

Founded in Philadelphia in 1751 by Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Bond, Pennsylvania Hospital was responsible for more than 40 "firsts" in American Medicine. These include the first medical library, the first facility to treat mental illness, and the first hospital to offer free medical services to the indigent.

Pennsylvania Hospital continues to be a leader in health care. The talented physicians and staff at Pennsylvania Hospital are on the cutting edge of innovation in the areas of orthopedics, otorhinolaryngology, and urology, as well as other specialties.

Pennsylvania Hospital is particularly known for its obstetrics program, especially high-risk maternal and fetal services, neonatology, neuroscience and behavior health.

I am very proud to have such a successful and well-respected institution within my Congressional District. I congratulate Pennsylvania Hospital on its 250th Anniversary and extend my best wishes for the future of this fine hospital.

THE ADLER PLANETARIUM MARKS THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ALAN SHEPARD'S HISTORIC FLIGHT WITH A NEW EXHIBIT
MAY 8, 2001

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 8, 2001

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge all Americans join with me in congratulating and commending the Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum as they mark the 40th anniversary of Alan Shepard's historic space flight in the Freedom 7 Mercury capsule on May 5, 1961. This flight and that of Yuri Gagarin, the Soviet cosmonaut whose flight preceded Shepard's by three weeks, set in motion the race with the Soviet Union for dominance in space exploration. These successes set a course that would eventually result in the landing of a man on the moon in 1969.

As part of its new Space Millennium Project, the Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum will honor and commemorate the outstanding achievements of the American space program by opening the Dawn of the Space Age exhibit on May 10, 2001. The intriguing saga of the early years of American space exploration is retraced using original NASA prototype rocket models from the Dr. Robert R. Gilruth collection and historic oil paintings by artist Chesley Bonestell.

Dr. Gilruth was the director of NASA's Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston from 1961 to 1972. During his tenure, he directed 25 manned space flights, including Alan Shepard's first Mercury flight, the first lunar landing by Apollo 11 in July 1969, the dramatic rescue of Apollo 13 in 1970, through the Apollo 15 mission in July 1971. Mr. Bonestell's work has been a stimulus to generations of astronomers, physicists, engineers and others who were inspired by his artistry to pursue work in the space program and aeronautics industry.

Mr. Speaker, the last 40 years have seen remarkable changes in space exploration.

NASA continues its dominance in space exploration, pushing the boundaries of human knowledge, challenging our most basic understanding of the universe, most recently with the construction of the International Space Station. The Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum continues to educate the American public about space exploration and NASA's accomplishments through their innovative programs and exhibits.

FULL EQUITY FOR AMERICANS ABROAD ACT, H.R. 1745

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 8, 2001

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Full Equity for Americans Abroad Act, which I request to be inserted and printed in the RECORD at the end of my statement.

This bill provides that all American citizens living abroad will, for purposes of the apportionment or representatives in Congress, among the several States, be included in future decennial censuses of population.

As chairman of the International Relations Committee and as a long time member of the former Post Office and Civil Service Committee I have had numerous opportunities to work with Americans living and working overseas and can attest to the increasingly important role this segment of the U.S. population plays in our Nation's economy and in our relations with countries and their citizens throughout the world.

In this era of growing globalization, we are all aware of the importance placed upon our Nation's exports of goods and services overseas in an effort to provide a strong and versatile economy.

Not only are we reliant on Americans abroad to carry-out exports for the creation of U.S.-based jobs, but we rely on these U.S. citizens to best promote and advance U.S. interests around the world.

Nevertheless, the U.S. Census Bureau does not count private sector Americans residing abroad, despite the fact that the U.S. Government employees working overseas are currently included in the U.S. census. This is an inconsistent, inappropriate policy.

It is imperative that the U.S. Census Bureau count all Americans, including private citizens living and working abroad. Not only will such a policy provide an accurate census, but it will allow Congress and private sector leaders to realize how best to support U.S. companies and our citizenry abroad.

U.S. citizens abroad vote and pay taxes in the United States, yet are discriminated against by the U.S. Government solely because they are private citizens.

I invite my Colleagues to help change this policy by including private sector Americans residing overseas in the census.

Accordingly, I urge my colleagues to support this bill, H.R. 1745.

H.R. 1745

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Full Equality for Americans Abroad Act".

SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF AMERICAN CITIZENS LIVING ABROAD IN FUTURE DECENNIAL CENSUSES.

The Secretary of Commerce shall ensure that, in each decennial census of population taken after the date of the enactment of this Act under title 13, United States Code, all American citizens living abroad shall be included for purposes of the tabulations required for the apportionment of Representatives in Congress among the several States, and for other purposes.

SEC. 3. REPORT ON RELATED ISSUES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There is hereby enacted into law the provision described in subsection (b) (relating to the report to be submitted by the Secretary of Commerce to the Congress by no later than September 30, 2001).

(b) DESCRIPTION.—The provision described in this subsection in the paragraph beginning on page 256 and ending on page 257 of the explanatory language on H.R. 5548 (as introduced on October 25, 2000), as included in the joint explanatory statement of the committee of conference accompanying the conference report on H.R. 4942 (House Report Numbered 106-1005, 106th Congress, 2d Session, October 26, 2000, 256-257), but deeming such paragraph not include "and their dependents".

HONORING THE LATE OFFICER RYAN CUNNINGHAM

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 8, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I now honor an extraordinary human being and great American. Officer Ryan Cunningham of the Vail Police Department was killed in the line of duty on Sunday, May 5, 2001 while trying to avoid an out of control semi truck. "Officer Cunningham was one of the finest officers I have known in my 24 years of policing," said Vail Police Chief Greg Morrison.

In the early morning hours of Sunday, Ryan and another officer responded to an accident on I-70 when a truck driver lost control of his semi on an icy stretch of road and began heading in Ryan's direction. Ryan's immediate reaction was for those around him. After he was sure of the safety of his fellow officers, Ryan ran to the left shoulder and tried to protect himself by jumping over a concrete retaining wall. He fell 60 feet to his death. The truck was able to make a controlled stop 100 feet away from where Ryan jumped.

Ryan was born in Salt Lake City and moved to Colorado in 1992 where he graduated from Arapahoe Community College in 1998. He joined the Vail Police Department in 2000. "Ryan just radiated goodness. He was a member of the Latter Day Saints church. His dedication to family and community was very, very heartfelt," Morrison said. "He was a fine human being." Mr. Speaker and fellow colleagues, as you can see, this extraordinary human being truly deserves our timeless gratitude for his service and supreme sacrifice

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while in the line of duty. Ryan Cunningham may be gone but his legacy will long endure in the minds of those who were fortunate enough to know him. Colorado is assuredly a better place because of Ryan Cunningham.

HONORING LINDA COFFEY,
OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 08, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, It is with great honor that I ask this body to recognize and congratulate the first recipient of the "Outstanding Teacher Award" presented by the Dove Creek Soil Conservation District. Dolores County High School teacher Linda Coffey, received the award for her outstanding work with students over the years. The award was created to emphasize the importance of teachers in the lives of our children.

After graduating high school, Linda attended the University of Northern Colorado where she received her teaching certificate. Overall, she has taught for 19 years, covering a variety of subjects like, Computer Applications, Keyboarding I & II, Accounting, Senior Seminar and Office Job Applications. "I have had the pleasure of working with Linda Coffey for five years now. In that time I have come to know her as a very caring and compassionate teacher," said Stephen Baroch, principal of Dolores County High School.

Linda is also the FBLA Sponsor and the Senior Class sponsor. "A lot of respect and admiration is evident in all of her classes. Linda is very popular with students and willing to go that extra mile to help a student succeed," said Principal Baroch. "Being passionate about learning and high expectations encompasses everything that Linda believes in. I appreciate everything that she is willing to do for our school and community."

Mr. Speaker, Linda has succeeded in making sure that students learn and feel comfortable in her class. She is very deserving of this award and it is fitting that she be recognized as the first ever recipient of this "Outstanding Teacher Award". I would like to congratulate her and wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TO HONOR ANNE M. RINDFLEISCH

HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 8, 2001

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, there are few things I enjoy more in this job than getting the opportunity to shine the spotlight on truly deserving people who serve as a source of inspiration to the rest of us. Anne M. Rindfleisch of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is one of those people, and I would like to pay tribute to her today.

Anne Rindfleisch is here in D.C. with us because she is the 38th winner of Goodwill's Graduate of the Year competition. Ms. Rindfleisch has a congenial disability called Full Amelia, meaning she has no arms or legs. Despite the challenges posed by her physical condition, Anne has managed to earn a bachelor's degree in social work from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and serve as an exemplary employee at Burlington Coat Factory for almost five years.

Despite her current success, Anne faced many obstacles along the way to entering the workforce. In fact, for six years after getting her degree, she volunteered for a number of organizations, but was unable to find employment.

In 1995, Ms. Rindfleisch went to Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Wisconsin and Metropolitan Chicago to upgrade her computer skills. During her eight months of training, Ms. Rindfleisch learned to type 42 words per minute using a month stick and mastered several accounting software programs. During training, she moved out of her parents' home and into her own apartment. In 1996, she was hired by Burlington Coat Factory as a data entry clerk, and has commuted to and from work in her motorized wheelchair using shoulder controls.

Unfortunately, Anne has had to pass up numerous raises and promotions because of current salary restrictions under the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) laws. If she were to earn over \$700 per month, or work more than 20 hours per week, she would lose her SSDI benefits. We must work in Congress to eliminate this Catch-22, so that hard-working, deserving people like Anne Rindfleisch can work to support themselves and their loved ones.

Anne Rindfleisch has not only overcome tremendous challenges in her life, but is a brave person who stands by the courage of her convictions. She is a truly extraordinary human being, and it is my hope that others will be inspired by her dogged determination to succeed and the strength of her spirit.

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WORLD COMMUNITY NOT DOING ENOUGH ABOUT GLOBAL ILLICIT DRUG CHALLENGE

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 8, 2001

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, the worldwide profits from the illicit drug trade by some estimates, including the United Nations Drug Control Program (UNDCP), exceed \$400 billion dollars annually. In our nation alone, the annual societal costs from illicit drugs exceed \$100 billion dollars, and continue to wreck havoc and destruction on our families and communities.

The UNDCP is often the only entity from the world community in certain nations and regions around the globe, like Afghanistan, where we can help address the threat from illicit drugs. We all face the serious threat from the trade and production of these deadly substances.

Last year, the entire UNDCP's budget did not exceed \$80 million dollars, in a struggle against a multi-billion dollar worldwide illicit drug industry. In some places like Colombia, the trade in illicit drugs earns as much as \$2 million dollars a day for the narco-guerillas. In just 40 days, this illicit income alone, would exceed the entire UNDCP annual budget for last year.

I ask that the UNDCP donor nation lists and amounts that the very few nations contributed for the last several years be included hereinafter. The pledge list, will show that less than 30 of the world's nations even contribute to UNDCP, and less than 20 of those nations, are major donors. The U.S. last year took the lead with just a small, modest \$20 million contribution to UNDCP.

Hopefully this appalling neglect of the UNDCP, and the indifference to the fight against the illicit worldwide drug trade be reversed, as it should. The nations of the world must face up to their obligations in our fight against illicit drugs.

I compliment our nation, and other leading major donor nations to the UNDCP like Italy, Sweden, the UK, Japan, among others. I urge that the U.S. continue this year with at least a \$20 million dollar contribution to UNDCP, so that we will remain in the position to continue to argue we are doing our share and other nations should join us in doing even more for the benefit of our young people, and future generations in this critical fight against illicit drugs.

Attachment, UNDCP Donor list 1997-2001.

FUND OF UNDCP—PLEDGES DURING THE PERIOD 1998-2001—STATUS AS OF 26 MARCH 2001

[United States dollars]

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
United States	9,720,400	4,033,600	25,305,000	20,000,000
Italy	6,881,720	8,499,089	9,191,176	11,844,481	11,834,488
Sweden	4,716,382	5,233,471	4,274,510	4,647,799	4,010,417
United Kingdom	6,802,199	11,575,353	4,250,270	4,353,793	3,231,969
European Commission	1,001,660	4,886,528	3,205,128	4,266,331
Netherlands	1,139,278	1,092,574	974,610	3,936,543	250,000
Japan	5,000,000	3,817,000	3,854,000	3,379,000
Norway	629,749	1,058,170	2,032,680	1,556,092
France	1,352,810	1,404,796	1,323,143	1,294,856
Denmark	1,661,732	1,677,114	1,220,765	1,112,440
Germany	3,205,324	3,368,763	885,724	1,075,826
Canada	500,000	685,205	1,020,408	1,020,000
Austria	430,285	558,873	620,611	829,628