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President. As a community leader, Dr. Zini's recognitions include: 1998 Flight Safety Award, Federal Aviation Administration; 1997 Distinguished Citizen Award, Mountain View Chamber of Commerce; 1996 Alumni of the Year Award, University of Health Sciences in Kansas City, Missouri; 1991 Federal Aviation Administration Certificate of Recognition; Sigma Sigma Phi Honorary Osteopathic Fraternity; and 1972 Ordained Minister, St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Little Rock, Arkansas.

James E. Zini, D.O., is a physician, advisor and friend to many. He has dedicated his life to serving his fellow citizens as a leader in both his profession and his community, and he deserves our respect and gratitude for his priceless contributions. On behalf of the Congress, I extend congratulations and best wishes to my good friend James E. Zini, D.O., on his successes and achievements.

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF ROBERT R.
GREENLAW

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2001

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Chief Robert R. Greenlaw, C.E.M., for his outstanding achievements with the Ridgewood Emergency Services and his contributions to the protection of the Ridgewood community. Bob Greenlaw, who is now the Director of Ridgewood Emergency Services, has served the public in emergency situations for over forty years. On July 4, 2001, we will be honoring him in Ridgewood for his tremendous service. His leadership in the development of a trained volunteer fire and police department is only one of his remarkable achievements and I commend him for his efforts. The results of his dedicated service are felt throughout the Village of Ridgewood. As a leader of the men and women who protect our community, he is an inspiration for all those involved in public service.

Bob began his protection of the public in 1957 as a volunteer firefighter in Ridgewood, which is also my hometown. After a long and dedicated service in our community, Bob has assumed numerous leadership positions within the fire and police department. He was named Captain of the Ridgewood Auxiliary Police while also involving himself with emergency management. In 1980, Bob received the first two of many awards for his service, as he was given both the Emergency Medical Services Medal of Honor and the Village of Ridgewood Mayor's Award of Excellence in the same year. Convinced that the fire and police departments could be structured differently in order to best serve the community, Bob asked the Village of Ridgewood to support a trained group of volunteers within the departments which would allow the fire and police professionals to focus on the most critical situations. Bob encouraged a handful of volunteers to join him in this program and today his inspiration has led to a department of 127 volunteers serving more than 500,000 hours each year.

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This has been a tremendous resource for the Ridgewood community and would not have happened were it not for Bob's vision and dedication.

As those who know Bob can tell you, he has continually placed the safety of his community at the top of his priorities. He demonstrates an outstanding commitment to the public and has worked selflessly in this role for over 40 years. I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize Chief Bob Greenlaw for his examples of service and leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Chief Robert R. Greenlaw for all he has done for his community and for the outstanding example he sets for all of us.

THE LOW INCOME GASOLINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ACT OF 2001

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2001

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address a bill I have just introduced, the Low Income Gasoline Assistance Program Act of 2001.

Let me begin my remarks by thanking the original sponsor of this legislation, Senator JOHN ROCKEFELLER, who in introducing this bill is attempting to address a very serious problem throughout our country. I also want to thank the original House cosponsors who have joined in this effort.

We all know the problem: skyrocketing gasoline prices have taken their toll on pocketbooks in a severe way. Gas station managers around New Mexico—and other parts of the country—say drivers are filling up their tanks and driving off without paying. Some say they have never seen it so bad, and it has forced them to change how things are done at the pump. A number of stations are now requiring customers to pay first because of so much lost revenue.

A common recommendation that we often hear when gas prices go up is for people to drive less. Walk, bike, or take public transit when you can. While I agree with that, unfortunately, that only goes so far, especially if you have no choice but to commute to work, to the doctor, or to school because public transportation is not available in your area. This is especially true for those who live in rural areas. These citizens have no other choice but to pay these prices in order to live their lives. This legislation attempts to address the problems that underprivileged citizens face in rural America with regard to the high cost of gasoline.

Our proposal is relatively simple. The current high price of gasoline is hurting people throughout the country. And perhaps no group is being hit harder than seniors and the working poor, especially in rural areas and places with inadequate public transportation. With experts predicting regular unleaded gasoline prices in excess of \$2.00 a gallon for much of the country this summer, I believe it is our responsibility to provide some immediate, short-term assistance for our most needy citizens.

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The Low Income Gasoline Assistance Program Act of 2001 or LIGAP, is modeled on the successful LIHEAP program that helps seniors and the disadvantaged pay for heating oil in the winter and air conditioning in the summer. Under this program, recipients would receive \$25 to \$75 per month for three months, as long as gasoline prices stay high where they live. If the price of gasoline does not fall back below the price at which the program triggers off, recipients would be allowed to re-apply for three additional months' benefit.

LIGAP will allow states to make grants to low- and fixed-income individuals and families to defray the cost of purchasing gasoline for travel to work, to school, or to regular healthcare appointments when the price of gasoline reaches or exceeds the unmanageable current levels. States will make LIGAP grants to income-eligible families who meet the distance requirements of driving at least 30 miles a day, or 150 miles per week for work, school, or medical care appointments. States are also encouraged to use their welfare reform block grant to provide transportation stipends to parents who meet the same distance standards.

This measure will enable states to operate the program through their Community Action agencies or welfare departments. Thus, states will have the flexibility to set income-eligibility standards similar to the current eligibility for LIHEAP. The prices at which the program triggers on and subsequently releases will then be set for each jurisdiction through consultation between the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Energy.

LIGAP is not meant to be a substitute for the long-term energy solutions we all seek for our nation. Each of us understands the necessity of a comprehensive and balanced approach to energy development, but we must realize that in every state there are hard-working people and elderly individuals whose monthly budgets are being stretched to the breaking point by the cost of gasoline. While we must approach this country's energy demand with the willingness to make the tough, long-range choices demanded of us, it is equally important that we heed the immediate damage being caused by the current high prices. We must show a willingness to provide some comfort for those Americans who are most at risk.

Mr. Speaker, we all recognize that people are suffering and that something must be done to help with the high cost of gasoline. I urge my colleagues to join us in this proposal that is both forward thinking and comprehensive.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
FIRE CHIEF JACK FOWLER, JR.

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker I would like to take this opportunity to honor a life spent serving others, the life of Jack Fowler, Jr. Jack was a man that selflessly dedicated his life to protecting the lives of others. On Sunday,

June 24, 2001, Jack was killed on his way home from a training session with the Volunteer Fire Department of West Pueblo.

Jack was born in the nearby community of La Junta. He graduated from La Junta High School, and started his career as a firefighter at the La Junta Volunteer Fire Department, following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather. After moving to Pueblo West in 1978, Jack then joined the Pueblo West Volunteer Fire Department where he was quickly promoted to Lieutenant. After serving only two short years on the Pueblo West squad, Jack was named Captain. Not only did Jack fulfill his duties as Captain, but went above and beyond these duties, by taking many courses that enhanced his career, Highway Emergency Response, Colorado Division of Disaster Emergency Services, and Emergency Response to Hazardous Materials Incidents to name a few. With all the extra time Jack put into his position at the Pueblo West Fire Department, he was the obvious choice for Fire Chief in 1983.

The dedication to his community did not stop with his position on the Fire Department, Jack also volunteered with the Columbine Council Girl Scouts and spent time at the local schools. Jack loved to spend time with his daughters, Allison and Caitlyn, so he never missed an opportunity to volunteer for activities the girls were involved with. Jack balanced his commitment to his community and his family well. This charismatic man was loved by all that knew him. His dedication to Pueblo West and its citizens has left a lasting mark on the community, not to mention the State.

A life dedicated to the service of others, is why I stand before you today, Mr. Speaker, asking Congress to give this man the recognition he so justly deserves. He will be greatly missed by friends, fellow fire fighters and his family, but the State of Colorado will also feel the loss of this man. I would like to offer my condolences to his wife DyAnn and his daughters Allison and Caitlyn, and assure them that Jack Fowler, Jr. will not be forgotten by Pueblo County and the State of Colorado.

FRIENDS OF DISABLED ADULTS
AND CHILDREN

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2001

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, established in 1986 in order to provide medical equipment and computers to disabled people in the metro Atlanta area who could not otherwise afford it, Friends of Disabled Adults and Children is a full-time ministry which has reached out to all people with disabilities.

After retiring from a 20-year career in the Marines in 1978, Ed Butchart took a position selling medical diagnostics products. After having met many disabled people in need of products and service, he and his wife, Annie, with the support of Mount Carmel Christian Church, started a ministry in their home garage. Ed would repair and refurbish wheelchairs and give them to those disabled individuals who could not afford to purchase one.

Since then, the ministry has helped people ranging in age from 18 months to 103 years of age. The facility is now housed in a 64,800 sq. ft. building in Stone Mountain, Georgia and to date it has provided over 7,000 wheelchairs to needy persons. The retail value of all medical equipment that has been given away now totals over \$20 million.

Friends of Disabled Adults and Children received its 501(c)3, non-profit status in November 1987. Private donations, annual golf tournaments, and community fund raisers help it remain open and able to furnish medical equipment to those who truly need it. On numerous occasions, my staff members have referred disabled adults and children to this agency. It may take a little time to acquire a certain piece of medical equipment, but Friends of Disabled Adults and Children usually is able to accommodate these individuals. Recently a single mother, who has Multiple Sclerosis, was able to get out and watch her son play baseball, because she had received an electric scooter from Friends of Disabled Adults and Children. A senior citizen recently received a new walker, fitted just for her, because her old one was broken.

This organization distributes computers to those who are disabled. This sometimes allows the disabled to learn job skills. In fact, the agency employs many disabled adults. It has a community reentry program for those who suffer from an acquired brain injury. By volunteering at Friends, these people are provided with a caring environment in which they can regain crucial skills needed to once again become productive members of society.

The Butcharts give God full credit for the growth of the center and for the many blessings they have received over the years. The 15th anniversary celebration of Friends of Disabled Adults and Children will be held on September 23rd at Mount Carmel Christian Church in Stone Mountain, Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. Butchart, and their staff, are to be commended for their diligence, hard work, and big hearts. The disabled individuals from the Seventh District of Georgia, who have been served by this fine organization, join me in congratulating them, and thanking them for their kindness.

IN HONOR OF REV. KURT W.
KATZMAR

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Rev. Kurt W. Katzmar for his many years of dedicated service to the First Congregational United Church of Christ.

Rev. Katzmar has been the pastor of the First Congregational United Church of Christ since May 1991. As a young boy raised in Strongsville, Rev. Katzmar attended the church he now pastors. He, along with then-pastor of Heritage Congregational Church Rev. David Hawk, founded the Berea Minister's Emergency Relief fund, a precursor to Church Street Ministries. This was one of many examples of his tireless support to the

City of Berea, the people of Berea, and the ministry among the people of Berea.

Rev. Katzmar, along with others in the community area was a founder of the First Church's Church Street Ministries program. Together with Bob Dreese, Rev. Katzmar joined the church's Youth-at Risk program and the Second Mile Thrift Shop together as one ministry. When the businesses in the 17-19 Church Street building decided to move, they designed a combined program that could move into the building, enabling an expansion of the program to include the refugee-resettlement and crisis-response ministries. Rev. Katzmar made presentations to the boards, committees, and congregation, and after the grant was made, the Church Street Ministries was formed and dedicated on May 14, 1994 in a ceremony led by Rev. Katzmar.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in congratulating Rev. Katzmar on all his achievements in helping to create a welcoming atmosphere in the First Congregational United Church of Christ. His love and dedication to serving the Church has touched the hearts of all in the community.

PROTECTING AMERICAN STEEL

HON. KEN LUCAS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2001

Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, America's steel industry has been hit by an unprecedented flood of low-priced, imported steel. As a member of the bipartisan Congressional Steel Caucus, I have become increasingly frustrated as I have watched this flood of low-priced imports force our steel producers to either slow production or close up shop. That is why I was pleased by the Administration's recent decision to heed the advice of the Congressional Steel Caucus and the pleas of the steel industry by initiating an investigation under Section 201 of the Fair Trade Act of 1974. On Friday, June 22, 2001, U.S. Trade Representative, Robert Zoellick requested the International Trade Commission (ITC) to begin that investigation.

Pursuing a Section 201 means that we will now investigate the illegal dumping of foreign steel into our marketplace. If the investigation finds that unfair trade practices were used by foreign countries in the United States, we will be entitled to seek relief from imported steel—including imposing punitive tariffs and trade restrictions. This investigation is a step in the right direction. It puts foreign steel producers on notice that we will not simply stand by while unfairly subsidized steel imports leave our steel plants idle and our steelworkers without work. But we need to do more.

Over 15,000 steelworkers nationwide have lost their jobs due to the current industry crisis. Since 1997, at least 18 steel companies have filed for bankruptcy. The health insurance of 70,000 steel-company retirees is now in jeopardy—that's 70,000 Americans faced with losing health care coverage precisely at the time in their life when they can afford it the least. Although a Section 201 investigation must report its findings within 120 days, the