President’s support for our bipartisan approach. Our job has become more difficult given the President’s unfortunate decision to oppose curbing carbon dioxide emissions. But I believe that we have reached the point of no turning back on a four pollutant approach for powerplant emissions.

When the original Clean Air Act was enacted in 1970, the electric utility industry argued that stringent controls shouldn’t be imposed on the oldest, dirtiest plants since they would soon be replaced by new state-of-the-art facilities. Although Congress acceded to these arguments and shielded old powerplants from the law’s requirements, many of these facilities—which were already old in 1970—are still in use. In some cases, powerplants from 1922 are still in operation and have never had to meet the environmental requirements that a new facility would.

As a result, a single plant in the Midwest can emit as much pollution as the entire state of Massachusetts.

Opponents of our effort say that it will cost too much to address carbon dioxide emissions. But there have been at least four other studies published in the last six months by the Department of Energy and others that conclude that the costs of a multi-pollutant strategy will be quite reasonable.

In conclusion, let me commend Representative BOEHLERT and Senators JEFFORDS, LIEBERMAN, COLLINS, and SCHUMER. I am pleased to be part of this bipartisan, bicameral approach to strengthening the Clean Air Act and protecting our environment.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

THE RETIREMENT OF FORREST S. MCCARTNEY

HON. DAVE WELDON
OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, March 27, 2001

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, at this time I would like to say a few words thanking Forrest McCartney for his service to the nation. I have the privilege of representing Florida’s Space Coast, and Forrest has been a tremendous part of our community for many years. But, more importantly, his contributions to our nation’s space program are remarkable. Forrest retired on March 2 from his position as Lockheed Martin’s chief of launch operations at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station and Vandenberg Air Force Base, a fitting end to an illustrious career.

Forrest McCartney was born in the town of Fort Payne, Alabama. He left rural Alabama to earn degrees in electrical engineering from Auburn and nuclear engineering from the USAF Institute of Technology.

Over the decades, Forrest served his nation in many ways. He retired from the Air Force as a Lt. General, and moved on to serve as the Director of NASA’s Kennedy Space Center from 1986 through 1991. In 1994, he became a vice president for Lockheed Martin Astrotech in charge of space launch operations.

His military decorations and awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit and one oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal and Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters. He is the recipient of the General Thomas D. White Space Trophy and the Military Astronautical Trophy.

McCartney is a member of the board of trustees for the Florida Institute of Technology and was awarded an honorary doctorate degree from that institution. He also received NASA’s Distinguished Service Medal and is one of five recipients of the National Space Club’s Goddard Memorial Trophy presented in March 1989. In 1991 he received the AIAA von Braun Award for Excellence in Space Program Management and NASA’s Presidential Rank Award. In 1992 he received the Debus award from the Space Club in Florida, and in 1993 he was the sole recipient of the Goddard Trophy.

I think it’s safe to assume that his wife and two daughters are very proud of their father. The State of Florida and the entire nation owes Forrest McCartney a debt of gratitude for his service.

Forrest, on behalf of all of my colleagues in the U.S. Congress, we wish you well in your retirement.

TRIBUTE TO ATTORNEY FRED L. LANDER III

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, March 27, 2001

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note with great sadness the passing of Attorney Fred L. Lander III, one of the great community leaders and Noted Civil Rights Attorneys of Dallas, Texas. Attorney Lander, III was born on April 19, 1922 in Charlotte, North Carolina. He served in the U.S. Army during the time of the Korean Conflict. He received his Juris Doctor Degree in 1952 from Howard University School of Law in Washington, D.C.

His job pursuits were numerous, including classroom teacher, independent Real Estate and Insurance operator. He held an administrative position with the Port of New York Authority and Hearing Officer with the New York State Department of Labor. He also served 30 years with the Federal Government at the Internal Revenue Service, the Federal Power Commission, the National Archives and Records Service and the Department of Justice’s Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

He served with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission until his retirement on April 16, 1987. In the interim, he served as Crime Analysis and Executive Director of the Pilot District Police Community Relations Project for the District of Columbia. He was appointed an Administrative Law Judge for the Civil Service Commission in Dallas, Texas.

Attorney Lander, III was a Life Member of the National Bar Association, the J.L. Turner Legal Association; the Dallas County Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, the Texas Trial Lawyers Association, the American Bar Association, and the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice.

In community service, his memberships included the Dallas Urban League (Life Member and former Board Member); the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (Life Member and former member of the Board of the Dallas Branch); OMEGA PSI PHI Fraternity, Inc. (Life Member); Paul Drayton Lodge No. 9 of the Free and Accepted Masons; Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce; Howard University Alumni Association; Progressive Voters League of Dallas; Regular Fellows Club (Past President); and Glen Oaks Homeowners Association (Legal Advisor).

He served on the Board of Directors of the Community Council of Greater Dallas, the North Texas Legal Services Foundation, the Dallas Office of the Opportunities Industrialization Center, the Park South YMCA, the Pylon Attorney Lander, III was a Charter Advisor and participant of the C.A.W. Clark Legal Clinic. He was a 50-year member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and received the Man of the Year Award in 1977. He also received the President’s Award for Outstanding Service in 1983 and the C.B. Bunkley Legal Service Award in 1989 from the J.L. Turner Legal Association; the Dallas Urban League Board Service Award in 1993 and the Whitney Young Award in 1995; and other awards, certifications, commendations and recognitions too numerous to mention.

He was certified to practice law before all Courts in the State of Texas, before the United States District Courts for the Northern and Eastern Districts of Texas, before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and before the United States Supreme Court.

Attorney Fred L. Lander, III was a wonderful husband to his wife and a loving parent. He was the proud father of an U.S. Navy retiree and a Municipal Court Judge in Dallas, Texas. He also had three Godchildren, two Texas adopted grandchildren and his pet.

Mr. Speaker, Attorney Ladner, III inspired his children, his peers, the Black community and all who knew him.

With his passing, I have lost a dear friend, many members of our community have lost a mentor, and the citizens of Dallas have lost a great Civil Rights Lawyer and community leader. He was truly an inspiration and will be missed. God bless his family. We commend him to you, dear Lord, in your eternal care. Amen.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT MARK W. CHARLTON, AIR NATIONAL GUARD, FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, March 27, 2001

Mr. GILLMOR of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding Non-Commissioned Officer in the Ohio Air National Guard. Chief Master Sergeant Mark W. Charlton is retiring after a distinguished career of over 34 years in the United States armed forces, most recently with
the 200th RED HORSE Squadron as the Vehicle Maintenance Superintendent and Logistics Manager.

Chief Charlton began his service to his country as an active duty Air Force Generator/Barrier Maintenance NCO. His first duty assignment took him to 6314th Civil Engineer Squadron, Osan Air Base, Korea, where he performed maintenance and repair of generator and aircraft arresting barrier systems.

After leaving active duty to become a member of the Ohio Air National Guard, 200th RED HORSE Squadron, Chief Charlton served as the full-time Aircraft Arresting Systems Barrier Team Chief for over 17 years, requiring him to spend numerous weeks away from his home, family and unit. His barrier team supported numerous deployments worldwide insuring safety of flight, life and equipment in performance of fighter aircraft operations.

Chief Charlton was instrumental in the success of the world-wide RED HORSE realignment and conversion process for both active duty and Air Reserve component forces enabling the vehicle sustainment, reallocation and acquisition process to drive change and successful support of the new RED HORSE Concept of Operations. During his assignment as Non-Commissioned Officer-In-Charge of Vehicle Maintenance, Chief Charlton consistently insured a unit vehicle-in-commission rate of 94% enabling the unit to respond to any type of military crisis world-wide, anytime, anywhere, within hours of notification.

Chief Charlton’s dedication and service have earned him the highest regard for his character, professionalism and dedication as a Citizen-Airman. His exceptional knowledge of RED HORSE is universally known throughout the active duty and Air Reserve forces military community. No award is more appropriate, nor more fulfilling for him, than the knowledge that his efforts helped give America a clearer understanding of the important work of America’s men and women in uniform.

Mr. Speaker, I ask each of my colleagues to join me in congratulating Chief Master Sergeant Mark W. Charlton on his most recent duty assignment to the 200th RED HORSE Squadron as the Vehicle Maintenance Superintendent and Logistics Manager.

Since I was first elected to the House over four years ago, I have worked with seven social workers during my tenure as North Carolina’s Superintendent of public schools, and I was impressed with their versatility and the positive impact their work had on people’s lives. Together the social workers on my staff and I have assisted veterans and seniors, and helped new immigrants pursue the American Dream in our great country.

About a month ago, I held a meeting with my staff to talk about youth and school violence. We had a great meeting and we talked candidly about the issues that the young people of my district face on a daily basis. At one point during the meeting, we broke into small groups, which were led by faculty, administrators, and school social workers. I was particularly drawn to one of the small groups led by Kelly Lister, a school social worker from Zebulon. She did a marvelous job of interacting with the students and offered some practical and poignant thoughts for her group to consider.

Unfortunately, there are not enough school social workers in our schools. For example, in Johnston County, North Carolina, there is only one school social worker for all 29 schools in the system. We need more school social workers, like Kelly to work with our students, to help them grow and mature. In many instances they are a link between home, school, and community. They help students increase academic performance, deal with crisis situations, learn how to resolve conflicts without resorting to violence, practice important problem-solving and decision-making skills, and most importantly remain in school and graduate. School social workers are a critical component in a child’s education and we owe them a debt of gratitude for their hard work and service.

Social workers effect our lives in so many ways. Their work touches all of us as individuals and as whole communities. They are educated, highly trained, and committed professionals. They work in family service and community mental health agencies, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, and many other private and public agencies. They listen. They care. And most importantly, they help those in need.

Mr. Speaker, social workers are an integral, irreplaceable part of our society. I urge all of my colleagues to take the time to honor all the adults who are a part of their districts for all of their contributions and accomplishments during the remainder of National Social Work Month.

CELEBRATING THE WILLOWRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. TOM DeLAY
OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, March 27, 2001

Mr. DeLAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call special attention to the achievements of the Willowridge High School Boys Basketball team of Sugar Land, Texas. This year, the Willowridge Eagles led the Houston area and captured the 5A State championship on March 9th, 2001.

Undefeated in 39 games last season, the Willowridge Eagles extended their winning streak to 62 games over two years. Led by a veteran group of seniors, the Eagles also defeated three nationally ranked schools when they traveled north to win the "Slam Dunk to the Beach" Tournament in Lewes, Delaware. Willowridge was recognized as the Number Two team in the country in USA Today’s Super 25 boys basketball rankings.

On their journey to the championship, Coach Ronnie Courtney and the Eagles have proven that they are one of the best high school basketball teams in the country. Their commitment to teamwork on-and-off the court has brought them both the state championship and national accolades. I congratulate the Willowridge Eagles. They have not only won the championship, but also the appreciation of their fans in Sugar Land, Texas, and across America.

APRIL CITIZEN OF THE MONTH—KARAN “BOBBY” KUMAR

HON. CAROLYN McCARTHY
OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, March 27, 2001

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I have named Karan “Bobby” Kumar, Chairman of the Board at Nassau Health Care Corporation, as Citizen of the Month in the Fourth Congressional District for April 2001.

Bobby is a prominent leader in both the Indian Community on Long Island and in his health care profession. As a nurse, I know how important the Nassau Health Care Corporation is to our district.

Kumar is a charismatic and hard working individual who has grown from a simple beginning into a respected individual in the society. The Nassau Health Care Corporation employs over 4,200 employees and is comprised of a 631-bed medical center, five health centers and is one of the largest nursing homes in the country with 889 beds.

An entrepreneur who has worked his way up from a bus boy to a successful businessman, Kumar now owns many successful businesses including a publishing company, and a construction and environmental company. Kumar Enterprises, a manufacturing company specializing in paint, is his most recent start-up.

His leadership role in the Indian community is extensive. In the past, he has published the Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, and American Yellow Pages. He is the chairman of the International Punjabi Welfare Council, and has received awards from the American Federation of Muslims of Indian Origin, the Indian Association of Long Island, the Indian Professional Engineers Association of USA, and the News India Times.

Yet his community involvement reaches outside the Indian community. He has been honored by various organizations including the Battered Women’s Association, Nassau Association for the Help of Retarded Children, and the Convenience Stores Association. He was recognized by New York as the January 2000 Long Island Man of the Century.

Kumar and his wife, Roisin Meegan, have five children. I congratulate Bobby and his family on this achievement.