Mr. Smith was a great lover of history, music, and museums and was responsible for the development of the nationally recognized Borders Book Festival and the Siglo del Oro Spanish Drama Festival that takes place at the Chamizal National Memorial every year.

Mr. Smith was a Fellow of the Company of Military Historians, corresponding member of the Hispanic Society of America, member of the American Association of Museums and a member of the El Paso County Historical Society (where he received a distinguished service award). He was a respected military historian and loved nothing better than to perform military music for others.

Mr. Smith possessed a true love of nature, culture and history and devoted the majority of his life to the preservation, protection and interpretation of our national heritage. He was a symbol of the mission of the National Park Service and influenced, guided, educated and inspired countless numbers of citizens to become National Park Service rangers.

His true love was his beautiful wife, Mary Pauline whom he met while working at the Grand Canyon in Arizona. I want to again express my sincere sympathy for her loss. We will truly miss the first Superintendent of the Chamizal National Memorial, Mr. Franklin G. Smith.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND TERRAPINS

HON. STENY H. HOYER
OF MARYLAND
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, March 27, 2001

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, Calvin Coolidge once said that, "Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not . . . genius will not . . . education will not . . . Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent."

Mr. Speaker, the country finds itself on the edge of its seat, waiting with bated breath, as March Madness unfolds. The Final Four is just around the corner, and for the first time in history, the Mighty Maryland Terrapins will be there to show what persistence they've possessed, and what talent they exude.

Words can not possibly describe the poise and teamwork that the Terps exhibit. Their performance is to be applauded; their spirit imitated. What a deep sense of pride they have instilled in all of us for their hard work.

Under the tremendous coaching of Gary Williams, the Terps performance during this tournament has not only exceeded expectations, but has set a new standard for excellence. We can only hope that Terrence Morris mystifies, Steve Blake bolts, Juan Dixon dominates, Lonnie Baxter bounds, and Byron Mouton maneuvers the way they have so far. This will be the fourth meeting between the Terrapins and the Duke University Blue Devils. Each game has been an instant classic, and this contest shall truly be a game for the history books.

I stand before you today, an alumnus of Maryland, with the support of the entire State of Maryland, in praising the mighty Terrapins team, Coach Gary Williams and Athletic Director Debbie Yow. I encourage all in the Washington metropolitan area to join in saluting the Maryland Terrapins and wishing them success this weekend in Minneapolis.

Nuthin’ but Net, Mr. Speaker . . . FEAR THE TURTLE!!!

A TRIBUTE TO HOWARD P. BERKOWITZ

HON. NITA M. LOWEY
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, March 27, 2001

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my great admiration for Howard P. Berkowitz, a man of extraordinary ability, boundless generosity, and profound commitment to service.

Howard has enjoyed a long and successful career in the field of finance, where his business acumen and managerial skill are widely respected. But it is through his tireless efforts to promote education, improve health care, support the arts, and encourage tolerance that Howard’s character is most clearly revealed.

On April 5th, Howard will be honored by the Anti-Defamation League, an organization he has served as National Chair and in a variety of other important capacities. It is fitting that he should be so recognized, because Howard embodies the core values of ADL.

He believes passionately in advancing justice and equality, combating bigotry and anti-Semitism, and helping all men and women treat each other with respect and dignity. Indeed, Howard’s truly international reputation has enhanced ADL’s global stature and helped bring anti-bias education to every corner of the globe.

At the same time, Howard has devoted considerable time and energy to a range of other worthwhile causes. He founded the Gar Reichman Laboratory at Memorial Sloan-Kettering, while also serving on the Boards of the Stedman-Hawkins Sports Medicine Foundation, the Cancer Research Institute, and the President’s Council of Memorial Sloan-Kettering. In each of these roles and others, Howard commands the trust and admiration of all with whom he works.

It is an honor to represent Howard Berkowitz and his family in the Congress. I am pleased to join the chorus of tributes for such a good friend and great human being.

IN HONOR OF THE CLEVELAND FILM SOCIETY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, March 27, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Cleveland Film Society. Now celebrating its 25th anniversary, the Cleveland Film Society has enriched and educated our community for generations.

Every year, the Cleveland Film Society sponsors the Cleveland International Film Festival, which has become one of the premiere cinematic events in the country. Sponsoring over eighty feature films each year, the festival has become an important cultural event for the city of Cleveland. Always consciously working to create a more diverse social climate, the festival has served as a venue for people of all races, sexual orientations, and ethnicities to come together and express themselves.

The Cleveland International Film Festival has served not just as a catalyst for tolerance, but also for understanding by providing people with an environment conducive to the intellectual analysis of film and important social issues.

Throughout its 25 years, the Cleveland Film Society has always provided the community with important educational opportunities. Two years ago, they began offering classes to the people of the surrounding neighborhood. Bringing innovative filmmakers to teach the classes, the community has been provided with an amazing educational resource. The society offers many classes from art appreciation to animated design.

Another important service of the Cleveland Film Society is the Cleveland Filmmakers Program. Offering consultation and advocacy services, the program has become an asset to area filmmakers. The program now has more than 300 members who attend meetings, workshops, and seminars.

After 25 years of valuable community service, the Cleveland Film Society has continually proven to be a valuable resource to our community. Providing our neighborhood with wonderful educational opportunities and chances to have dialogues with filmmakers, the society has become an important asset to the Cleveland area. My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring the Cleveland Film Society.

THE EMERGENCY ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION ACT

HON. MAC COLLINS
OF GEORGIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, March 27, 2001

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to introduce The Emergency Economic Revitalization Act. The time for Congress to provide tax relief for those who bear the brunt of the current ailing economy. They are the same group, who because of this emergency assistance, will have the greatest ability to provide an economic rebound—the taxpayers.

My legislation will provide every single taxpayer, who had a liability in tax year 1999, with a rebate of 5 percent. These refunds will be made this year, making sure that we give individuals and families their own tax funds back as soon as possible. This is the kind of injection into the economy that will make a real difference today.

Waiting until the current economic emergency reaches crisis proportions will be too
EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

BIPARTISAN WORKING GROUP ON YOUTH VIOLENCE

HON. JENNIFER DUNN
OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, March 27, 2001

Ms. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, parents continue to see tragic examples that reinforce the need for immediate action to stop the violence in our nation’s schools. During the 106th Congress, twenty-four Members—twelve Democrats and twelve Republicans—worked together as part of the Bipartisan Working Group on Youth Violence. As Co-Chair of the Working Group, I was involved in identifying causes and advancing through consensus solutions to fight the rise of youth violence. During our weekly meetings we reviewed studies and listened to testimony from expert witnesses from academia, law enforcement, the judicial system, and advocacy groups.

Today I am re-introducing a school safety measure that emerged as a recommendation during our Working Group discussions. Specifically, my proposal will give schools the flexibility to use their federal education dollars to hire School Resource Officers. The School Resource Officer program sends specially trained police officers into public schools to identify at-risk youth and serve as positive role models to students. One adult can make a difference in the life of a child, students can trust and count on these officers.

Just last week at Granite Hills High School in Southern California, the nation was shocked by another school shooting. The youth offender was ultimately stopped by the campus School Resource Officer. The school principal called the officer his personal hero and said that if he weren’t there, a lot of people would have died.

School Resource Officers clearly play a critical role in keeping schools safe. Nevertheless, local school officials currently face red tape when it comes to spending federal money for School Resource Officers. Under the federal Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act, schools can only spend twenty cents of each federal dollar for School Resource Officers. My initiative would lift this cap and allow schools to spend any portion of its federal funds on School Resource Officers.

Early this year, I joined King County Sheriff Dave Reichert in announcing that Dimmit Middle School in Renton, Washington will receive a School Resource Officer in response to a student firing a gun in the school cafeteria. Our nation’s schools should be safe places. We must expel fear from our classrooms and do everything we can to keep our children out of harm’s way. School Resource Officers are an important part of any school safety plan, and every effort must be made on the federal level to give schools greater flexibility to hire these officers as a violence prevention measure.

IN HONOR OF FELIX HUJARSKI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH
OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, March 27, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Felix E. Hujarski, a respected member of the Cleveland community.

Felix E. Hujarski will be remembered for his kind heart, his devotion to his family and friends and his dedication to Polonia. Dedicated husband and father, he is survived by his wife, Wanda, daughter, Irene Mastropieri and son, Lawrence. He is the beloved grandfather of nine and great grandfather of six. Wherever Felix went, he left behind his positive spirit, charm and humor. He was a positive life force, always sharing his love and thinking of the needs of others before his own needs. He was a most unique individual, with an obvious commitment to his family, his many friends and to his community.

I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of this remarkable man. He was a man of great passion, a dedicated servant to his community, and a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He will be missed by all.

TRIBUTE TO SHERIFF’S DEPUTY BUDDY PARRISH

HON. IKE SKELTON
OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, March 27, 2001

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that an outstanding career in law enforcement has come to an end. Buddy Parrish, a Wellington, Missouri, resident, recently retired after 29 years of service as a sheriff’s deputy.

Mr. Parrish has diligently served the people of Lafayette County, for nearly three decades. His dedication to public service and to the citizens of the county is to be commended. A truly distinguished enforcement officer, Buddy was recently honored with a ceremony at the Lafayette County Courthouse.

Mr. Speaker, Buddy had an exceptional career in law enforcement. I wish him all the best in the days ahead. I am certain that the Members of the House will join me in paying tribute to this fine Missourian.

A TRIBUTE TO PHILLIP BURG FOR 2 MILLION MILES OF SAFE DRIVING

HON. JERRY LEWIS
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, March 27, 2001

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the achievements of Phillip Burg, a resident of Apple Valley, California, located in the heart of the 40th district. Phillip, a truck driver with Roadway Express for over twenty years, recently drove his two millionth mile. To put this in perspective, the average car driver would have to travel around the world eighty times to equal this milestone. And Phillip has driven that distance without a preventable accident.

Driving two million miles is an achievement in and of itself. Not having a single accident during that trek is extraordinary. A driver can travel 999,999 miles without an accident, then break a mirror on the way back to the terminal, and the count starts again at zero. Few in the trucking industry have the longevity and dedication to reach this milestone.

Sixty-one years old, Phillip has seen it all: America’s giant cities and small towns, open plains and towering mountains, farms that seem to go on forever and city skyscrapers lit up against the stars. He’s driven in every kind of weather imaginable in order to get the job done. These days, Phillip hauls everyday goods to Fresno, California and back five times a week, an average of 2,400 miles a week.

The men and women of our nation’s trucking industry bring us the goods we use in our everyday lives. Be it toys for children, cups for the dinner table, or frames for pictures of loved ones, America’s truckers bring it to you. “If you use it, we hauled it” is a motto of truckers, and it couldn’t be more true. Simply stated, Phillip and his colleagues keep America running.

I applaud Phillip’s dedication to his profession and his commitment to safety. I know I join his colleagues, his wife Melody, and his three children in congratulating him for his record of success.