

to receive an exclusion from the income accumulated from any survivor annuity granted on account of the death of a public safety officer killed in the line of duty. This legislation will help the families who have endured the loss of their safety officer family member.

Currently, 1.2 million men and women serve as firefighters or emergency medical technicians. Every year, our country can expect to lose over 100 men and women who bravely provide our communities with these essential public safety services. In 1999, the strong line held by our police and law enforcement agencies thinned by 134 officers killed in the line of duty. Many of these individuals left behind mothers, fathers, brothers, and sisters, wives, husbands, sons and daughters to carry out legacies and lives without their beloved peace officers and safety officials. The families of our deceased public safety officers deserve to continue their lives as free from unnecessary obligation as possible.

Law enforcement officers, their family and friends living in my district of El Paso, Texas will soon hold the El Paso Police Memorial Service in remembrance of police officers killed in the line of duty. This service will be held tomorrow, and will honor officers who have served El Paso and El Paso County from the late 19th century to the present. Officers of all description will be honored, such as Detective Charles Heinrich who died from a gunshot wound to the head in 1985, two years after being shot by a perpetrator; Detective Norman Montion who was killed during a massive gunfight in October of 1989; and Officer Ernesto Serna, a Persian Gulf war veteran working off duty security who was fatally shot in November of 1991. They all served proudly and honorably in the face of danger. With the passage of this bill, their families may enjoy compensation without burdensome taxation.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1727 allows our country to lend assistance to families who have faced loss for the sake of public safety. We should approve this legislation as a tribute to the service of public safety officers, the lives that they save and protect, and the families who survive them.

TRIBUTE TO MISSOURI INDUSTRY
OF THE YEAR—SCHOLASTIC INCORPORATED

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2001

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with pride that I announce that Scholastic Incorporated, of Jefferson City, Missouri, has been named Missouri Industry of the Year. Scholastic is Jefferson City's largest private employer.

Scholastic, which ships paperback books to students throughout the nation, was recognized at Missouri Industry Day. Missouri Industry Day was designed to help young people, legislators and the general public become more aware of the role of business and industry in Missouri's state economy. Criteria for the award include use of company resources to contribute to a municipality where the company is located, showing entrepreneurial spirit

in the community and providing innovative leadership relating to products or services.

Scholastic excelled in all of these areas. They created an additional 1500 new jobs in Missouri, employing a total of 3000 Missourians. Scholastic offered on-site training programs for employees including English As a Second Language, GED classes and computer application classes. Scholastic employees are also eligible for 50 percent tuition reimbursement for post-high school education. Employees of Scholastic are involved in locals Chambers of Commerce, March of Dimes, United Way and other organizations.

Scholastic and the Missouri General Assembly collaborated for the "Missouri Reads" program. An initiative where legislators read to students and the students receive a free copy of the book. So far Scholastic has donated over 80,000 to Missouri's children.

Mr. Speaker, Scholastic Inc., of Jefferson City, Missouri, has been an example to industry throughout Missouri and the Nation. I wish Scholastic and its employees all the best in the days ahead. I am certain that the Members of the House will join me in congratulating such a fine company.

28TH ANNUAL PASADENA, TEXAS,
STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL HONORS
COUNCILMAN GENE (IGGY)
GARISON

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2001

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my friend and constituent, Councilman Gene (Iggy) Garison of Pasadena, TX. The 28th Annual Pasadena Strawberry Festival which takes place from May 18 through May 20, 2001, will honor Councilman Garison by making him Honorary Grand Marshal of the parade and dedicating the festival to him. In his honor a special monument is being constructed at the Pasadena Fairgrounds for display at the Festival and feature a history of his many accomplishments.

Gene was born in the city of Houston and graduated from Stephen F. Austin High School. He attended the University of Houston while working construction as a Member of Hodd Carriers Local and Carpenters Local. He also worked as a deep-sea diver in Texas and Louisiana. He served in the Air Force and Air National Guard before joining the Pasadena Police Department in 1966. While on the Pasadena Police Force he was also a Pasadena Volunteer Fireman. He started several local businesses, becoming President/CEO of Emergency Safety Products in 1982.

In 1992, Gene was elected Councilman for District D. He will leave this position on June 30, 2001, after serving the people of Pasadena for four successful terms. During his tenure as Councilman, some of his many accomplishments include: revitalization of the North End, the Capitan Theatre and the Corrigan Center; creation of the hike and bike trail between Thomas and Harris; hiking trail at Deepwater; repaving of Harris and Burke; miles of new sewer lines, water lines, and street lights; and cleaning of ditches for flood control.

In addition to his tireless efforts as a Councilman, Gene's giving heart also comes through for many charities. He never turns his back on anyone in need or a charitable cause. He loves donating his time cooking for many local charitable fundraisers. He has always believed in being active and involved in community organizations. His civic involvement includes: The Elks; The Eagles; American Legion; San Jacinto Day Foundation; Strawberry Festival; Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo; South Pasadena Rotary Club; Pasadena Volunteer Fire Department; Life Member of the 100 Club; Life Member of the National Guard Association of Texas; Pasadena Chamber of Commerce; Deer Park Chamber of Commerce; Chef for Deer Park's Men Who Cook; Former Pasadena Police Officers' Association; CASI Pasadena POD; Board of Directors for Houston Fire Museum; CITA Council for City of Pasadena; 1st graduating class of Pasadena Police Citizen's Academy; Disaster Chairman for American Red Cross; Life Member of Stephen F. Austin High School Alumni; and Parliamentarian for S.F. Austin High School Alumni.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Gene Garison on his continued outstanding contributions to our community. Everyone who knows Iggy knows of his great sense of humor and his tremendous dedication to his family—wife, Susie, son John, stepdaughter Tammy, stepson Sam, grandson Tyler, and mother-in-law, Jane. He is an inspiration to all of us in public service and this honor by the Pasadena Strawberry Festival is well deserved.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CLEAN EFFICIENT AUTOMOBILES RESULTING FROM ADVANCED CAR TECHNOLOGIES ACT (THE CLEAR ACT)

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 17, 2001

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, today, I am reintroducing legislation that would provide incentives to encourage the development of alternative fuel technologies and consumer acceptance of these products. The primary purpose of the legislation is to enhance overall energy security and diversity goals by reducing U.S. dependency on foreign oil. Transportation accounts for nearly 2/3 of all oil consumption and is almost 97% dependent on petroleum.

Providing tax incentives for a limited period of time to consumers is needed to help offset the higher costs associated with new technology and alternative fuel vehicles. As the vehicles gain consumer acceptance and production volumes increase, the cost differential between these vehicles and conventional vehicles will be reduced or eliminated.

This legislation will develop market acceptance of a wide range of advanced technology and alternative fuel vehicles including: Fuel Cell Vehicles, Hybrid Vehicles, Dedicated Alternative Fuel Vehicles and Battery Electric Vehicles.

Historically, consumers have faced three basic obstacles to accepting the use of alternative fuels and advanced technologies: