

progress of the program and to assess its effectiveness. NSF is authorized \$5 million per year for FY 2002 through FY 2004.

SECTION 302. GO GIRL GRANTS

Establishes a grant program at NSF for local educational agencies and institutions of higher education to stimulate the interest of girls in science, math and technology and to attract them to careers in those fields. The grants may provide for such activities as tutoring, after school activities, summer programs, internships, and field trips. NSF is authorized \$10 million per year for FY 2002 through FY 2004.

SECTION 303. ARTICULATION PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

A provision of the Scientific and Advanced Technology Act of 1992 authorizes NSF to make grants to community colleges to enter into partnerships with secondary schools to improve math and science education in those schools, to encourage student interest in pursuing careers in science and engineering, and to help ensure that students satisfy college entrance and course requirements for science, math and engineering majors. This section directs NSF to give priority for these awards to proposals that involve secondary schools with majority minority student populations and to waive matching requirement for these cases. NSF is authorized \$5 million per year for FY 2002 through FY 2004.

TITLE IV. COORDINATION OF SCIENCE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

SECTION 401. INTERAGENCY COORDINATION COMMITTEE

The director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) is required to establish an interagency committee to coordinate federal programs that are targeted on improving K-12 science education. The committee is charged to catalog federal programs, determine the balance of funding among types of activities, assess the relevance of the programs to assist states and local school systems to implement standards-based reform of science and math education, evaluate the adequacy of procedures used by agencies to assess whether the goal of the programs are being met, and identify ways to streamline application procedures and requirements across agency programs.

SECTION 402. EXTERNAL REVIEW

Requires NSF to task the Nation Research Council to review federal K-12 science education programs, similar to the tasking to the committee under section 401.

SECTION 403. EDUCATION PLAN

Requires the OSTP director through the interagency committee, and in consultation with appropriate state and private sector entities, to prepare a plan for federal K-12 science education programs that will delineate a strategy to increase the effectiveness of federal programs in assisting localities engaged in standards-based reform efforts, to identify best practices for use of information technologies in classroom instruction, and to replicate programs identified as being effective.

SECTION 404. SCIENCE, MATH, ENGINEERING, AND TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Requires NSF to convene annual K-12 science education conferences to provide a forum for information sharing and to help coordinate school reform efforts among the federal government, state and local education agencies, teachers, and the private sector. NSF is authorized \$0.3 million for FY 2003, and \$0.2 million for FY 2004.

SECTION 405. REPORTS

Specifies that the OSTP director shall provide annual reports on the development of the education plan required under section 403 and on its implementation. NSF is required to provide annual reports on the results of the conferences established under section 404.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ANITA COVERT

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Anita Covert on being named Michigan's Small Business Person of the Year by the United States Small Business Administration.

In 1982 Anita Covert realized her dream of owning a small business by opening her first quilt shop in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. Today, Anita maintains four quilt shops located in east Lansing, Flint, Jackson and Owosso, Michigan with 60 total employees. Anita has always maintained a commitment to her staff, even helping employees achieve the American dream by starting their own small business.

Anita Covert's business, Country Stitches, Ltd., is the third largest dealer of high-quality Viking Sewing Machines and has become the eighth largest Pfaff Sewing Machine dealer in the nation. Country Stitches has also been honored as one of the top ten quilt shops in the nation by Better Homes and Gardens.

Since 1982, Anita Covert has served as a job provider and community leader. I commend her for her commitment to mid-Michigan and wish her continued success. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Anita Covert for being named Small Business Person of the Year by the United States Small Business Administration.

HONORING NANCY ATKINS

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of service of Nancy Atkins from Toledo, Ohio. Nancy is retiring on May 1, 2001 after twenty years at the helm of Toledo Metropolitan Mission (TMM), a faith-based agency dedicated to uplifting the underserved. Concurrently, she led the metro Toledo Churches United (MeTCU) for the past fifteen of those years. The last ten years also found her leading these organizations' umbrella agency, Toledo Ecumenical Area Ministries.

Thomas Paine said, "I believe that religious duties consist in doing justice, loving mercy, and endeavoring to make our fellow creatures happy." This sentiment has been the guiding principle behind these organizations' development under Nancy's ever-present leadership. Nancy's leadership positioned TMM as the

strongest advocate for the weakest among us, influencing or developing programs for poor people, children, struggling women, homeless people, and older people. TMM has weighed in heavily on issues affecting these disaffected groups of people, from housing to health care to the impact of welfare reform. TMM and MeTCU are respected as voices of true compassion, never forgetting Christ's admonition, "Whatever you do to the least of my brethren, that you do unto me." Nancy has empowered TMM to lead the charge for the rights of those most vulnerable and yet ignored. Her guidance saw TMM develop more than a dozen programs to address those rights, forged coalitions of agencies committed to those rights, and nurtured in many the growth of self-advocacy for those rights.

A member of more than fifteen community, social justice, and inter-religious organizations, Nancy Atkins has galvanized the role of TMM in bringing the rights of all to the table and ensuring that no one is left out of the discussion. She has fostered a spirit of cooperation while working together toward common goals and practical solutions. Truly, her contribution to the success of TMM and its mission cannot be underestimated.

Mindful of Dr. Martin Luther King's creed that "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere" Nancy Atkins' leadership these past two decades has been the embodiment of social justice. If the measure of a person is her legacy, then Nancy Atkins' legacy thus far is beyond measure. Her daily presence at TMM will be sorely missed, but her imprimatur is there, it will not fade. She will remain a vibrant contributor to its mission for she will always be a part of our community. We wish her well in retirement, and hope she is able to spend time doing all those things she most enjoys.

IN HONOR OF DAVID P. BYRNES

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor David Byrnes for his years of service and dedication to the greater Cleveland community, and his distinguished service to the Fire Fighters of Northern Ohio.

Mr. Byrnes represents the very best of Cleveland, dedicating his career to helping others. Since 1985, Mr. Byrnes has served as the distinguished President of the Northern Ohio Fire Fighters Union representing fifty-three International Associations of Fire Fighters' Local Unions in Northeast Ohio with over 2700 active members. During his tenure as president Mr. Byrnes has helped solidify and protect the union of some of Ohio's greatest civil servants. Mr. Byrnes' sixteen years of service to this vital union deserves the highest of praise.

Mr. Byrnes' dedication to the Cleveland community extends beyond his service to the Fire Fighters. Since 1997, Mr. Byrnes has stood up for the rights of working men and women as Vice President of the Cleveland Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, representing