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for us all to familiarize ourselves with COPD so that we can attempt to alleviate the suffering and hopefully reduce the death rate associated with COPD. Please support this much-needed resolution.

ROUND II EMPOWERMENT ZONE/
ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY FLEXI-
BILITY ACT OF 2001

HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2001

Mr. LoBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing, along with my colleague Congressman Capuano and other Members of the Empowered Communities Caucus, the Round II Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community (EZ/EC) Flexibility Act of 2001, to provide funding authority and correct some inequities and inconsistencies with the Round II program. In 1999, 15 Round II urban and 5 rural empowerment zones were awarded to communities which designed the best strategic plans for comprehensive revitalization. The Empowerment Zone program is a 10 year project that targets federal grants to distressed urban and rural communities for community and economic development and provides tax and regulatory relief to attract or retain businesses.

Cumberland County, located in my Congressional District, is one of the 15 urban sites nationwide to win this designation, which is expected to create more than 6,000 new jobs over 10 years. Unfortunately, Cumberland County has only received approximately \$8.5 million of the \$30 million expected over the past 3 years. Round II empowerment zones did not receive the same Title XX block grant mandatory spending authority as the Round I zones did in 1997 and have to rely on the discretionary appropriations process each year. Even though the President requested full funding in FY02 (\$150 million for the EZ program) the House Appropriations Committee did not include any funding for urban zones for the next fiscal year.

The legislation I am introducing today provides general funding authorization for the Round II EZ/ECs by authorizing the Secretary of HUD to make grant awards totaling \$100,000,000 to each of the 15 Round II urban empowerment zones and the Secretary of Agriculture to make grant awards totaling \$40,000,000 to each of the Round II rural empowerment zones and grant awards totaling \$3,000,000 to each of 20 rural enterprise communities. This designation runs until 2009, and our zones must receive assurance that Congress will support continued funding, otherwise, they cannot be expected to operate and achieve long term capital plans or leverage private sector commitments to major infrastructure projects.

This legislation also includes clarification of the law which allows EZ/ECs to apply for community renewal status without the risk of losing already appropriated Federal funds. We have included language to broaden the definition of "economic development", which is the essence of the Zone's strategic plan, and have

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granted specific authorization for grants to be used as matching funds for other relevant federal grant programs, all in an effort to offer the EZ/EC program maximum flexibility. For every federal EZ dollar obligated, there are ten more dollars from the private sector committed to economic development in Cumberland County.

Our communities have already invested considerable resources in securing the Round II EZ/EC designations. Congress has a responsibility to carry out its promise to these distressed communities by making federal funding and tax incentives available to ensure new jobs, revitalize neighborhoods and spur economic growth over the next decade.

It is vital that we secure full funding for Round II Empowerment zones and Enterprise communities, so they may continue and complete their federally approved economic development plans. I urge the House to adopt the legislation before us today.

IN MEMORY OF JACQUELINE
CARDELUCCI

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication to the community and to the overall well being of the city of Riverside, California, was unparalleled. Riverside was indeed fortunate to have such a dynamic and dedicated business and community leader who willingly and unselfishly gave of her time and talents to make her community a better place in which to live and work. The individual I am speaking of is Jacqueline "Jackie" Cardelucci. I was fortunate to have been able to call her my friend. She died this week in her home after a long battle with cancer at the age of 63.

Jackie Cardelucci gave much during her years to her community and the whole of the Inland Empire. Born in Huntington Park, Jackie Cardelucci moved to Riverside where she lived for 18 years. A fixture in the community, Jackie was a talented businesswoman and never shied away from community involvement. She was co-owner of National Environmental Waste Corporation (NEWCO) and International Rubbish Service with her husband, Sam, for over 32 years. In that capacity she served as the companies' Public Relations Director with the City of Riverside business customers.

On a community level, Jackie served in an impressive array of boards and organizations even while receiving chemotherapy treatments for her cancer over the past eight years. Her philanthropic endeavors included the Mission Inn Foundation Executive Board, Riverside Art Alliance, Riverside Art Museum, Associate University of California at Riverside, Riverside Community Hospital 2000 Century, President of the Riverside Republican Women Federated for three years, Riverside Opera Guild, and Armenian & International Women's Association.

My deepest condolences go to her husband of 43 years, Sam; her son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Cathie; two brothers, Elisha

and Ben; and two grandchildren, Jessica and Catherine. I send my prayers to them during this time of loss.

Mr. Speaker, looking back at Jackie's life, we see a life full of courage, tenacity and devotion to her family and community. Her gifts to Riverside and the Inland Empire led to the betterment of those who had the privilege to come in contact or work with Jackie. Honoring her memory is the least that we can do today for all that she gave over her lifetime.

HONORING IMAM W. DEEN
MOHAMMED

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Imam W. Deen Mohammed for work to promote peace and Justice in the Islamic community. Mr. Mohammed is the current President of the Muslim American Society.

In 1992, Imam W. Deen Mohammed was the first Muslim to deliver an invocation on the floor of the United States Senate. In addition, he was invited to participate in the Presidential Inaugural Ceremonies and offered a prayer at those ceremonies. In 1995, the World Conference on Religion and Peace selected Mohammed as International President of their organization.

Imam W. Deen Mohammed is a recipient of the Luminosa Award from the Focolare Movement for his promotion of peace and inter-religious dialogue. In 1997, President Bill Clinton appointed Mohammed to the Religious Advisory Council within the State Department. Mohammed has also worked to establish a genuine dialogue with leaders of Christianity, Judaism, Islam and other faiths in his promotion of universal human excellence.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to honor Imam W. Deen Mohammed for his efforts in support of human excellence. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing him many more years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO WEST GENESEE'S
WOMEN'S VARSITY LACROSSE
TEAM

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 25, 2001

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, June 9, 2001, the West Genesee Wildcats defeated Bay Shore to win the New York State Class A Women's Lacrosse Championship. The Wildcats won the Class A final with a 16-10 victory over Bay Shore to top off an impressive 22-1 season and a dominant playoff run.

This talented group was guided by this year's All-CNY girls lacrosse coach, Bob Elmer, who is now in his second year leading the Wildcats. The State Champion Lady Wildcats previously won the Section III Championship and Upstate Regional to advance to the State Championship game.

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