

**A BILL TO PROVIDE TAX INCENTIVES TO BUSINESSES LOCATED IN LOWER MANHATTAN, THE LIBERTY ZONE AND HELP REBUILD THE ECONOMY AFTER THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 TERRORIST ATTACK**

**HON. AMO HOUGHTON**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 29, 2001*

Mr. HOUGHTON. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand with several of my New York colleagues in introducing a bill, which will provide much-needed tax incentives for businesses to rebuild in lower Manhattan—this all after the massive destruction caused by the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001. None of us will forget the terrible losses of that day—loss of life and the most tragic being the heartache to so many families.

The World Trade Center towers were destroyed. Other buildings were damaged or collapsed. The price tag to rebuild is staggering. But rebuilding the infrastructure and economy must start. This package is only part of the solution, but it is an important first step.

As New York Governor George Pataki said today, "The \$6.1 billion package will offer incentives for businesses to generate jobs, spur innovation and investment in the Liberty Zone, helping us renew, restore and rebuild lower Manhattan".

The bill includes five provisions which would: (1) authorize New York State to issue up to \$15 billion in tax-exempt private activity bonds over the next 3 years to help renovate and rebuild commercial property, residential rental property and private utility infrastructure, (2) allow taxpayers to claim an additional 30 percent, first-year depreciation deduction for property located in the Liberty Zone, including buildings and building improvements, (3) provide a 5-year life for depreciating certain leasehold improvements, (4) increase by \$35,000 to \$59,000 the amount that can be expensed by small businesses under section 179, and (5) increase the replacement period from 2 to 5 years for property that was involuntarily converted in lower Manhattan so that taxpayers would not have to recognize gain.

I want to thank Chairman THOMAS and my colleagues for their help in working through this package. I urge your support.

**MARKING THE PASSING OF MARY KAY ASH**

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 29, 2001*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute the life and legacy of Mary Kay Ash. For more than four decades, Ms. Kay has been one of Texas' most outstanding citizens and a business pioneer. Cosmetics sales were just a small part of the legacy she left for America. Her business made women feel better about themselves, regarding both their appearance and the possibility for success in business.

Ms. Kay changed the way women in business were perceived. She pioneered direct marketing in a way that has been emulated for years. She tapped talent that may have otherwise gone unused. All over America, women are more empowered because of the life of Mary Kay Ash.

Mary Kay Ash founded the cosmetic company that bears her name in 1963 with \$5,000 in savings, using a hide tanner's cream as her principle product. Since then, the color pink has been synonymous with quality cosmetic products and aggressive salespersonship. She was a phenomenal entrepreneur and, more importantly, an incredible motivator. One hundred fifty one women, so far, have recorded more than \$1 million in Mary Kay sales.

Last year, Mary Kay, Inc. had revenue of \$1.3 billion. Today, there are about 800,000 women and men who make up the Mary Kay global sales force. It is an extraordinary legacy for a phenomenal lady who grew up in a poor Houston neighborhood.

Mr. Speaker, Mary Kay Ash was one of Dallas-Fort Worth's most dynamic icons. She died on November 22, 2001. I ask that the thoughts and prayers of the Thirtieth Congressional District, and the nation, be with her family and friends.

**PAYING TRIBUTE TO DEBBIE TAMLIN**

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 29, 2001*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an outstanding individual from Ft. Collins, Colorado. Over the years Debbie Tamlin has distinguished herself as a business executive, a community leader, and a vital participant in our political process. Debbie's achievements are impressive and it is my honor to recognize several of those accomplishments today.

Debbie was raised in Colorado and received a Bachelors of Arts in Communication Disorders from Colorado State University. In 1978, she received her Colorado Real Estate Sales License followed by her brokers license in 1980. Since then she has immersed herself in an outstanding real estate career and served in numerous capacities of support for her field. She has served as Director for the National Association of Realtors, President of the Women's Council of Realtors, founding member of the Northern Colorado Legislative Alliance, Director of Colorado Association of Realtors, and the Director of Fort Collins Association of Realtors.

To help serve her community and State, Debbie has given her time and energy to the political process by providing guidance and support to aspiring political candidates. She has been a driving force in the Colorado Republican Party and worked on campaigns in various capacities for county commissioners, Congressmen, Senators, and even President George W. Bush. Debbie has also given her time to noble efforts in the community such as founding the Convention and Visitor's Bureau and serving as a leader in groups such as

Citizens for the Protection of Personal Property Rights, the Women's Development Council, and the Colorado Women's Leadership Coalition.

Mr. Speaker, Debbie Tamlin's list of achievements has not been overlooked during her career and her efforts have been repeatedly awarded over the years. It is now my honor to congratulate Debbie on her most recent and well-deserved award from her own community, the Realtor of the Year award. Debbie has been a model citizen for the community and I extend my thanks to her for her efforts. Keep up the good work Debbie and good luck in your future endeavors.

**TRIBUTE TO ROGER F. HONBERGER**

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 29, 2001*

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, December 31, 2001, will mark the passing of an era, an era of accomplishment in the field of intergovernmental relations. On that day, a pioneer in Washington representation for California public policy and project development will retire from service.

Roger F. Honberger comes from a humble upbringing of enterprising parents from the 1930s. His mother is a Native American, born into the Pechanga Band of California Mission Indians at the turn of the century, and is presently the oldest living Tribal member. Roger was the first member of his family to graduate from college, the result of extensive sacrifice by his parents. After beginning his career in the field of Urban Planning, he returned to graduate school, where he distinguished himself and received degrees from both the University of London, England and Harvard University.

In his early career, he served as a professional planner with the County of Riverside, City of San Diego, National Capital Planning Commission, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. His federal experience in writing legislation, budget preparation, and program management led him to the establishment of his own government relations consulting firm in 1970, Roger Honberger Associates, Inc. He pioneered a new industry of dedicated people working with the Congress and Federal Administrations on behalf of the intergovernmental needs of state and local governments. Today, this industry serves countless public agencies from all corners of the nation.

Thirty years ago, Roger was selected from a field of 200 applicants by the County of San Diego to be their first Washington representative. At that time, the San Diego County Congressional Delegation consisted of Lionel Van Deertin, Bob Wilson, and Jimmy Utt. The only other state or local governments that had full time Washington offices when Roger began his work for San Diego County were the State of California, the County of Los Angeles, and the Cities of Los Angeles and San Diego. These were the only general-purpose governments from any other part of our great nation