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HONORING HUBERT TABOR FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, to place your life in harms way in order to defend our Nation is indeed a noble and honorable action. Hubert Douglas Tabor dedicated himself by serving in World War II and is certainly worthy of the praise and admiration of this body. During the campaign in Northern Burma, Hubert placed his well-being before all else in order to ensure a victory for the Allies in that war-stricken area.

Hubert was raised on a farm in Colorado. Throughout his time there, he grew tired of horses and wished to escape from the farm life by signing up for the Army. However, after entering the Army, the Army recognized that Hubert possessed superior riding skills and was sent to Ft. Riley, Kansas to be a member of the 124th Cavalry. This unit was the last mounted cavalry in the Army and it was with the 124th that Hubert deservedly received his silver spurs due to his accomplishments in the service. Upon his relocation to Burma, his role was that of a packer.

The 124th Cavalry, teamed with the 56th Cavalry and the 613th Field Artillery Battalion, was charged with the duty of opening the Burma Road that was closed by the Japanese as the team trekked across the Himalayan landscape, the Japanese enemy was encountered at night. Although Hubert had several close calls during his service, perhaps none was as serious as one that occurred during this battle. Hubert and a fellow soldier were assigned the duty of attracting the attention of the Japanese to distract them while the rest of his team was able to penetrate the enemy’s flank. His friend was killed in the line of duty while Hubert survived, but not without debilitating injuries.

Due to his bravery and courage, Mr. Speaker, Hubert Tabor was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. This battle was brutal, but Hubert offered his patriotism to our country and fought for its sake in Burma. I would like to take this moment to recognize the incredible sacrifices that Hubert made for our country and thank him for his service to our Flag. Hubert helped to make our country great and I extend my warmest regards and best wishes to Hubert for many years to come.

TO HONOR MS. ELVIRA ORTIZ AS A RECIPIENT OF THE 12TH ANNUAL PROFILES OF SUCCESS HISPANIC LEADERSHIP AWARD

HON. ED PASTOR
OF ARIZONA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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MR. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize a special individual who was honored for her leadership qualities and service to her community. On September 5th, Ms. Elvira Ortiz was honored by her peers at the Annual Profiles of Success Hispanic Leadership Awards presentation in Phoenix, Arizona. This event, coordinated by Valle del Sol, a local non-profit community based organization, kicks off National Hispanic Heritage Month in Arizona and is now in its twelfth year of honoring worthy individuals.

HON. GARY G. MILLER
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 25, 2001

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, last Friday, I introduced the “Brownfields Redevelopment Enhancement Act of 2001 (H.R. 2941).” I would like to thank my colleagues U.S. Representative MALONEY, Chairman MIKE OXLEY and Chairwoman MARGE ROUKEMA for joining me in supporting this important measure.

The biggest barrier that cities and communities face when trying to acquire and redevelop contaminated “Brownfields” properties is their lack of access to adequate and affordable capital to carry out critical activities including site assessment, remediation planning, cleanup and initial redevelopment activities. This legislation is designed to facilitate the provision of assistance by the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the cleanup and economic development of Brownfields.

For nearly 25 years, HUD’s Section 108 Loan Guarantee program has encouraged local economic development by giving cities access to the up-front financing needed for key site preparation and infrastructure projects that make an area ready for revitalization. This bill would, in essence, improve the ability of local governments to use HUD’s Section 108 Loan Guarantee program and the Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) program to address Brownfields projects by recognizing one of the new realities of the redevelopment process—that environmental evaluation and cleanup activities have become a necessity part of the process for reusing old, often abandoned sites, and that the public sector frequently must jump start that process. This legislation will modify HUD’s existing Section 108 Loan Guarantee program to make it a more flexible and usable tool for Brownfields projects and provide BEDI grant funding in a more flexible form.

First, it authorizes, for the first time ever, appropriations specifically for the BEDI program, to clarify through the conventional authorization and appropriation process that Brownfields redevelopment assistance is a congressional priority. The authorization of such sums as may be necessary is for fiscal years 2002-4. This 3-year authorization would result in need for authorization after 3 years and prompt a timely congressional re-examination of the need for such funding and funding levels.

Second, it establishes the BEDI program as an independent program by separating it from the requirement that local governments obtain Section 108 loan guarantees in order to obtain BEDI grant funding. While Congress has funded the BEDI program at a level of $25 million annually since FY 1998, the program has existed solely as a line item in appropriations.
This “de-linking” of BE-DI funding from the Section 108 program will help to improve its visibility as a key source of Federal funds to trigger Brownfields redevelopment activities. Additionally, it establishes the BE-DI program as an independent program by separating it from the section 108 (q) economic development initiative program as a new section 123 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

Third, it increases the allowable guarantee limit for Section 108-backed loans used in conjunction with Brownfields activities—cities and states could access an additional five times their annual entitlement for Brownfields cleanup and redevelopment. This provision will provide smaller communities with the opportunity to assemble a capital pool of sufficient size to cover the costs of Brownfields site preparation. It also gives cities more practical options to pursue Brownfields reuse strategies—for example, to acquire and clean up sites themselves, and assemble them into tracts that best fit markets and uses they have identified. The increase in the allowable guarantee limit for section 108-backed loans for Brownfields activities applies only prospectively to obligations guaranteed after the date of the enactment of the legislation.

Fourth, it promotes Section 108 Loan Guarantee Brownfields activities by better addressing the developmental realities of this type of real estate development. This will be achieved by clearly identifying Brownfields redevelopment activities as eligible activities under the Section 108 program, thereby enabling the loan funds to be used for a wider range of activities that support Brownfields reuse. It also encourages communities to identify and coordinate other public and private funding sources for Brownfields projects by allowing them to count as leverage in terms of award criteria.

Fifth, it implements HUD’s Community Empowerment Fund (CEF) Pilot program. The CEF Pilot is designed to use the Section 108 Loan Guarantee program in combination with the Economic Development Initiative (EDI) grant program. It is noteworthy that several years ago, HUD issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and guidelines, but failed to implement the CEF Pilot program. The CEF Pilot is designed to mitigate or even eliminate the risk of loss to a community’s CDBG program inherent in making business loans funded by the Section 108 Loan Guarantee program. The CEF Pilot combines modern private sector financial engineering with privatization of much of the administration of business loans. The EDI grants are to provide a pooled cash loan reserve to cushion against losses resulting from defaults on business loans funded through the Section 108 Loan Guarantee program and reducing the risk to the community’s CDBG program.

Sixth, and finally, it directs HUD to undertake a comprehensive study of Brownfields redevelopment issues on a nationwide basis. While Brownfields redevelopment has become a critical community and economic development issue over the past five years, it seems that there has not been a thorough Federal ef-

**Extensions of Remarks**

**HON. JOHN S. TANNER**

**OF TENNESSEE**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Tuesday, September 25, 2001**

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I would like for the RECORD to indicate that had I been present on Monday, September 24th I would have voted “aye” on both rollcall votes 349 and 350, the Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy bill and the continuing resolution. My plane was delayed as a result of inclement weather in the Washington, D.C. area.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. J.C. WATTS, JR.**

**OF OKLAHOMA**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Tuesday, September 25, 2001**

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, due to tornado warnings, my flight was diverted to Philadelphia, and I was unavoidably detained on September 24, 2001. As a result, I missed Recorded Votes #349 (H.R. 717, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Childhood Assistance, Research and Education Amendments of 2001), and #350 (H.J. Res. 65, Continuing Appropriations for FY2002).

I ask that the Record reflect that, had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on all of the above motions on September 24, 2001.

**PAYING TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM ADAMS**

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

**OF COLORADO**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Tuesday, September 25, 2001**

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to honor the bravery and military service of William Adams, a great American who currently resides in Montrose, Colorado. William Adams learned very important lessons about life and death when he was faced with the challenges of self-preservation and patriotism in the South Pacific during World War II.

At the young age of nineteen, William Adams, along with the rest of his advance landing unit of the 4th Marines landed on Saipan. There he struggled through one of the bloodiest campaigns his Division had seen and finally took control of the small island. By the end of the battle, 3,400 American soldiers had lost their lives. William managed to survive several other battles including the invasions at Tarawa and Tinian. He finished his tours in the Pacific having been wounded three times and being awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. William is a proud servant of his nation, exemplified by several accounts of bravery including putting his own life on the line to rescue a fellow soldier.

William is no longer the young man who landed the many shores of the Pacific Theater to defend freedom and liberty in the United States. Amidst all of the violence and death, William Adams returned to the United States although many of his friends did not. William now lives a peaceful life as a resident of Colorado but the sacrifices he made while serving our nation will never be forgotten. Mr. Adams fought selflessly for the ideals and protection of all Americans. He helped to ensure that our freedoms and way of life would live on. It is my pleasure to honor William Adams for the great sacrifices that he has made and assure him that his countrymen are grateful for his service.

**SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2001**

**SPEECH OF**

**HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA**

**OF MARYLAND**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Monday, September 24, 2001**

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of reauthorizing the Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Program. Continuing this program will encourage the development of small businesses and help strengthen our economy.

I have been a long time supporter of this program. It helps small businesses, including minority and women owned businesses, to participate in the research and development of new technologies. Various businesses in my district have benefitted from the STTR program as they work with the many research institutions and federal agencies located in the Washington region.

The STTR program has been successful since the launch of its pilot program in 1992. This success was recognized as funding for the pilot program was twice reauthorized in 1994 and 1996. Now, we can make this a permanent program and encourage participating agencies to implement outreach programs to small businesses and research institutions that will enhance the STTR program. The STTR program has helped small businesses benefit the economy by encouraging technology innovations and job creation. This program has been credited for promoting collaborative efforts in research and development. Under this program, small businesses are exposed to the scientific knowledge available at our nation’s research institutions. In addition, the STTR program moves academic theories from research institutes to viable commercial use that benefit our nation and the world.