

sheets, inadequate mattress support, and faulty latches that do not prevent unintentional crib collapse all pose serious risks to infant safety. Nearly 4 million infants are born in the United States each year, but it is estimated that only 1 to 2 million new cribs are sold. This means that millions of infants are being placed in potentially unsafe used cribs. Secondhand cribs can persist for years in the secondary market in thrift and resale stores. Many hotels and motels continue to use second hand cribs that do not meet current safety standards established by CPSC.

In 2007 alone, more than 1.5 million cribs were recalled. It is vital to ensure that these potentially dangerous products are removed from the stream of commerce. Twelve States, including my home State of California, have already adopted legislation that would make it illegal to manufacture or sell a crib that does not meet current safety standards. But children in every State deserve this basic protection.

The Infant Crib Safety Act will save lives, and give peace of mind to the millions of parents who place their infants in cribs every single day.

This legislation will accomplish four main objectives to keep our children and infants safe. First, it will bar crib makers from manufacturing, and commercial users from selling, products that do not meet the most up-to-date safety standards, including voluntary industry standards. As a result, it will keep structurally unsound, lead-containing, and otherwise unsafe cribs out of the stream of commerce. Second, it will prohibit the use of unsafe secondhand cribs in hotels, motels, and inns. Third, it requires the Consumer Product Safety Commission to update its standards by including new rules on crib durability. Many cribs are not built to withstand the stresses that active toddlers place on them, rendering older, used cribs even less safe for infants. Durability standards will assure safe usage over time, as well as quickly identify failures in design or hardware that could lead to a hazardous crib.

And finally, the bill requires new cribs to feature labels warning against the use of potentially dangerous soft bedding, to remind parents of the risk of infant suffocation from the use of pillows, blankets, and stuffed animals.

Madam Speaker, this measure was approved by the Senate last month as part of comprehensive consumer product safety legislation, and I applaud my colleague from California, Senator FEINSTEIN, who worked to ensure its passage. Now is the time for the House to act on this vital provision.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING COACH JILL YODER FOR COACHING THE HILAND HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM TO WINNING THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Coach Jill Yoder showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, Jill Yoder was a leader and mentor for the Hiland High School Girls' Basketball Team; and

Whereas, Coach Yoder has been a role model for sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Coach Jill Yoder for leading the Hiland High School Girls' Basketball Team to winning the Girls' Division IV State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and leadership she has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 Basketball season.

**KELSIE HUTCHINSON**

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kelsie Hutchinson who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award. Kelsie Hutchinson is a senior at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kelsie Hutchinson is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Kelsie Hutchinson for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication she has shown in her high school career to her college career and future accomplishments.

**HONORING BOB KUSSE, FORMER PENNSYLVANIA STATE SENATOR**

**HON. PHIL ENGLISH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of former Pennsylvania State Senator and personal friend, Bob Kusse who passed this February. Bob Kusse was born in Rochester, New York in 1918, and attended the Universities of Rochester and Buffalo. Despite his New York roots however, this man dedicated the rest of his adult life to serving the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Bob Kusse served in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives from 1972 to 1977. He was elected to the State Senate in a special election in May 1977. I had the great pleasure of working for Senator Kusse from 1981 until the Senator's retirement in 1984.

Senator Kusse was one of the toughest, most principled voices in the Pennsylvania State Senate. He was a remarkable advocate of improving the state's transportation system as well as the state's business climate. He was a committed conservative who was always ready to make tough decisions and make Pennsylvania attractive for new job creation.

Senator Kusse presided at a critical time and over efforts to rebuild the states' roads and bridges, expand its turnpike and put its mass transit systems on a sound footing. As a top fiscal conservative, he was a uniquely credible spokesman to join with Transportation Secretary Larsen and push for much needed revenues to fix Pennsylvania's transportation system.

Senator Kusse brought a rare integrity and wonderful outspokenness to the House, and later, the Senate. Bob Kusse was a self-made man who loved his community and his family, and had a marvelous love of learning that culminated in his seeking his Bachelor's degree, in his seventies, at Edinboro University after his retirement from the Pennsylvania State Senate. He was wonderful mentor and a truly marvelous public servant.

I hope my colleagues will join me in commemorating the life of Senator Bob Kusse.

**RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF MR. ROBERT ZERKLE**

**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the distinguished career and extensive community involvement of Mr. Robert Zerkle of Mascoutah, Illinois.

Bob served in the Mascoutah School District for 38 years, as a math teacher, Business Manager and Assistant Superintendent, before retiring in 2001.

Even after his retirement from the Mascoutah School District, Bob has continued to be a staunch advocate of Impact Aid, the Federal program which provides assistance to local school districts that have been impacted by the presence of Federal property, such as the impact Scott Air Force Base has had on the Mascoutah School District in the Congressional district I represent. He has received several awards commending his efforts, including the 2008 Friends of the National Association of Federally Impact Schools Award and the Globe Award recognizing his career working on behalf of Impact Aid.

Madam Speaker, as the Representative for Scott Air Force Base, I have witnessed first hand how important the Impact Aid program is to our region and our students. Not only does it provide school districts such as Mascoutah with essential funding otherwise unavailable, it assures the men and women of our fighting forces that their children will receive a great education while they are keeping America safe and secure.

The tireless efforts of individuals like Bob Zerkle are an example of how one individual's

dedication to a cause can have a lifetime effect on a community. Bob's wealth of experience and overwhelming devotion will no doubt be missed among his colleagues and his students.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation to Bob Zerkle for his years of dedicated service in support of Impact Aid and the students of the Mascoutah School district. I wish Bob the very best in the future.

CONGRATULATING THE CHATEAUGAY BULLDOGS UPON WINNING THE 2008 NEW YORK STATE BOYS CLASS D CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. JOHN M. McHUGH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Chateaugay Central School District's Bulldogs upon winning the 2008 New York State Boys Basketball Class D Championship. I am proud to represent the community of Chateaugay, New York, and this team, which won not only Chateaugay's first state basketball championship but also the first boys state basketball championship won by a Section X team.

On March 15, 2008, the Chateaugay Bulldogs won the New York State Class D Championship when they defeated the North Star Christian Academy Knights by a score of 52 to 41. In that game, the Bulldogs were in control from the opening tip and never fell behind. Brad Dumont lead the Bulldogs' balanced scoring attack with 16 points and six assists in the championship game and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. In addition, the Bulldogs' Zach Peck, who was named to the Class D All Tournament team, contributed 10 points and 10 rebounds while Drew Boyea added 12 points in the final contest. Of note, the Bulldogs' Jordan Rankin was awarded the Tournament's Sportsmanship Award.

The Chateaugay Bulldogs completed the 2008 season with a record of 24 and 1. They were coached by Ron Boyea and assistant coaches Steve Lang, Jason LaPlante, and Mike Martin. Other team members were Tyler Beach, Andy Cook, Andrew Gadway, Ryan Helm, Jordan Henderson, Cody Hesseltine, Blake Parmater, Brad Spinner, Cory Spoor and Dylan White.

Madam Speaker, I am proud of this team and their accomplishments. Accordingly, I ask my colleagues to join with me in congratulating them.

INTRODUCING THE RESTORING THE PARTNERSHIP FOR COUNTY HEALTH CARE COSTS ACT

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker. I rise today with my colleagues Representa-

tives RUSH HOLT and MICHAEL BURGESS introduced bi-partisan legislation today which will restore the federal-local partnership in covering medical expenses for incarcerated individuals before they are adjudicated.

The Restoring the Partnership for County Health Care Costs Act of 2008 ensures that individuals currently receiving Medicaid, Medicare, or Social Security Insurance (SSI) will continue to receive those benefits until they are tried and convicted and that local governments will not be forced to cover the medical expenses of individuals who have not yet been convicted of any wrongdoing.

A person incarcerated in a county jail or juvenile detention facility in almost all states is ineligible to receive Medicare, Medicaid, or SSI benefits once they enter the facility. Under current law, however, the suspension of benefits occurs prior to the issuance of formal charges or conviction. As a result, local governments (usually county governments) are responsible for not only meeting and paying for the mandate that all individuals who are inmates of public institutions be provided with health care, but also for the days, weeks, months, and even years leading up to an actual conviction. If a person is found innocent, the reinstatement of federal benefits—benefits which should not have been taken away in the first place—can takes months, while the local government continues to be responsible for covering the non-reimbursable costs associated with providing the federally-mandated health care to these individuals. The cost assessed to counties, although not exact, is in the hundreds of millions nationwide.

The bipartisan Restoring the Partnership for County Health Care Costs Act of 2008 addresses this issue prohibiting the Federal Government from stripping individuals of their Medicare, Medicaid, and SSI benefits prior to actually being convicted and reaffirming the federal-local partnership in meeting this mandate.

Madam Speaker, stripping people of their federal benefits before they have been convicted of anything is a direct contradiction of the basic presumption of innocence which is the foundation of the American criminal justice system. And for the Federal Government to stick local governments with the tab for this contradictory policy is just plain wrong.

The Federal and local governments are partners in ensuring that all of our residents have medical coverage. Neither partner should be bearing an unfair burden in meeting this mandate.

Our bipartisan legislation is a common sense solution to this continuing problem, and I urge my colleagues to support its expeditious passage.

HONORING KATHRYN GUSTAFSON

**HON. JIM McDERMOTT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, on the occasion of the honoring of her lifetime achievement, one of Seattle's great historic organizations, the Rainier Club, the People of

the State of Washington would like to hold up as a national inspiration the special record of one of our State, Nation, and world's most notable landscape architects, the distinguished and virtually peerless Kathryn Gustafson.

I have supported and honored the arts as a unique vehicle for personal growth and community enrichment. Landscape architecture in particular has the capacity to elevate the daily experiences of people from all walks of life while promoting harmony and balance between people and nature.

Ms. Kathryn Gustafson's significant contributions to the discipline of landscape architecture are as impressive as they are vast in geography, style, theme and dimensions ranging from 1 acre to 150 acres.

As the BBC noted in a 2002 article, Ms. Gustafson's work "is about harmony between the land and the mind, body and soul, she says, and harmony between the site's past and how it can be adapted for the future."

My home city of Seattle has been the beneficiary of her fine touch with projects such as Seattle's City Hall Plaza and the McCaw Hall Opera House.

From Seattle to London and Paris to Beirut, Kathryn Gustafson's work in designing landscapes for complex, high-use spaces has enriched the lives of countless people. A sampling of her works include The Square of Human Rights in Evry, France; the Square Rachmaninov in Paris; the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fountain in Hyde Park, London; the Museum of Art at the University of Michigan; and countless others.

While Ms. Gustafson's awards are too numerous to list, she has been honored with the prestigious 2007 National Heritage of the 20th Century Award, bestowed by the French Minister of Culture; the 2003 Design Merit Award of the American Society of Landscape Architects for her work on the Arthur Ross Terrace at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City; and in 2001 the esteemed Chrysler Design Award, which is described by Chrysler as honoring the "achievements of individuals who have consistently championed seminal works of architecture and design, and significantly influenced modern American culture."

But perhaps the most enduring honor of all is to lay claim to the translation of one's talents and vision into works that lift the spirits of millions of world citizens each and every day, and for decades and perhaps centuries to come.

We in Washington's Seventh Congressional District give thanks to Kathryn Gustafson for her unique abilities and for sharing them with so many of her fellow citizens in the public sphere. We are proud to have such a distinguished architect among us.