

place. I would also like to recognize Phillip's wife, Christina Lisa, and his children Matthew and Amanda. I ask my colleagues in the 107th Congress to join me in congratulating Phillip and wishing him the best in his future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF CUB SCOUT PACK 180 OF HOLDEN

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cub Scouts Pack 180 of Holden, Massachusetts. On this day, April 6, 2001, 6 young men completed one journey and are beginning another. They are Jake Abysahl, Carter Bame-Aldred, Matthew Esposito, Jason O'Connell, Connor Rooke, and Evan Shaughnessy. During a crossover graduation ceremony, they received the Arrow of Light Award, the highest award in Cub Scouts along with their Boy Scout's Badge and Handbook. This ceremony begins their new adventures into Boy Scouts and continues their dedicated work to the community. I congratulate them on their accomplishments and wish them continued success.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF THE KATYN FOREST MASSACRE

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the victims of the Katyn Forest Massacre, sixty-one years after the horrible tragedy. Memorial Services will be held on April 7, 2001 at the Katyn Monument site in Jersey City, New Jersey.

In September, 1939, Poland was invaded by Soviet troops, while boldly and courageously fighting the Nazi invasion in the West. The Polish army, which was hopelessly overextended fighting both the Germans and the Soviets, succumbed to those incredible odds.

In April and May, 1940, in an area called the Katyn Forest, over four thousand Polish soldiers, army officers, intellectual leaders, prisoners of war, members of the intelligensia, and Polish civilians were executed by Soviet troops and the Soviet secret police on direct order from Joseph Stalin. An estimated 21,000 Polish citizens died in Katyn, Miednoye, and Kharkiv, as well as other areas. These horrendous crimes are commemorated as the Katyn Forest Massacre.

On September 16, 2000, the Polish American Congress, the Katyn Forest Massacre Memorial Committee, and the Siberian Society of Florida sponsored a memorial service in honor of the victims.

Today, I honor the victims of the Katyn Forest Massacre. I commend their courage and sacrifice. They fought against terrible aggression, and not only fought for their own freedom, for the world's freedom as well.

I ask that my colleagues join me in remembering the victims of the Katyn Forest Massacre. And I ask that we honor their sacrifice for freedom.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE SCARBOROUGH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Mr. SCARBOROUGH. Mr. Speaker, due to a cancellation of an airline flight from my district yesterday, I was unavoidably detained and thus absent for three votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" for roll call vote number 76, "yea" for vote number 77, and "yea" for vote number 78.

TRIBUTE TO MR. KATSUYA MIYAHIRA & MR. IHA SEIKICHI SENSEI

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Katsuya Miyahira who has had a distinguished career in martial arts. Currently, he is the President of the Okinawa Shorin Ryu Shido-kan and continues to teach children the art of karate. His teachings are in accordance with Master Itosu, whom he studied under as a student. The form of karate he was taught was of the Chibana Chosin, of which he is the successor and heir.

Mr. Miyahira has lectured about the value of karate to young people and from the "Seven Virtues of Martial Arts" has said, "Martial arts forbids violence, suppresses an uprising, keeps one from corruption, establishes honor for one, pacifies the public, makes harmony among people, and makes one rich. These are the seven virtues of martial arts." He continues to say that martial arts "can be a helpful tool for one's life: it adds value to one's ability, secures a sure means of living, and even makes one rich." Mr. Katsuya Miyahira lives by these words and teaches his pupils by these words also.

In addition to his teachings, Mr. Katsuya Miyahira has been honored by the Japan Martial Arts Association and is a judan 10th dan as a karate Hanshi (master). Furthermore, as an elder in karate he is in charge of the Okinawa Karate Conference while continuing to teach his art to others.

I would also like to recognize Mr. Iha Seikichi Sensei, who is also an accomplished martial arts expert. He presently runs his own center in Lansing, Michigan called the Original Okinawa Karate Dojo. Furthermore, he is the United States Branch Chief of Okinawa shorin-ryu Karate-do Association.

Iha was taught by the infamous Itosu Ankoh and is an authority of Shuri-te. He was chosen by Miyahira Katsuya in 1963 to teach his Shorin-ryu techniques at the dojo of Latino Gonzales in Manila, a distinguished honor. Furthermore, he continued to teach others in

this art including United States Marines stationed in Okinawa.

In addition to his teachings, he is recognized as the first Okinawan Master Instructor of Shorin-ryu to teach in California since 1927. In 1989, he reached rank of Hanshi 9-dan certification, making him the highest certified Okinawan living in the United States.

On July 26th through the 29th, 2001, there will be a celebration honoring the 25th anniversary of Iha bringing Shido-kan Karate to North America sponsored by the North American Beikoku Shido-kan Association. Iha is one of the top people practicing Shido-kan Karate in the world. The Grand Master, Miyahira Katsuya, who lives in Japan is the highest person participating in this type of karate.

Therefore, I would like to personally congratulate Iha for his accomplishments and for teaching many people the art of Shido-kan Karate for the past 25 years. He has brought another form of martial arts to the Lansing, Michigan area and has made a significant impact on the lives of my constituents.

PROVIDING RESOURCES AND EDUCATION FOR KIDS ACT (PRE-K)

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, today I re-introduced the Providing Resources and Education for Kids Act (Pre-K). This legislation would provide a financial incentive to schools to devote resources to establish pre-kindergarten programs. This is a critical step in helping states meet the difficult task of providing early learning services.

Pre-kindergarten programs are crucial for preparing young children for the rigors of the classroom as they begin school. The first five years of a child's life are critical for development. Pre-kindergarten programs during those years will contribute to children's long-term success in school achievement, lead to higher earnings as adults, and quite probably decreased involvement with the criminal justice system. Today, however, kindergarten teachers estimate that one in three children are not ready to take on the challenge of classroom learning. Many children simply do not have access to pre-kindergarten programs. It is time for us to assist states in tackling this important issue.

Good quality early education helps children develop, improves their learning skills, and prepares them to enter school ready to succeed. In fact, studies of several state pre-kindergarten initiatives offer convincing evidence of the benefits of early education, particularly for children at risk of school failure. These benefits include higher mathematics and reading achievement, increased creativity, better school attendance, improved health and greater parental involvement.

Furthermore, pre-kindergarten programs have proven cost-effective over time. The Rand Corporation along with a team of researchers at the University of Wisconsin estimates that the most effective pre-kindergarten programs create savings to the government of

\$13,000 to \$19,000 per child. This savings is realized in higher school achievement, less retention in a grade, a reduced need for special education, and less crime.

The Providing Resources and Education for Kids Act will help states meet the challenge of providing quality pre-kindergarten programs. This legislation provides grants to state education agencies to help establish or strengthen pre-kindergarten early learning programs for children age five and under. To encourage states to participate and ensure their long-term investment, the bill creates a sliding scale over five years for the federal-state match. Because of inadequate resources in many states, they cannot offer a pre-kindergarten program for young children.

While many states do not have extensive pre-kindergarten initiatives, I have been fortunate that in my own hometown La Crosse, Wisconsin there is an impressive pre-kindergarten program at the Red Balloon Child Care Center. In fact, my two sons are enrolled in this program. Every day my wife Tawny and I see tremendous growth in our sons and we are pleased that we have the opportunity to send our sons to such a wonderful place. Our wish is that every child is able to receive the quality education that this pre-kindergarten program provides for our sons.

Rarely have we had such a unique opportunity to push American education to a higher level. As a member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, I am committed to making the contributions necessary to advance our nation's education. Nationwide, families are demanding more from their schools, and educators, and elected leaders, are responding. That is why I introduced my Pre-K Act. Investing in our young children before they enter kindergarten is the first step in helping students meet their highest potential. We should not deny students this opportunity by denying them a good quality early education.

Mr. Speaker, educational preparation is crucial for all young children. I would encourage my colleagues to support the Providing Resources and Education for Kids Act (Pre-K).

ESTATE TAX RELIEF ACT

HON. MAC COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Estate Tax Relief Act.

The death tax is punitive in nature for all individuals, but it is particularly burdensome for closely-held, family-owned businesses that are the leading job creators in this country. The death tax rate of as much as 60% often means the difference between selling or keeping a family business intact. At a minimum, the death tax should be reduced. No targeted tax should force small businesses to sell or file bankruptcy.

While the House of Representatives has passed the Death Tax Repeal Act (H.R. 8), the measure simply does not provide enough relief soon enough. First, the measure provides no relief for next year, and provides very

little for taxpayers until well into the second half of the next decade. We have no assurances that relief will ever be made available in successive Congresses.

The Estate Tax Relief Act ensures that we provide relief right away by converting the current structure to an exemption and ensuring that the first \$10 million of an estate (per person) are exempted from the tax. Additionally, it lowers the top rate to 45%. In addition, the bill maintains the current-law step up in basis. With regard to the gift tax, the legislation puts in place a \$50,000 per year, per taxpayer exemption.

Mr. Speaker, if we are serious about reducing this onerous tax, my legislation is the right way to do it. Please join me in cosponsoring this measure so that we can ensure we reduce the difficulties this tax imposes on the transfer of assets.

FIGHTING AGAINST LEUKEMIA

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, as the past chair of the House Science Committee's Technology Subcommittee, I am well aware that technology is improving our lives in immeasurable ways—including health care. I rise to bring to the attention of the House a recent development in the fight against leukemia, a matter of great concern to many of us.

The National Cancer Institute (NCI), located in my district, is engaged in a race to find a drug that may stop the development of leukemia. I am pleased to report today on some innovative research efforts that are now underway with the help of Intel Corporation, which is working in partnership with NCI to advance the search for a cure.

Leukemia is the number one cause of cancer-related death for children. In 1999 alone, over 30,000 new cases were diagnosed in the United States. Scientists have already discovered several proteins important to the growth of leukemia but they must evaluate millions of molecules to see which ones can fight this form of cancer.

A major problem faced by leukemia researchers is the lack of processing abilities. To combat this problem, just yesterday, Craig Barrett, President and CEO of Intel and Dr. John Seffrin, CEO of the American Cancer Society, announced the launch of Intel.com/cure. This website hosts a program which utilizes peer-to-peer technology to assist scientists in their search for a cure. By simply downloading a screensaver, anyone around the world can join this endeavor.

Peer-to-peer technology provides unused computing power of individual machines to be utilized. A screensaver downloaded from Intel.com/cure allows a program to run in the background without disturbing your normal computer usage. The program performs a few of the millions of calculations that can assist researchers in determining which molecules have the greatest cancer-fighting potential.

This program can be of great assistance to researchers to find a cure. The manner and

speed of scientific discoveries could be fundamentally enhanced. All our otherwise unused processing power could create the world's fastest computing platform for great causes. Estimates show that this project would be operating at speeds of magnitudes faster than the world's fastest supercomputers at a fraction of the cost.

This program could be expanded to include other qualified projects. Universities and researchers could post their philanthropic projects on the website. PC owners could become part of collaborative research efforts. The potential of this project is potentially significant.

Intel Corporation would like this web site to become a focal point for people who want to help launch a new era of PC philanthropy, where computer owners lend their PC's "Idle time" to a great cause. As a leader and innovator in peer-to-peer computing, Intel believes that this method will accelerate scientific advancements. This leukemia project, developed by United Devices Incorporated, is endorsed by the American Cancer Society, the National Foundation for Cancer Research, and Oxford University.

April is Cancer Control Month, a time when we recognize our nation's long commitment to fighting cancer. Peer-to-peer technology can be a new frontier in how medical research is performed. I commend the efforts of this joint research partnership and hope this can be a substantial step that will lead to the cure for leukemia.

TRIBUTE TO THE OUTSTANDING NEIGHBORHOOD VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINEES

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the nominees for the South Carolina Outstanding Neighborhood Volunteers of the Year. Many of these volunteers nominated for the award are from my district and well deserving of the honor.

The Burton Heights-Standish Acres Neighborhood Association in Columbia, South Carolina is an organization devoted to the safety and cleanliness of their neighborhood; this association has four members who were nominated for the award. Mr. and Mrs. John Watson are dedicated volunteers who have been catalysts for a united, safe, and friendly community. Sylvester Jenkins, a charter member of the Burton Heights-Standish Acres Neighborhood Association, is a model citizen who also serves as President of the Retired Mail Handlers Organization. Venis J. Livingston is noted throughout the neighborhood for her rapport with the youth, a characteristic she utilizes in her role as a Parent educator.

"The Drama Team," a subunit of the Eau Claire Community Council Youth Organization, uses theatrical plays and artistic endeavors to educate community youth about issues ranging from HIV/AIDS to violence and drugs. "The Drama Team" has three fine women who have been nominated for the Outstanding