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legislation presumed a finding of disability at age 65, this bill would provide for a service pension without regard to disability similar to that previously provided to veterans of Indian Wars and the Spanish-American War.

VA would only be required to obtain a medical examination and a finding of disability for those veterans over 65 who seek additional benefits based upon a disability which renders them homebound or in need of aid and attendance. This would reduce the cost and workload of providing disability examinations for low-income veterans who are almost always found to be disabled.

The bill does not specifically require that veterans be unemployed to qualify for the benefit. This reflects the practical reality that wartime veterans whose income is low enough to qualify for pension benefits are almost always unemployed. Full-time employment at the minimum wage level provides income which exceeds the pension amount and would therefore disqualify a veteran for benefits.

Mr. Speaker, in order to reduce the backlog and reduce the cost of making expensive disability determinations for claims of elderly wartime veterans. I ask my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to support the Veterans' Pension Improvement Act of 2001.

IN HONOR OF MR. KENNETH A. CARLSON AND HIS DOCUMENTARY "GO TIGERS!"

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 11, 2001*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Kenneth A. Carlson, the writer, director and producer of successful high school football team, the Massillon Tigers.

"GO TIGERS!" has long been a vision for creator Kenneth A. Carlson, and became a reality during the 1999 football season. Carlson, a native Ohioan, has desired to create a film of his hometown for more than 10 years, and focus primarily on the town's incredible love for football. Throughout his travels to the town, he had the opportunity to re-live a part of his life that he thought he had outgrown, but that always remained an important part of his soul.

"GO TIGERS!" chronicles a pivotal season for the Massillon football team; following the team's poor season in the previous year, the entire town was confronted with a school tax levy that was necessary to protect the jobs and livelihood of the school district.

The documentary follows the team, marching band, and fans through a whirlwind season from a town where boys are born with pigskins in hand. Kenneth Carlson has the gift of bringing the season to life, from the personal stories of teammates to great wins and losses. Carlson manages to touch the human spirit and soul with this film and effectively portrays life from a small, Ohio "football town." Carlson truly captures the essence of a small rustbelt town that draws its major identity from football.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring a distinguished writer, director, and producer, Mr. Kenneth Carlson on his stunning documentary, "GO TIGERS!"

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

FARM SECURITY ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

**HON. TOM UDALL**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 5, 2001*

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, my vote on H.R. 2646, the Farm Security Act of 2001 has been a difficult one. I have struggled to determine how H.R. 2646 would benefit rural farmers and ranchers in northern New Mexico. I have always been a strong advocate for family farmers in New Mexico and I want these hardworking families to be successful and their farms profitable. However, H.R. 2646 fails these families in many ways. This new farm bill encourages overproduction while prices are low, fails to adequately help small farmers, and increases federal spending in times of economic uncertainty.

After much thought, I must agree with President Bush and his analysis of H.R. 2646. I want to support a farm bill that is better for rural America, supports the environment, and expands the opportunities for our farmers in growing world markets. I agree with President Bush that H.R. 2646 fails to meet these objectives. For these and other reasons, I regret that I will vote against H.R. 2646 in its current form.

I encourage the Administration to continue working with Congress to provide a plan that meets these new policy goals. Our current economic uncertainty, and some are starting to call it a recession, forces us to think wisely before spending. Combined with emergency aid, more tax packages and economic aid programs, we are facing some difficult fiscal hardships. For example, within the past several weeks, Congress passed a \$40 billion emergency fund in response to the September 11th attacks; we have approved a \$15 billion emergency aid package for U.S. commercial airlines; and we currently are negotiating with the President for an economic stimulus package that could reach \$75 billion. With that in mind, I can not support H.R. 2646 in its current form and in our current climate.

I agree with President Bush, and I call for a thorough examination of current farm policy. Our current farm bill does not expire until September 2002. Let's take the time to get it right. We must modernize the nation's farm programs to reflect changing technologies, markets, and environmental agendas. Yet, we must develop a farm program that protects and supports small family farmers and ranchers such as those in New Mexico. I question how the Farm Security Act would help the small farmers and ranchers in an equitable way.

Mr. Speaker, the next generation of the nation's farm programs should have the flexibility to meet the diverse needs of all farmers and ranchers. It is time to seize this unique opportunity to develop long-term, progressive farm program solutions that are fair and benefit all farmers and ranchers.

I am hopeful, however, that if this bill returns from a conference committee, it will contain the necessary improvements that will allow me to support this effort. I do support a new farm bill, but one that helps small farmers and

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ranchers, is strong on conservation, and is fiscally sound in uncertain economic times. I am confident the other body will produce a farm bill that we all can support to keep small family farmers and ranchers strong and in business.

HONORING DR. RALPH W. SHRADER

**HON. TOM DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 11, 2001*

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true friend of Northern Virginia, Dr. Ralph W. Shrader, who will receive the Northern Virginia Community Foundation's 2001 Community Leadership Award tomorrow, October 12, 2001, at the Foundation's Gala.

As many of my colleagues know, Dr. Shrader is chairman and chief executive officer of Booz-Allen and Hamilton, one of the world's largest and oldest management and technology consulting firms, based in McLean, Virginia. Dr. Shrader also serves as president of the firm's Worldwide Technology Business division. His expertise in the area of global communications is unparalleled.

I cannot imagine a more deserving recipient of this award. Dr. Shrader's commitment to community service has spanned many years and focused on dozens of projects and programs. Just as importantly, he has set an admirable tone for Booz-Allen's employees, encouraging all personnel to donate their time to worthwhile causes.

Dr. Shrader leads by example. He is currently chairman of The Neediest Kids, a non-profit organization that donates clothing and school supplies to at-risk children, so that they, too, can reach their full potential in school. But the list of his philanthropic undertakings does not end there: he is a former chairman of the American Cancer Society's Capital Baron's Ball, and works with many other charitable organizations that make our communities better places to live, work and raise families. Group like The National Business and Disability Council and The Women's Center have sought him out to deliver keynote addresses at their conferences.

Booz-Allen employees are quick to point out that Dr. Shrader makes their needs and aspirations a top priority. He formed a Women's Advisory Board at the firm, has supported employee forums on important issues, and received a commendation from the company's Workforce Diversity Council.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I want to congratulate Dr. Shrader on receiving this award. It strikes me that the theme of this weekend's Foundation Gala, "Transforming Our Community", could not be more appropriate. Dr. Shrader has, indeed, transformed his community for the better, proving that one man can make a difference in the lives of many. He is that rare individual who cares more about doing good than getting credit. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Shrader on this prestigious honor.