

including terms as President and Executive Board Chairman, have contributed greatly to the industry and to the general public by developing professionalism and expertise among his peers.

I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deep appreciation to Tom and his family for outstanding service and in wishing them well in all future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING DR. STARZL, A  
PIONEER IN ORGAN TRANSPLANTS

**HON. PHIL ENGLISH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 4, 2001*

Mr. ENGLISH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of a great man, one who is truly a living legend. Transplant pioneer Thomas E. Starzl not only performed the world's first liver transplant in 1963 and the first successful series of kidney transplants between nonidentical twins between 1963, and 1964, he has for forty decades continued to make equally extraordinary advancements.

For instance, in 1980, just before coming to the University of Pittsburgh, he developed a combination of drugs that transformed transplantation of the liver and heart from an experimental procedure to an accepted form of treatment for patients with end-stage organ failure and opened the door to pancreas and lung transplantation. In 1989, his development of another drug markedly improved survival rates for all kinds of transplants and made possible for the first time successful transplantation of the small intestine.

The entire field of transplantation has advanced because of his courage, his genius, and his compassion for his patients.

When Pittsburgh welcomed him just 20 years ago, no one had any idea the incredible contributions this man would make to medicine and mankind. Indeed, the city has enjoyed an enhanced reputation because he chose to make the University of Pittsburgh his academic home. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the first liver transplant he performed in Pittsburgh. Since then, surgeons at the University of Pittsburgh and the UPMC Health System have performed nearly 6,000 liver transplants and more than 11,300 transplants of all organs. No other center in the world comes close.

But the impact of Dr. Starzl's work goes far beyond Pittsburgh. Patients throughout the world, even those who have not been under his skillful care, have benefited from his contributions. He has trained numerous surgeons and research scientists. In fact, many, if not most of the world's transplant surgeons and physicians have been trained by Dr. Starzl or by those trained by him. Later this month, many of these former students and colleagues will honor Dr. Starzl at a scientific symposium in his honor, and the University of Pittsburgh will unveil his portrait, which will hang in the School of Medicine with the likes of other great pioneers, including Jonas Salk.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in honoring and thanking one of history's great surgeons, Dr. Thomas Starzl.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

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 an outstanding Naval Officer, Commander John D. Little who served with distinction and dedication for three years for the Secretary of the Navy and Chief of Naval Operations under the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (FM&C) as the Deputy Director in the Appropriations Matters Office.

It is a privilege for me to recognize his many outstanding achievements and commend him for the superb service he has provided to the Department of the Navy, the Congress, and our great Nation as a whole.

During his tenure in the Appropriations Matters Office, which began in April of 1998, Commander Little has provided members of the House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Defense as well as our professional and associate staffs with timely and accurate support regarding Navy plans, programs and budget decisions. His valuable contributions have enabled the Defense Subcommittee and the Department of the Navy to strengthen its close working relationship and to ensure the most modern, well-trained and well-equipped naval forces attainable for the defense of this nation.

Mr. Speaker, John Little and his wife Marianne have made many sacrifices during his naval career. His distinguished service has exemplified honor, courage and commitment. John's first love is to return to the sea as the Commander of a United States Navy Ship. His dream comes true as later this Spring he assumes command of the U.S.S. *Thorn* (DD-988) and her crew of 330 officers and sailors.

As this great Navy couple and their two daughters Mollie and Frances and their new born son John, Jr. depart the Appropriations Matters Office to embark on yet another Navy adventure in the service of a grateful nation, I call upon my colleagues to wish them both every success and the traditional Navy send-off "fair winds and following seas."

PLUMBING STANDARDS  
IMPROVEMENT ACT

**HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 4, 2001*

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Plumbing Standards Improvement Act of 2001. This bill would begin to restore common sense to our government by repealing the ridiculous Congressional mandates on toilet size and showerhead flow, 1.6 gallons per flush and 2.5 gallons per minute, respectively.

With the help of the U.S. Department of Energy, environmental activist and plumbing manufacturers claimed it was essential to restrict water consumption in toilets and showerheads. Instead of allowing individuals

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to make their own choices, this group claimed the federal government should choose the types of plumbing fixtures Americans can use in their private and public bathrooms. As a result, this group was able to include an obscure rider at the eleventh hour to the Energy Policy Act (EPA), which Congress passed in 1992.

Since passage of the 1992 EPA, the voices in opposition to this policy have become loud and clear. I have heard the cries from across the country and they want the federal government out of their bathrooms. While support for ending these mandates has steadily grown, the importance of this issue has grown even further. Last year the Department of Energy introduced new regulations on washing machines, air conditioners, and heating pumps. The federal government has become too intrusive; regulating people's private lives.

The Plumbing Standards Improvement Act of 2001 does not implement any new restrictions or standards. It simply allows each individual consumer to make choices that best fits their needs. Washington has no business dictating to American consumers on the size of their toilet or the flow of their shower. One-size-fits-all mandates are unfair and a draconian measure to regulate resources. It assumes that every American faces the same situations in their daily lives.

Our failed policy on plumbing fixtures has strangled the market, created innumerable headaches, and put us at risk of suffering further one-size-fits-all mandates. Now is the time to heed the call of suffering Americans, pass the Plumbing Standards Improvement Act of 2001 and restore wisdom to our federal government.

GREAT BASKETBALL IN THE 6TH  
DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

**HON. HOWARD COBLE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 4, 2001*

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, Durham, North Carolina, is the center of the basketball universe these days as Duke University celebrates its NCAA national men's basketball championship. The Sixth District of North Carolina, however, can also claim to be a basketball hotbed as we celebrate the arrival of two high school basketball champions—and they both reside in the same city. High Point, North Carolina, is the new home of the Girls 2-A state champion High Point Central Bison as well as the Boys 3-A state champion T. Wingate Andrews Red Raiders.

On March 9, the High Point Central girls completed a remarkable basketball season by defeating Eastern Alamance 92-62 to capture the Girls 2-A state title. While the overwhelming victory in the championship game was impressive in itself, it only capped what will be long remembered as one of the greatest high school basketball seasons ever. The Bison completed the season with a perfect record of 30-0. This was High Point Central's first undefeated season since 1993 when the Bison went 31-0 en route to the state 3-A title. Can you mention the word dynasty when you talk about the Bison? Central's championship this year was its second in the last three