

On average, a law enforcement officer is killed in America every other day. Since 1792, when recordkeeping started, more than 20,000 officers have lost their lives in service to their communities. And sadly, 101 officers have already been killed in the line of duty across the country this year.

This event reminds us of the mortal dangers that our officers face each day in the line of duty.

Madam Speaker, it is with both sadness and pride that I share with you the death of Deputy Jon Willis. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing his loved ones the strength they require to overcome their loss. God bless Deputy Jon Willis. His bravery, courage, and goodness will never be forgotten by his community or his state.

IDA PROTECTION ACT OF 2010

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2010

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing the "IDA Protection Act of 2010." This bill will help the Individual Development Account program weather a tough economic climate, so it can continue to help lower income Americans to go to college, buy a home, or start a small business.

IDA accounts are designed to help low income individuals pull themselves out of poverty and learn how to manage their family's finances. Through a partnership between local government, non-profits, and businesses, each dollar someone saves in an IDA account is matched at a one or even two to one ratio.

To participate in this program, an individual must agree to take classes on financial literacy and agree to use the proceeds to buy a home, start a small business, or pay college tuition. Since the program's inception in 1999, more than 86,000 people have opened IDAs, many of them opening bank accounts for the first time. These individuals have sacrificed to save and thus, increased the standard of living for their family.

Unfortunately, the recent recession has threatened the future of this important program. Congress annually appropriates \$24 million for IDA Accounts, and local non-profits must find private sector matches in order to receive a portion of these federal funds. Since Wall Street's meltdown shook our economy, the usual corporate partners have not maintained their traditional level of IDA donations, and as a result much of this \$24 million for this year remains unspent.

This bill would create a bridge for the IDA program to better times. It more than doubles the program's funding in 2011 and 2012 and waives the private match requirement during those two years. Private participation in the IDA program is important, and this bill is meant in no way to incentivize private business to take its money elsewhere.

The sad reality though, is that private donors just aren't coming through right now. A number of states have eliminated or cut their IDA programs in response to this financial cri-

sis. In California, the United Way of Los Angeles was recently forced to shutter its successful IDA program, and if Congress does not act now, more closures are sure to follow.

Giving these low-income families a chance to pull themselves out of poverty will benefit us all. Their businesses will employ our neighbors; their children will be our doctors and lawyers. I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

HONORING HAZEL ROCHELLE BAYLOR

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a young lady on her initiative and academic accomplishments. Hazel Rochelle Baylor is to be commended on her efforts to fulfill her dreams of pursuing a career in the field of space and aviation.

A graduate of A. Maceo Smith High School, Hazel will soon begin classes at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University majoring in aerospace engineering and minoring in aviation and business. Facing many challenges early in life, Hazel has not let her past define her future.

Her early interest in aviation was augmented by a meeting with Donald Elder, an original Tuskegee Airman. Mr. Elder inspired Hazel to follow her dreams in this field.

Hazel's desire and personality have driven her success. During an aviation presentation with the NJROTC program, Hazel met Mr. Monte Ford of American Airlines. He was so impressed with her enthusiasm that it led to an internship with American Airlines.

Hazel has many role models in aviation, but cites her strongest inspiration has come from Donald Elder, and astronaut, Dr. Mae Jamison. Hazel wants to follow into the footsteps of her idol Dr. Jamison and not just be a pilot but to become an astronaut as well.

I commend Hazel on all of her work and wish her the best on what I know will be a successful future.

HONORING KIM EBERT-COLELLA FOR RECEIVING THE 2010 GREATER TACOMA PEACE PRIZE

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 30, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Kim Ebert-Colella for promoting peace and understanding in her local and global communities.

On the evening of May 22, Ms. Ebert-Colella received the 2010 Greater Tacoma Peace Prize at Pacific Lutheran University for her life long commitment toward peace and the wellbeing of others.

The Tacoma News Tribune has called Ms. Ebert-Colella a "walking, working proof of what kindness can mean." Following the

Catholic teachings of social justice, Ms. Ebert-Colella joined the Jesuit Volunteer Corps after graduating from the College of St. Benedict. Over the next few years, she served in the L'Arche communities working with developmentally disabled people. When she turned 30, Ms. Ebert-Colella decided to volunteer at the L'Arche home in Calcutta where she worked directly under Mother Teresa. After her return to the United States, she worked as a youth minister at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Gig Harbor, married Niko Colella, and had their son, Sam Colella, who attends Bryant Montessori School.

Ms. Ebert-Colella followed her son to Bryant Montessori where she is a volunteer adviser for the school's Peace Committee, which encourages philanthropy and awareness of indigent areas of the world, and provides students a chance to work toward peace in their daily lives while they revitalize their local communities.

Under Ms. Ebert-Colella's leadership, students from Bryant Montessori School choose an annual theme to implement projects dedicated to peace. For example, during the 2009-2010 school year, students decided to focus on water. Under Ebert-Colella's oversight, students raised money to buy four rain barrels to collect water to use on the school's garden. They also have a goal of raising \$6,000 to give a clean water system to Las Maratos, a small town in Bolivia.

Ms. Ebert-Colella motivates students to complete philanthropic projects and fundraisers, which have since become known as peace projects. Through these peace projects, Ms. Ebert-Colella emphasizes the importance of working toward peace while living peacefully in one's everyday life. The Peace Committee also instituted a kindness campaign at the Bryant Montessori School in which the students report and recognize other students for doing kind and selfless acts.

Ms. Ebert-Colella has led several other philanthropic projects such as designating the school as an international peace site and organizing a Disco for Peace dance, which raised over \$9,000 to build a school in Pakistan.

The Greater Tacoma Peace Prize was created as a gift from the Norwegian-American community to the people of the region in 2005 on the 100th year anniversary of Norway's peaceful separation from Sweden. The prize is award to an individual, group, or organization each year to recognize, honor, and encourage peace building, education, and awareness in the Tacoma community and beyond. Ms. Ebert-Colella has made an impression on several people in the region by working for good and touching the lives of numerous families and individuals.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives please join me in congratulating Kim Ebert-Colella and her outstanding work to promote peaceful understandings throughout the Tacoma community and throughout the world.