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, and assure them that family, but the State of Colorado will also feel loved by all that knew him. His dedication to his family well. This charismatic man was 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.

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Since then, the ministry has helped people ranging in age from 18 months to 103 years of age. It houses a 68-foot 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 to able 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 facility is now housed 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, the Rev. John Caspary, were among a group of 12 students who were introduced to each other at a church youth retreat.

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-re-settlement 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 of the 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