I want to begin today with a quote from Chief Joseph, a man who lived in North-
eastern Oregon and traveled the lands of the Columbian River Basin:

"The Earth was created by the assistance of
the sun, and it should be left as it was . . .
I never said the land was mine to do with it
as I chose. The one who has the right to
pose of it is the one who has created it. I
claim a right to live on my land, and accord
you the privilege to live on yours."

This legislation is called the Salmon Plan-
ing Act. It provides for the planning that will
be necessary to save the endangered salmon
and steelhead populations in the Snake River
if the Bush administration continues to deny
funding to recovery efforts.

For centuries, salmon has been recognized
as a symbol of the Northwest lifestyle and a
mainstay of the economy. Both commercial
fishermen and the sport fishing industry rely
on consistent runs of salmon and steelhead.
Generations of northwesterners have grown
up with fishing as a part of their lives.

Beginning in the early 1960s, a series of 4
dams were constructed on the Lower Snake
River. The dams provided energy, water for
irrigation, and a barge system for transporting
goods between the inland and ocean ports.
Since then, the 12 genetically distinct popu-
lations of salmon and steelhead, native to the
Snake River, have dropped to such an extent
that every one of those populations is either
functionally extinct or listed under the endan-
ergized Species Act.

Scientific studies have shown that declining
salmon runs represent the declining health of the
overall ecosystem in the Columbia and
Snake River basin. Independent studies by the
Environmental Protection Agency and the Fish
and Wildlife Service have shown an eco-
system in peril.

Additionally, numerous treaties with Native
Tribe in Oregon, Washington, Alaska, and
the Canadian Government have committed
our government to ensuring the continued via-
bility of salmon runs. Failure to do so could
expose taxpayers to billions of dollars in litiga-
tion and compensatory fees.

Last year the National Marine Fisheries
Service released a biological opinion regarding
the Columbia and Snake River basin. Independent studies by the
Environmental Protection Agency and the Fish
and Wildlife Service have shown an eco-
system in peril.

The GAO study will also address the poten-
tial liability of the American taxpayer that may
result from our failure to fulfill our treaty obli-
gations should our salmon and steelhead popu-
lations become extinct.

Passage of the Salmon Planning Act by itself
will not result in the breaching of the
dams. Let me repeat that, this act will not re-
sult in breaching the dams. Congress will
need to address this issue again in the future.
This bill does, however, provide the planning
that will be necessary for Congress to make
an informed decision.

The window of opportunity to save our valu-
able salmon and steelhead resources is quick-
ly closing.

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TRIBUTE TO THE NAVAL CRIMI-
NAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE

HON. JIM SAXTON
OP OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2001

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to
pay tribute to an outstanding organization.
The responsibilities of this highly regarded, but little
known agency cover the waterfront, from
counterintelligence to criminal investigations,
from force protection to infrastructure protec-
tion. They are the protectors of our protectors.
I am referring to the Naval Criminal Inves-
tigative Service (NCIS)—on watch to protect
and serve sailors, Marines, and their families,
wherever they may be, whether it’s Chicago,
Illinois; Split, Croatia; or a ship in the Persian
Gulf.

Recently, the outstanding efforts of the
NCIS were highlighted in a case that has hit
very close to home for those of us who live
and work in the Washington, DC, area. A
Navy sailor, a rising star, a beloved daughter,
Lea Brown was abruptly taken from us at our
midst in a vicious killing in Fort Washington.

The Washington, DC, Field Office of the
NCIS dedicated over 30 agents to the case,
developing leads within hours that led to the
arrest of several suspects by the Prince
George’s County Police. The clear message to criminals preying on sailors and
Marines is, “You will be caught; you will be
brought to justice.” I know that I join the men
and women of the naval service, as well as
those of Prince Georges County, Maryland, in
expressing my thanks for the tireless efforts of
the Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to enclose this article
from the Washington Times and submit my
congratulations to the men and women of
NCIS for a job well done.

[From the Washington Times, July 7, 2001]
NAVAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE WORKS FAST
WITH OTHER AGENCIES

(By Brian DeBose)
The Washington Field Office of the Naval
Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) is no
stranger to working with local and federal
police agencies.

Most recently NCIS, the criminal inves-
tigation arm of the U.S. Navy, is working
with Prince George’s County police on a
high-profile homicide case that revealed an
organized crime ring in Fort Washington.

The NCIS was investigating the disappear-
ance of Navy Petty Officer Lea Anne Brown,
a missing persons case when Prince
George’s police found her body and that of
her boyfriend, Michael Patten, June 12 in
Accokeek.
When the connection between the two cases was made, George's police immediately contacted NCIS Special Agent Frank O'Donnell. "We had as many as 30 to 35 agents working on the case from day one when first notified," said arrested suspect, which oversaw the development of irrigation. Her mother, Mary, a devoted housewife, was passed away very young, so Christina stayed home to help raise her brothers.

Tribute to the Late Christina Chavez, of New Mexico

Hon. Joe Baca
Of California

In the House of Representatives

Monday, July 23, 2001

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in the memory of my beloved Aunt and Godmother, Christina Chavez, of New Mexico, who passed away on July 19th, 2001. Daughter of Romolo and Mary Baca; wife of Alberto Chavez; mother of Josephina Chavez, Joe Chavez, and Nicanora Thomas; grandmother of great-grandmother to five; sister to six brothers; Christina will be dearly missed by family and friends. Christina's father, Romolo, my grandfather, was President of the Conservancy in New Mexico, which oversaw the development of irrigation. Her mother, Mary, a devoted housewife, passed away very young, so Christina stayed home to help raise her brothers.

Christina married Alberto Chavez in 1945. Alberto's position with the Santa Fe Railroad took him away traveling a lot, so Christina spent her time raising crops, sheep and cattle on the family farm in Las Nutris, New Mexico, and performing the duties of housewife and mother.

Christina's children recall bailing the hay, feeding the animals, milking the cows, and going to school 12 miles away on the school bus. They recall her perpetually in motion with housework, cleaning, and canning vegetables and fruit.

Christina loved cooking. Her chile recipe was delicious, and it made her famous for miles around. And she could bake bread like you would not believe!

Christina and Alberto built an Orno (Indian) oven outdoors, and in the summer months they would bake bread and roast chile. The taste of bread and chile made from scratch and baked in an outdoor oven is wonderful, much better than anything you can buy in a store.

And those cakes, cookies, and biscuits! Christina could really bake!

Christina's children, including my father, lived nearby, and would always visit and check on her. They marveled at her world-famous cooking, and shared a cup of coffee. They were often joined by lots of friends and neighbors.

Christina was a very kind and loving person, always caring about people, and she always had her home open. She would welcome people with food, and she was always lending a helping hand, opening the door to friends and strangers who needed a glass of water or a meal.

Christina raised three lovely, and successful, children: Josephina, who now works as a Security Officer for Sandia National Labs; Joe, who retired from the Santa Fe Railroad, where he worked on the cars; and Nicanora, who drives a school bus and also plays basketball.

Her children lovingly recall being raised by their mother: "We lived out in the country. Belen was 12 miles away. Mom would take us to the country drug store, Jenny's which had an old soda fountain. They made great root beer floats. They were very pure. The store is gone now. They tore it down. Mom would also take us to go buy groceries. It was like a treat, because we lived so far away from everything."

Christina's children remark that one of the best gifts she left them was the values she instilled in them. She was very religious, and even when she was in the nursing home, she attended church twice a week. She liked to pray the Rosary in Spanish.

Christina taught her children the teachings of the Catholic Church. During Lent, she made sure the family did not eat meat on Friday. Instead she would serve wild spinach with beans. It was excellent and made it much easier to avoid meat! She also made wonderful bread puddings and raisins.

Christina was fond of singing the Hail Mary. She had a lovely voice, and her children can still recall her singing in the home:

*Hail Mary*
*Full of Grace*
*The Lord is with thee. . . .*

And she loved to recite the Lord's Prayer: Our Father who art in Heaven

Hallowed be thy name
The Kingdom come
They will be done
On earth as it is in Heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
Lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever

Amen.

Mr. Speaker, Christina's children offer these words: "Thank you Mom for family values. You taught us how to be strong. You often raised us alone as Dad traveled on the Santa Fe Railroad."

And so, I say to Christina, thank you for all the jobs you did around the house; the meals you cooked; the lives you have touched. God Bless you, we miss you, but we know you are in Heaven in the arms of the Lord. Amen.

Honor Of Vernon Joseph Charron, Jr.

Hon. Scott McInnis
Of Colorado

In the House of Representatives

Monday, July 23, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, freedom, as we know, is not free and requires large doses of perseverance, dedication and sacrifice. Since his extensive tour of duty with the Navy during some of the most tumultuous times in World War II, Vernon Joseph Charron Jr. has traveled to numerous schools and other settings to inspire the youth of America with a similar passion for the United States that he holds. Vernon is a man who has aided the battle of freedom, and I would like to take this opportunity to recognize his service to our country.

"Vern" was awestruck at the sight of his ship arriving at Pearl Harbor in 1942. The battle cruiser U.S.S. Atlanta was the ship that