

Although the flag came down on the San Antonio Air Logistics Center on July 13, 2001, it was not the end of Kelly's story. Kelly's legacy will live on for generations. Kelly was a place where people from all backgrounds came together to roll up their sleeves and work for a united cause—our country's freedom. For 85 years Kelly AFB made major contributions to the military strength of the United States and the prosperity of San Antonio. Kelly was the largest single employer in San Antonio and South Texas for over 50 years, and year-after-year Kelly was the largest contributor to the Combined Federal Campaign within the city. Kelly was a place where the workers prospered, purchased better homes, and provided family members the resources to pursue more education and more opportunities. Kelly Field provided tens of thousands of civil service jobs, and was the birth and backbone of the Hispanic middle class in the Alamo City. Generations of Hispanic families were employed at Kelly throughout its history, and, today many of the city business leaders and even congressional members have their roots as Kelly families.

For decades the men and women of Kelly AFB dedicated their hearts and lives to the service of their country. From its beginnings as a farmer's cotton field in 1916, Kelly became the largest recruit and aviation training camp in the United States during World War I. In the interwar years, Kelly served as the Alma Mata of the Air Corps while its neighbor Duncan Field provided repair and supply support for America's small air arm.

Following World War I, Kelly became one of the country's largest logistical supermarkets, supporting the Air Force around the globe. During the most recent conflicts of JUST CAUSE, DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM, and Kosovo, the Kelly employees had the greatest logistical support of all the ALCS, shipping more components, more engines, and more munitions. From the beginning of Kelly Field to the end of the San Antonio Air Logistics Center, the logistical impact and support of Kelly and its employees were vital for the United States to be successful in completing the mission. Today, Kelly transitions again, becoming KellyUSA, an industrial, commercial park for the 21st century. But, throughout this tradition of service remains and will continue to be—Kelly Forever!

HONORING EDWARD PAELTZ

### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 10, 2001*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Edward Paeltz of Godfrey, Illinois. Mr. Paeltz is a veteran of World War II and was recently awarded the "General William C. Westmoreland Award" from the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution for his distinguished service to veterans.

Since he was discharged from the Army 55 years ago, Edward Paeltz has spent countless hours helping veterans in need of care. With the help of his wife, Nancy, he frequently visits veterans in hospitals, nursing homes, and vet-

erans homes throughout Illinois. During the Christmas season, he brings them cookies and other gifts to put a smile on their faces. In addition, Mr. Paeltz helps transport veterans from the Veterans Hospital in Marion, Illinois, to a lodge and retreat center in Carbondale so they can participate in recreational activities.

Edward Paeltz is a former commander of Alton American Legion Post 126. He recently fulfilled his dream by designing and organizing the construction of a Veterans' Memorial in Alton, Illinois, to honor the veterans of all branches of the armed forces. Mr. Paeltz is an inspiration to us all.

A TRIBUTE TO HERB OBERMAN

### HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 10, 2001*

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Mr. Herb Oberman, who will step down from his job as a Los Angeles County social worker on July 12, 2001. A dedicated public servant, Herb has served the people of Los Angeles County for the past 35 years.

Herb has proven that he truly cares about protecting children's rights. He received his Master's Degree of Social Work from the University of California Los Angeles in 1966 and spent seven years dedicating himself as a Children's Service Worker in the Foster Care Program. In 1973, he participated in the formation of Community Service Centers.

Herb has served on the board of directors of several social service organizations. He is the past president of the Santa Clarita Valley Girls and Boys Club and served on the board of directors of the Los Angeles Regional Foodbank between 1973–1993.

Herb Oberman's contributions have received recognition for his programs, which include the Los Angeles Efficiency and Productivity Program administration of the Los Angeles Citizenship Assistance Campaign; the Ford Foundation's "Innovations in State and Local Government" award in 1986 for his administration of the county's Federal Food Commodities Distribution Program; and the Parents Fair Share Project, a national demonstration project which helps noncustodial parents find employment and pay.

As Herb moves on to new pursuits, I would like to thank him for his remarkable work. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring his hard work and extraordinary contributions and wish him luck on his retirement.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

SPEECH OF

### HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 27, 2001*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under

consideration the bill (H.R. 2311) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes:

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Chairman, I would like to explain my position on the Kucinich amendment that would reduce funding for the National Ignition Facility at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and move some of the NIF money into the nonproliferation programs of the national Nuclear Security Administration. There is clearly a need to avoid the damage that would occur to our nonproliferation programs if funding is not increased. The President made a mistake in his budget when he made deep cuts in the nonproliferation programs. The cuts make little sense in a world where many nations have the capability and desire to develop weapons of mass destruction including nuclear, chemical and biological weapons. We must therefore increase our capability to monitor developments around the globe in this area.

The President's budget already cuts the NIF programs. I support that cut given the troubling history of this program. I am very concerned about the recent GAO report findings, which concluded that not only will NIF cost at least \$1 billion more than planned and take six years longer than expected to begin operations, but also that the program poses a serious number of unresolved technical problems. Moreover, because of the critical nature of the GAO findings, the agency reportedly is doing a follow-up report, which it intends to submit to Congress.

Mr. Speaker, furthermore, in an article in the Albuquerque Tribune, the Director of Sandia National Laboratory, Mr. Paul Robinson, criticized NIF suggesting there be a reduction in its design and cost to protect other nuclear weapons program components. Moreover, a report by Dr. Robert Civiak, a physicist and former OMB Program Examiner for the Department of Energy, spells out the need to cancel NIF before any further spending occurs.

For these reasons and others, Congress needs to closely examine the NIF program and determine whether it warrants future funding. That is why I am voting NO on the Kucinich amendment.

PROJECT VOTE SMART

### HON. HENRY J. HYDE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 11, 2001*

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I was recently informed of the efforts of an organization called Project Vote Smart—a group of dedicated individuals who work tirelessly in a non-partisan fashion to develop dependable facts about various national and state issues affecting all Americans while encouraging eligible citizens to vote. I am pleased to share some background information about the organization, which I hope my colleagues will find interesting and beneficial.

PROJECT VOTE SMART

A few years ago a handful of people, a mixture of young energetic students and retired