

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

BISHOP KOMARICA—A VOICE FOR
PEACE AND JUSTICE IN BOSNIA

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, recently the Helsinki Commission, which I chair, held a briefing on political and human rights developments in Banja Luka, the second largest city in Bosnia. Among the participants was the Most Reverend Franjo Komarica, Roman Catholic Bishop of Banja Luka. Bishop Komarica has steadfastly pursued peace and justice throughout the 4-year-long war of armed aggression and genocide in Bosnia which has left his church in ruins despite the fact that no large-scale fighting occurred in the diocese.

Catholics from the region, predominately ethnic Croats, have been, and continue to be subjected to various forms of harassment and violence. An estimated 90 percent of Catholics have fled the diocese, many the victims of ethnic cleansing. Scores of churches have been destroyed while virtually all of those left standing sustained at least some damage. Several members of the clergy and religious were murdered during the course of the war. Meanwhile, Father Tomislav Matanovic, the former director of Caritas Banja Luka, is missing and believed to be held by Bosnian Serb forces of the 43d Brigade. Bishop Komarica, who was under house arrest for much of 1995, has demonstrated his firm commitment to peace and justice for all people of Banja Luka, regardless of their ethnic or religious background. Strengthened by his faith, Bishop Komarica is a leading advocate of reconciliation in a country rent by violence and war.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the text of Bishop Komarica's opening statement be placed in the RECORD.

THE COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE—BANJA LUKA—ETHNIC CLEANSING PARADIGM, OR COUNTERPOINT TO A RADICAL FUTURE

OPENING STATEMENT BY MOST REVEREND FRANJO KOMARICA ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF BANJA LUKA—JUNE 11, 1996

Bishop Komarica: (through interpreter). Honorable friends, I greet you today as friends of peace and God-loving people. I thank you for your interest specifically regarding Banja Luka, my home town. I thank you for this opportunity given to me to express my concerns and my hopes for my country. I thank you on behalf of all the citizens of my city, regardless of their national or state orientation.

You know that I'm a Catholic bishop and not a political representative of any specific group. I'm not assuming the representation neither of Croatian people specifically, nor Bosnian Muslims or Serb people in this territory. Regretfully, there is no politician available or existing right now to represent

the views of my country, of my city, especially to represent the views of the people, of tens of thousands of voiceless people who have no voice.

As a leader and a Christian, I have an obligation to help all the people in their effort to be human and to be God-loving people. I would like to help every human being to affirm their human rights and their freedom and to establish their right to existence. It is now six years that hundreds of thousands of people whose basic human rights have been taken away and denied.

That is the right to life, the right to professions, the right to possess homes and live, the right to have a country, the right to work and to secure a living, the right to have a social and security support, the right of movement, the right to freedom of religion, the right to raise your own children in your own convictions, the right of freedom of conscience, the right of equality of being free to belong to a political or a different faith group.

We cannot talk at all about these rights for thousands of our citizens. The denial of basic human rights has taken place without the presence of any media or any voice to publicly declare this. We had the impression that we are forgotten in our corner of the world. We were strengthened only by our faith in our God, whom we trust that he has the potential to redeem us.

And this thing that I once again mention is really the basis, that we try to respect all our neighbors and not do any harm to any one of them. As in other parts of Bosnia there were confrontations, armed confrontations and clashes, in this part of Bosnia there was no war and no open conflict between different groups of different nationalities or faiths.

We opted for a different option here. We rather accepted denial of our basic human rights than to hurt our neighbors and to establish conflict. We are talking here about people who have been peaceful and made every single effort to remain people who respect others and try to live together. The only blame that they receive is that they did not belong to a side or a group of people who by all means and by all forces and by brutal approach has tried to establish ethnically cleansed territory.

The biggest number, the highest percentage, of the people in this region, be they Serbs or Bosnian Muslims or Croatians, have a desire to remain in peaceful coexistence in this region. The Catholic Croatians in this region have shown by their behavior that they are capable and ready to live together, capable to live together in peace with the other two peoples, which are namely Serbs and Bosnian Muslims.

This desire to live in peace is denied by the members of the existing political structure, and despite all our efforts to live the commandment of respect and love for others, to love those who did so much evil to us, we are brutally hurt again and again and punished for no reason, and not just from the side of extreme nationalists, but those by international democrats.

We ask all those who still crush our human rights: "Why are you doing this to us? Are

we people for you? Are we human beings for you? We ask for the basic human rights that you enjoy. If we are guilty, we would ask you to provide it to us, and if we are not guilty, then you are doing great injustice to us when you are denying to us basic human rights."

I am taking this opportunity to tell you and to express to all American peace-loving people, God has given you in this country a generosity of the heart. Your land is almost like a garden, that there are many wonderful plants and beautiful flowers. You are a garden of different people, different cultures, different groups and religions.

The common characteristic of all of you is the freedom and love for peace and respect. In this country, it's especially appreciated especially important human rights and human honor and human dignity. These are the precious gifts to our civilization, the gifts emphasizing diverse cultures and multi-faceted religion.

You are an ideal and an example for us, and you are a leader for so many other people in the world. When we would affirm similar in Banja Luka, we are punished for that. You know that. Will you with clear conscience allow, continue to allow, that the basic human rights are still denied in my city and in my country? And they are being punished just because they would like to be like you—free, human and democratic people.

I expect an answer from you, which you have to give unto your conscience first and then to your people and then to the world and then hopefully to us as well.

Regardless of how you look at us and for what you think of us, we in Banja Luka are definitely fighting. With enormous efforts, we try to protect and restore civilization. I hope that we will not remain alone in this effort. We hope that we'll find friends who will support us in this effort. We hope to find these supporters in Europe and especially here in the United States. I am quite sure that I will not be disappointed in this expectation.

Thank you for listening.

TIP TAX TRIBULATIONS

HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce legislation to exclude tip income from the administrative and tax burdens of the Federal income tax. I have long objected to the taxation of tips and it was the recent tribulations of a constituent of mine which prompted me to once again introduce this legislation.

Charlene Beyer from Round Lake Park, IL, recently sent to me copies of the forms and regulations covering the tax reporting requirements for tip income she receives as a restaurant employee. It is my understanding that hard working restaurant employees even take time out to attend classes to learn all the rules

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concerning tip reporting. While serving customers, they must keep track of their gratuities, then report them to the restaurant and the Internal Revenue Service [IRS]. The restaurant is also held liable for tip income of their employees. Of course, tip income is received by cab drivers, bartenders, and individuals of other professions. The IRS is given the difficult task of policing all these activities. The whole process creates a bureaucratic mess for both the taxpayer and the Government.

I believe that tip income should not be treated on par with earned income for tax purposes. Gratuities are, by definition, discretionary in both amount and practice, irrespective of the service provided. In fact, tips are more gifts than income and current law allows an annual tax exemption from income of gifts up to \$10,000 from an individual.

I feel this bill will be especially relevant to the current debate over reforming the Internal Revenue Code. As one of the common goals of the numerous tax reform plans is simplification, the exclusion of tip income will go a long way toward simplifying the compliance of taxpayers with the law. The current process of taxing tip income provides an economic incentive for tip earners to evade taxes by underreporting income. Employers, too, are burdened with paying payroll taxes on both reported and unreported tip income. Although Congress provided a credit to employers for FICA taxes on tip income, a much more efficient solution, again, is to eliminate the tip tax altogether.

I urge my colleagues to consider the merits of this bill and to lend their names as sponsors to it.

CONGRATULATING YEOMAN FIRST CLASS YVONNE A. ZUBER ON HER ACHIEVEMENT AS THE COAST GUARD'S ENLISTED PERSON OF THE YEAR

HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize the achievement of Yvonne A. Zuber, a resident of Dunedin in my ninth district of Florida, who has been selected as the Coast Guard's Enlisted Person of the Year. She is certainly the cream of the crop.

This is the second year for the Coast Guard's Enlisted Persons of the Year Recognition Program. Awards are given annually to one active duty and one reserve member who demonstrate exceptional standards in leadership, work ethics, Coast Guard knowledge, uniform appearance, and military bearing.

Petty Officer Zuber is a reflection of what every enlisted person can achieve at their best. Currently, she is assigned to the Coast Guard Aviation Training Center [ATC] in Mobile, AL. She is a loyal volunteer for the Mobile Area Special Olympics and has, for the past 3 years, helped over 6,000 special athletes reach their full potential—assisting them in reaching the State and national games.

She has also devoted many hours as a rape-crisis hotline counselor helping rape victims seek assistance and coping with the tragedy of rape. She also volunteers with the ATC's Partner's in Education Program.

She has been the recipient of numerous awards, including: Coast Guard Achievement Medal, Commandant's Letter of Commendation, DOT Gold Medal for Outstanding Achievement, Coast Guard Unit Commendation and Operational Distinguishing Device, Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation, Coast Guard Bicentennial Unit Commendation, Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Coast Guard Special Operations Ribbon, Coast Guard Restricted Duty Ribbon, Coast Guard Recruiting Service Ribbon, and the Coast Guard Sharpshooter Pistol Shot Ribbon.

In addition, she is also the 1995 Sailor of the Year for her dedication to the vision and core values of the Coast Guard and her tireless community involvement. It is evident that she serves as an excellent example of dedication, discipline, and responsibility that is necessary to serve ones country well.

Mr. Speaker, I can think of no greater compliment that you could pay to your families than to honor them with the dedication to personal achievement and service to your country that Yvonne Zuber has demonstrated. I would like to congratulate her once again, and wish her the best of luck in all of her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO SISTER HELEN M. FAULDS

HON. THOMAS J. MANTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. MANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Sister Helen M. Faulds.

For over 40 years, Sister Helen has been a tireless servant of the church and has dedicated her life to ministry in education and the healthcare industry.

In September 1949, Sister Helen entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Brentwood, NY. Since that time Sister Helen has held various assignments in elementary and secondary schools in Brooklyn, Queens, and Long Island. Sister Helen has also served as a teacher, administrator, and principal.

Mr. Speaker, along the way Sister Helen advanced her education by earning a masters degree in religious education from Providence College in 1965 and a masters degree in health services administration from George Washington University in 1982.

In 1982, Sister Helen returned to New York and reported to St. John's Queens Hospital as associate executive director. Two years later Sister Helen was appointed executive director and has served in that capacity ever since.

Mr. Speaker, as executive director of St. John's Queens Hospital, Sister Helen, through private donations, helped erect a hospital chapel and she has pioneered new hospital services including an AIDS and American heart center designations. Sister Helen has

streamlined many hospital services and has advanced the hospital's computer system.

Always aware of her ministry to people, Sister Helen implemented new community services including a bereavement group, Lamaze classes, and has helped to expand the volunteer system.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the achievements of Sister Helen M. Faulds, and I know my colleagues will join me in honoring her 40 plus years of ministry and service in education and healthcare and extending our heartfelt congratulations on her retirement.

TRIBUTE TO BERNARD AND ANNETTE ABEND

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing two outstanding citizens, Bernard and Annette Abend.

On June 23, 1996, Bernard Abend will be honored with a lifetime achievement award in recognition of his 36 years of devoted service to Etz Jacob Congregation. On this special occasion, he and Annette will also celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

Bernard and Annette Abend, who were born in Poland and suffered through the atrocities of concentration encampment during the Holocaust, did not meet until after World War II. They married in 1946 and soon after emigrated to the United States. The new paths they forged for themselves in Scranton, PA were enriched with the births of their two daughters and the many challenges facing a young family in an adopted land.

Seeking new opportunities, the Abend family moved to Los Angeles, CA in 1959 and Etz Jacob Congregation quickly became a central part of their lives. Bernard Abend's 32 years as president of the congregation from 1964 to 1996 marked a period of great expansion and religious inspiration. Under his capable and energetic leadership, a social hall, holy ark, Holocaust memorial, and the Etz Jacob Hebrew Academy were constructed.

It is indeed fitting that the congregation honor Bernard Abend for his contributions to Etz Jacob Congregation in conjunction with its celebration of Bernard and Annette's golden wedding anniversary. Their life together has been inextricably intertwined with the growth and blessings of Etz Jacob Congregation.

I ask my colleagues to join me in extending best wishes to Bernard, Annette, and their beloved daughters and grandchildren for continued happiness, good health, and prosperity.

THE WEBB SCHOOLS: SECOND PLACE WINNER, THE 1996 TOSHIBA/NSTA EXPLORAVISION AWARDS PROGRAM

HON. GEORGE E. BROWN, JR.

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. BROWN of California. Mr. Speaker, on June 21–22, 1996, more than 40 students will

come to our Nation's Capital to receive top honors in the 1996 ExploraVision Awards Program, sponsored by Toshiba and administered by the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA).

The ExploraVision Awards Program is the largest K to 12 student science competition in the world. The competition asks students to work in teams to use their imaginations to envision what technology will be like 20 years from now.

As a long-standing member of the House Science Committee, I have worked hard to improve science education in this country. The ExploraVision Awards give students the opportunity to identify future technological needs and develop the kind of technological thinking our society needs in order to meet the challenges of the future.

The competition is just one great example of a successful business-education partnership that encourages students to pursue careers in science. I have been supporting this outstanding program since its launch in 1992. In addition, I will be serving as the honorary co-chairperson of the 1996 ExploraVision Awards weekend with Ms. Barbara Morgan, NASA's "Teacher in Space" designee.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to announce that the class from the Webb Schools of Claremont, one of the finest schools in the inland empire, has been selected as one of the 1996 12 finalist winner teams of the competition. The distinguished members of the team are Ewurama Ewusi-Mensah, William Marshall, and Christopher Maffris. I would also like to recognize their teacher, John Ball, and their advisor, Harlow Johnson, who deserve much of the credit for the success of the team.

I am very proud to recognize the achievements of the class from the Webb Schools and other winners of this year's competition and to reaffirm my commitment to support the Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision Awards in 1997.

TRIBUTE TO FAUZIYA KASINGA

HON. PATRICIA SCHROEDER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Fauziya Kasinga, a 19-year-old woman from Togo, who was finally awarded the freedom for which she came to the United States. In a remarkable 11 to 1 decision, the Board of Immigration Appeals, the highest immigration court in the land, ruled in favor of Fauziya last week. In so doing, the Board established a precedent not only in Fauziya's case, but for future women who flee their countries of origin to avoid being subjected to female genital mutilation [FGM].

Although the Immigration and Naturalization Service [INS] had established guidelines in 1995 which state that FGM constitutes a form of political asylum, INS judges demonstrated various interpretations of such guidelines. In one occasion, a judge in Baltimore denied a woman's petition for political asylum, under FGM, because the woman couldn't change her gender, but she could change her mind with regards toward FGM practices.

Fauziya's now-triumphant case was not any less difficult. While in several INS detention facilities, Fauziya was shackled in chains, tear-gassed and beaten, and forced to spend her 18th and 19th birthdays in prisons intermingled with drug users and murderers. Thus, the decision the 11 Board members took in stating that FGM, an explicit violation of human rights, is a basis for political asylum is long overdue.

Mr. Speaker, as I loudly applaud Fauziya's courage, I also want to humbly thank her for indisputably delivering a wake-up call to the rest of the Nation and the world on the human rights violation of FGM. Our immigration system has finally "gotten it," and women fleeing FGM will not be told that their stories are not credible again.

TRIBUTE TO THE FLORIDA PANTHERS

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 1995-96 Eastern Conference champions, the Florida Panthers. The Panthers are a team of dedicated men who accomplished an athletic feat that many believed impossible. Those in the know never thought that a 3-year-old expansion team could defeat the odds and make it to the Stanley Cup Finals, but this special team did just that. The Florida Panthers captured the hearts of thousands of Florida fans, and their storybook season is one which will never be forgotten. The precedent for excellence has been set; the skeptics have been silenced.

After a grueling 80-game regular season schedule, the Panthers traveled to the next level; the National Hockey League playoffs. The experts said the Boston Bruins, the Philadelphia Flyers, and the Pittsburgh Penguins were all better teams, but the Panthers never relinquished their pride; they hung tough and piled up the wins. Finally, the Panthers lived a hockey players' greatest dream—a young upstart team challenging the veteran squad of the former Quebec Nordiques for Lord Stanley's Cup. Although the Florida rat pack showed integrity and professional zeal, the Avalanche took the cup. The dream ended in an all-out, no-holds-barred triple overtime game, and the Panthers showed what it takes to reach greatness.

Mr. Speaker, the Florida Panthers have ignited the passions of our south Florida community. My congratulations to Marti and Wayne Huizenga, and the Panther organization for putting together a group of men committed to teamwork, winning, and community spirit; to Coach Doug McLean and his coaching staff for their dedicated work throughout the year; to the rat crazy fans of the Florida Panthers for their support and enthusiasm; and finally to the Eastern Conference champions for a great season and many, many memories.

Mr. Speaker, the Panthers are a team and an organization that exemplifies hard work and the importance of community, and I urge my

colleagues to join me in honoring true champions—the Florida Panthers.

Congratulations Panthers.

TRIBUTE TO THYRA HODGE-SMITH

HON. VICTOR O. FRAZER

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. FRAZER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute a long-term community activist in the Virgin Islands, Mrs. Thyra A. Hodge-Smith, and mourn her passing. Mrs. Hodge-Smith lived an active life until her death on June 6, 1996, at age 90.

She had been a part of the Virgin Islands community band for over 50 years and was an active participant of "Carnival" until she became ill. Mrs. Hodge-Smith believed that education was important so therefore, late in life she received her masters' degree from the University of the Virgin Islands.

A stalwart in the Republican Party, Mrs. Hodge-Smith was one of the first females in the Virgin Islands to generate change in her party. Mrs. Hodge-Smith will also be remembered for her numerous years of service in the government and particularly for her work in the Department of Health.

As a strong supporter of families, Mrs. Hodge-Smith was always willing to do anything to strengthen family ties. Her legacy will live forever because of the many lives that she influenced. She was an asset to the Virgin Islands and will be missed by everyone who knew her.

PREFERENCING ON SECURITIES EXCHANGES

HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, on May 9, 1996, 18 of my colleagues and I sent a letter to the SEC regarding that agency's recent approval of preferencing on the Cincinnati Stock Exchange or CSE. In the letter, we expressed concern that the SEC had acted precipitously to permit this questionable practice on a securities exchange without an adequate empirical or legal basis.

Preferencing enables a broker-dealer to take the other side of its own customer orders, to the exclusion of other competing market interest. In practice, CSE operates as a pure dealer market, depriving customers of the opportunity for their orders to be executed against each other. The ability of customer to meet customer is one of the hallmarks of the agency auction system, and frequently results in improved prices. In spite of the central place that customer order interaction plays on a true exchange, the SEC's order approving preferencing on the CSE leaves unanswered many questions about the practice's effect on customers. For example, the order does not examine whether customers whose orders are preference on the CSE are receiving the best prices for their transactions. Given the excellent job that the SEC has done over the years

in safeguarding customers and pressing for fair treatment of customer orders, it is indeed surprising that the order approving the CSE preferencing program does not address so basic an issue.

Mr. Speaker, today we take up H.R. 3005, the Securities Amendments of 1996. This legislation does not address the issue of preferencing but I understand that similar legislation in the other body may contain a provision directing the SEC to undertake a detailed study of preferencing on exchange markets. I believe that such a study could be most helpful in addressing, among other issues, the quality of customer executions on the CSE. I urge support for such a study in conference. If the study identifies no tangible benefits to investors and the capital formation from preferencing on exchanges, I would support action to ban this practice.

TRIBUTE TO JOSÉ RAMON
QUIÑONEZ

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. José Ramon Quiñonez, who was honored on Saturday by the members of the Holy Family Parish Council for his outstanding service to be community as the chairman of the board, at the Church of the Holy Family, in my South Bronx congressional district.

Ray Quiñonez, as he prefers to be called, was born in Puerto Rico and raised in South Bronx. He completed studies in metallurgy at the U.S. Marine Corps Institute of Technology, in Washington, DC and at Del Mar Technical College, in Oceanside, CA. Later on, he started working for Seandel Studios, Inc., in New York City.

Mr. Quiñonez served the country in the Third Marine Division in Vietnam. After his return from Vietnam, he married his wife, Edmee, with whom he has three children.

Ray Quiñonez has dedicated his life to helping our youngsters develop their full potential as community leaders of tomorrow. His service includes volunteer work at the Castle Hill Little League, where he was the field cleaner, coach, manager, treasurer, and vice president. He also served as a member of the league's board of directors, as well as moderator of the Holy Family Youth Leadership Group. Through the youth group, he inspired high school students from parochial and public schools to develop a sense of leadership and to strive for excellence.

Other community service includes his work as chairman of the Center for Catholic Lay Leadership Formation and as a member of the Community Planning Board 9.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. José Ramon (Ray) Quiñonez for his outstanding commitment to the service of our youngsters, the Church the Holy Family, and our South Bronx community.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

THE IMPORTANCE OF CITRUS
TRISTEZA VIRUS RESEARCH TO
THE FLORIDA CITRUS COMMUNITY

HON. CHARLES T. CANADY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, citrus is a major food crop in terms of nutrition, generation of income, foreign exchange, and employment in the United States.

There are approximately 1.2 million acres of citrus in the United States, and the annual retail value is over \$17 billion. The citrus industry in the United States exceeds \$19 billion in gross revenue.

Florida has 850,000 acres in citrus groves, 70,000 people employed in the citrus industry and 74,000 people employed indirectly, which means on-tree revenues of \$9 billion to Florida.

Citrus is the No. 1 fresh produce commodity grown in California and Florida and there is substantial acreage in Arizona, Louisiana and Texas. Hawaii and Puerto Rico are also increasing their citrus industry to reduce their dependence on imports.

The American citrus industry produces table quality navel and Valencia oranges, and my home State of Florida, grows oranges for fresh juice and juice concentrate. Florida is also one of the world leaders in export quality oranges, lemons and grapefruit.

Unfortunately, this vital industry is being threatened by the brown citrus aphid, which is the most efficient transmitter of the citrus tristeza virus. This virus threatens the entire U.S. crop.

Arizona, California, Florida, Louisiana, and Texas have formed a research council to study the eradication of the brown citrus aphid and the citrus tristeza virus. This research is supported by the industry, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the land grant colleges.

The farm bill, which the Congress passed earlier this year also, recognized the importance of eradicating this disease before it takes over and destroys the American citrus crop. The legislation authorized \$3 million to be spent on Citrus Tristeza Virus research.

Mr. Speaker it is extremely important for us to supply the 1997 funding needed to carry out this research and keep out citrus industry healthy in Florida and elsewhere in the United States.

TURKISH GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION:
TAKING LESSONS FROM
BEIJING

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, the United Nations Habitat II conference on sustainable urban development has concluded in Istanbul, Turkey. While most observers will point to the conference's focus on the press-

ing challenges of urbanization, the repression employed by the host Government of Turkey in response to criticism of its human rights record has cast a pall over the meeting and should be protested at an international level.

While Turkey cannot be compared to China in terms of democratic development, Ankara seems to have taken some lessons from Beijing when it comes to stifling dissent. As Habitat was just convening, Turkish police forcibly evacuated the headquarters of 35 NGO's organizing an "Alternative Habitat." These NGO's were protesting the government's destruction of some 3,000 Kurdish villages and the creation of 3 million refugees in southeast Turkey. These groups rightly believe that such policies were incompatible with the spirit and goals of Habitat II.

Mr. Speaker, last week, Turkish authorities detained hundreds of peaceful demonstrators, including a Habitat NGO representative, and a handful of TV journalists filming the police actions. The demonstrators were protesting government policies, and the reaction of Turkish security forces was reminiscent of China's action during the UN Beijing Conference on Women.

These attacks on free speech and the right of free assembly are cynical attempts by the Government of Turkey to deflect international scrutiny of their policies in southeast Turkey. Yet, Mr. Speaker, these heavy-handed tactics bring even greater scrutiny to the government's repressive, undemocratic activities. Mr. Speaker, I have to imagine that the thousands of NGO's and officials from around the world who attended Habitat II have taken home a distinct impression that Turkish democracy is severely lacking.

Mr. Speaker, the Turkish Government tried to prevent its repressive policies in southeast Turkey from coming to light, but a group of mayors from towns and villages in the region did submit a revealing report to the conference. The report linked human rights abuses in the region directly to Habitat issues and the urban ills facing Istanbul and other large cities in Turkey. The mayors believe that crowding, poverty and instability in Istanbul originated in the towns and villages of southeast Turkey, where economic deprivation and the government's war on terrorism had forced millions from their homes to urban centers unequipped to meet their needs.

Mr. Speaker, I fear Turkey is headed down a road of increasing instability and upheaval. As long as the government stifles the protests of its own people and refuses even to allow open debate of these problems, there will be scant hope for resolving such tough issues.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to enter into the RECORD an article from the Turkish Daily News, June 14, 1996, edition, which further spells out the problems faced by those attempting to bring human rights issues before the Habitat II meeting.

[From the Turkish Daily News, June 14, 1996]
THE OLYMPIC STRUGGLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS?
(By David O'Byrne)

ISTANBUL—"Turkey is dedicated to advancing the cause of human rights despite the presence of malign element-terrorism-pinch-ing the Turkish nation from within and without."

This rather ungainly quote is taken directly from the introduction to a brochure

on human rights published by the Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs. One of a package of material prepared for participants in the UN Habitat II conference, this heavily qualified and ungrammatical statement is fairly typical of the document as a whole. For a country like Turkey with a more than dubious record in the human rights department and aspirations to host the 2004 Olympics, this government publication is far from unequivocal acceptance of widely accepted standards.

In fact, the tone of the brochure is decidedly defensive. Much of the brochure is concerned with alleged criticisms of the Turkish human rights record by the Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) and its supporters. But as a terrorist organization the PKK is certainly not noted for its human rights record, so it's indeed strange that their opinions should carry such weight. Shorter mention is made of other religious and ethnic minorities, again aimed at countering what the Foreign Ministry sees as unwarranted criticism from, apparently, foreign sources.

The unfortunate implication is that human rights are something only demanded by "minority groups", and then only at the bidding of 'outside' forces. Despite giving details of numerous amendments to the Turkish constitution and listing Turkey's many accessions to international treaties, nowhere are human rights referred to as something to which the Turkish population as a whole should be concerned with.

At the Habitat NGO forum however, there was no sign of Turkish people ignoring the human rights issue. In fact many of the stalls were occupied with Turkish groups whose sole concern was human rights. Chilling photographs and texts in several languages detail terrible human rights' abuses in several different countries. Turkoman people in Iraq have, not surprisingly perhaps, suffered terribly under the despotic regime of Saddam Hussein. In western China—or eastern Turkistan as it is also referred to—native Turkomans have been removed from positions of authority as the region has been settled by increasing numbers of Han Chinese moved in by the Chinese government.

Continued nuclear testing in the region has left many parts uninhabitable and has led to the predictable increases in cancers. Displays showing the results of Russian occupation of Chechnya and the occupation of parts of Azerbaijan by Armenian government forces were equally disturbing.

The Turkish speaking minority from Greece were also represented. Greek government policy has long centered around moving the Turkish Muslim community from Western Thrace to areas where it can more easily assimilate. The closure of schools and mosques coupled with continued harassment by the police and civil authorities has forced many to Turkish Greeks leave. Another Foreign Ministry brochure available to people attending Habitat details these and other human rights abuses.

Groups concerned with minorities inside Turkey received no such official sanction however. This in spite of the government statement reprinted above. On the contrary, foreigners attending the NGO forum complained constantly about the presence of plain clothes policemen. One utterly innocuous seminar on the "colorful life of dark people"—ie gypsies—attracted 11 people, two of whom were plain clothes police. While one of the policemen dominated the discussion with loud irrelevant contributions, the other attempted to interview the three Turkish

participants and ascertain why they were interested in gypsies.

Outside of Habitat too further Turkish interest in human rights issues made itself evident. The Turkish human rights group IHD organized an "Alternative Habitat" conference, only to find it closed down practically before it started. Further interest was shown by the friends and relatives of the 400 or so people who, since 1979, are alleged to have "disappeared" whilst in police custody. Their silent peaceful protests have been taking place outside Galatasaray school for the past year. Coverage by the press was minimal, with journalists attending dutifully in case of incident.

Last Saturday they were rewarded (sic). Although officially banned the demonstration went ahead anyway with predictable results. A larger than usual but none the less peaceful group of people attempted to sit down in Galatasaray Square but were immediately set upon by the legions of waiting police. Journalists, photographers and even delegates from the Habitat conference were arrested, many being severely beaten in the process. Television pictures of the unwarranted brutality were shown all over the world and photographs were published in many of the world's leading journals. A press conference held the following day to protest at the arrests was also broken up by the police with many arrests.

There were by this time an estimated 1500 people in custody. As releases began—without charge—groups of people congregated outside police stations to welcome their friends. Prominent human rights lawyer Serpil Kaya emerged from her incarceration to find a group of her friends being harassed by the police. On pointing out that they weren't breaking the law she was immediately rearrested. Judging the reaction of shocked delegates to the Habitat conference was not difficult, they were only too happy to express their anger at what they had witnessed. As a spokesman for the NGOs explained in a press conference, "We have witnessed that hundreds of individuals have been beaten, arrested and detained while demonstrating peacefully on the city streets. We will not forget what we have seen."

During the whole length of the Habitat conference another demonstration has been going on, largely unnoticed. Teams of runners have been jogging along the Bosphorus bearing Olympic flags. Turkey's bid for the 2000 Olympics failed to make much impression. The Habitat conference is one of the first major international events to be staged in Turkey. The current bid for the 2004 Olympic games has been making good use of Habitat to show the international community what Turkey is capable of. Those efforts now appear sadly wasted.

Until a Turkish government can make a statement regarding human rights that is both unqualified and is seen to be put into practice it is most unlikely that the international community will see fit to trust Turkey with another event of major significance. After the events of the past two weeks the effort required to bring the 2004 games to Istanbul would seem to be more herculean than olympic.

A TRIBUTE TO MARINE PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION AS THEY JOIN IN CELEBRATION OF ITS 70TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join all my friends and colleagues in celebrating the Marine Park Civic Association's 70th anniversary. This wonderful park, which occupies over 1,821 acres, has provided an important haven for Brooklyn residents since 1926. I am pleased to congratulate the members of the Marine Park Civic Association for making this area a source of community pride. As a result of the tireless work and vigilant dedication of south Brooklyn families, Marine Park has maintained its reputation as a safe and quiet community distinct from the city's frenetic atmosphere. I have personally enjoyed many visits to Marine Park both as a child and as an adult. I am certain that the strength of this community would not be what it is today without the commitment of its Civic Association. Such countless contributions have ensured the neighborhood's continued growth and stability, which are fully appreciated by all.

The neighboring communities of Sheepshead Bay and those surrounding Floyd Bennett Field are extremely familiar with the services provided by the Marine Park Civic Association. For years, families in Brooklyn have known Marine Park as a solid community, making it a good place to live. I am honored to celebrate 70 years of civic leadership in Marine Park—the Civic Association's members have done much to improve the quality of life for all Brooklyn residents.

A TRIBUTE TO LU ANN DERING

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask that Congress join me today in honoring a dedicated constituent of mine, Lu Ann DeRring. On June 21, Lu Ann will be honored at the Westchester/LAX Chamber of Commerce's annual installation dinner for her outstanding service as chamber president.

Recognizing the need to help fight crime, during Lu Ann's presidency, the chamber helped raise \$15 million for mayor Richard Riordan's alliance for a safer Los Angeles. This private sector contribution was essential to create the infrastructure for a Los Angeles Police Department computer network, a critical piece in updating badly outdated equipment. Lu Ann and the chamber also pressed hard to stimulate the local economy and under her watch, Dreamworks SKG announced plans to open a major studio in Playa Vista. Perhaps the metaphor for a renewed Westchester was the landing of the olympic torch at LAX to begin its nationwide journey to Atlanta and the 1996 summer games.

Over the past year, Lu Ann helped arrange several high-visibility chamber meetings including the annual business recognition dinner

which featured many noted entrepreneurs, including the chairman of the board of Southwest Airlines, Herb Kelleher. Lu Ann helped bring the chamber to the forefront of the greater Los Angeles community by securing several well known and respected individuals to address the Westchester Chamber this year including Los Angeles Police Chief Willie Williams.

In addition to her tireless work as chamber president, Lu Ann's career has flourished, both as the international director of promotions for Herbalife and as the owner and founder of DeRing Marketing. Away from the workplace, Lu Ann looks forward to the time she spends with her husband, Robert, and her 9-year old son Jonathan.

Mr. Speaker, Lu Ann DeRing is an inspiration to her family, friends, community, and all who have the pleasure of knowing her. Please join me in saluting a great individual, Lu Ann DeRing.

A TRIBUTE TO DRMS COMMANDER
CAPT. DONALD A. HEMPSON, JR.,
USN

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, June 19, 1996, Capt. Donald A. Hempson, Jr. (USN) will retire from the Navy and his post as Commander of the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service [DRMS]. A retirement ceremony will be held at 1:00 p.m. in Battle Creek, MI at DRMS headquarters. Although my duties in Congress prevent my attendance, I would like to take this opportunity to honor Captain Hempson for the outstanding work he has done to improve the efficiency and overall performance of DRMS during his tenure in Battle Creek.

Captain Hempson and dedicated DRMS employees have revitalized DRMS by adopting a variety of management practices similar to those used in private industry. Among the highlights have been the creation of an Internet site to describe surplus items for sale, computer tracking of surplus property to reduce recordkeeping costs, the initiation of toll-free phone lines for improved customer service, and new advertising practices to increase sales. The results have been impressive. Between fiscal years 1993 and 1995, DRMS has increased its annual reutilization, transfer, donation, and sale of excess Defense Department property from \$2.9 billion to \$3.5 billion. At the same time, it has moved from a net loss of \$120.7 million in fiscal year 1993 to a net profit of \$254.4 million in fiscal year 1995.

By adopting strategies to put customers first, make use of innovative technologies, and increase efficiency and productivity, DRMS and Captain Hempson have provided an example of how much can be achieved through the reinvention of Government agencies. I salute Captain Hempson and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors. And to the employees of DRMS, I say keep up the good work.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF JEANETTE RUDY

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished member of the Nashville community, Dr. Jeanette Cantrell Rudy. Dr. Rudy is a generous philanthropist, a nationally accomplished sportswoman and a beloved friend to many in the music city and across the country.

Jeanette Cantrell and her twin sister Geneva were born to Felix and Edna Cautrell on October 27, 1927, in Sheffield, AL. After graduating from Sheffield High School, she enrolled in the St. Thomas Hospital School of Nursing. Jeanette received her nursing degree in the summer of 1948 and served as a public health nurse for 7 years.

On February 20, 1949, Jeanette married Daniel Clees Rudy, cofounder of the Rudy's Farm Sausage Co. The Rudys made their home in the Pennington Bend area on the Cumberland River, and they enjoyed an active life together until Mr. Rudy's death in 1984. In his memory, Jeanette helped to found and fund the Dan Rudy Cancer Center at St. Thomas Hospital.

Mrs. Rudy has long been a devoted and tireless supporter of Cumberland University in Lebanon, TN. When the university and its board of trustees decided to expand the curriculum to include a bachelor of science in the nursing degree program, there were several obstacles in the way. Long-term debt was hindering financial stability, enrollment growth was minimal, and resources were strained. Jeanette helped reduce these obstacles, not only by providing much-needed financial resources, but also by giving her professional guidance in the development of the nursing curriculum. It is not an exaggeration to say that without Jeanette Rudy, the nursing program at Cumberland University would not exist. In 1990, Mrs. Rudy was recognized for her efforts with an honorary doctorate of humanities from Cumberland.

Jeanette is as passionate about her hobbies as she is about her devotion to public service. She has assembled what is widely considered to be the finest privately held collection of State and Federal duck stamps, including the very first stamp issued in 1934. In 1992, Mrs. Rudy served as a judge of the Federal duck stamp competition in Washington, DC. The Smithsonian Institution has established the Jeanette Cantrell Rudy Duck Stamp Gallery at the National Postal Museum in her honor. The gallery will open on June 26, 1996.

Mrs. Rudy is also an avid sportswoman and has held the title of Ladies State Trapshooting Champion for 9 years, and has been named to the women's all-American trap team twice. She sits on the boards of Cumberland University, the St. Thomas Hospital Auxiliary and Foundation and the Nashville Zoo, and she is a major supporter of the Nashville Police and Fire Department. Mrs. Rudy was also the major donor of the National Police Memorial in Washington, DC.

Dr. Jeanette Cantrell Rudy is a living legend and truly an American original. Her generosity

and warmth know no bounds, and her devotion to public service and humanity have enriched the lives of countless Tennesseans. It is with tremendous pride and genuine affection that I salute the great spirit, intelligence, and wit of Jeanette Rudy. She honors us all daily with her friendship and love.

TRIBUTE TO THE FIRST NATIONAL
PUERTO RICAN PARADE

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great joy that I rise today to pay tribute to an historic event, the first National Puerto Rican Parade which was held on June 9, in New York City.

As a Puerto Rican, a New Yorker, and a Member of Congress, it was an honor to participate in this national parade in which thousands of Puerto Ricans marched in celebration of our culture and achievements in this country.

I was 7 years old when my family moved from Puerto Rico to the Bronx in search of employment opportunities and a brighter future.

Leaving the beautiful island of Puerto Rico, its music, its traditions, and its people was no easy task for those who were born on the Caribbean island.

In 1958, my father and I had the opportunity to celebrate our culture during the first Hispanic parade of New York City. As we cheered participants, my father quickly unfolded a Puerto Rican flag to show his love and pride for his heritage.

Two years later, the Hispanic parade became the New York Puerto Rican Parade. From that day on, once every year, Puerto Ricans and friends of the Puerto Rican community from all of the 50 States and the island come to New York City to celebrate our heritage.

This year, for the first time in its 39 years of history, the parade has been recognized as a national event—the largest and most colorful celebration of Puerto Rican heritage in this Nation.

On this occasion, members of the Puerto Rican community will march along Fifth Avenue in Manhattan to reaffirm our identity and pride of our heritage. Among many other achievements, Puerto Ricans have been instrumental in transforming New York City into a great bilingual city.

Dr. Ricardo Alegria, a distinguished Puerto Rican anthropologist led the parade of thousands of participants. Dr. Alegria is internationally renowned as an eminence in the restoration of historic cities, for his anthropological and archaeological studies on Puerto Rico and the Caribbean, as well as for his patronage of the arts.

TRIBUTE TO MACON COUNTY

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a beautiful and successful county in my district. Natural beauty resides in Macon County at such places as Union Camp Waterfall and Winding Stairs, a natural rock formation, true to its name, that was used by Indians long ago.

The success of Macon County stems from its people's ingenuity. In an area known for tobacco, farmers there are turning to alternative crops such as strawberries, Christmas trees, tomatoes, peppers, cabbage, blackberries, grapes, and more. Macon County farmers are now competing with growers in California and Florida.

Macon County is composed of hard-working people with the desire to be the best. Among other honors, the Macon County Fair has twice been named Best Small Fair by the Annual Tennessee Association of Fairs Convention. Macon Countian Ronald Jenkins is the Tennessee Lion of the Year, while his Lion's Club is ranked third in the State.

Macon County was created by necessity. In 1837, the two closest county seats, that of Sumner County and Smith County, were both 25 miles away. That year the State legislature created Macon County, named for statesman Nathaniel Macon. Lafayette is the county seat.

The citizens of this county have always sought to do their best with what has been given them. To these citizens, I wish continued success and the best life has to offer.

**HONORING THE CITY OF HOBOKEN:
BIRTHPLACE OF OUR NATION'S
PASTIME**

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the City of Hoboken, the birthplace of our national pastime. On June 19, 1996, the City of Hoboken as well as the entire Nation will celebrate the 150th anniversary of baseball. On this day of joyous celebration, the city will conduct a variety of activities, including a parade and awards dinner to commemorate the origins of baseball.

The game of baseball was born on June 19, 1846, on the Elysian Fields in Hoboken. On that day, the Knickerbockers squared off against the New York Nine and the Knickerbockers lost the game 23 to 1. The first newspaper account of a baseball game was actually written the previous year when other participants gathered in Hoboken on the same field to play an intramural variation of the game.

The official birthday of the sport is considered to be in 1846, however, baseball was played in different forms in Hoboken prior to that date. Alexander Joy Cartwright, Jr. of Hoboken, has been recognized by many as one

of the initial inventors of the rules of baseball. Thus, the tradition of baseball was established on the banks of the Hudson River in Hoboken, NJ.

Organized baseball has been played in Hoboken ever since that very first game. Citizens of Hoboken have long contributed to the rich tradition of the sport of baseball by lending their support to the game in a variety of fashions. The youth of Hoboken have enjoyed the opportunities that the public parks and fields have provided for their recreational uses. From the success of Hoboken's Little League program to the well-documented achievements of its high school teams, baseball has since been an essential part of the city's culture.

Moreover, many of our modern day heroes all share a piece of the tradition that was established on the Elysian Fields in Hoboken. It is with great pleasure and admiration that I honor the City of Hoboken and its great people.

**JOE ALLEN, A SPECIAL SON OF
KEY WEST**

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, among its many favorite sons, Key West regards Joe Allen with special affection. Not only has he been an outstanding public servant, he is also the unofficial historian of a city which takes its historical heritage very seriously.

This year there is a special facet of Joe's life, to which I would like to bring your attention. It is a romance which began 50 years ago. While serving a brief tour of duty in his home waters helping to track down enemy submarines, which imperiled our ships off the Florida Keys, Joe met Marjorie Holladay of Columbia, KY. At the time, Ms. Holladay had been affiliated with the women of the U.S. Naval Reserve—WAVES.

Now after 50 years of happily married life, Joe and Marjorie will celebrate their anniversary on June 21 at the old Civil War fort on Monroe Court Beach, now known as the "Joe Allen Garden Center."

Forty of those fifty years have been entwined with a long list of civic and political accomplishments. In addition to serving in the State legislature for 10 years before retiring in 1986, he served 8 years as a Monroe County commissioner and 20 years as tax assessor.

While serving as bicentennial chairman in 1976, he was named 1 of 51 State patriots for outstanding service in the field of historic preservation, particularly the restoration of two pre-Civil War forts, East and West Martello Towers and the designation of the lighthouse in Monroe County as a historic landmark. He is also credited with preserving the national guard armory.

In addition to their heavy involvement in community affairs, Joe and Marjorie Allen are the proud parents of four sons, Joseph B. III, Dr. William N., John H., and Henry B. I hope you will join me in wishing them a joyous 50th and many more to come.

TRIBUTE TO THE REV. HENRY LEE BARNWELL

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, today it is with great pleasure that I rise to pay tribute to one of Phoenix's finest citizens, and also congratulate the Rev. Henry Lee Barnwell on the occasion of his 29th anniversary in the ministry.

Reverend Barnwell was educated at Rosenwald High School in Panama City, FL. He attended Grand Canyon College and Arizona College of the Bible in Phoenix, Talbot Theological Seminary at Biola University, Bishop College and Lacy Kirk Williams Minister's Institute, both of Dallas, TX. He also has a Training Diploma from the Protestant Chaplin's Association of Okinawa (1958); a Diploma for Christian Work from Arizona College of the Bible (1977); a bachelor of arts degree through Arizona College of the Bible (1978); and a Doctor of Divinity from Guadalupe Baptist Theological Seminary in San Antonio, TX.

Retired from the U.S. Air Force, Reverend Barnwell is now Pastor of the First New Life Baptist Church in Phoenix. He also serves a chaplaincy with the Arizona State Department of Corrections, and is Auxiliary Chaplin at Williams Air Force Base in Higley, AZ. Reverend Barnwell is involved in many other outreach efforts, having served as president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Phoenix and vicinity; Bible instructor of Zion Rest District Association; regional director for the National Evangelism Movement; first vice-president of the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Arizona; and immediate past moderator of the Area One American Baptists Churches of the Pacific Southwest.

Reverend Barnwell has applied his energy and talents to many worthwhile projects over the years as an active member of the board of directors for the Phoenix Opportunities Industrial Center and St. Mary's Food Bank. He is also a member of the Mayor's Human Resources Commission; the Maricopa Branch of the NAACP; the Sheriff's Religious Advisory Committee on Maricopa County; and the city of Phoenix Human Resources Commission. Reverend Barnwell also serves on the Clergy Against Drugs and is a past member of the Governor's Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice Planning.

His efforts to educate and improve the quality of life in the community have earned Reverend Barnwell recognition from many groups who have bestowed awards on him, including The Floyd Adams Community Services Award from the Phoenix Opportunities Industrial Center; the Religion Award from the Maricopa County Branch of the NAACP; and the Recognition for Christian Service Award from the National Evangelism Workshop. Reverend Barnwell was named Pastor of the Year for the State of Arizona in 1989 and carries the title of "Honorary Citizen" from the city of Tucson.

I commend Reverend Barnwell for his many years of community service and involvement. Scores of Phoenicians have benefited from his energy and efforts. I ask my colleagues to join

with me today in congratulating Reverend Barnwell as he celebrates 29 years of service in the ministry.

TRIBUTE TO LYDIA CRUZ OGO,
GUAM'S POLICE OFFICER OF THE
YEAR

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD
OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, in Guam as elsewhere across our Nation, a grateful community sets aside time to pay tribute to the men and women of law enforcement—that thin blue line separating law-abiding citizens from the criminal element. As part of Guam's Police Week observance, Guam's finest are recognized for their dedicated service to the community. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to announce that Guam's Police Officer of the Year for 1995 is Special Agent Lydia Cruz Ogo, an 18-year veteran of the force.

Special Agent Ogo graduated from the Guam Police Department's 19th cycle on January 6, 1979. She spent the next 14 years in the department's patrol division. On December 7, 1989, Special Agent Ogo was promoted to police officer II. In November 1992, she was transferred to the criminal investigation section assigned to crimes against persons unit, where her primary duty is the investigation of criminal sexual conduct cases. As we all know, Mr. Speaker, domestic disturbances and rape cases are among the most difficult, most heart-wrenching, and most potentially dangerous calls to which police officers are expected to respond to. These are just the types of calls that Special Agent Ogo handles everyday. I daresay she has witnessed more pain and human tragedy over the years than we could bear.

Over the years, Special Agent Ogo has responded to, or conducted the investigation of, nearly every imaginable type of call—from staking out illegal gambling dens and chasing down car thieves, to investigating murder scenes and testifying at trials. But Special Agent Ogo also gives lectures to public and private organizations on family and domestic violence, child abuse, and sexual assault. She assisted in the planning and formation of the Healing Hearts Center, Guam's rape crisis intervention center. In deed and action, Special Agent Ogo exhibits a profound application and understanding of her duty as a peace officer. In the words of her immediate supervisor, "Agent Ogo is an outstanding investigator and continues to be a role model for other investigators. She is judicious in carrying out assignments. She demonstrates admirable judgment and intuition. She has been classified by unit supervisors and her superiors as the most dependable, reliable, and hardworking investigator who never neglects her duties and offers no excuses. She is an asset to this section and to the department."

I would add that Special Agent Ogo is a role model for young men and women in Guam and that she is an asset, not just to her section and the police department, but also to the island of Guam. I proudly join with Special

Agent Lydia Cruz Ogo's family, friends, neighbors, and fellow officers in extending our heartiest congratulations and heartfelt Si Yu'os Ma'ase. Kontra i piligro, na'fan safo' ham. Yu'os protehi si Lydia yan todo siha i manga'chong-na gi departamentun polisian Guahan.

AMERICA'S FRIENDS IN THE
SOUTH PACIFIC, H. CON. RES. 189

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN
OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing House Concurrent Resolution 189, a resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the importance of U.S. States membership in regional South Pacific organizations.

In the postcolonial era, regional cooperation has become one of the key elements in the development of the South Pacific. While the programs that the South Pacific Commission, the South Pacific Regional Environment Program, and other regional organizations undertake are small in scale, the impact on regional stability is critical. In short, the small investment is for a high return.

Nations in the South Pacific share our values and a commitment to the democratic process. Their support has been important to the United States in the United Nations and other international fora. However, we must not continue to take it for granted.

In the post-cold-war era we need to ensure that we remain engaged in this key strategic region on the doorstep of Asia. In order to do this we must continue to support the work of regional organizations such as the South Pacific Commission, the South Pacific Regional Environment Program, and the South Pacific Forum.

I am pleased to learn that the administration has recently paid the U.S. contribution for this year to the South Pacific Commission. It is important that we maintain our commitment to this key regional organization.

Accordingly, I urge my colleagues to support the resolution and request that the full text of House Concurrent Resolution 189 be printed at this point in the RECORD.

H. CON. RES 189

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Congress—

(1) recognizes the traditional and close ties between the United States and the South Pacific region and reaffirms the value of these ties;

(2) notes the need to continue to support the efforts of the countries of the region to enhance the sustainable development of the more fragile island economies and their integration into the regional economy, while helping to ensure the protection of the unique ecosystems of the region;

(3) commends the South Pacific Commission for the process of managerial and organizational reform currently being undertaken, and recognizes the important role the United States financial contribution to, and participation in, the organization makes in assisting it to realize the gradual economic self-sufficiency to all members of the organization; and

(4) reaffirms the commitment of the United States as a member of the South Pacific Commission and the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme, and the post-forum dialogue partnership of the United States with the South Pacific Forum.

TRIBUTE TO LOUISE AND GERALD
STEIN

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to rise in tribute to Milwaukeeans Louise and Gerald Stein, as they receive the Jerusalem 3000 Builders of Israel Award on Monday evening, June 24, 1996.

Both Louise and Jerry were raised in traditional Jewish homes, stressing family and faith. These commitments remain an important and vital part of their lives to this day.

Louise, in addition to raising the couple's three daughters, has been very active over the years as an officer in the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, the Milwaukee Association for Jewish Education and the B'nai B'rith Women's Council.

As president and chief executive officer of the Milwaukee-based Zilber/Towne Realty family of companies, Jerry has been a positive force in the Milwaukee business and Jewish communities for many years. He is currently the president of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation and is a past campaign chair. In addition, he is a director and past president of the Milwaukee Center for Independence and the Milwaukee Public Museum. The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Foundation Board, the Milwaukee Heart Institute, First Bank Milwaukee, the UW-M School of Business and the Marquette University Law School Multicultural Council all benefit from Jerry's dedicated efforts.

Therefore, it is with great pleasure that I join the family of Louise and Jerry Stein, their business associates and many friends in honoring them as they receive the prestigious Jerusalem 3000 builders of Israel Award.

Continued best wishes, and on behalf of the residents of the greater Milwaukee-area, I offer a heartfelt "thank you" for your generosity and many, many hours of unselfish work over the years.

F.E. SPOONER, CHUCK SHAW, RON
RHODES HONORED FOR DEDICATION
TO STUDENTS

HON. HARRY JOHNSTON
OF FLORIDA

HON. MARK ADAM FOLEY
OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, we are pleased to congratulate F.E. (Buz) Spooner, Chuck Shaw, and Ron Rhodes for their long dedication to the students of Palm Beach County. For 38 years they have provided over 55,000 students with the opportunity to visit our Nation's Capital. It has been

our pleasure to greet the thousands of students they brought to Washington, DC. Every year the patrols arrive and fill the seats on the floor of the House of Representatives, bringing their interest and excited enthusiasm to these normally staid Chambers. Their enthusiasm reminded all of us who work here of the awesome nature of the Capitol and what it represents.

We commend Buz, Chuck, and Ron for granting this opportunity to so many students over the years. One of the greatest problems in our country today is a lack of understanding and appreciation for our democratic system and the way we make laws and why. Introducing young people to the Capitol and educating them on the law-making process is a truly admirable pursuit that will serve our entire country as those same students become adults who have the power to vote and effect change.

The efforts and dedication of Buz Spooner, Chuck Shaw, and Ron Rhodes are remembered and appreciated by our south Florida colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives and our predecessors, the Honorables Dan Mica and Tom Lewis. Most importantly, they are remembered by the students who will retain the experience and grow up to be citizens actively involved in the democratic process. We can only hope that others will take up the challenge and continue providing this service for future generations. It would be the best way to honor the legacy of these three men.

IN SUPPORT OF THE IRAN OIL
SANCTIONS ACT OF 1996

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Iran Oil Sanctions Act of 1996. H.R. 3107 is a good bill that will impose sanctions on those who provide Iran and Libya with the ability to acquire or create weapons of mass destruction.

Iran and Libya continue to pose a serious threat to the Middle East Peace process and to the security of nations around the world. Both nations continue to sponsor international terrorism and operate to disrupt world stability. They have shown complete disregard for the value of human life with the downing of Pan Am Flight 103, the Berlin disco bombing in 1985, the seizure of U.S. hostages in Tehran and their continued sponsorship of international terrorists.

Since these nations refuse to cooperate with the rest of the world on peace initiatives, the United States must take steps to prevent these nations from earning the money they need to sponsor further international terrorism. The best way to do this is to convince Iran and Libya's creditors and trading partners not to transact business with them. This will put pressure on these terrorist countries to reform their policies. The United States needs to take the lead and take decisive action today and if we fail to do so, we are bound to see the loss of more innocent lives around the world.

I urge each of my colleagues to support H.R. 3107.

JUNE: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
MONTH

HON. SCOTT L. KLUG

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. KLUG. Mr. Speaker, since June is Science and Technology Month, it is appropriate that we honor the 25th anniversary of the Association for Women in Science [AWIS]. This association is the largest multidisciplinary science organization for women in the United States. Founded in 1971, it has grown to 74 chapters with nearly 6,000 members nationwide.

AWIS is committed to achieving equity and full participation of women in all areas of science and technology. Serving as a national voice, the association has been recognized for its leadership and has made a lasting impact on the accessibility of science and engineering education and careers to women.

A high priority of AWIS is diversity in the broadest definition, including race and ethnicity, workplace, education level and discipline. The scope of this diversity is reflected in its membership. Disciplines include natural sciences, from agronomy to engineering, and social sciences, from anthropology to psychology. Nearly 60 percent of AWIS members hold a Ph.D. In addition, more than 50 percent are involved with academic institutions. The remainder work in industry or government.

AWIS has also been instrumental in nominating women who were subsequently appointed to the National Science Board and the President's Committee on Science and Technology. Members have also received several prestigious national awards such as the National Medal of Science. I would especially like to commend the president of AWIS, Jaleh Daie, a professor at the University of Wisconsin. She was recently inducted into the Hall of Fame for the Network of Women in Technology International.

In 1996, AWIS celebrates 25 years of service and commitment to equity, leadership training, diversity, and to supporting women in their career advancement. I am pleased to honor this important organization which is committed to a strong and diverse science and education enterprise.

SGT. CHARLES KOHRHERR HONORED FOR SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY

HON. ROBERT MENEDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. MENEDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Sgt. Charles Kohrher, a courageous individual who has served the Nation in time of war and whose bravery has helped protect Union City from crime for many years. His selfless dedication to public service has made him a model of excellence in law enforcement and an ambassador of goodwill throughout the community.

In 1967, Sgt. Kohrher began his career enlisting in the U.S. Army. From 1968 to 1969,

he was assigned to the 1st Aviation Brigade, 61st Helicopter Company, while serving in Vietnam. Before being honorably discharged from the Army in 1970, he amassed an outstanding service record, including 11 air medal awards, the Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, a Unit Citation and the Air Crewman Badge of Courage.

Following his military service, he joined the Union City Police Department in 1971. By 1972, he was made a detective and assigned to the Narcotics Unit. Then in 1974, while serving as a narcotics officer, he was shot and his partner was killed while apprehending an escapee from a Florida chain gang. Despite this enormous tragedy, Sgt. Kohrher found the courage to continue his law enforcement career and to serve with the Narcotics Unit until 1976. After serving several more years in various departmental units such as the Motorcycle Division and Uniform Patrol, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant where he completed his law enforcement career.

Sgt. Kohrher's career exemplifies the true meaning of valor and achievement. For his service as a law enforcement officer, he was awarded the New Jersey State Medal of Honor, the State P.B.A. Valor Award, four meritorious service awards, and the Knights of Columbus Policeman of the Year Award. Aside from being a highly decorated and respected officer, Sgt. Kohrher has for many years put his life on the line for the protection and safety of others. It is therefore fitting to say that Sgt. Charles Kohrher is truly one of New Jersey's finest.

I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Sgt. Charles Kohrher, a special individual who has devoted himself to serving his country and community with honor and dignity. I applaud the dedication of such a remarkable man and an exceptional law enforcement official.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN BRAGG

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 30-year career of a great statesman, Tennessee State Representative John Bragg. Upon his retirement, I would like to recognize his outstanding achievements, honors, and successes, both personally and for the State of Tennessee.

Serving as the House Finance chairman for 22 years, Mr. Bragg established an ethical foundation of admirable weight. He subsequently made significant changes in the State legislative process. For these measures, he was awarded the title chairman emeritus.

In addition, he was a stronghold in the creation of the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System. As such, Tennessee is considered one of the best managed States in the country, with regard to public pension plans.

Mr. Bragg hails from Murfreesboro, TN, and his loyalty has never swayed. He has represented the city and Rutherford County throughout his entire three decades in politics.

During that time, he boosted Middle Tennessee State University to a premier educational institution within the State. He secured the funds to build three multimillion dollar complexes for the school: the mass communications building, the Tennessee Livestock Center, and a \$31.7 million library.

Joining Mr. Bragg at his retirement ceremony were colleagues, friends, and family. He attributed most of his accomplishments to their support; and similarly, his desire to care for those he loves extends to his fellow citizens. I ask that we recognize John Bragg for his endless dedication, his honorable values, and his compassion for Tennessee.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. RICHARD J.
BOXER

HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute today to one of Milwaukee County's truly outstanding citizens, Dr. Richard J. Boxer. As the Lubavitch House of Wisconsin prepares to honor Dr. Boxer for his multitude of contributions to our community, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the remarkable achievements of this great man.

Dr. Boxer, or Rick, as he prefers to be known, has been nationally recognized for his countless number of contributions to American medicine. Rick is the only member of the board of advisors to the Health Policy Institute at both the Medical College of Wisconsin and the University of Wisconsin. He has authored 435 scientific articles, chapters, and a book and has lectured throughout the world. Rick is the former chairman of the surgery department at both Sinai-Samaritan and St. Michael Hospitals in Milwaukee. Rick was voted by his peers the best urologist in Milwaukee in three separate surveys by Milwaukee Magazine in 1987, 1991, and 1996. Rick further serves as the medical director of the Bernard and Helen Soref Prostate Cancer Foundation and the Gordon Henke Cancer Foundation. In addition, he is a professor in the Health Policy Institute

and in the Department of Family Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

President Clinton recognized Rick's capabilities in 1995 when he appointed him to the National Cancer Advisory Board and the National Institutes of Health. In 1996, Rick broke new international ground when he led the first physicians' mission to Israel. In addition to his professional associations, Rick selflessly devotes his personal time to numerous philanthropic organizations including the Milwaukee's Jewish Federation, the Milwaukee Jewish Council, the Wisconsin State of Israel Bonds, the Milwaukee Jewish Home and Care Center, the Weizmann Institute, and the Friends of Lubavitch.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the Wisconsin Friends of Lubavitch on its excellent selection of Dr. Richard Boxer as this year's honored guest, and I wish Rick, his wife Barbara, and their loving children continued success in all of their endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO CAPITAL
COMMITMENT

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 18, 1996

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a dynamic local organization which has brought telecommunications training and knowledge to the economically disadvantaged of the Washington area. Capital Commitment, recently celebrated its 50th anniversary. And, through its fine work, 424 disadvantaged students have graduated from programs which have prepared them for well paying jobs in telephone installation, maintenance, and repair.

Capital Commitment was born from a vision held by Ernest and La Verne Boykin who recognized in June 1991 that the telecommunications industry in which they had worked for so many years had few minorities. They also witnessed increased violence in their Washington neighborhood and had the compassion to ask themselves what they could do to help these young people bring focus to their lives.

The answer to Ernest and La Verne was to leave their jobs at high technology telecommunications companies to set up Capital Commitment.

In the fall of 1991, they formed partnerships with the DC public schools, Ballou STAY and Northern Telecom [Nortel], a world leader in designing, engineering, building, and maintaining digital networks. By January 1992, they graduated their first class, which consisted of six homeless men from the Omega-Alpha Brotherhood. They were successful in placing this class in good jobs and they used their success to solicit support from local foundations.

As they struggled financially, they continued their important program and, by the end of 1993, had graduated 150 students and had an all-time high placement record of 97.5 percent. They still had not met their most important goal, to raise \$100,000. However with continued support from Nortel as well as help from the National Center for Neighborhood Enterprises, the Hitachi Foundation, The Beer Institute and the United Black Fund, they reached 50 percent of their money raising goal.

In the summer of 1994, their success in training and placing their students in high paying, high technology jobs—by this time they had graduated 219—attracted additional partnerships with Bell Atlantic and the Eisenhower Foundation. Things had started to turn around for them.

Capital Commitment has been featured on several TV and radio stations within the last year. They have announced further partnerships with the Pentagon Renovations, BISCI, the Private Industry Councils of Washington, DC, Prince Georges County and Montgomery County. Their partners provide funding and also help secure employment for Capital Commitment graduates.

It gives me great pleasure to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ernest and La Verne Boykin and all of their partners in Capital Commitment for making a real difference in their communities by providing hope and a future to the economically disadvantaged.