

more than 300,000 new jobs, more than New York, Los Angeles, or San Diego.

I urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating and expressing pride in the city of Lansing, Michigan, and the community businesses that work for job growth and development of the city's entrepreneurial landscape.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J.C. WATTS, JR.

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2001

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained due to a delayed flight arriving into the Ronald Reagan National Airport on July 10, 2001, and unfortunately missed the following recorded votes: No. 211 on H. Con. Res. 170; No. 212 on H. Con. Res. 168; and No. 213 on H. Con. Res. 174.

I ask that the RECORD reflect that, had I not been delayed, I would have voted "yea" on all of the above bills.

TRIBUTE TO ERIN DOHERTY OF
JONESVILLE, MI, LEGRAND
SMITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2001

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence she has compiled in academics, leadership and community service, that I am proud to salute Erin Doherty, winner of the 2001 LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship, Erin is being honored for demonstrating that same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan.

Erin Doherty is an exceptional student at Jonesville High School and possesses an impressive high school record. Erin has received numerous awards for her academic achievement and her success as a young athlete. She is active in student government, serving as President of her class, and participates in the high school and pep bands. Erin is active in S.A.D.D. and the Jr. Rotary, Interact.

Therefore, I am proud to join with her many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Erin Doherty for her selection as a winner of a LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship. This honor is also a testament to the parents, teachers, and others whose personal interest, strong support and active participation contributed to her success. To this remarkable young woman, I extend my most heartfelt good wishes for all her future endeavors.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO THE 18TH ANNUAL
FREMONT FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2001

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to the 18th Annual Fremont Festival of the Arts sponsored by the Fremont Chamber of Commerce. The two-day Festival, to be held on July 28 and 29, 2001, is expected to attract over 450,000 attendees and has become a model of success for the modern festival. This single event provides some \$400,000 in contributions to non-profits for the betterment of communities in Fremont, California.

Over 780 artists, 35 culinary selections and 20 bands will be featured at the Festival. Three thousand volunteers give willingly of their time to contribute to the Festival's success.

It takes generous and concerned individuals, such as the volunteers, to reach out and make a difference, ensuring promise and opportunity for this and future generations. It also takes the support of business sponsors and patrons to ensure the success of the Festival.

The Festival typifies the spirit of community service, which is alive and thriving in Fremont. I am proud to salute the efforts of this year's Festival Chairman, David M. O'Hara, the organizers, the volunteers, the sponsors and the patrons of the Fremont Festival of the Arts for their generous and untiring efforts to ensure continued success.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LAN-
SING BOARD OF WATER & LIGHT

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2001

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the proactive efforts of the Lansing Board of Water and Light in Lansing, Michigan, to develop a program aimed at using environmentally friendly energy to generate the electricity it provides in the Lansing metropolitan area.

The Board of Water and Light has launched a Green Wise Electric Power program that encourages customers to voluntarily pay an additional minimal fee to cover the added cost of purchasing electricity from "clean" sources. The program allows the municipal utility to buy some or all of its electricity from clean, renewable sources such as wind, water and biomass generation. While the cost of cleaner electricity may be higher than that provided through conventional sources such as coal or natural gas, the environmental advantages make this a highly worthy program.

As America struggles to meet its environmental challenges, the Lansing Board of Water and Light has shown extraordinary vision and commitment to protecting our precious resources while continuing to meet the electric power needs of its customers. They are working hard to achieve that balance be-

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tween environment and economy which is essential for the future of every community across the nation.

I urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Lansing Board of Water and Light and to extend to its board of directors and staff our admiration for their service in the interest of the nation, the State of Michigan, and their own community. We wish them well in their future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2001

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, July 10, I was in my district attending to official business and as a result missed rollcall votes 211, 212 and 213. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all three votes.

TRIBUTE TO ELLEN V. FUTTER,
NASA PUBLIC SERVICE MEDAL
RECIPIENT

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2001

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my pride, and that of New York, that on June 21, 2001, Ellen V. Futter, President of the world-renowned American Museum of Natural History, was awarded NASA's prestigious Public Service Medal by NASA Administrator Daniel S. Goldin. She was presented this medal in recognition of her leadership in advancing the highest quality science education.

Through Ms. Futter's leadership, the American Museum of Natural History is bringing NASA's cutting-edge science to children and families of New York, the nation, and the world through the Rose Center for Earth and Space and the NASA-sponsored National Center for Science Literacy and Education Technology. Her achievements rest on a keen appreciation of the importance of scientific literacy in the 21st century and a unique vision for bridging the gap between science and the public.

With the leadership of Congress, the American Museum of Natural History and NASA have forged a productive scientific and educational partnership that advances their shared goals of advancing science and scientific literacy nationwide. The National Center for Science Literacy, Education, and Technology was conceived by the Museum; approved, advanced, and supported by Congress; and sponsored by NASA. It is a model partnership of which we can all be proud.

Founded in 1869, the American Museum of Natural History is one of the nation's pre-eminent science and education institutions. Throughout its history, its efforts have been directed to its twin missions: to examine critical scientific issues and increase public knowledge about them. Its rich scientific legacy includes an irreplaceable record of life on Earth