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film and social justice causes and extend my condolences to his family and friends.

TRIBUTE TO THE OUTBACK
STEAKHOUSE EMPLOYEES

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2001

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the outstanding community service, charitable giving and volunteer efforts of the management and employees of the Outback Steakhouse franchise in Saginaw Township, Michigan.

While the Outback Steakhouse is widely known for its excellent food and original atmosphere, bringing its special brand of land-down-under hospitality to the American culture, the local franchise and its dedicated workers also actively support numerous non-profit organizations as a way of giving back to the community. The local effort began five years ago when former franchise owner Steve Jahn identified several charities he wanted to help. Steve put his heart and soul into the restaurant's outreach programs and new owner Mitch Hudecek has pledged to continue to seek out ways to maintain the Outback's exceptional level of community involvement.

Over the years, the Outback's excellent staff have spent untold hours cooking, serving and cleaning at events for organizations including the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America, the Boysville Summer Olympics, the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the St. Luke's Hospital Epicurean Delight. At no cost to these non-profits, the restaurant has donated their mouth-watering steaks, delicious desserts and other palate-pleasers to help charities defray the high cost of fundraising events.

Non-profit groups depend upon the largesse of businesses and individuals to donate goods and services for enterprises to support their endeavors. The Outback Steakhouse and their employees have raised the bar for others when it comes to doing one's part for the greater community. It is especially noteworthy that Outback workers volunteer their time for every event in which they take part. Their dedication of time and quality service speaks volumes about them individually and about the spirit of voluntarism fostered by the Outback's management. In addition, the restaurant continually reaches out to young people by providing free tours of the kitchen and its operation to area schools.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing my sincere appreciation to the Outback Steakhouse for their generous contributions to our community and their continued pursuit of excellence across the board.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

**LONG-RANGE ENERGY PLAN
NECESSARY**

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2001

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member commends to his colleagues the following editorial from the May 25, 2001, *Norfolk Daily News*. The editorial stresses the need to develop a long-range plan to address the nation's energy problems. The Bush administration is to be commended for offering a comprehensive plan with dozens of specific recommendations. It is imperative for Congress to work with the administration to develop a sensible long-term energy policy which will help assure Americans of development of diverse, reliable, affordable energy sources and an emphasis on energy conservation. Clearly, too, development of energy sources must be done in an environmentally responsible manner.

NO IMMEDIATE RELIEF IS PROMISED

With typical impatience, many Americans are disappointed that President Bush's energy plan does not immediately resolve the problems with high gasoline prices and the costs of electricity. Natural gas has escalated as well, and there is nothing in the Bush plan that puts a lid on prices or rations supplies.

Instead, he proposes to deal with the problems on a long-term basis. It may well mean he will be a one-term president, but if the plan gains acceptance, it is a small price to pay.

The clamoring for the federal government to do something, anything, about California's electric bill, which rose from \$7 billion in 1999 to \$28 billion last year and is expected to be upward of \$50 billion next year, is intense. It seems typical of state or local government blaming Washington first and expecting to be bailed out. The idea that the state is too big and too important to the rest of the nation leads politically to the thought that federal intervention and "temporary" price caps are the only solution.

Energy policy must be based on the nation's best interests, however, and not those of residents or business enterprises in any one state.

The solution is to be found in realistic energy pricing which, in the case of gasoline now pushing upward of \$2 a gallon, is not as costly as 20 years ago when inflation is taken into account.

Painful as that is, and especially for those in farming where costs are not often passed on, the alternative of price controls, quotas and rationing would be worse.

That segment of the oil industry in the United States which finds ways to obtain supplies from old sources thought to be uneconomic is now being revived. There are known reserves, notably including those offshore near California and the Gulf Coast, to be utilized. And there is also the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge that offers promise.

Some of these developments, inherent in the new plan, are vigorously opposed from an environmental standpoint. It may take even higher prices and more severe winters to convince policymakers that the conflicts between animal habitat and human needs require more compromise and not total bans on exploration and drilling under carefully controlled conditions.

While the Bush National Energy Policy is strong on emphasizing the production side,

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including nuclear sources and cleaner coal technology, it offers important incentives for conservation, for wider development of high-mileage vehicles, wind and solar power.

In short, it is a broad plan which can make America less dependent on foreign sources. That it does not solve immediate price and supply problems or establish a new energy czar with dictatorial powers is not a flaw. That it does not immediately solve problems unique to those states which handled deregulation programs poorly is not a weakness. But it will take much political foresight to recognize that.

HONORING LEONOR VON WALDEGG
DELGADO

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2001

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Leonor Von Waldegg Delgado for her 96th birthday. Born on June 6, 1905 in Bogota, Colombia to Julian Delgado Mallarino and Mercedes Morales Rocha she celebrates a lifetime of achievements—the cornerstone of which is reflected in her loving family.

She is the paternal grand-daughter of former Colombian Senator and Minister Evaristo Delgado and Susana Mallarino Cabal and the maternal grand-daughter of Julian Morales Quintero and Christina Rocha Caicedo. Her father, Julian Delgado Mallarino served as Colombian Minister of Public Instruction and her mother Mercedes Morales Rocha was known as a benevolent woman committed to helping children and the poor.

Leonor was married on July 21, 1928 to Baron Herman Von Waldegg in Bogota at the Roman Catholic Church of Vera Cruz. Colombia's sitting President, Abadia Mendez was in the wedding procession and the reception followed at the Presidential Palace, La Casa de Narino. Baron Von Waldegg was a renowned archeologist featured in the May 1940 issue of the National Geographic magazine. He taught at Boston College in Massachusetts and Columbia University in New York and served as the Curator of Natural History in both Boston and New York.

She comes from a large family. Her brothers include: Alvaro Delgado Morales, Carlos Delgado Morales, Enrique Delgado Morales, Julian Delgado Morales, Camilo Delgado Morales, Jaime Delgado Morales and German Delgado Morales. Her sisters include: Carolina Calle Mejia, Mercedes Gutierrez Rubio, Susana Arbelaez Manrique, Teresa Escruceria Mallarino, Ines Barbosa Manrique.

She is the mother of Jimmy Von Waldegg and Teresa Uribe. She is the grandmother of Robert and Patty Dempster, Allen and Lisa Dempster, John and Fran Dempster, George D. Uribe II, and Sherry Arbelaez, Vicki Von Waldegg, Jaime Von Waldegg and the great-grandmother of Robbie Dempster, Jr., Dylan Dempster, Teddy Dempster, Becky Dempster, John F. Dempster II, Deanna Romero, Cheri Arbelaez and Daniel Evans Von Waldegg. She is the great-great grandmother of Sabrina Romero, Samantha Romero, Sierra Romero and James Arbelaez Tacconi.

Today she celebrates an amazing life as well as an abundance of love for family, her faith in God and the legacy of integrity upheld throughout the generations. She instills a sense of responsibility and enjoys a rich cultural history. She has a winsome personality, a great sense of humor and an amazing ability to write and recite poetry.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate her on this special occasion and wish her a very happy birthday. I send my best to her family as they celebrate not only a birthday but also a legacy of a woman who will continue to live through the lives of her loved ones.

CODIFICATION OF TITLE 40,
UNITED STATES CODE, PUBLIC
BUILDINGS, PROPERTY, AND
WORKS

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2001

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill to codify and enact certain general and permanent laws, related to public buildings, property, and works, as title 40 of the United States Code. This bill has been prepared by the Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House of Representatives as a part of the responsibilities of that Office to prepare and submit to the Committee on the Judiciary, for enactment into positive law, all titles of the United States Code. This bill makes no change in the substance of existing law.

Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of the bill and a description of the bill, containing a section-by-section summary, should contact the Office of the Law Revision Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives, H2-304 Ford House Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20505-6711. The Telephone number is (202) 226-2411.

Persons wishing to comment on the bill should submit those comments to the Office of the Law Revision Counsel no later than September 10, 2001.

ON PASSAGE OF H.R. 1, THE NO
CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT OF 2001

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2001

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I was pleased to support H.R. 1, a bipartisan bill to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. It is a good bill, but it is far from a perfect bill.

H.R. 1 substantially expands authorized funding levels targeted to America's neediest children. I am pleased that this bill excludes voucher provisions that would have stripped scarce funds from our public schools. Further, keeping out the Straight A's state block grant programs was the right thing to do.

Even though I voted for this bill, I have some strong reservations about it that I hope

will be worked out in the conference committee. First, the new testing requirements in grades three through eight are an unfunded mandate by the federal government on our local schools. Second, I am deeply disappointed that neither class size reduction nor school construction was addressed in this bill.

I applaud the work of the Education and the Workforce Committee for writing a bipartisan bill to strengthen education for all of our children. There is much more work to be done, however, to ensure that every child in America receives the education they deserve. We need to renew our commitment to fully fund special education, lower class sizes, and attract and retain qualified, committed teachers. I hope H.R. 1 will reflect these priorities.

IN HONOR OF BISHOP ROGER W.
GRIES

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate Bishop Roger W. Gries upon being named Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland.

Bishop Roger W. Gries has served the Cleveland and world communities in countless ways. He was originally baptized on April 11, 1937 at Holy Trinity Church in Cleveland, Ohio. Early in his education he attended Benedictine High School. Upon graduation he attended Saint John's University and eventually Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois. His faith and love then brought him to Saint Joseph Seminary, Blessed Sacrament Fathers, in Cleveland, Ohio.

After ordination in 1963, Bishop Gries served his community in many ways. He originally taught at Benedictine High School. However, soon thereafter his peers recognized his special gift for education and he later served as Assistant Principal, and then Principal. He then served as Abbot of the Saint Andrew Abbey from 1981-2001. He still serves today at St. Hyacinth Church in Cleveland.

Bishop Gries' joy and strong faith is apparent after listening to any of his sermons. His kind-spirited and good-nature has brought countless people to his church. His dedication, generosity, and love to his members is like no other; he truly cares for all people. We, as a community, are blessed to have people like Bishop Gries in our neighborhood.

Mr. Speaker, Bishop Gries has served his community selflessly. His love and talent has led him to numerous churches and schools in the Cleveland area where he has shared his faith. Please join me in celebration and recognition of Bishop Roger W. Gries on his naming to Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland.

A TRIBUTE TO ONE WORLD-ONE
HEART, INC.

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the contributions of One World-One Heart, Inc. and its supporting organizations for their work that exemplifies our Nation's unity, respect for your neighbor, and cultural exchange through inter-generational activities and programs.

One World-One Heart, Inc., a New York based non-profit organization, provides access to educational, recreational, cultural and intergenerational programs for participants from all ethnic, religious, economic and cultural backgrounds. The organization also provides programs at the elementary, high school and senior citizen level that encourage intergenerational interaction, respect for peers, and multicultural appreciation and understanding.

Every year in June, the organization partners with other longstanding organizations that share the philosophy of service to community and creates free public events to disseminate positive messages in a fun way. "The Taste of Pizza" Month, which continues to expand every year, includes a wide range of communities. In four short years, the campaign has mobilized other non-profits; educators, community leaders, business, and elected officials to help spread the message of non-violence in our schools; unity and multi-cultural appreciation to youths and adults alike.

The message is disseminated through pizza. Pizza serves as a symbol of the rich diversity of our society and is used by educators to explain concepts in areas of mathematics, history, and culture.

Certainly the message is a simple, but powerful one. One World-One Heart and its supporters, by taking the program nation-wide, will celebrate its citizens and supporting organizations from coast to coast including World Champion Dough Thrower, Tony Gernignani; PMQ Magazine; Pizza Hut; Sharing in Neighborhood Experiences (SHINE); Plainview Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School; Cox Radio, Inc., Clear Channel Communications, and others; who will help to present a series of free public events and in-school programs. At the end of the program, all will enjoy, "Tony Modica's Pizza Dance" a celebratory group dance which was created specifically for the first "pizza" celebration.

We all have more in common than we sometimes can imagine. It is through the recognition of commonalities, such as pizza, which help to break down barriers of misinformation and misunderstanding. One World-One Heart, Inc. and its supporters are positive examples of how private citizens and non-profit organizations can make a difference in the community with the support of business and government.

It is for these reasons that I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing, One World-One Heart, Inc. and the "Pizza" in proclaiming June "National Taste of Pizza" Month.