

to her staff. Their enthusiasm and generosity a reflection of the example she has set for over a decade. Led by her innovative vision, Dr. Drickamer has ensured that Connecticut's veterans are receiving quality care.

In addition to her work at the VA Medical Center, Dr. Drickamer is widely recognized for her work as an educator in her field. Articles and abstracts published in the American Journal of Medicine, the New England Journal of Medicine, and the Annals of Internal Medicine are only a few of her many professional accomplishments. She has been honored with a myriad of awards and honors—a true testament to her unparalleled dedication.

It is my great honor to join friends and colleagues in thanking Dr. Margaret Drickamer for her many years of service to the West Haven VA Medical Center and our community. Her innumerable efforts on behalf of our country's veterans have left an indelible mark on our nation. My best wishes to you on your future endeavors.

HONORING THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE MADE BY 28 UNITED STATES SOLDIERS KILLED DURING OPERATION DESERT STORM

SPEECH OF

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 27, 2001

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this resolution.

It's been ten years since the Persian Gulf War and the allied victory in Operation Desert Storm. We learned a great deal during the war, perhaps most importantly that strong relationships with our allies and others were critical to building the kind of support necessary to see the war through. Those relationships have also been critical in maintaining pressure on Saddam Hussein in the years following the allied victory. The war also taught us that we can achieve our objectives—with minimal loss of life—thanks to our professionally trained troops and technologically advanced weapons systems.

While we know that war inevitably entails loss of life, and that soldiers assume the risks of war, this realization doesn't make it easier to bear the news when a loved one is killed in service to our country. Today we honor the sacrifices of the 28 servicemen killed in February 1991 when an Iraqi Scud missile hit a U.S. Army barracks in Saudi Arabia. We extend our sympathy and thanks to their families, and we honor their memories. In the same spirit, we honor the contributions of those serving today in our armed forces. Every day they brave hardships in the name of defending our country and our freedom. We can never be grateful enough for what they do.

This resolution also asks us to resolve to support "appropriate and effective theater missile defense programs to help prevent attacks on forward deployed United States forces from occurring again." I am supporting this resolution for what it says and not for what some may believe it says.

Just to be clear: Theater missile defense systems are different from the proposed national missile defense system, which continues to raise many questions and concerns that I believe must be addressed before deployment can be considered.

There is no question that we must do all we can to defend our troops in the field. We should provide them with the best training, equipment, and weapons. We should also develop better technologies to protect them from incoming enemy fire. This means doing all we can to be better able to counter the kind of threat posed by Iraq's Scud missiles back in 1991.

Mr. Speaker, this ten-year anniversary presents us with a duty and an opportunity. We have the duty to look back in honor of our servicemen, but we also have the opportunity to look forward to identify possible new solutions to longstanding regional problems. This is an opportunity for us to consider anew questions about our overall Persian Gulf policy—the viability of our current sanctions regime on Iraq, the importance of working with our allies in the region, and our overdependence on foreign oil. Along those lines, I was encouraged to learn today of Secretary Powell's proposal to refocus sanctions more narrowly on Saddam Hussein's military capabilities and ease the economic sanctions that have placed an unfair burden on Iraq's population. This is a step in the right direction.

If we can help to bring stability to the region, we can rest assured knowing that our servicemen will be less likely to be put in harm's way in the future.

Again, I stand with my colleagues here today to honor the memories of the U.S. soldiers lost in Operation Desert Storm. We will not forget their sacrifice.

TRIBUTE TO RICKEY GELB

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 28, 2001

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Rickey Gelb, recipient of the 2000 Fernando Award.

The Fernando Award is awarded annually in recognition of an individual's lifetime achievement of volunteerism in California's San Fernando Valley. Rickey Gelb is a most worthy recipient.

Rickey has lived in the San Fernando Valley nearly all of his life. He is the managing general partner of development and management company Gelb Enterprises and owner of RMG Properties. He is also a licensed general contractor in California.

Rickey and his wife Robbi are longtime close personal friends of my wife Janice and I. I know firsthand that Rickey's success is well-earned. He graduated from Valley Junior College with an associate's degree in 1967. With that, he went to work for ATA Stores, where over the next 25 years he worked his way up from truck driver and repairman to senior corporate officer and major stockholder. During that time, he also founded Gelb Enterprises.

Since 1985, Rickey has devoted his entrepreneurial efforts exclusively to the development and expansion of Gelb Enterprises.

He has also been an extraordinary volunteer.

Rickey Gelb serves on the board of the First Commerce Bank and is a past president of the West Valley Police Activity League (PALS). He is currently CFO of the Encino Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation Mobile Action Committee, a Commissioner for the City of Los Angeles, a member of the Ventura/Cahuenga Boulevard Review Board and Treasurer of Mayor Richard Riordon's Valley Job Recovery Corporation.

In addition, Rickey is on the Board of Directors of the Mid-Valley Jeopardy Foundation, on the Police, Fire and Public Safety Committee, Encino/Tarzana Hospital Community Foundation and on Councilwoman Cindy Miscikowski's Encino Community Council.

Rickey Gelb is a recipient of the Criminal Justice Award and has received numerous appreciation awards from City, County, State and Federal agencies and charitable foundations. He now serves as a member of the Patrons Association of LAVC and is president of the Alumni Association. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award at the 50th Anniversary celebration.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in congratulating Rickey Gelb for the honor of receiving the 2000 Fernando Award and thank him and Robbi for decades of service to our community.

THE PARITY FOR PART-TIME WORKERS ACT

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 28, 2001

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, unemployed part-time workers who meet monetary eligibility requirements are precluded from receiving Unemployment Insurance (UI) in at least 31 States merely because they seek part-time, rather than full-time employment. This means that a laid-off parent who wants to continue to work part-time to care for a child is denied UI benefits while looking for employment, despite having earned sufficient past wages to be eligible for such assistance.

For this reason, I am reintroducing the Parity for Part-time Workers Act. This legislation would prohibit the denial of UI based solely on the fact that an individual is seeking part-time work, if the individual: (1) Otherwise qualifies for unemployment compensation based wholly or mostly on part-time work; and (2) seeks at least 20 hours of work a week. In short, this family-friendly legislation will help level the playing field for part-time workers.

In 1995, the non-partisan Advisory Council on Unemployment Compensation recommended prohibiting discrimination against part-time workers. More recently, a working group on UI issues with members representing businesses, workers and the State and Federal UI agencies also recommended that part-time workers be treated more fairly. And finally, a Government Accounting Office (GAO)