

and caring to others and always has an open ear to someone in need. He's not afraid to stand up for what he believes in and works tirelessly to achieve success in all of his civic and academic efforts. I would like to extend my congratulations on Robert's retirement and wish him and his lovely wife Nancy the best in their future endeavors.

ON THE SUFFOLK COUNTY POLICE
DEPARTMENT'S 3RD PRECINCT
GANG INTERDICTION TEAM

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 17, 2001

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Gang interdiction Team in the Suffolk County Police Department's Third Precinct. This team has been incredibly successful and is making a real difference in the lives of the people of New York's Second District.

The Gang Interdiction Team was founded following a homicide that also involved the wounding of an innocent young child. From October 29 to December 15, 2001, the team worked rotating shifts throughout the precinct from 8 in the morning until midnight.

The Gang Interdiction Team made 154 arrests and had 290 significant contacts in that short time. The level of gang activity decreased significantly in the almost two months the team was in operation.

Mr. Speaker, throughout the 1990's police departments across New York State once again learned how effective strong police deployments can be in reducing crime. In dealing with gangs, this is even more important, for if we can keep gang activity down, we may be able to keep young people out of the sort of major trouble that gang-life ultimately brings.

I would like to note in particular that I will be working closely with Tom Spota, Suffolk County's new District Attorney and the Suffolk County Police Department in efforts to continue this program to keep the 2nd Congressional District safe for our families.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
BRIAN FEELEY

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 17, 2001

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Brian Feeley has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America troop 401; and

Whereas, Brian Feeley is commended for his quick thinking and survival skills for saving his brother's life in a bicycle accident; and,

Whereas, Brian Feeley has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthu-

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siasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Brian Feeley must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Therefore, I join with the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Brian Feeley for his Eagle scout Award.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 1438,
NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZA-
TION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. JIM RYUN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2001

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, as our military forces continue to confront the terrorism, we must remember the burden that is being carried by our personnel and their families. They have been called on to make even greater sacrifices to protect the freedoms of our nation. For the past several years, military personnel accounts have been stretched at the expense of those who need it most.

With the largest pay raise since 1982, S. 1438 allows every service member to receive a 5 to 10 percent raise. This bill acts to cut out-of-pocket housing costs for military personnel, with a goal to completely eliminate the expense by 2005.

There are many pressures in today's force that influence the decision of a military family of whether or not to remain in the service. This body has witnessed an ever-increasing challenge of recruiting and retaining. We have found that providing a valuable, quality health care benefit is vital to maintaining the welfare of our families.

This bill works to protect the health care choices of one important group: military spouses. I have worked hard to put women back in charge of their pregnancy-related healthcare. Provisions of this bill will eliminate burdensome red tape experienced when attempting to retain a physician of their choice. By fully funding the defense health program, we are striving to build a military healthcare system that attracts patients based on quality, not on rules & regulations.

Now, more than ever before we realize that our presence represents a stabilizing force to countries around the globe. With pace of deployments likely to be increased, the Armed Services Committee has appropriately concentrated on enhancing quality of life issues in support of our deserving personnel.

I am pleased that this bill directly addresses the quality-of-life problems of today's service members.

December 17, 2001

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
JASON PAUL HUBER

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 17, 2001

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Jason Huber has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, Jason Huber has shared his time and talent with the community in which he resides; and

Whereas, Jason Huber has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Jason Huber must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Therefore, I join with the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Jason Paul Huber for his Eagle Scout Award.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, December 18, 2001 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

DECEMBER 19

10:30 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the limits of existing laws with respect to protecting against genetic discrimination.

SD-106

DECEMBER 20

10 a.m.

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-226