Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, it was on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 768, the Need-Based Educational Aid Act. Rollcall vote 77 was on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 91, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the human rights situation in Cuba.

Had I been present I would have voted “yea” on both H.R. 768 and H. Res. 91.

TRIBUTE TO TOM KRIEGISH

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA
OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Tom Kriegish upon the occasion of his retirement as Chief of the Electrical Division of the state of Michigan’s Bureau of Construction Codes. Tom has spent 35 years to working in the electrical industry and for the past 15 years he has used his vast array of knowledge and training to ensure public confidence in the safety of buildings and structures throughout the state.

Such work is critical to the well-being of citizens all over Michigan and Tom has always approached his job with extraordinary dedication and energy. Tom’s work ethic and positive attitude in dealing with management, co-workers and customers have served as a shining example for others to follow. Tom has proved in his years of service that it is possible to exhibit character and professionalism in a job, while simultaneously earning the friendship of those with whom and for whom you work.

Tom’s successful efforts in ensuring the electrical safety of Michigan homes and buildings often took him on the road. His time away from home certainly was a sacrifice for his wife, Vicki, and three daughters, Leslie, Sandy and Jill. Michigan residents owe a debt of gratitude both to Tom and his family for an unfailing devotion to duty.

As an electrical inspector, Tom became a legend for his ability to quickly react to a problem and solve it satisfactorily. His responsiveness came in handy during his frequent travels in northern Michigan. Once, Tom, who was known to miss a curve or two on slippery winter roads, found his vehicle heading straight for a dump truck hauling a backhoe. Showing his acumen for swift reaction, Tom regained control of his vehicle and was able to avoid a catastrophe.

Another highlight of “Back to Health Month” is an event to distribute information about back pain. “Back to Health Day” on Capitol Hill will be held on April 24th, in the Rayburn Gold Room. “Back to Health Day” will provide an array of educational materials, including guidelines to a healthy back, exercises to strengthen your back, and how to prevent back pain. In addition, representatives from the North American Spine Society will be on hand to discuss commonly asked questions about back pain, causes and prevention. I encourage my colleagues to join us for “Back to Health Day” as we learn the most effective ways to prevent and alleviate back pain.

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I commend the North American Spine Society for organizing “Back to Health Month” and for their commitment to ensuring that Americans learn to keep their backs healthy.
TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER JOHN LITTLE

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a true American hero, a true American sailor. Commander John D. Little, a native of Mobile, Alabama, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1963 and has served his country with distinction in both the United States Navy and the United States Marine Corps. Commander Little has been a distinguished servant of our country and has served in a variety of capacities, including Commander of the U.S. Pacific Command and Commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

During his tenure in the U.S. Navy, Commander Little has been recognized for his outstanding leadership and service, and has been awarded numerous medals and honors. He has been commended for his dedication to the missions of the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps, and for his commitment to the safety and well-being of his crew.

Commander Little has been a true leader, and his service to our country is a testament to his commitment to our nation's defense. He is a true American hero, and we are honored to recognize his contributions to our country.

The whole nation salutes Commander John D. Little and wishes him success in all his future endeavors.