a public servant, Mr. Blohm dedicated himself to the broader community. He was a member, and leader, of the Salinas Elks, the Castroville Rotary, the Knights of Columbus, the Gam-betta Little League, the Elkhorn School Par-ent-Teacher Association, and the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Blohm, known as a man with firm con-victions, truly believed in his work, and worked towards improving the quality of lives on the Central Coast. Throughout his term on the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, he was a frequent critic of county land-use policy and often voted in favor of property owners who appealed county planning decisions. He strongly believed in voting his conscience and believed that every citizen had the right to be heard on an issue before it became policy. Throughout his years of public service he re-mained loyal to his beliefs in less government control over land and property. Although Mr. Blohm was a critic of state Coastal Commis-sion procedures, in 1978, the Board of Super-visors picked Mr. Blohm as its representative on the Coastal Commission.

Mr. Blohm remained strong in his beliefs, and was a supporter of programs that he be-lieved would benefit the Central Coast. His ad-mirable career of public service was dedicated to improving the Coastal Coast, and his con-tributions have made a significant impact. I, along with the Central Coast community, would like to honor the life of Mr. Blohm’s whose dedication and contributions are truly commendable.

TRIBUTE TO WHITEMAN AIR FORCE BASE 509TH BOMB WING EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

HON. IKE SKELTON
OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to pay tribute to the Whiteman Air Force Base 509th Bomb Wing emergency re-sponse team. On July 12, 2001 the team suc-cessfully helped a TWA flight divert a tragedy by acting with precision and expertise.

The 509th Bomb Wing emergency response team is made up of firefighters, security forces, medics, transportation, chaplain, legal, public affairs, and services. Nearly every unit at Whiteman AFB played a role in the suc cessful execution of this mission. After an emergency landing the team was on hand to help safely unload every passenger and trans-port them to the community center.

At the community center passengers were offered an array of services and support, in cluding meals, free phone calls and entertain ment. Members of the team did sign language for a hearing impaired family, spoke Japanese to three passengers that spoke no English and spoke Japanese for a hearing impaired family, spoke Japanese for a hearing impaired family, spoke Japanese for a hearing impaired family, spoke Japanese for a hearing impaired family.

Mr. Speaker, I want to commend the mem bers of the 509th Bomb Wing emergency re-sponse team for such outstanding perform ances during the recent unexpected commer cial landing. These men and women went above and beyond the call of duty and de serve our praise. I know that Members of the House will join me in sending the 509th Bomb Wing emergency response team a heartfelt thank you for a job well done.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, had I been present on Monday, July 23, 2001, the record would reflect that I would have voted: on roll 257, H.R. 2137, Criminal Law Technical Amendments Act of 2001; “yea”; on roll 258, H.R. 1892, Family Sponsor Immigration Act; “yea”; and on roll 259, S. 468, James C. Corman Federal Building Designation Act, “yea”.

I was unable to return to Congress on July 23, 2001 due to a funeral of a close family friend. Therefore, I respectfully request an ex-cused absence for July 23, 2001.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM ROEMER
OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, I regret that as a result of several unanticipated flight delays associated with my travel from South Bend, Indiana in my district, I was not able to be present in the chamber to cast my votes on Monday, July 23, 2001. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on Roll Call No. 257—H.R. 2137, the Criminal Law Technical Amendments Act; “yea” on Roll Call No. 258—H.R. 1892, the Family Sponsor Immigration Act; and “yea” on Roll Call No. 259—S. 468, the James C. Corman Federal Building Designation Act.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM NUSSLE
OF IOWA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Mr. NUSSLE. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, July 23, my vote was not recorded on rollcall votes Nos. 257–259. Had my votes been recorded, they would have been in the following manner:

Rollcall vote No. 257 (to suspend the rules and pass, as amended H.R. 2137)—“yea”.
Rollcall vote No. 258 (to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 1892)—“yea”.
Rollcall vote No. 259 (to suspend the rules and pass S. 468)—“yea”.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK GREEN
OF WISCONSIN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 257, Criminal Law Technical Amendments (H.R. 2137), had I been present, I would have voted “yea”; on rollcall No. 258, H.R. 1892, Family Sponsor Immigration Act, had I been present, I would have voted “yea”; and on rollcall No. 259, S. 468, the James C. Corman Federal Building Designation Act, had I been present, I would have voted “yea”.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF WILLIAM N. GUERTIN

HON. BARBARA LEE
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in cele bration of a community leader, Mr. William N. Guertin, who has served the interests of physi cians and patients in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties since 1971. Mr. Guertin served as Assistant Executive Director of the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association (ACMA) from 1971 to 1984 and in 1984 be came Executive Director of the ACCMA. He continues to serve in that position. Today, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for his leadership in serving the public by pro moting and improving the quality of medical care administered to patients throughout his tenure.

Mr. Guertin is well-respected among med ical association executives across the country, having been elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the American Association of Med ical Society Executives (AAMSE) in 1994. He will be installed as President of AAMSE on July 27, 2001, in Washington, D.C., due to his exemplary accomplishments in the field of medicine.

The Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Asso ciation (ACMA) is the second largest county medical association in California, currently with a membership of approximately 3100 medical doctors. Under Mr. Guertin’s executive leader ship, the ACCMA has promoted the quality of medical care and the well-being of patients in the East Bay community in numerous ways.

Mr. Guertin has worked hard to protect phy sicians from impositions that interfere with their ability to practice medicine and to pre serve their relationships with patients. This has directly benefited physicians by allowing them to maximize their abilities to provide quality care for their patients.

Mr. Guertin has also been involved with ex posing proposals that would exploit patients and physicians for profit. His goal has always been to uphold the quality of care for patients by exposing any measures that might hamper this goal in any way. He has extensively re viewed and analyzed health plan contracts while educating physicians on the perils of signing unfair agreements. Often these con tracts will contain provisions that conflict the relationship between doctors and their patients by refusing doctors the right to provide med ically necessary treatment to patients. As a re sult of Mr. Guertin’s efforts, many physicians refuse to sign contracts that withhold their right to make treatment decisions for their pa tients.

In his tenure at the ACCMA, Mr. Guertin has created programs and activities to pro mote public health, quality and access to care,