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 price 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 flood insurance down to those people in greatest need of assistance. Mr. Speaker, I hope that we can speed this bill through the 107th Congress.

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, Wu Jianmin, Tan Guanguang, and Teng Chunyan who have been unjustly imprisoned and denied due process. We must insist on their immediate release. The harassment and persecution of intellec-
tuals is yet another attempt by the Chinese government to stifle any freedom of expres-
sion among its people. China's leaders should be ashamed of its government's abysmal record of human rights abuses but instead re-

main indifferent to the condemnation of the world community. The Chinese government regularly violates the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which it signed in October 1998.

We must make sure that the Chinese govern-
ment understands that it will pay a price for flouting international norms of behavior. This is

why I support rescinding Permanent Normal Trade Relations with China and going back to an annual review. I 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 Coo College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he majored in Black Literature. He furthered his studies by gradu-
aturing 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-

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 COMMU-
NITY 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 PHARMAassist Program based in Durham, North Carolina.

Each year, the Community Health Leader-

ship Program recognizes ten individual 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 PHARMAassist, Ms. Upchurch created a model to help seniors on limited incomes purchase expensive medications. PHARMAassist 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 2,600 seniors get the medications they need and has educated over 800 older adults about safer usage of medication.

The counseling and support provided by PHARMAassist 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-

grees 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 recom-

mended a program to provide health care to seniors throughout the state. This laid the groundwork for what eventually became Sen-

ior PHARMAassist. 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.

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TIONAL 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).