

Beam me up. I yield back the fact that all this money being used for this litigation would be better served if they put it towards a cure for breast cancer.

#### KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON IN AMERICA

(Mr. TIAHRT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, as we embark on the 21st century, Americans expect certain things. We want a secure future for our children, a clean environment; and when we flick the switch on a lamp, we expect the light to shine. Unfortunately, due to extreme environmental policies, many Americans cannot be assured the lights will come on. That is why I commend the President for showing real leadership in developing a national energy plan that takes a balanced approach to solving our energy crisis.

The President's plan takes into account the incredible developments in energy research, exploration, technology, which not only reduces our heavy reliance on foreign oil, but preserves and protects our Nation's environment. This comprehensive energy plan has more than 100 concrete recommendations, nearly 50 percent of which deal with conservation. This is a commonsense, long-term, high-tech solution that protects the environment and secures our future.

Americans should expect the best electric system in the world, while we secure clean air and water for our children. The President's plan will ensure our priorities and keep the lights on in America.

#### TRIBUTE TO BIOTECHNOLOGY

(Mr. ISSA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, most of us go throughout the day without noticing that many of the products we use are a direct result of biotechnology. Everything from important medical breakthroughs like insulin and many HIV drugs to household detergents and cleaners and the like can be attributed to the discoveries made by biotechnology. It is time we recognize the biotechnology community for the numerous achievements and discoveries that have improved the quality of life for people around the globe.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to introduce bipartisan legislation recognizing the benefits of biotechnology. I hope my colleagues will join the many cosponsors of this bill which recognizes biotechnology for its contributions of the past and for the amazing potential this technology holds for the future.

#### HONORING AIRMAN MATHEW KURIAN

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to address just very briefly congratulations for those people who work hard to improve themselves and their community.

So today I rise to salute and congratulate 99th Supply Squadron Airman First Class Mathew Kurian, currently stationed at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada.

Today, Airman Kurian will receive the Congressional Gold Award, an honor which recognizes initiative, achievement, and excellence among people in the United States aged 14 to 23. Recipients must set and achieve goals in four areas: Expedition and exploration, personal development, physical fitness, and voluntary public service. They must set and achieve challenging goals for the betterment of themselves and their community.

Airman Kurian met and exceeded those goals. Over the past 2 years he volunteered for over 400 hours of public service, including helping with children's ceramic classes, and he served on the Nellis Honor Guard. Airman Kurian is a role model for all Air Force members, and for all Americans as well.

I congratulate him on his achievement and thank him for his devoted efforts to better Nevada and to serve our Nation.

#### TRIBUTE TO EDWARD J. ROSASCO

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Edward J. Rosasco for his 17 years of service and dedication as president and chief executive officer at Mercy Hospital. Under Ed Rosasco's leadership, Mercy Hospital has strengthened its long-standing tradition of providing quality health care to all residents of south Florida.

His dedication to improving and establishing his new patient services is evident with Mercy's Pain Management Center which cures patients who never thought that they would live without pain again.

Another example is Mercy Hospital's Diabetes Treatment Center, one of only six in the Nation to be named a model center qualified to serve as a training location and a prototype for other diabetes programs.

Mercy is also recognized as an important provider for international patients and is the leading choice for residents in the Caribbean and Central and South America who seek top quality care and treatment not available in their countries.

For 17 exceptional years, Ed Rosasco has ensured that Mercy has remained true to its mission: maintaining an uncompromising commitment to excellence.

Mercy Hospital will honor Ed tomorrow, and today I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Ed Rosasco for his service to our south Florida community.

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#### SUPPORTING MEASURE PROVIDING HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FOR LEGAL IMMIGRANTS

(Mr. FOLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I am here to strongly support a bill introduced by my colleagues, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DIAZ-BALART) and the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN), among others, that would allow us to provide health care coverage for legal immigrants of the United States.

Let me be very specific. My colleague, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DIAZ-BALART), will speak a little more on this subject. What we have to make certain of is that everybody is provided good quality health care.

Yesterday a report was issued that included the fact that if folic acid was administered to pregnant women early in their pregnancies, the likelihood of a healthy delivery and a healthy baby would result. The March of Dimes and others strongly support this initiative to make certain that we provide the health care for women early in their pregnancies and then after, once the baby has been delivered.

Let us not be penny-wise and pound foolish. The money we think we are saving will evaporate in excess spending if a child is born with a disability, so let us make certain we strongly support this initiative. It is being supported by Senator GRAHAM of Florida on the Senate side, and I know my colleague is going to talk about it in greater detail.

I am thrilled and delighted to be part of this effort. Today is World Refugee Day, and I think this is a fitting tribute to this day, to make certain legal immigrants are covered.

#### URGING MEMBERS TO COSPONSOR H.R. 1143, THE LEGAL IMMIGRANT CHILDREN'S HEALTH IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2001

(Mr. DIAZ-BALART asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Florida (Mr. FOLEY) for joining us in this very important effort.