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Karen Laureano, Friney Lopez, Kevin Lopez, Ignacio Mandujano, Elizabeth Medina, Edgar Miranda, Andrew Mojica, Monica Monreal, Joyce Morales, Brenda Nava, Luis Palma, Joel Ramirez, Maria Resendiz, Daisy Rubio and Flavio Tafoya.

I wish all of these students, their teachers and parents continued success in their endeavors and I thank them for supporting and promoting the interest of young minds in science and technology.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill. (H.R. 2586) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes:

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Chairman, this amendment would extend the opportunity to vote in the November 2002 federal elections through the electronic voting system proposed by this bill to uniformed services personnel from the U.S. territories and the District of Columbia. These voters are from Guam, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the District of Columbia who are currently serving away from their homes as active duty military personnel. The Department of Defense estimates that nearly 15,000 uniformed services personnel would become eligible to participate in the system as a result of this amendment. In addition, it would grant spouses and eligible dependents of these uniformed services personnel the ability to participate as well.

The voting system under this bill is intended to facilitate and demonstrate a more efficient and convenient system that would increase voter participation among U.S. military service personnel stationed around the world. My amendment allows access to this voting system for all eligible military personnel regardless of where they may be registered to vote.

I appreciate the support of Military Personnel Subcommittee Chairman McHugh and urge your support for my amendment, which protects and extends the voting rights of our men and women in uniform from the U.S. territories and the District of Columbia.

TRIBUTE TO CARDINAL HAYES HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Cardinal Hayes High School, a treasured Bronx learning institution that cele-

brated its 60th anniversary September 23, 2001.

Cardinal Hayes High School was built and organized by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman between September of 1940 and September of 1941. Its original student body consisted of over 3000 students who attended this institution in the original building, now deemed the Main Building on the small, elegant campus.

Mr. Speaker, Cardinal Hayes High School has consistently provided exceptional academic and religious guidance for generations of young men from the Bronx and Manhattan. This unique school has been staffed since its beginning by Archdiocesan Priests, Irish Christian Brothers, De La Salle Brothers, Franciscan Brothers and Priests, Marist Brothers, Xaverian brothers, Religious Sisters and scores of dedicated laymen and laywomen. Current members of this devoted staff are responsible for a 99 percent graduation rate. 96 percent of all Cardinal Hayes High School students go on to study at a college or university.

It must be noted also that Cardinal Hayes High School is one of a just few schools in the New York metropolitan area operating as a Cisco Networking Academy. This accreditation allows the school to provide a two-year course of study that prepares students for CCNA certification. CCNA (Cisco Certified Network Associate) is a highly-regarded certification of networking and internetworking skills.

Mr. Speaker, young men from all walks of life make up the Cardinal Hayes student body. These young men learn, work, play, and worship with one another while providing mutual support and comradeship as well. I take pride in saying that my son, Jose, graduated from Cardinal Hayes and remembers his high school alma mater fondly.

I am very proud to acknowledge this learning institution that has produced so many outstanding men that have, no doubt, gone on to benefit society. I ask my colleagues to please join me in celebrating 60 years of first-rate academic, social, and spiritual instruction in the heart of the Bronx at CHHS.

RECOGNIZING MS. JULIE ANN CRIFE

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Ms. Julie Ann Crife on being named Chairperson of the Board of Financial Women International, at the 79th Annual meeting being held in Williamsburg, Virginia, the week of September 22, 2001.

Financial Women International (FWI) is a professional association of women working together to achieve success in the financial services industry. Since its creation, Financial Women International has worked to empower women in all segments of the financial industry to attain their professional, economic, and personal goals. The association consists of more than 8,000 members representing the United States, Canada, Russia, Japan, and Mexico.

Ms. Crife has been active in FWI since 1979, serving as President on the local and state levels before accepting positions at the international level. Aside from her work with the association, Ms. Crife is currently President and Director of OMNIBANK, N.A., where under her leadership the bank has grown rapidly to become one of the largest locally owned banks in Houston. Ms. Crife has worked closely with the development of Small Business Administration loans at OMNIBANK, most recently closing a \$25 million dollar loan on a chemical plant in Sherman, Texas.

Along with serving as President and Director of OMNIBANK, N.A., Ms. Crife has been very active in the Texas Bankers Association and the American Banking Association, particularly serving on the legislative and education committees. Presently, Ms. Crife serves on the Board of the Education Foundation for the American Banking Association, and was an excellent spokesperson for the home equity bill.

Ms. Crife has been an exceptional leader in the community, earning the respect of her peers and associates in the business and civic communities. She has contributed to the betterment of the Houston area, by serving on committees at St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, M. D. Anderson Cancer Research Center, and the March of Dimes.

Again, I would like to take this time to congratulate Ms. Julie Ann Crife on becoming Chairperson of the Board of Financial Women International and wish her continued success.

HONORING CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE CENTER'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincerest congratulations to the Christian Health Care Center for its 90th anniversary of service and care to northern New Jersey. The Christian Health Care Center, located in the town of Wyckoff, offers care for the elderly as well as short and long-term mental health services. All of this is done in a wonderful environment, led by Christian principles. Founded in 1911 and currently under the outstanding leadership of President and CEO Doug Struyk, the Center has evolved into dynamic and caring organization with state-of-the-art facilities, serving the surrounding community for generations. This weekend, the Center will have the opportunity to celebrate its accomplishments and stories of the past 90 years.

The mission of the Christian Health Care Center speaks to the good work done at this facility. The Center provides a continuum of high quality services consistent with the Christian principles on which the institution was founded. Long term care and mental health care are offered, as well as residential living in a compassionate loving environment. The Center consists of a 251 bed skilled nursing home, a 40 unit supportive senior housing complex, a residential living facility and a psychiatric hospital. Recently, construction was

completed on an on-site day care center for the Center's care-providers. The Longview assisted living facility was also newly finished, which allowed the residential community to welcome an additional 80 residents to these state-of-the-art facilities. Such a tremendous number of lives are touched through the Christian Health Care Center.

This number also includes the friends and families of residents, for they can rest assured that their loved ones are in good hands with complete care. If you meet even one member of the staff at the Center or hear even one story from a resident, you will understand that the staff here is truly doing God's work-everyday. The philosophy by which the Center operates further testifies to this caring Christian spirit of the community: "the staff of nurses, doctors, program directors, aides and all others at the Center give unselfishly so that all of our residents and patients know that they are cared for and loved." Their personal touch in caring for the elderly has moved many.

I speak from personal experience. My beloved mother, Margaret Scafati, was cared for with compassion and professionalism of the highest caliber at the Center. For this I am truly grateful.

Under the excellent guidance of Mr. Struyk and the caring of the wonderful employees, the Christian Health Care Center will continue to shine as one of the finest care facilities of its kind in our nation. This weekend we celebrate 90 years of excellence and look forward to many more. Our hearts and prayers are with those involved with this wonderful center.

#### TRIBUTE TO DAVID FREEMYER

### HON. JAMES V. HANSEN

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2001*

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to share with the House and America, a statement by my friend David Freemyer. David is 9 years old and sent me the following speech about the tragedies of September 11, 2001.

"As we all know on September 11, 2001 terrorists hijacked four of our airplanes and crashed two of them into the World Trade Center and one into the Pentagon and one crashed in a field in Pennsylvania. This event has brought sadness to everyone and death to thousands of people. I ask myself why would anyone want to do such a thing. We have done no harm to any other country.

Not only have we done no harm, but we have helped all the countries that need our help and will still help any country that needs our help. We donate food and water and anything a country needs. And yet very few times has a country helped us. I'm not saying that all the other countries are bad. I'm just saying that just because we have a very strong military and that our country is very powerful that doesn't mean that we can do everything on our own. I have great respect for all the people from other countries that took time to go to church and pray for our country.

God Bless America!

David A. Freemyer"

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I hope all Americans can somehow show their patriotism like my friend David.

#### TRIBUTE TO GEORGE EICHLER

### HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2001*

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great man, George Eichler. Regretfully, George Eichler passed away on Friday, August 17, 2001, but he leaves us with a myriad of memories and lessons derived from his history of service and a legacy of championing important issues.

George was a life-long Democrat and a long-time labor leader in San Antonio. His tireless work on behalf of Democrats and in support of San Antonio working men and women is well recognized and respected within the Democratic Party. George's dedication to service and his commitment to family and to fatherhood is a shining example of the life we should all aspire to.

His daughter, Vanessa Eichler, said of him "He was the perfect father. Everyone knows him for what he did for labor and the Democratic Party, but he taught us to enjoy life." I believe that through his actions George taught us all a little bit about life and the need to help one another.

George Eichler's involvement in the labor movement saw its beginnings in 1949, when George went to work as a bottle washer at the Pearl Brewery in San Antonio, Texas. Soon after beginning his work there, George joined the International Association of Brewery Workers, and quickly moved up the union leadership ranks to become the Associate Business Agent in 1960. In 1967, the International Association of Brewery Workers joined the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, and George continued his leadership efforts, holding various local, State, and national level positions within the Teamsters organization throughout his career.

It was through his work as a labor leader that George also became well-known for his charitable contributions, selflessly dedicating his time and service to charitable organizations like Goodwill Industries and the United Way. From 1965 through 1974, George continued his commitment to service as Chair of the San Antonio AFL-CIO Council Pines Housing Trust, a program whose outstanding efforts in housing the handicapped was recognized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. These local elderly and handicapped independent living programs are recognized as precursors to national handicapped housing initiatives.

George's work over the years also benefited the local Democratic Party and countless Democratic candidates, as he campaigned tirelessly during each campaign year. He also served as Democratic Precinct Chair, and as such attended many State and National Democratic Conventions.

I am proud to count myself among those who have had the opportunity to know and learn from George Eichler. I know his family will receive some comfort in the knowledge

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that George's memory will endure among all those he touched throughout his life.

#### HONORING BERINGER VINEYARDS ON ITS 125TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2001*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 125th anniversary of Beringer Vineyards, located in St. Helena, Napa Valley, California.

Beringer Vineyards was founded in 1876, when Jacob Beringer and his brother, Frederick purchased a twenty-eight acre vineyard for \$14,500. One hundred and twenty-five years later, the winery is worth in excess of \$1.5 billion and is the oldest continuously operating winery in Napa Valley.

Beringer was not only a pioneer in the California wine industry, it is also a significant factor in the Napa Valley's emergence as one of the world's premier wine-growing regions. Today, Beringer Vineyards continues its extraordinary tradition of viticulture innovation and winemaking expertise to consistently produce the highest quality wines.

Mr. Speaker, Beringer Vineyards not only produces outstanding wines, but its generosity in the community is unsurpassed. Beringer supports numerous important charities, including civic organizations and youth groups throughout Napa Valley and the State of California. This year, the majority of its donations are being made to Napa Valley Health Charities, which provides critically needed health care services to low-income persons.

To commemorate this important occasion, Winemaster Ed Sbragia, who is celebrating his 25th year as Winemaster at Beringer, has produced a very special 1997 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon from the original "Home Vineyard." As evidence of Beringer's continued tradition of excellence, Mr. Sbragia is the world's only winemaker to have both a red and a white wine named as Wine Spectator magazine's "#1 Wine of the Year."

Mr. Speaker, Beringer was where I worked as a young man and I am particularly proud of this tremendous organization. At this time, it is appropriate that we honor and congratulate Beringer Vineyards for its many successes and contributions to our Napa Valley community for the past 125 years.

#### RECOGNIZING HEAR O' ISRAEL INTERNATIONAL INC.

### HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 21, 2001*

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, in light of the tragedy that struck our nation September 11, 2001, I believe it's fitting to recognize a valued organization within the Houston community, Hear O' Israel International Inc., which is currently sponsoring its National Mercy, Love and Compassion Month. This month long event is