year term for low-income homeowners or rent-
ers whose primary residence is placed within a
Special Flood Hazard Area (flood plain) by a
redraw of the Flood Insurance Rate Map
(FIRM). If their property is worth no more than
$75,000, they would be eligible to receive a
50% discount on their flood insurance pre-
miums for a five-year period.
It also provides for limited retroactivity if
their residence is placed within the floodplain
within two years of the enactment of the legis-
lation; otherwise, the five years would begin
upon the placement of the property within the
flood plain. I hope that this legislation will not
only increase participation in the National
Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), but make its
program more affordable for the economically
disadvantaged. It provides an incentive for
those who are most vulnerable to huge losses
in floods to get the protection they need at a
cost they can afford.
The NFIP plays a crucial role in lessening the
impact of a major flooding disaster, but to
make the program operate most effectively we
need greater participation. I believe my legisla-
tion will extend the helping hand associated
with the program more affordably for the economically
disadvantaged. It provides an incentive for
those who are most vulnerable to huge losses
in floods to get the protection they need at a
cost they can afford.

American scholars of Chinese ancestry
SPEECH OF
HON. PATSY T. MINK
OF HAWAII
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, June 25, 2001
Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Madam Speaker, I
rise in strong support for H. Res. 160, which
calls upon the Government of the People's
Republic of China to immediately and uncondi-
tionally release Li Shaomin and all other
American scholars of Chinese ancestry being
held in detention. I join in asking President
Bush to make the release of these scholars,
who include U.S. citizens and permanent resi-
dents, a top priority in our dealings with China.
These Chinese American scholars have been
accused of spying but no evidence has been
produced by the Chinese government.
The detainees have even been denied the
basic right of meeting with their families and
lawyers. Dr. Li Shaomin, Dr. Gao Zhan, Wu
Jianmin, Tan Guangguang, and Teng
Chunyan have been unjustly imprisoned and
be ashamed of its government's abysmal
human rights record. This is
why I support rescinding Permanent Normal
Trade Relations with China and going back to
an annual review. I would hope, moreover,
that China's human rights record will be a fac-
tor in the International Olympic Committee's
choice of which country will host the 2008
Olympics.
I urge all my colleagues to send a strong
message to the Chinese government by
unanimously passing this important resolution.

In Recognition of Dr. Mark Johnson
HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ
OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 28, 2001
Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today
to pay tribute to Dr. Mark Johnson, who will be
recognized by the New Jersey Medical
School's Family Practice Residency Program for
his outstanding achievements in the fields of
family medicine and medical research. Dr.
Johnson will be honored on Friday, June 29,
2001, at a private reception at the Landmark
II in East Rutherford, New Jersey.
Mark Johnson graduated from Coe College
in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he majored in
Black Literature. He furthered his studies by
graduating from the University of Medicine and
Dentistry at New Jersey's Medical School in
Newark, New Jersey. After graduating from
medical school, Dr. Johnson spent his family
practice residency at the University of South
Alabama in Mobile, Alabama. In addition, he
was a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar
at the University of North Carolina at Chapel
Hill, where he received his Masters Degree in
Public Health.
Dr. Johnson's notable career as a family
physician and medical researcher has earned
him widespread praise from his peers and col-
leagues. The American Medical Association
has recognized him on four separate occa-
sions for his diligent work and exceptional en-
deavors, by presenting him with the Physi-
cian's Recognition Award. New York Magazine
designated him one of the best doctors in the
Currently, Dr. Johnson is the Chair of the
Department of Family Medicine at the Univer-
sity of Medicine and Dentistry at New Jersey's
Medical School in Newark. Prior to his tenure
at New Jersey's Medical School, Dr. Johnson
taught at the University of North Carolina at
Chapel Hill, the University of South Alabama,
and Meharry Medical College in Nashville,
Tennessee.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in
honoring Dr. Mark Johnson for his distin-
guished service and commitment to family
medicine.

Gina Upchurch Receives Community Health Leader Award
HON. DAVID E. PRICE
OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 28, 2001
Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker,
I want to offer my congratulations to Gina
Upchurch, one of 10 recipients of the 2001
Robert Wood Johnson Community Health
Leader Award. Ms. Upchurch has earned this
honor for her pathbreaking work with the Sen-
ior PHARMAssist Program based in Durham,
North Carolina.
Each year, the Community Health Leader-
ship Program recognizes ten individuals who
have found innovative ways to bring health
care to communities whose needs have been
ignore or unmet. Ms. Upchurch was selected
for this prestigious recognition from a field of
577 nominees.
As founder and executive director of Senior
PHARMAssist, Ms. Upchurch created a model
to help seniors on limited incomes purchase
expensive medications. PHARMAssist mon-
itors the medications of their clients to help
prevent life-threatening interactions and pro-
vides financial aid to those on limited incomes.
The program has helped more than 2,800
seniors get the medications they need and
has educated over 800 older adults about
safer usage of medication.
The counseling and support provided by
PHARMAssist works. A recent study con-
ducted by the University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill found that emergency room visits
and over-night hospital stays had decreased by
almost a third for seniors who had been in
the program for at least one year.
Ms. Upchurch graduated from UNC with de-
ger in pharmacy and public health. She
served in the Peace Corps in Botswana before
returning to North Carolina to write her mas-
ter's thesis, a policy analysis which rec-
ommended a program to provide health care
to seniors throughout the state. This laid the
groundwork for what eventually became Sen-
or PHARMAssist. She now oversees a
$500,000 budget and has written a manual to
help other communities establish a similar pro-
gram.
Gina Upchurch has improved health care
and helped those in need in our community. I
am proud to recognize her achievements
today.

Direct Air Service Between Los Angeles International and Washington's Reagan National Airports
HON. JANE HARMAN
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 28, 2001
Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I have
been joined by a bipartisan group of my col-
leagues in introducing legislation to preserve
direct air service between Washington's
Reagan-National Airport (DCA) and Los Ange-
les International Airport (LAX).