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will provide America's children, who are blessed with so much, with the opportunity to reach out to aid the innocent children of Afghanistan who suffer constant oppression, chronic malnourishment and grossly inadequate medical care.

Mr. Speaker, because I believe that we, in Congress, can play a vital role in ensuring that none of the money that is raised by our youngest citizens is consumed by postage. This measure encourages participation in this worthwhile endeavor and advances the President's effort to provide America's children with a tangible way to bring much needed humanitarian relief to the children of Afghanistan. Under this measure, donations sent to the following address would be delivered free of postage: America's Fund for Afghan Children, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC 20509-1600.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the House to pass this legislation that sends the message that the U.S. Congress supports their efforts to help the children of Afghanistan.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR,
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3061) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes:

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to voice my opposition to Congressman ISTOOK's amendment to the Labor, Health, Human Services and Education Appropriations bill.

I am concerned with Congressman ISTOOK's proposal to increase the abstinence-until-marriage education program by \$33 million.

Although I believe that educating teenagers about sexual abstinence can be beneficial it cannot be the course of sexual education.

There is no substantive evidence that shows that abstinence-only education is effective.

Instead, research repeatedly shows that the most effective route to combat teenage pregnancy is a comprehensive sexual education program.

In my community, the Latino community, an abstinence-only lifestyle is preached in most households.

Young Latinas are repeatedly told that if they have sex outside of marriage or become pregnant, they will be cut off from their families.

However, 13 percent of Hispanic women in the United States aged 15-19 still become pregnant each year.

Teenagers are sexually active; therefore they should know about the family planning methods available.

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In fact, each year, family planning services prevent about 386,000 teenage pregnancies.

While I am pleased that Congressman ISTOOK's amendment does not draw any funding away from the much-needed Title X family planning program, I still cannot support such a large funding increase for a program that is so limited in scope and whose effectiveness has yet to be determined.

I urge my colleagues to oppose this amendment.

IN HONOR OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONER JIMMY DIMORA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great man who has affected the lives of thousands in Northeast Ohio, County Commissioner Jimmy Dimora, recipient of the Bikur Cholim Hospital's 2001 International Brotherhood Award.

Mr. Dimora is a great man, skilled politician, public servant, and most importantly, a friend. In January 1999 he began his term as Cuyahoga County Commissioner with the one simple goal to simplify county government and make it "user friendly" for his constituents. Commissioner Dimora's main goal was to bring common sense to political dilemmas, and solve problems rather than to create them. He was soon, thereafter, elected by his fellow commissioners as President of the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners.

Before working in County government, Commissioner Dimora was a dedicated public servant in the city of Bedford Heights. He served as Mayor from 1982 through 1998, running for re-election without opposition every time. He served before that as Council-at-Large for four years, and also was a city employee for six years. Mr. Dimora has dedicated his entire life to selflessly serving the public. As Mayor, he accomplished countless great feats: he instituted new programs and expanded services without raising property or city income taxes, expanded a full-service jail, and renovated the largest and best-equipped recreational facility of its kind in the state.

Commissioner Dimora is truly dedicated to serving his fellow man. He is a people person, a problem solver, and a consensus-builder. His tenure as Chairman of the Democratic Party in Cuyahoga County has demonstrated his incredible honor and the respect he has gained from his fellow colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring a very fine man on his recipient of the Bikur Cholim Hospital's 2001 International Brotherhood Award. Commissioner Jimmy Dimora is truly a man of the people, and has served the Cleveland community selflessly his entire life.

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TRIBUTE TO EDWARD A KELLY,
JR.

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2001

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Edward A. Kelly, Jr., my good friend and a mainstay of Burlington County for over 40 years.

Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania into a family of seven children, his parents were born in Ireland, emigrating to the United States in their twenties. Growing up in a working-class neighborhood, his early youth was spent in sports, while attending West Catholic High School.

Married to the former Mildred "Millie" Hansberry, the Kellys became one of the first families to settle in Levittown, New Jersey, now known as Willingboro.

Having served on the Willingboro Board of Education, and later as a member of the Willingboro Council, Ed was elected Clerk of Burlington County in 1969. His rising popularity brought about his reelection to an additional four five-year terms, from which he retired at the end of 1994, after more than 25 years of continuous service.

A member of nearly 70 different service clubs, his service as a member of the Board of Directors of the Burlington County Chapter of the Boy Scouts of America earned him the Silver Beaver Award, scouting's highest honor.

A major supporter of our active duty military and retirees, Ed is a founding member of the Burlington County Military Affairs Committee (BCMAC). His commitment to our military is so highly-regarded that he was appointed by Governor Christine Todd Whitman to the New Jersey Veterans Service Council.

His six-year term as State Chairman, New Jersey Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Committee (ESGR) came to a close on September 30, 2001. His leadership will be sorely missed.

For his many years of dedicated service both as a long-time member of the ESGR, and especially, during his six-year term as State Chairman, and as one of his loyal supporters, I pay tribute to him today.

IN HONOR OF SPECIAL AGENTS
GIL AMOROSO AND EMIR BENITEZ

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2001

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Special Agent Gil Amoroso and Special Agent Emir Benitez.

Agent Amoroso provided a great service for Richmond, Virginia, during his time with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

Agent Benitez served America's communities, as well, through the DEA, sacrificing his life on duty.

These two individuals greatly sacrificed to help fight America's war on drugs.

The DEA is an essential law-enforcement agency, contributing to the safety and well-