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be able to maximize competition and evaluate all potential bidders under its utility privatization programs based upon the true cost of their services. It will ensure the successful implementation of this cost-saving effort and provide desperately needed financial flexibility to meet other pressing national defense priorities. I urge my colleagues to join me on this proposal.

TRIBUTE TO CORPORAL
VALENTINO FALCON

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2001

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute and honor to the accomplishments of Corporal Valentino Falcon, City of Chino, Officer of the Year 2001.

Corporal Falcon joined the Chino Police Department on April 24, 1989. He was promoted to Corporal on September 15, 1996.

As Weaponless Defense Instructor, and Assistant Team Leader on the SWAT team, Corporal Falcon has instructed the Citizen Academy participants in gang crimes. He has also addressed the attendees of the California State Parent and Teachers Association on gang crimes and violence in schools. He has generously volunteered to share his expertise by going on Patrol to mentor marginal trainees going through the Field Training Office Program. Corporal Falcon continues to provide support to officers wherever they are assigned.

Corporal Falcon currently serves as the President of the Political Action Committee, the Chino Police Department liaison for the Inland Empire Coalition Against Hate Crimes, and is a member of the Inland Valley Robbery/Homicide Investigators Association, the San Bernardino County Gang Violence Suppression Project, and the Inland Empire Gang/Drug Task Force.

Assigned as the case agent in the investigation of the death of Officer Russell Miller, his involvement in developing the effective use of PowerPoint in the closing arguments will become the norm in the near future. His diligence and outstanding professional approach to each case he handles, have gained the respect of other police agencies, and members of the legal community.

The exemplary commitment to the Chino Police Department, leadership skills and exceptional civic responsibility demonstrated by Corporal Falcon have truly earned him the recognition as Chino Police Officer of the Year. I sincerely extend my congratulations and thank him for his service to his community.

IN HONOR OF GILBERT RIVERA

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Gilbert Rivera, a man who takes tremendous

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pride in his heritage and humble beginnings, for his tireless work on behalf of his community.

Gilbert Rivera left Puerto Rico for the Bedford-Stuyvesant community of Brooklyn when he was nine years old. After graduating from Automotive High School, Rivera entered the United States Army.

After finishing his service in the United States Army, Gilbert began working for a small construction company and saved his money to start his own company. His dream was realized when he and his twelve siblings started AM & G Waterproofing after purchasing an abandoned building. As a self-starter, Gilbert knew what it would take to make his businesses succeed and today he employs over two hundred workers at AM & G. Mr. Rivera has also been tremendously successful with his other enterprise, the Park Avenue Home Center, which boasts over 15,000 square feet of retail space and offers top name, quality products for both contractors and consumers.

In addition, Gilbert has a deep commitment to his community and recognizes that with his success comes his responsibility for leadership and mentoring. That is why he is a benefactor to numerous charitable and community programs. Rivera's belief in "giving back" to the community is visible by looking at the programs which he supports that influence inner city minority youth.

Mr. Speaker, Gilbert Rivera has devoted his life to better serving his community. He spends time and tireless energy lending himself to his community. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly remarkable man.

DENCIL HAYCOX, RIO RANCHO'S
FIRST PUBLIC SAFETY CHIEF
RETIRES

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2001

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to salute Dencil Haycox, the city of Rio Rancho's first and only public safety officer, on the occasion of his retirement after an impressive two decades of dedicated service.

Chief Haycox was first hired in 1981 as a police planner to set up the Rio Rancho Police Department shortly after the city of 10,000 incorporated. He quickly established a force consisting of one sergeant and seven officers. In 1985, he became the director of public safety when the City Council created the current Department of Public Safety. Since then he built the current force of 104 police officers and 37 fire and rescue personnel.

Chief Haycox's commitment and leadership truly have been instrumental in enhancing the special quality of life in the City of Vision. In Chief Haycox, people have been served by someone who has made their safety and well-being his life's work and has been very attentive to their needs. He has served under eight different mayors, and during that time he has shown his willingness to respond to problems, large and small, for the people he served.

He literally took a department that did not exist and made it into what it is today. His colleagues have described him as someone who set high standards for his department and always wanted to help his employees grow professionally. For example, when an employee made a mistake, he tried to use the mistake as a learning opportunity.

Rio Rancho is extremely fortunate to have had the leadership of an individual as dedicated, experienced, and successful as Dencil Haycox. I ask that my colleagues join me in saluting him on the occasion of his retirement, and I wish him continued success.

TRIBUTE TO DOGS THAT HAVE
PARTICIPATED IN THE LINE OF
DUTY WITH AMERICAN TROOPS

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2001

Mr. BOYD. Mr. Speaker, throughout history, the bravery and dedication demonstrated by soldiers has long been remembered. As a veteran of the Vietnam War, I wanted to take the time to recognize important, yet often forgotten, heroes of the United States of America.

As you may know, dogs have gone through combat at the side of their masters or have been used in direct support of combat operations throughout the history of warfare. The Army Quartermasters Corps began the U.S. Armed Forces first war dog training during WW II and continued to employ trained dogs in Korea. In Vietnam, the U.S. Army was the largest employer of War Dogs of all the services and used Sentry, Scout, Tracker, Mine and Tunnel dogs.

During my service in Vietnam as a rifle platoon leader in the 101st Airborne Division, I had many opportunities to work with these dogs and their handlers. More specifically, my unit was in service with the 48th Infantry Scout Dog Platoon during the Lam Son campaign in March of 1971. These dogs were an integral part of our forces. They were trained to work in silence, provided early warnings of snipers, ambushes, mines, booby traps, and other dangers in the surrounding area. Scout Dog Teams were normally first in line when on patrol; our eyes and ears, our first line of protection.

Although thousands of dogs have participated in the line of duty with American troops, they also provided a unique sense of comfort and protection for soldiers who were wounded or in need of assistance. Fiercely loyal to handlers and fellow troops, the military recognized the contributions and impact dogs had on war efforts. While there are ample examples of heroism displayed by these selfless canine combatants, I can recall one specific instance that demonstrates the relationship between the dogs and soldiers.

On patrol one afternoon, the scout dog and his handler assigned to my group met with some trouble. The handler was seriously injured and needed to be medevaced out for immediate medical assistance. Attesting to the strength of the bond between dog and human, the handler expressed concern that the dog,

who had been trained not to leave his side, would become uncontrollable without him. When the helicopter arrived it could not land and it had to lower a basket through the trees. When the soldier was being placed into the basket however, the dog incredibly followed. We watched with a strange mixture of sadness and relief as the pair was lifted to safety together.

While these four legged heroes are unable to share their war stories with the American people, as a veteran that has personally experienced the positive impact of canine combatants, I want to share with you their glory, hardships, danger, and successes that are a touching yet significant aspect of American history.

TRIBUTE TO DR. GLENN BURDICK,
SUPERINTENDENT, WINCHESTER
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2001

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I want to bring to the attention of our colleagues one of the most outstanding educators in the 10th District of Virginia. Dr. Glenn Burdick is retiring this month as superintendent of Winchester Public Schools.

In looking at Dr. Burdick's distinguished resume, it is easy to see that education has been a lifelong passion.

Dr. Burdick received his BA degree in mathematics from Old Dominion University in 1970, and later earned his master of science in educational administration and his certificate of advanced study in educational administration both from ODU, in 1977 and 1979 respectively. In 1996 he received his doctor of education degree from the University of Virginia.

Dr. Burdick's entire educational career has been in service to the young people of Virginia. He began in 1970 as a mathematics teacher at I.C. Norcom High School in Portsmouth, Virginia, and later served as Evening High School principal at the school. Dr. Burdick began taking on administrative responsibilities in 1977, as the coordinator of planning and budgeting for Portsmouth Public Schools, where he served until 1983.

In 1983 he became principal of Buffalo Gap High School in Augusta County, Virginia, serving in that capacity for three years. In a glimpse of things to come, Dr. Burdick became assistant superintendent of Staunton City Schools in 1986. Finally, in 1991 he accepted the position of superintendent of Winchester Public Schools, a post he has held for the past ten years.

Dr. Burdick could easily have been kept busy by the growing demands of his profession. But he did not miss an opportunity to play an active role in his local community and the world at large.

His activities have spanned the spectrum, serving on the boards of the Kids Voting-Northern Shenandoah Valley Chapter, Kids Are Our Concern, United Way of Northern Shenandoah Valley, Winchester Rotary Club and the Winchester-Frederick Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Burdick looked beyond Virginia's boundaries as a participant in the Fulbright Memorial Fund, a program which included a three-week visit to educational and cultural institutions in Tokyo and Kagoshima, Japan. In 1999 he participated in the Oxford International Round Table on the Superintendency and Principalship in Oxford, England.

He has been published on several occasions, most recently in the November 2000 issue of the Virginia School Board Association Newsletter—an article appropriately titled, "Helping Superintendents Succeed."

Later this week Dr. Burdick will officially retire from his position as superintendent of Winchester Public Schools. But he is not retiring from the field of education, and for that we are fortunate. He plans to begin teaching full time as a professor at Shenandoah University.

A Thomas Jefferson quotation in one of the corridors of the U.S. Capitol reads, "Enlighten the people generally, and tyranny and oppressions of body and mind will vanish like evil spirits at the dawn of day." Dr. Burdick has dedicated his life in countless different capacities to enlightening the minds of children throughout the state of Virginia, and in doing so he has answered a noble call and filled a compelling need. We are thankful for his past service and look forward to reaping the benefits of his knowledge and passion for education in the years to come.

IN HONOR OF RICKY PEREZ

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Ricky Perez for his tireless devotion to improving his community.

Ricky continues to distinguish himself in his efforts to improve community life through leadership development. He believes that leadership development is the key to community empowerment. Ricky's experience in grassroots-style leadership helped him to develop the East New York Community Anti-crime Project. This project advocates gathering all the leaders from the community's small organizations for training in the program. This led to revitalization among the organizations, which brought about dramatic and lasting improvements to their areas.

Ricky Perez is known as a leader who puts education and youth first. Growing up in an underserved and underprivileged area, Ricky understands where many members of the community are coming from. He takes pride in his ability to lead by example. Ricky's best work with youth is seen through his Police and Community Together Center. This volunteer operated center runs programs such as youth-police dialogue, community patrols, and instruction in youth entrepreneurship.

In addition, Ricky is a successful advocate on behalf of the members of the East New York community and the youth in particular. He is continuously pushing for greater computer literacy among the youth and adults in the neighborhood. In addition, he is a proponent of better education by advocating lit-

eracy academies. Ricky's team approach style has allowed him to become more involved in the area's health issues.

Mr. Speaker, Ricky Perez has devoted his life to serving his community. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly remarkable man.

“HIV/AIDS: THE STATE OF THE
EPIDEMIC WITHIN COMMUNITIES
OF COLOR”

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2001

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Congressional Black Caucus, Congressional Hispanic Caucus and the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus for holding their joint hearing on the critical issue of HIV/AIDS and its impact on communities of color today.

I need to look no further than my own home state of Illinois to see the horrific impact of HIV/AIDS. Since 1981, 23,000 Illinoisans of an estimated 28,000 to 38,000 HIV positive persons in Illinois have been diagnosed with AIDS. Of those 23,000 AIDS cases, an estimated 14,000 or 62 percent, have died. The number of AIDS cases in Illinois is the sixth highest total in the U.S.

The impact on minority communities is especially devastating. African Americans represent 59 percent of all HIV/AIDS cases in Illinois in 2000 and 68 percent of all cases in Chicago in 1999. Minority women are particularly impacted by HIV/AIDS. Among HIV positive women in Illinois, more than 80 percent are non white.

Only through efforts like the Minority HIV/AIDS Initiative can we begin to turn the tide on the war against HIV/AIDS. The Minority HIV/AIDS Initiative allows communities of color to create and improve HIV/AIDS service capacity in their communities. In my own Congressional District in Chicago, Lakeside Community Committee, which operates an HIV/AIDS Awareness program, recently applied for a grant under the Minority HIV/AIDS Initiative which would enable it to reach an additional 5,000 clients this year. Lakeside's overall goal is to secure funding to reach a minimum of 25,000 individuals on Chicago's South Side. The primary benefit to Lakeside of the Minority HIV/AIDS Initiative would be the dissemination of educational information about at risk behaviors and safe sex.

In recent years, HIV/AIDS has spread rapidly amongst minority populations. Because Illinois has one of the highest HIV/AIDS infection rates in America, it is imperative that we, as a community, work to effectively address this problem. Through grass roots initiatives, including the HIV/AIDS Minority Initiative, we can begin to make the HIV/AIDS epidemic within minority populations history.