loans were made in the state of Kansas. If SBA had not been available to finance these loans, most would not have been made. Small businesses are vital to the small communities in my district. Without the availability of these long term loans, many small businesses would never get off the ground. If SBA must continue to rely on user fees to fund SBA, the future of small businesses will be jeopardized.

I urge my colleagues to support increasing SBA funding under the Commerce, Justice, State Appropriation bill.

H.R. 2562. THE MINORITY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ACT OF 2001

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.
OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill that will help minorities better prepare for tornadoes, floods, and other disasters, thereby raising the level of protection for segments of the population hit the hardest.

This bill is entitled the “Minority Emergency Preparedness Act of 2001” and already has 25 original co-sponsors. I feel this initial response is a testament to the importance and value of this legislation.

This bill will establish a research program to assess the impact of man-made and natural disasters on minority populations, especially...