

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO BONNIE MILLER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bonnie Miller, a dedicated community leader who is being honored as an inductee into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Bonnie Miller, a member of the board of directors of the Fair Oaks Community Center, conducted several fundraising efforts which resulted in the group being able to provide food for many people who would otherwise have gone without. She organized her community to make the Taft School a drug-free zone, and was a founding member of a coalition which developed the Taft/Healthy Start Family Center in 1995. She is the owner of a small business and has been active in the Women's Financial Information Program, a 7-week course that was designed to help women conquer their fear of finances. She has raised seven children and received the Unsung Hero Award from the Redwood City Interservice Club and the Sequoia Award for Outstanding Volunteerism.

Mr. Speaker, Bonnie Miller is an outstanding citizen and I salute her for her remarkable contributions and commitment to our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating her on being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

HONORING BRADFORD MILLER
FOR HIS AWARD OF HIGHEST
HONOR FROM THE AMERICAN
ROAD AND TRANSPORTATION
BUILDERS ASSOCIATION

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bradford Miller for winning the American Road and Transportation Builders Association Award, the ARTBA's most prestigious award.

Mr. Miller is the current executive vice president of the Tennessee Road Builders Association [TRBA]. Under his leadership, the TRBA has grown to nearly 380 members and is one of the largest and most supportive chapters in ARTBA.

Since Mr. Miller has served as executive vice president, TRBA has passed significant legislation for our State's transportation system in the Tennessee General Assembly and has seen its highway construction program grow from \$250 million to a record \$540 mil-

lion in 1996. Mr. Miller has developed close relationships with the Tennessee delegation, which prompted the passage of numerous pieces of legislation that have greatly benefited the highway, paving, and aggregate industries in Tennessee. He has been able to gain the support of the legislature for highway and ARTBA issues. In fact, Tennessee was one of the few and the largest State delegation where all the House Members voted in favor of removing the transportation trust funds from the unified Federal budget.

Mr. Miller, a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University, has led an active life, dedicated to leadership. Before becoming the association executive, he owned and operated a grading, base, paving and rock quarry company, an asphalt paving company, and two water, sewer, and gas line companies. He has served as chairman of the ARTBA Council of State Executives in 1990 and is an active member of the ARTBA bridges and structure committee.

Mr. Miller is a respected citizen in the community. He is married to June Miller, has four children and six grandchildren. He is a devoted family man and a devoted representative of TRBA and ARTBA. I congratulate him on his award and wish him the best of luck.

RECOGNIZING ARNOLD ARONSON

HON. RONALD V. DELLUMS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. DELLUMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 87th birthday of Arnold Aronson, an ardent crusader for civil rights. Arnold Aronson's distinguished career in civil rights transcends several generations including Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal. Mr. Aronson, with Roy Wilkins launched the National Emergency Civil Rights Mobilization, an organization, which later became known as the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. This civil rights organization marched on Washington to protest intolerable race-based injustices and lobbied for greater civil rights protections for Black Americans. Arnold Aronson drafted a report assessing needs of Black Americans which later became the 1957 Civil Rights Act.

While at the helm of the Leadership Conference for the first 13 years of its origin, this champion of civil rights also was the program director of the National Jewish Community Relations. Throughout his activist career, Aronson allied the Jewish and Black communities in the struggle for civil rights. He is one of the original 10 organizers and leaders of the 1963 March on Washington. A tremendous amount of legislation was initiated under his direction at the Leadership Conference. Most notably included are the 1957 and 1964 Civil

Rights Acts, the 1965 Voting Rights Act, and the 1968 Fair Housing Act.

In the early days of the Leadership Conference, Mr. Aronson worked closely with my uncle, C.L. Dellums, and A. Phillip Randolph the legendary president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, to prompt President Roosevelt to issue an Executive Order which barred discrimination on the basis of race, creed, or national origin in any war-related industries.

I proudly join with others to salute the efforts of Arnold Aronson to bring civility to the United States through positive action. To date Arnold Aronson is an active member of the Leadership Conference. Largely due to Mr. Aronson's perseverance and coalition building, today's Leadership Conference includes nearly 200 organizations and continues to confront all fronts of racial, religious, national origin, gender and sexual orientation bigotry and discriminations.

TRIBUTE TO JEAN MILLER ON
HER RETIREMENT

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, within every community, there are individuals who, through their acts of kindness and selflessness, touch many lives. Quite often, they are the silent leaders following a path that many others have traveled. Those who travel with them find prosperity at the end. One such leader is Jean Miller.

In April 1997, Ms. Miller will be retiring as president of the Southern Chester County, PA, Emergency Medical Services, Inc. For Ms. Miller, this marks the end of an impressive and rewarding career. She served 25 years in the Navy, including three tours as a surgical nurse during the Vietnam war. Ms. Miller was also an active member of the West Grove Fire Co. She has been admired by her colleagues for her skills in the operating room as well as the warmth she displayed in the recovery room.

Credited for improving ambulatory services in the Chester County community, Ms. Miller expanded the services to include routine ambulance transportation and emergency basic life support services. In addition, she was the guide for providing basic life support professional staff to local ambulance services, augmenting such services during daytime hours when volunteer help was limited.

On March 16, the citizens of Chester County will honor Jean Miller for a lifetime of unselfish service. As she receives accolades from the citizens present at this event, individuals across the country who were touched by Ms. Miller's caring hands will once again feel her touch as the last chapter of an illustrious career comes to an end.

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As chairman of the Congressional Fire Service Caucus, it is my honor to pay tribute to Ms. Miller on behalf of the 320 Fire Caucus members.

IN HONOR OF MARTHA GRIFFITHS
ON THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

HON. LYNN N. RIVERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Ms. RIVERS. Mr. Speaker, for the record, I would like to pay tribute to an exceptional person whose vision for equality raised the consciousness of our Nation. During her 20 years in the House, Martha Griffiths dedicated herself to fighting for equal rights for women and minorities.

Elected to Congress in 1954, Ms. Griffiths made the introduction of legislation prohibiting wage discrimination on the basis of sex one of her first priorities in the 84th Congress. Breaking gender barriers, Ms. Griffiths became the first woman representative to win appointment to the Committee on Ways and Means in 1962. One of her many great achievements in Congress was the inclusion of her amendment prohibiting sex discrimination in the landmark 1964 Civil Rights Act. Ms. Griffiths untiring efforts to create an equal playing field for women led to the passage of the Federal Equal Rights Amendment in the 91st Congress. Although, ultimately, the Equal Rights Amendment was not adopted into law, the legacy of Ms. Griffiths' efforts continue to serve as an inspiration to all of us.

On March 22, 1997, Ms. Griffiths will be in Washington, DC, celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Equal Rights Amendment's passage in Congress. On that day, we will celebrate Ms. Griffiths lifetime dedication to furthering equality for all Americans.

TRIBUTE TO FRANCISCA DE
CASTRO GUEVARRA

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Francisca De Castro Guevarra, a dedicated community leader who is being honored as an inductee into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Francisca De Castro Guevarra was born in San Francisco and is the daughter of Filipino immigrants. She has been an exemplary community volunteer for the past 28 years. She left her banking career in 1969 to join the Volunteer Center where she has been instrumental in broadening the focus of service to groups and regions that had not previously been served. In 1990, she organized the bay area's first Volunteer Center Conference on Cultural Diversity and Voluntarism, which has served as a model for many subsequent conferences throughout the bay area. She has

been tireless in her efforts to involve youth in voluntarism and service, and conducted a management training session for representatives of 18 European countries at the 1996 Volunteurope Conference in Rome.

Mr. Speaker, Francisca De Castro Guevarra is an outstanding citizen and I salute her for her remarkable contributions and commitment to our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating her on being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

A GREAT TEACHER . . . AN
INSPIRATION

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, this past February 24 would have been the 52d birthday of Helen Leon Guerrero Carriveau should she have survived here bout with cancer. Helen Carriveau left a lasting impression on her family, her friends, her colleagues, and most importantly her many students. A resident of Latte Heights, Mangilao, Helen taught in the Guam Public School System for 28 years. She began her teaching career on Guam in 1968 at George Washington High School. The next year she transferred to Dededo Junior High School, now known as Dededo Middle School, and taught there until 1986 when she transferred to John F. Kennedy High School. For the next 10 years, Helen worked avidly advising and supporting almost every student organization on campus.

Helen worked endlessly during the seventies and eighties toward the preservation of the Chamorro language and culture. Through her role as a language teacher, Helen used her charisma to coach her many students who participated in the various islandwide oratorical contests. Part of her role included coordinating the various campus activities at Dededo Middle School where she was teaching at the time.

Helen's work at John F. Kennedy High School during her 10 years of service were especially rewarding to her many students. She was the main advisor for the John F. Kennedy High School student government program, WAY. During her term as faculty advisor, the WAY Program developed from a student government class to an active school and community-based operation. Students made major decisions affecting school fundraising, activities, calendars, and financial management. Through her work, the student government office became equipped with computers, printers, a facsimile machine, a copy machine, and a direct telephone line. With her encouragement, WAY defined its role as umbrella organization for the other student entities throughout the school. Together, they supplied the school with trashcans for litter, provided a public address system for school functions, and acquired display cases for the art classes. Helen helped form and organize several other student organizations including HITA—Helping Islanders to Achieve—and the community-based JFK chapter of the SHOUT

Program. She was an advisor to the S Club, several class councils, as well as the National Honor Society.

Together with Connie Guerrero, another educator, Helen became a lead facilitator and organizer of the Guam Close-up Program which literally brought hundreds of our island students to our Nation's Capital for participation in workshops and lectures developed to spark and maintain student interest in government and democracy. Under Helen's leadership several other programs were introduced to Guam students. These included the Pacific Basin Program, the Citizen Bee, and the Geography Bee.

Helen's friend and colleague, Robert Abaday gave the following eulogy at her memorial services:

Helen began writing her autobiography on December 5th, 1996 and penned the last entry on January 6th, 1997—the day before she entered the hospital. She never got to finish the story, but I, as a colleague at JFK High School and as her friend, will do my best to relate some things about her as I remember her.

Helen's enthusiasm for teaching excited her students; encouraged them to do their best; and, in some lit the passion for teaching. Her classroom was alive with colors, art, music, exotic foods, posters, piñatas, and student assignments for social studies and Spanish. She shared her knowledge of Guam, history, and Spain. Helen initiated the JFK Cinco de Mayo celebration, which has since become an annual event. She was involved in the school and loved the students. Helen was an "Islander" who led us in school spirit and fiercely believed her school and students were the best on island.

Teaching was not a job that ended at 2:30—it was a lifestyle that included evenings, weekends and vacations. Helen was always ready to stop by school for meetings or to chaperone. She was always ready to listen to student's problems; help them find solutions; encourage them to continue; and when she needed to, straighten them out. She allowed others to experiment and to make their own mistakes. Students in Spanish, history and student government loved her classes and knew Helen was there for them. Students returning from college on vacation would seek her out, once again, to share their triumphs and their worries.

Helen had a very active life. Look at the lists over the years for committees, workshops, and chaperons and Helen's name will be included. Close-up, National Honor Society, SHOUT, Peer Counseling, and Geography BEE were only a few of her many activities. She shared her knowledge of Guam and its history during the Golden Salute by leading tours for Veterans.

Helen was well-organized, responsible, and thorough. Whatever activity or event she ran would be sure to be smoothly planned and implemented.

Those who worked with her could expect to be recruited for some event or job, but we knew Helen would be there working right along with us. She believed in working together and asked for input from others. She always had a few minutes available to bounce ideas and phrases around. Helen could make you feel your ideas were good and you were an important part of any endeavor.

Helen made others feel welcome—new students at the orientations, new classes, new colleagues—faculty, staff, and administrators. People were drawn to Helen. They enjoyed

her company, she loved a good story and was a great storyteller. She was a charter member of the Social Studies Party Animals. Helen made everyone feel better just being around her. She enjoyed laughing and made us laugh along with her. You could always tell when Helen was holding back a laugh though—her eyes danced.

Friendship was very important to Helen. Her father told her that if you had friends—you were rich. Helen had many friends. If you ever needed any help, Helen was there. I have pictures of Helen and Liz Huey sweeping water out of classrooms after a typhoon, sweating and laughing. Helen taught a group of us how to play pinochle a few weeks before Christmas. She was considerate, encouraged us to "go for it", and went out of her way for others. Her generous nature made us feel honored to be accepted as her friends.

When you needed a spokesperson, a mediator or a dragon fighter, Helen was there. Helen was known for her high sense of values, family pride, love for life and integrity. Compassionate and dignified could be used to describe this gracious and joyful woman. She showed us what it meant to have courage and to value family, friends, and life. She shared her life with all of us—moment by moment. She encouraged us, she challenged us, she brought out the best in us. Helen taught all of us. She taught us how to enjoy every bit of life. She taught us, through her own example, how to live."

Her thoughtfulness and influence extended far past the campus of John F. Kennedy High School. She can count on many other students as her pupils. Joshua Tenorio, one of my legislative assistants is included as one of those students. He met her many years ago during a trip to Washington he had made to participate in the Close-up Program. As a representative of the Guam Youth Congress, Joshua did not have an advisor. Helen adopted his group and they bonded from then on. Joshua told me:

She was a true inspiration to us all. She was always encouraging and provided us with her full support. Her death is a loss to the entire island of Guam for she represented everything positive about being an educator. She lives on in the minds of the hundreds of students she touched with her heart. I know that her husband and her children can safely say that she led the best possible life. That is why we should celebrate it whenever we think of her. One thing is for sure, she will never be forgotten.

Helen was my colleague in various projects over the years. She was intelligent, committed, and a positive influence on everyone she came into contact with. I will miss her, her students will miss her, and the people of Guam have lost a great educator.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I submit this statement for the RECORD. May others take note and use her as an example of the best that we can be. My sincere condolences go out to her husband, Kenneth, and her children and their spouses, Kenneth and Lolanda, Monique, and Brett, and her two grandchildren, Katherine and Kieran.

IN MEMORY OF JANIE TIJERINA OF HOUSTON, TX

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of a valuable member of the Houston community, Mrs. Janie Gonzales Tijerina, who passed away on Sunday, March 2, 1997. Mrs. Tijerina was among Houston's most prominent community leaders, but perhaps will be most remembered as the owner of Felix Mexican Restaurants which she founded with her husband, the late Felix Tijerina, Sr., in the 1930's. Following her husband's death in 1965, Mrs. Tijerina continued to run the restaurants with her family until her death last week. As much as the community of Houston loved and respected Mrs. Tijerina, her family has suffered an even greater loss.

Mrs. Tijerina touched the lives of many generations in Houston. While I was a regular customer at her restaurant since almost birth—in fact both of my daughters can claim to have eaten at Felix's under her watchful eyes within one week of their respective births—I came to know Mrs. Tijerina while serving as chairman of the Harris County Democratic Party, when we leased space in the flagship restaurant on Westheimer for use as a polling place. I will always remember her enthusiastic greeting and her meticulous dedication to satisfying her customers. She truly ran what is now a Houston institution. She was one-of-a-kind and will be greatly missed by generations, including four in my family, who were fortunate enough to have met her and spent time with her.

Janie Tijerina treated everyone in Houston as a family member, and now that family mourns her passing. I ask unanimous consent to insert in the RECORD at this point an article and obituary which appeared in the Houston Chronicle on March 4, 1997.

RESTAURATEUR JANIE TIJERINA DIES AT AGE 88

Services will be held Wednesday for Janie Gonzales Tijerina, who helped her husband, Felix Sr., launch Felix Mexican Restaurants 60 years ago.

She died Sunday at age 88 after a long illness.

Tijerina had served on the Municipal Arts Commission and numerous other boards.

"Her death helps mark the passing of the founding generation of the truly prominent Hispanic Houstonians who began to attract citywide attention," said historian Thomas H. Kreneck.

Tijerina's husband, likewise deeply involved in civic projects, was national president of the League of United Latin American Citizens before his death in 1965.

In the 1930s, the Tijerinas were a struggling couple in Houston. He had tried to launch a restaurant, and they were living in a spare, one-room house.

One day, her boss at a variety store gave her \$50 to bet on a horse at Epsom Downs, the area's former horse track. He was such a skinflint, she knew he wouldn't risk that much money unless he was sure the horse would win.

She had promised her husband to stop gambling but couldn't resist betting on the

same horse. She hocked her jewelry and furs and their car, plus got a few dollars from other shop girls, and bet \$450.

The horse won, but Felix, then a beer truck driver, was shocked and said: "Janie, what have you done?"

She confessed about renegeing on her promise, gave him the winnings (about \$1,100 after their property was redeemed), told him to open a restaurant and pledged, "You're going to be the only boss."

Tijerina is survived by a son, Felix Jr., and a daughter, Janie.

JANIE GONZALES TIJERINA

Janie Gonzales Tijerina (Mrs. Felix Tijerina, Sr.), 88, owner of Felix Mexican Restaurants, died Sunday, March 2, 1997 in Houston. Mrs. Tijerina was born December 20, 1908, in Sandyfork, Texas. She was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church, was past president of the Downtown Women of Rotary and was the first woman granted a membership in the Rotary Club of Houston, (Downtown). She was past president of the Pilot Club of Houston, a member of the Salvation Army, the Chamber of Commerce of Houston, South Houston and Pasadena, was a former board member of the National Hotel Association of Mexico City, member of the City Art Commission, past member of the Board of Directors of The University of Houston, Sheltering arms, and the Houston Women's Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Felix Tijerina, Sr. and is survived by her daughter Janie Tijerina; son Felix Tijerina, Jr. and wife Sandra Kay; grandchildren Cary Jordan Tijerina and Katherine Ann Tijerina.

Friends may call at Geo. H. Lewis & Sons, 1010 Bering Drive, after 12:00 noon Tuesday, where a Rosary in English will be recited at 6:30 p.m., and in Spanish at 7:30 p.m. The funeral mass will be celebrated at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, 1997, at St. Anne Catholic Church, 2140 Westheimer, with Rev. David Zapalac celebrant. Rite of Committal will follow in the Garden of Gethsemane, Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery. Active Pallbearers will be Eugene Galindo, Alejandro Parra, Sia Ravari, Cary Tijerina, Janie B. Tijerina and James E. Wiggins. Honorary Pallbearers will be Frank Barrera, Joe Gonzalez, Hewitt Jenkins, Thomas Kreneck, Paul Pressler, Sr. and Joseph Soper. For those desiring, memorial contributions may be given to The University of Houston System, 1600 Smith, Suite 3400, Houston, Texas, 77002 Attn: General Endowment Fund for Scholarships, or to a charity of your choice.

IN MEMORY OF MARTIN SLATE

HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to take a few moments to express my sadness at the passing of a truly dedicated public servant. His name was Martin Slate, Since 1993, Mr. Slate had served as executive director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation [PBGC]. In this capacity, he was charged with safeguarding the hard-earned pension benefits of millions of working Americans. It was a job he did brilliantly. He arrived at the PBGC at a time when the agency was in danger of failing in its mission to guarantee the pension benefits of American workers. He developed a plan

to set things right and went about doing so. Director Slate led the effort to make needed reforms in the pension laws, he restored the PBGC to a level of solvency it had not seen in decades, and he spearheaded a new initiative to track down missing pension participants and provide them with the benefits they had earned but not received.

While at PBGC, Director Slate worked closely with leaders from Capitol Hill, particularly with former Congressman J.J. "Jake" Pickle. Writing to Director Slate's spouse last week, Congressman Pickle remarked:

We should give eternal thanks for Marty's leadership in the Pension Benefit Guaranty Program. For years neither the Administration nor Congress could remove road blocks that kept badly-needed pension reform from enactment. Marty Slate knew the problem, and knew how to chart a course of action. As Chairman of the Congressional Subcommittee that had jurisdiction over pension reform, I can vouch that Marty, more than anyone, led the fight that resulted in the passage of the Retirement Protection Act of 1994. Countless millions of American workers, now and in the future, owe a deep debt of gratitude to this great man.

Having worked closely with Director Slate on pension policy over the past several years, I share Congressman Pickle's enormous gratitude for the leadership and vision he provided in advancing the retirement security of the American people. Our Nation has lost a valuable ally in the critical struggle to achieve economic security for our Nation's retirees.

Fortunately for our Nation, however, Director Slate's 4 years of success at the PBGC were not a temporary foray into government service but the capstone of a lifelong career of service to the public. Prior to coming to the PBGC, Mr. Slate oversaw employee benefit plans for the Internal Revenue Service and served in a variety of capacities at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Marty's lifelong dedication to ensuring equal opportunity and preserving workplace benefit security brought tangible results to millions of working Americans. His life stands as a testament to the fact that one can achieve great good in service to one's country.

Mr. Speaker, this past Thursday I attended a memorial service for Director Slate. While this required me to miss several recorded votes here in the House, I was proud to count myself among the hundreds of colleagues and friends who gathered to pay tribute to this exceptional man. Speaker after speaker rose to celebrate the life and mourn the passing of this quintessential public servant and vibrant friend. For those of us who had known him only professionally, we learned in moving terms that Marty's dedication to his country was matched by dedication to his friends and family. Country, colleagues, family, friends—all will miss him terribly.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in this Chamber to join me in sending heartfelt condolences to Marty's wife, Dr. Caroline Poplin, and to the other members of Marty's family. At this difficult time, I know that we all join in expressing our sincere gratitude for Marty's many years of dedicated service to this Nation and his fellow citizens.

DECERTIFYING MEXICO

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to insert into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a letter to President Clinton from Grant Woods, attorney general from the State of Arizona; and Daniel E. Lungren, attorney general from the State of California. I call our colleagues' attention to the important message conveyed in this letter from two leaders on the frontlines in the struggle against illegal drugs.

Their message is clear: United States law enforcement resources have been compromised by corruption among their counterparts in Mexico. They call upon this Congress to decertify Mexico.

Mr. Speaker, in consultation with our colleagues, we will present legislation on Thursday that will decertify Mexico and send a bipartisan message to President Clinton and to the Mexican Government on steps that should be taken to stem the flow of drugs into the United States from Mexico.

I commend our friends from California and Arizona and urge my colleagues to study the wise counsel conveyed in their letter.

STATE OF ARIZONA,
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,
Washington, DC, February 27, 1997.
HON. BILL CLINTON,
Office of The President of the United States,
The White House, Washington, DC.

DEAR PRESIDENT CLINTON: As the chief law and law enforcement officers of our respective States, we are gravely concerned with recent reports that our cooperative efforts with law enforcement officials of the Republic of Mexico in the fight against illegal drugs may have been seriously compromised. This is intolerable. It threatens the integrity of our own enforcement efforts in our respective States, States which border Mexico and which are heavily impacted by the devastating cross-border illegal drug trade. Frankly, we are concerned about the consequences to state and national drug enforcement personnel, programs, strategies, data, equipment and criminal intelligence sources.

Accordingly, we urge you to take the appropriate action under sections 489 and 490 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to decertify the Republic of Mexico as a country "fully cooperating" with the United States to end drug production, trafficking and related activities. While this step appears to be drastic, we are unaware of any credible alternative means of impressing upon the appropriate agencies of national authority in Mexico the seriousness of these breaches of security. We cannot continue to cooperate in sensitive operations fighting drugs under these circumstances.

Sincerely,

GRANT WOODS,
Attorney General,
State of Arizona.
DANIEL E. LUNGREN,
Attorney General,
State of California.

HONORING BILL HARDMAN, SR.,
FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE STATE
OF TENNESSEE AND OTHER
SOUTHEAST STATES IN THE
AREA OF TOURISM

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Bill Hardman, Sr., and his service to the State of Tennessee and other Southeast States in the area of tourism.

Mr. Hardman, who has served as the president and CEO of the Southeast Tourism Society [STS] since its inception in 1983, is relinquishing his duties on March 15, 1997. He will be greatly missed.

Mr. Hardman is a legend in the tourism industry. He began his career in 1959 when he became Georgia's first tourism director, a position he held for 12 years. One of Mr. Hardman's first projects was to construct welcome centers at Georgia's State borders. The State was the first in the Southeast other than Florida to form a welcome center program. Before he left, he had planned and coordinated eight welcome centers. Following his successful program, other Southeastern States began constructing welcome centers and today, all Southeastern States have strong welcome center programs.

Mr. Hardman instituted the first Governor's Conference on Tourism in the United States in Georgia and other States followed. In 1965, he created and served as the first president for the Southern Travel Directors Council, which later became known as Travel South USA. He developed a high impact advertising program in television, radio, and newspaper and attended trade shows for the State of Georgia all over America and Europe.

Mr. Hardman was involved in Presidential Inaugurations and entered Georgia floats in the Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon inaugurations. He was instrumental in obtaining favorable legislation for tourism in Georgia. For several years, he had Georgia floats in the tournament of Roses Parade. He won a number of awards including the Sweepstakes Award. Hardman organized the Jimmy Carter Inaugural Special train to Washington for the inauguration of his home State President Jimmy Carter. The special train sold out in 2 days and several cars on the regular train from Atlanta to Washington were sold to the Jimmy Carter group.

Mr. Hardman left his State of Georgia employment in 1971 to go into his own business, a travel agency, travel advertising and promotion accounts, attraction development, trade show management and other areas of the tourism industry. In 1983, he got the idea for a regional travel organization. In September 1983, 21 people from 7 Southeastern States met in Atlanta to determine if there was a need for such an organization. The result was the formation of the Southeast Tourism Society, which currently has a membership of 450 people representing 10 Southeastern States. STS is the strongest regional travel organization in the nation. The purpose of STS is to market and develop tourism and travel to and

within the Southeastern States of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.

Mr. Hardman currently serves on the White House Conference Travel and Safety Committee. He has won numerous awards including the coveted Travel Industry Association of America Knight of the Golden Horseshoe Award in 1973.

Mr. Hardman's organizational and people skills have been the key to 10 States working together as though there are no State borders and working for the good of the region as a whole. The Southeast States enjoy an abundance of tourism, due, in part, to the efforts of Mr. Hardman. He is a good friend, not only to the States represented by STS, but also to me personally. Tennessee has been served well by his many successes. But, I don't expect him to sit idly by, so I hope we will be hearing from him often. Mr. Hardman will certainly be missed in his position at STS. I wish him the best of luck.

TRIBUTE TO MARYANN MEDINA

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Maryann Medina, a dedicated community leader who is being honored as an inductee into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Maryann Medina, one of the few Latina women working for the San Francisco Post Office in 1966, recognized the importance of lending a helping hand and became the first woman president of the Latin American Postal Workers. While continuing to work full time, she earned her AA degree in 1981 and a BS degree in public administration in 1985. In 1989, she was elected Western region coordinator of the APWU Post Office Women for Equal Rights. She organized her union's Childcare Committee and worked for a 24-hour childcare facility for postal workers. She joined Toastmaster International, became a public speaker, and attended the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995, and she now makes frequent public presentations about the conference. She is a member of the Soroptimists and volunteers as a facilitator in the Women's Financial Information Program.

Mr. Speaker, Maryann Medina is an outstanding citizen and I salute her for her remarkable contributions and commitment to our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating her on being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

WE DON'T ALL DO IT

HON. TOM CAMPBELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. Speaker, the most disappointing phrase anyone serving in public of-

fice can hear today is they all do it. That is, essentially, the White House defense of the crass sale of Presidential perks to major donors to the President's party. From the public polling data, it appears the President and Vice President are winning with this defense. Since everyone does it, it sounds almost hypocritical for critics to point out the unique venality of the White House political machine. There is a surmise that Members of Congress also sell perks of office for campaign advantage. In fact, we do not.

Let me contrast what we have learned about the President and Vice President with what is typical of a congressional office. In my congressional office, I receive letters of praise and letters of criticism. I do not send the letters of praise over to my campaign office so that funds can be solicited from those who wrote. I receive an extra ticket to the State of the Union address and to speeches by visiting heads of state to Congress. I do not auction those off, but give them to my staff. When people ask to get on my schedule to talk about a political topic, I schedule the meetings for the coffee shop across from my district office in California; in Washington, I schedule them at the private Capitol Hill Club. I don't make fundraising calls from my congressional office—and I don't know any Members of Congress who do. I know that Government locations are for carrying out the Nation's business, not for dialing-up contributors. So does everyone with any ethical sense above numbness.

That's why I found the Vice President's excuse that he thought the law didn't apply to him so bizarre.

In his White House news conference, which some in the press called surreal, the Vice President stated—no less than seven times—that counsel had advised him that “there was no controlling legal authority” showing him in violation of the law.

First—there is such “controlling legal authority.” It's called the U.S. Code.

Section 607, of title 18, of the United States Code states that, “It shall be unlawful for any person to solicit or receive any contribution * * * in any room or building occupied in the discharge of official duties by any person mentioned in section 603 * * *.” Section 603 of title 18, defines “any person” to include “an officer or employee of the United States or any department or agency thereof, or a person receiving any salary or compensation for service from money derived from the Treasury of the United States * * *.” Violators of section 607 can be fined and/or imprisoned for up to 3 years. How much more clear can it be?

Second—put the law to one side. What about a sense of personal ethics? Do we really need a law to say—“Don't use the public's money for personal political gain?”

Mr. Speaker, in light of the President and Vice President's actions, Congress needs to send a signal of hope and self-confidence to the entire country that we don't all do it. Regrettably, many people looking at Congress think each of us does pretty much the same sort of thing, or at least looks the other way when one of our colleagues does. Well, as a matter of fact, not everyone does use public office for personal political gain. And not every one of us looks the other way, either.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON MOVIN' MAVS AND DUNCANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL'S GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two amazing athletic achievements that were recently accomplished by basketball teams in my district. On March 2, the University of Texas at Arlington wheelchair basketball team, the Movin' Mavs, captured their fifth National Intercollegiate Wheelchair Basketball Championship. They were the first wheelchair basketball team to visit the White House.

I am also very proud of the Duncanville High School's girls basketball team. The girls team recently won their 18 State tournament title after finishing the season with a 38-0 record.

Both of these extraordinary teams deserve both praise and national recognition of their achievements. Each individual member of the Movin' Mavs has waged a personal battle to overcome disability and become a champion. And the Duncanville team's incredible run of 38 consecutive wins makes it a team for the record books.

My congratulations go to the 1996-97 UTA “Movin' Mavs” wheelchair basketball team: James Hayes, coach; Adrian Casell, manager; Jackie Middleton, trainer; Javier Gonzalez, Danny moor, Cezar Olivas, Enoch Ablorh, T.K. Dannelley, Takk Kerst, Jack Ricks, Jon Rydberg; and to the 1996-97 Duncanville High School girls basketball team: Sara Hackerott, coach; Christie Sparks, assistant coach; Andrea Bentley, Kenya Larkin, Remy McElroy, Dawn Owens, LaDonna Palmer, Tanika Catchings, Shunda Murray, Portia Lowe, Alana Griffin, Julie Jesperen, Angela Francis, Jalle Mitchell, Dana Godfrey, Jessica Barr-Long, Brianna Brown.

THE HOMEOWNERS CAPITAL LOSS RELIEF ACT

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, current tax laws discourage homeowners from selling their homes. By keeping them in homes they can't afford to lose money on, we are making it harder for families just starting out to purchase their first home. My bill will free up those homes for first-time buyers. I am working to make the American dream a reality for as many families as possible.

Recently, I introduced bipartisan legislation which would allow homeowners to deduct losses taken on the sale of their home from their taxes. The Homeowners Capital Loss Relief Act would enable many homeowners to sell their homes below the price they paid and deduct this loss from their taxes. I know that our families work to scrimp and save for their piece of the American dream. They should not

be penalized for a depressed real estate market and a drop in the value of their homes.

Mr. Speaker, this pro-homeowner provision was originally passed as part of the Balanced Budget Act of 1995. I was disappointed that this provision did not become law. Today, I am working to change that and provide much-needed tax relief to America's homeowners.

This bill recognizes that owning a home is more than just an investment—it is an important goal for many Americans. In addition, by enabling more families to purchase their first home, my legislation will encourage more investments in our communities.

Mr. Speaker, the American people have looked to us again and again for tax relief. It is time to give them the results they deserve. We must provide for our current and future homeowners.

TRIBUTE TO JESSICA FRANK

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jessica Frank, a dedicated youth leader who is being honored as an inductee into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Jessica Frank is a recipient of the National Council of Teachers of English Writing Award and has won accolades from her teachers for her creativity and determination. She has volunteered as a teacher's aide with emotionally disturbed third and fourth graders, has tutored a runaway youth who speaks English as a second language, and is a member of Moving On Racial Equality. Jessica has created projects that combine community service and social justice for her 400-member church youth organization and helped renovate an elementary school in a low-income area in San Francisco. She has organized and conducted a workshop on homelessness and spent last summer tutoring on a Navajo reservation. She is an inventive and committed community volunteer who gives generously of her time and talents to help others.

Jessica Frank is outstanding citizen and I salute her for her remarkable contributions and commitment to our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating her on being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

TRIBUTE TO STANLEY D. STEINBORN

HON. LYNN N. RIVERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Ms. RIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to take this opportunity to recognize the upcoming retirement of Mr. Stanley D. Steinborn, the deputy attorney general for the State of Michigan. Mr. Steinborn's 34 years of government service with Michigan's Office of Attorney General reflect the commitment, talent, and integrity he has brought to our State government.

Raised in Alpena, MI, the son of a bricklayer, Mr. Steinborn graduated from Michigan State University and obtained his law degree from Northwestern University in Chicago. He voluntarily interrupted his education to serve in the Korean war. He returned to Alpena to practice law, where he became friends with a recently settled local lawyer, Frank J. Kelley, who later became Michigan's attorney general. Mr. Steinborn joined Mr. Kelley in Lansing as an assistant attorney general in 1963, and has served as chief assistant and deputy attorney general since 1973, overseeing a staff of 250 lawyers.

The mark Mr. Steinborn has made on Michigan State government is reflected by the comments of so many who have worked with him. Mr. Frank Kelley, who remains our Nation's longest serving State attorney general recently said: "Mr. Steinborn has had a long and distinguished career as a public servant with the Office of Attorney General. He has been not only a colleague in law, but he has been my friend." Mr. Steinborn's contributions are recognized across party lines. Lucille Taylor, Governor Engler's top legal counsel, has nothing but praise for Mr. Steinborn:

I have worked very closely with Stan Steinborn during the past six years—sometimes on an almost daily basis. I respect the way he has performed his job. I have learned a lot from him, and I think he is an example of committed civil servant—a person who is really committed to his work and to the state. I admire him. If I ever had his job, I would do it exactly like he has.

Through the years, Mr. Steinborn has held firm to his ideals and convictions, while never losing sight of his priorities. Foremost in his life is his family. He and his wife of 42 years, Annette, have raised four children whose chosen careers mirror the values instilled in them by their parents—a medical social worker in my district, a civil engineer employed by the State of California, an attorney in private practice in Washington, DC, and a schoolteacher in the city of Detroit. It is a source of great family pride that all of the Steinborn's hold at least one degree from Michigan State University. Mr. Steinborn and his wife no doubt will stay busy in the years ahead enjoying their extended family that now includes four grandchildren.

Mr. Steinborn touched so many with whom he has worked. His dedication to the high ideals of our legal system and our democratic form of governance will surely serve as an important example for the many who have known and worked with him. It is my distinct pleasure to recognize his many important contributions to our State. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

COMMENDING THE LAUREL VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today and recognize the Laurel Volunteer Rescue Squad as they prepare to celebrate their 45th anniversary on March

15 1997. The history of this rescue squad dates back to 1952 and is filled with many significant and historic accomplishments which makes Laurel home to one of the most successful and decorated rescue squads in the Nation.

Since the first ambulance service and rescue squad was formed in 1952, the citizens of Laurel have always supported the men and women who are on the front lines of public safety every day. Additionally, the rescue squad has been at the forefront of teaching and developing heavy rescue techniques for the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute and the Prince Georges County Fire Department. However, the hard work and dedication of the rescue squad has been felt well beyond the town limits of Laurel. They have provided emergency care for five Presidents at their inaugural ceremonies and administered emergency care to Alabama Governor George Wallace after the attempted assassination in Laurel in 1972. They were also first on the scene when my good friend, Congresswoman Gladys Noon Spellman, fell ill.

Mr. Speaker, one of the greatest legacies of the Laurel Volunteer Rescue Squad has been its accomplishments in the international first aid competition arena. Dating back to 1965, both the men and women's teams have captured the world championship in first aid and rescue competition on several occasions. Last year, they surpassed all expectations, winning an unprecedented first and second place in the emergency medical technician competition.

Mr. Speaker, from the beginning, this rescue squad has excelled. They have seen a steady increase in membership, responsibility, and expertise and it is my honor to be able to recognize their many accomplishments as they celebrate their 45th anniversary. I commend the over 250 members of the Laurel Rescue Squad who embody the dedication and commitment that defines volunteer service.

John F. Kennedy once described the essence of public service as the following: "The energy, the faith, the devotion which we bring to this endeavor will light our country and all who serve it, and the glow from that fire can truly light the world." I can think of no organization which embodies the values of public service and volunteerism, and which lights our country every day, more than the Laurel Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to congratulate the Laurel Rescue Squad on this great achievement and to wish them continued success as they serve our community and our State for many years to come.

AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE

HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing a bill to require notice to automobile insurance policyholders before a paid up policy can be either canceled or renewal refused.

Many of my constituents without warning or for insignificant reasons are being cut off of

automobile insurance coverage and with little time allowed to find another company.

My bill will require at least 180 days notice before a cancellation or decision not to renew can take effect provided the premiums are fully paid up and there is no court order canceling the holder's driver's license.

In many places in my district the only means of transportation is one's automobile. To have to drive without insurance coverage is a public hazard. People need to be told well in advance if a company is refusing to renew or plans to discontinue coverage.

This is not interference with the company's right to decide who to cover or not cover. It is only a requirement of due notice. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

TRIBUTE TO CAROLYN NOBLES

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Carolyn Nobles, a dedicated community leader who is being honored as an inductee into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Carolyn Nobles has energetically and generously served her community for many years. She recently organized an effort to raise \$120,000 to build a playground in the North Fair Oaks community, and was a founding member of the Probe Auxiliary, which raised \$100,000 to benefit children's programs in Redwood City. She was a founding member of Friends of Redwood City and Redwood City's Citizens against Racism, which sponsors scholarships for minority students attending Cañada College. She has been honored by the Sierra Club, Soroptimists International, the Volunteer Center, the Junior League, the California State Assembly, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, and the Save San Francisco Bay Association.

Mr. Speaker, Carolyn Nobles is an outstanding citizen and I salute her for her remarkable contributions and commitment to our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating her on being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

IN MEMORY OF REV. MAC CHARLES JONES

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Ms. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a nationally respected clergyman, Rev. Mac Charles Jones. Reverend Jones' untimely death is a loss for the Kansas City community and the Nation.

Reverend Jones served as a deputy general secretary for the National Council of Churches and was en route to a meeting of that group's racial justice committee when he died. He also served as a member of the World Council of Churches central committee.

As an ordained minister in the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc., he served as pastor of St. Stephen's Baptist Church in Kansas City, MO. Because of Reverend Jones' initiative and drive St. Stephen's was the annual host of the local celebration honoring the birthday of the Reverend Martin Luther King. Reverend Jones was instrumental in convening the 1993 National Urban Peace and Justice Summit at St. Stephen which drew more than 100 current and former gang members together to discuss improving inner-city conditions.

Last June, Reverend Jones organized a group of clergymen, many from affected churches, to meet with President Clinton, Attorney General Reno, and Treasury Secretary Rubin to focus the Government's attention on the arson fires at African-American churches. His efforts played an important role in raising the national consciousness about this problem. A noted evangelist, Reverend Jones was an important leader in Kansas City. He made a difference in the lives of its residents. I ask the House to join me in expressing condolences to his wife, Jannela, and his children Ayinde Jones and Lacey Jones.

ASSISTED SUICIDE RESTRICTION ACT

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call my colleagues attention to the Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997, which I am introducing in the House of Representatives today. This bipartisan bill, which already has 100 cosponsors, will prevent the use of Federal tax dollars to subsidize or promote the practice of assisted suicide.

A Wirthlin worldwide poll conducted last November indicated that 87 percent of taxpayers objected to their tax dollars subsidizing assisted suicide. The Supreme Court has heard arguments arising from Second and Ninth Circuit Courts of Appeals that ruled that assisted suicide is a constitutional right. Unless the Supreme Court overturns these opinions, physician-assisted suicide could become a legal, routine practice throughout our Nation, and taxpayers could discover that they are funding assisted suicide, regardless of their conscientious objections to the practice.

The Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997 will preempt the use of taxpayer dollars by preventing programs funded by the Public Health Service block grants and others, such as Medicaid, Medicare, Indian health care, the military health care system and the Federal Employee Benefit plans, from paying for assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing.

The bill does not affect a patient's right to reject or to discontinue medical treatment. It respects the wishes of the patient, and it respects the sanctity of the doctor-patient relationship. It does not create any limitation regarding the withholding or withdrawing of medical treatment or of nutrition or hydration, nor does it affect funding for alleviating pain or discomfort for patients.

In sum, the bill has the modest goal of keeping the Federal Government out of the business of assisted suicide. Mr. Speaker, I believe that we must be proactive in addressing this issue—rather than be forced to deal with it after the fact—and that is what we hope to accomplish with this legislation.

I urge my colleagues to give this bill their serious consideration and support.

TRIBUTE TO THE LAKE AREA UNITED WAY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, the United States has been built by great citizens who unselfishly dedicate their time to community service and volunteerism. The Lake Area United Way and its volunteers have worked diligently to assist those in need throughout Indiana's First Congressional District. The Lake Area United Way has organized a black tie fundraising gala in which all proceeds go to benefit its umbrella organizations. This affair will take place at the Raddison Star Plaza in Merrillville, IN on March 22, 1997.

This outstanding benefit would not take place without devoted individuals to make the event possible. These volunteers include: Mr. Vic DeMeyer, manager of Corporate Consumer & Community Development for the Northern Indiana Public Service Co.; Mr. Tom McDermott, president of the Northwest Indiana Forum; Mr. John Davies, senior team leader of the Northwest Indiana Forum; Mr. Norbert Dreyer, area manager of Ameritech-Indiana; Mr. Jeff Fox, branch manager for Bank One, Merrillville N.A.; Mr. John Gauder, director of marketing for U.S. Cable of Northern Indiana; Ms. Pat Giannini, community relations consultant for Amoco Oil Co.; Ms. Barbara Haas, group vice president of consumer service for the Northern Indiana Public Service Co.; Mr. Jim Hornak, president of the United Brotherhood Carpenters & Joiners; Ms. Kaydell Knarr, administrator for the school city of Hammond; Mr. George Kuebler, public relations manager for St. Anthony Medical Center; Mr. Peter Manous, attorney-at-law for John M. Kopack & Associates; Ms. Jan Moran, president of Moran Designs Corp.; Mr. Daniel Root, general manager for the Center for Visual & Performing Arts; and Ms. Delores Williams, assistant vice president of Nursing for Northlake Methodist Hospital.

In addition, this event could not be possible without the dedicated Lake Area United Way staff, including: Mr. Louis Martinez, president; Ms. Mary Ellen Nichols, executive assistant; Ms. Diane Karp, vice president of fund raising; Mr. Bob Scott, director of the fund raising campaign; Ms. Colleen Gallagher, senior manager of the fund raising campaign; Ms. Janiece Cerjeski, campaign associate, Mr. Steve Hunter, campaign assistant; Mr. Alex Monanteras, vice president of finance and administration; Mr. Pat McNiece, director of information systems; Ms. Mariann Munro, manager of financial accounting and human resources; Ms. Tracy Williams, finance assistant; Mr.

David Sikes, director of allocations; Mr. Jerry Powell, director of labor and information and referral; and Ms. Chelsea Stalling, director of marketing and communications.

The mission of the Lake Area United Way is to bring together the resources of our community to assist people in helping themselves and one another. The Lake Area United Way is an organization that strives for continuous improvement in the quality of relationships with one another, volunteers, and all individuals and businesses in the community. The Lake Area United Way strives to achieve this goal by treating all people in a courteous and professional manner in order to instill confidence and trust in their organization. Their hallmark is the delivery of timely, high-quality service by being accessible and responsive to ensure satisfaction. At the same time, the organization works hard to effectively communicate the appropriate information in order to achieve the individual and organizational goals. The Lake Area United Way also strives to identify and resolve problems in a timely and satisfactory manner, while disseminating information about the funded services that help people, as well as the places where help is available.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other colleagues to join me in commending these distinguished volunteers and staff members of the Lake Area United Way for their continuing effort to improve the quality of life for Indiana's First Congressional District. In closing, I would like to extend my congratulations to the Lake Area United Way, as well as best wishes for a successful gala on March 22.

TRIBUTE TO MS. THALIA
DONDERO OF LAS VEGAS, NV

HON. JOHN E. ENSIGN

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. ENSIGN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Thalia Dondero of Las Vegas, NV, who is being honored on March 12, 1997, at the Bishop Gorman High School Knight of the Gael. Throughout the years, this event has chosen to honor citizens who have made outstanding contributions to the Las Vegas community and to the State of Nevada.

During her tenure as a Clark County commissioner, Ms. Dondero served three terms as chairman of the board of county commissioners. In addition, she was elected by her fellow commissioners to chair the University Medical Center Board of Trustees, the Liquor and Gaming License Board, the Kyle Canyon Water District Board of Trustees, the Big Bend Water District Board of Trustees, and to serve as president of the Las Vegas Valley Water District Board of Directors. She was also appointed as a member of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, the Regional Planning Council, the Regional Flood Control District, the Nevada Business Service Job Training Board, and the Equal Opportunity Board.

Over the years, Ms. Dondero has been appointed to numerous boards and committees on the State and Federal level. Her gubernatorial appointments include the Governor's

DUI Task Force, the Commission on Nuclear Projects, the Nevada Energy Commission, the Nevada Commission on Aging, the Tourism Commission, the Nevada State Parks Board, and the Nevada State Intergovernmental Board. At the request of the Department of Agriculture, Ms. Dondero served as a member of the National Forest System Law Enforcement Advisory Council, and the Department of the Interior appointed her to the National Bureau of Land Management Committee.

Ms. Dondero's commitment to the community is evident in her involvement as former executive director of the Frontier Girl Scout Council, former president of the Nevada and Clark County Parent-Teacher Associations, and former chairman of the Council of Social Agencies. She is an active member of an impressive number of civic organizations including the Soroptomist Club, the Nevada Dance Theater, the United Way Service, Inc., Rotarian International, Opportunity Village, and the Las Vegas Center for Children.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to personally commend Ms. Dondero for her years of distinguished public service and dedication to both the Las Vegas community and the State of Nevada. Ms. Dondero exemplifies the virtue of service to others. I join all southern Nevadans in wishing her the best in her newest endeavor as a regent of the University and Community College System of Nevada.

SLEEPY HOLLOW

HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker:

In the bosom of one of those spacious coves which indent the eastern shore of the Hudson, at that broad expansion of the river denominated by the ancient Dutch navigators the Tappan Zee, and where they always prudently shortened sail and implored the protection of St. Nicholas when they crossed, there lies a small market town or rural port, which by some is called Greensburgh, but which is more generally and properly known by the name of Tarry Town.—Washington Irving.

These immortal words penned by Washington Irving more than 150 years ago describe a beautiful Hudson Valley village which I am proud to represent in Congress. Now, however, Washington Irving's fiction has become fact: the village of North Tarrytown, has been renamed the village of Sleepy Hollow to recognize the importance that Washington Irving's story, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," plays in the annals of America literature.

In December of 1996 the village of North Tarrytown, NY, in the town of Mt. Pleasant, officially changed its name to the village of Sleepy Hollow. I rise today to pay tribute to the village of Sleepy Hollow and to recognize the truly historical nature of this village that is nestled in the "bosom of the one of those spacious coves which indent the eastern shore of the Hudson . . ."

The village of Sleepy Hollow is home to not only the great legend which Washington Irving

created, but also sites of historical significance such as Patriots Park where American patriots, during the Revolutionary War, captured the British spy Maj. John Andre as he made his escape after having been given the plans to West Point by Benedict Arnold. Sleepy Hollow is also home to the Sunnyside Estate which was the home of Washington Irving and of Kykuit, home to four generations of the Rockefeller family.

The village of Sleepy Hollow, NY holds a special place in the hearts of all Americans, from young children enjoying the thrill of reading Washington Irving's story for the first time, to the rest of us who appreciate the true courage and sacrifices made by American patriots during the Revolutionary War. Therefore, I rise today to pay tribute to the village of Sleepy Hollow and the townspeople who worked so diligently to see this name change become a reality. They have helped to preserve a piece of American history and future generations of Americans will be truly grateful for their efforts.

TRIBUTE TO LYNDA BURTON

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lynda Burton, a dedicated community leader who is being honored as an inductee into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Lynda Burton has served the community as an attorney at the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County since 1981, representing low-income clients in family law, domestic violence, landlord-tenant, and consumer protection cases. She has made important contributions to the County Task force on Violence Against Women, the Family Law Center, Sor Juana Inez, and the Center for Domestic Violence Protection. She gives generously of her time to Planned Parenthood and is a strong supporter of human rights in Latin America. She participated in the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing and has brought the news of this and many other important meetings to the Spanish speaking women of San Mateo County. She is an exemplary public servant, dedicated to making our legal system accessible and effective for the poor and disadvantaged.

Mr. Speaker, Lynda Burton is an outstanding citizen and I salute her for her remarkable contributions and commitment to our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating her on being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

TRIBUTE TO THE POLISH SINGING
CIRCLE

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Polish Singing Circle on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary.

Founded in September of 1897, the Polish Singing Circle was created to promote American and Polish culture through song. Throughout its 100 year history, the Polish Singing Circle has continued to exhibit a strong and dedicated commitment to the Polish community, the city of Buffalo, and to the spirit of community service and volunteerism that has always been the hallmark of our western New York community.

The Polish Singing Circle has helped raise funds for charitable organizations such as the American Red Cross, the Immaculate Heart of Mary Orphanage, and the Villa Maria Academy.

The commitment of service exhibited by this historic group has also been expressed through military service, as many members defended our Nation during times of war. And, in a great show of patriotism, members of the America Polish Singing Circle came home from war and dedicated their time to performing for the injured veterans hospitalized in the VA Medical Center. This unselfish gesture truly highlights the Polish Singing Circle's exceptional 100 year history.

Mr. Speaker, today I would like to join with the group's members, and indeed, our entire western New York community, to honor the Polish Singing Circle on the occasion of its 100 anniversary. On behalf of the 30th Congressional District of New York, please accept my personal best wishes for another hundred.

LONG BEACH AUTHORS FESTIVAL—A MODEL FOR OTHER CITIES TO FOLLOW

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Long Beach Authors Festival. Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, this highly successful program was founded by Long Beach high school teacher Joan Hansen.

Ms. Hansen started by bringing authors on campus to speak and interact with students. Authors would describe the writing process and students became motivated to read the author's book, leading to other books. From this beginning, the program has grown to reach every school in the Long Beach Unified School District—every child, from kindergarten to 12th grade, is reached. To prepare for the Authors Festival, teachers and librarians will have devised reading and writing activities to prepare their students: Reading their author's books, illustrating favorite scenes, outlining questions to be asked, and writing poems or proclamations of welcome for their authors.

This year, 104 authors are involved in the program, making a total of 118 visits to the school district. At the March 19 anniversary celebration, 15 authors will be honored who have been with the program from the start. They are: Caroline Arnold, Virginia Bradley, Terry Dunnahoo, Ella Thorp Ellis, John Gardiner, Laura Glusha, Marilyn Gould, Shirely Gordon, Monica Gunning, Betty Hager, Lael Litke, Ed Radlauer, Ruth Radlauer, Susan

Goldman Rubin, Alice Schertle, Yetta Speevak, and Martha Tolles.

The Authors Festival is a model of an effective collaboration with the public schools, the libraries, and public spirited community organizations. It is also an example of a true grassroots, low-budget program. Funding comes from local organizations and local arts councils. In Long Beach, the Public Corporation for the Arts is a contributor. Every PTA organization in the district contributes to the festival, no matter how small the donation. Local families host the authors overnight. Private schools participate in the program as well.

The popularity and effectiveness of this program is beginning to spread. The festival has inspired others in the region, from Orange County to Los Angeles County. The city of Downey will be hosting its Second Authors Festival on April 15. In addition to each school's contribution, the Downey Unified School District provided an additional \$200 to each school to buy the authors' books. The Downey Public Library also sells the books, hosts the authors for book signings, and personal autographs for the students, and facilitates one-on-one discussions with the new fans.

The Authors Festival is a winner of the prestigious "Golden Bell Award" from the California State School Boards Association. Ms. Hansen, who in addition to founding the program also chairs all the festivals, describes this program as "a meaningful bridge between writer and reader, between the written word and its audience, and between the creative urge, the finished product, and its young consumers."

Mr. Speaker, this is a program of which every parent and child can be proud. I am glad to wholeheartedly support it and the gifted authors who write to educate and inspire our children and who stimulate a child's love for books. I congratulate the Authors Festival on its 20th anniversary, and wish them many more years of success.

TRIBUTE TO OFFICER GEORGE J. FAULKNER

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a man who has devoted much of his life to helping and improving the lives of others through dedication to police service and his community. After many years of service, George J. Faulkner retired from the Norwood Police Department in late December, 1996.

For 30 years officer Faulkner was a key leader in local law enforcement and the surrounding community. George fully committed himself to police service, and received many commendations. In addition, George served as a volunteer fire fighter for over 33 years for the Norwood Fire Fighting Company of Pennsylvania.

George is well versed in many different aspects of police procedure, and has attended over 40 courses in police education. George

was directly responsible for the training of many officers in the use of police computers. The knowledge George passed on in his years of service were essential to many law enforcement officials, and helped them better serve the community.

While on duty as a police officer, George often went above and beyond the call of duty. During his years of duty George was personally involved in rescuing individuals from four separate house fires. He received commendations for all of these rescues, as well as obtaining an Outstanding Community Service award for life saving efforts in Norwood Memorial Park of Pennsylvania.

George has often been acclaimed for his exemplary police service and hard work in the community. He received a letter of commendation from the Norwood Boys Club for the arrest of four individuals that burglarized the club's storage facilities. He also obtained a letter of commendation for Cooperation and Assistance in Performing Police Duties from the Norwood American Legion Post. Furthermore, in 3 separate years George received from the Levan-Smith Rabley Veterans of Foreign Wars Post the "Certificate of Appreciation for Unyielding Adherence to the Highest Ideals of Law Enforcement in Maintaining, Preserving, and Protecting the Lawful Rights of All Citizens."

George has taken great pride in his years of police and community service. Because of his efforts, and those such as him that are dedicated to service, the communities of Pennsylvania and the United States are better off. Mr. Speaker, I know you and my colleagues join me today in celebrating the many accomplishments and achievements of officer George Faulkner, and wishing him good luck in his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO JOAN WRIGLEY

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, one of my greatest privileges as a Congressman is the opportunity which I get to honor the invaluable individuals in my district whose contributions to their community improve the quality of life of their neighbors every day. Today I am afforded just such an opportunity, as I bring your attention to the remarkable career of Joan Wrigley, who will retire on April 15, 1997 from her position as the district manager at the Columbia County Soil and Conservation District. When Joan began working at the district office 35 years ago, no one had any notion of the profound impact she would have on the program's evolution. Joan began as a part-time employee, hired to answer the telephone, take shorthand, and color soil maps. However, her creativity and ingenuity could not be contained for long. Inspired to help further the district's programs, Joan became increasingly interested and involved in the projects, often coming up with ideas to improve operations and increase the success of the undertakings. Proving herself invaluable to the future of the district, Joan soon became a full-time office

employee, artfully balancing her demanding career with newborn twins.

Through 35 years and four locations, Joan worked tirelessly to deal with critical issues to the fast growing county. When the district office's operations required expansion to a larger location, most discounted the cause as hopeless, since the district could not borrow money. However, Joan did not give up, submitting a proposal to the Board of Supervisors for the construction of a new building. At that time, the county planner gave Joan one symbolic dollar bill, with his hope that the building would one day become a reality. Thanks to the continued attention Joan gave to the problem, it remained on the front-burner, and eventually, Joan's impressive persistence paid off. With the approval of the State, the soil and water conservation district building and learning center was built. The new building is located adjacent to a wetland, which serves as a live learning center, accessible to the public, further promoting the district's purposes by educating people about the interaction between different aspects of our environment. Joan has kept the dollar bill given to her by the City Planner framed in her office and labeled "The buck that built the building"; it is a symbol of the seemingly impossible tasks which may be accomplished with hard work and persistence.

Mr. Speaker, my measure of a truly valuable person and a great American is based upon the positive impact which an individual has on his or her community. To me, Joan Wrigley epitomizes the foundation of this great Nation: hard work, ingenuity, and a desire to protect and give back to the world in which she lives. I ask all Members to join me in tribute to Joan and her outstanding record of public service of this great American, and in wishing her all the best in her retirement. Although she will no longer be working at the soil and water conservation district, Joan's legacy will remain for many years to come.

IN HONOR OF THE HONORABLE
WILLIAM ROSCOE KINTNER

HON. JON D. FOX

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. FOX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great man who left his Montgomery County, Pennsylvania community to serve the people of the United States in a variety of capacities.

Dr. William Kintner was a patriot in the full sense of the word—a man who lived by the motto of the U.S. Military Academy from which he graduated, "duty, honor and country." Born in Loch Haven, PA on April 21, 1915, the eighth child in a family of nine. Soon his family moved to Johnstown, PA where his father, a successful lawyer, was very involved in local politics and served as district attorney.

The stock market crash of 1929 changed the lives of the members of the Kintner family and, because of a lack of funds for college, Bill Kintner spent a year after his high school graduation in 1932 working in New York City as a typist while earning money for the Academy of the New Church College. It was at this

time he learned to appreciate the value of life's necessities. He finished Junior College at the Academy in 1935 and entered the U.S. Military Academy the next year. He graduated in 1940, the same year he married Xandree Hyatt with whom he would raise their four children, three daughters—Kay, Jan and Gail—and a son, Carl. Today, there are 15 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren in the Kintner clan. After Xandree died in 1986, Bill met and married Faith Childs Halterman who worked with him and tenderly cared for him during his final illness.

That is his family history, Mr. Speaker, but as I have said, Bill Kintner was a patriot in every sense of the word. Patriotism is not just a matter of flag waving or doing one's duty by voting. Patriotism is an attitude of life. It is measured by our willingness to sacrifice and give of ourselves for the common good. By that barometer, Bill Kintner was an extraordinary patriot.

At noon on June 6, 1944, then Major Kintner landed with the allied troops at Omaha Beach as part of the Normandy Invasion. He survived the shock of death all around him in that bloody invasion and wondered where God would take him after sparing his life. Bill Kintner served his Nation again in Korea as a Battalion Commander and Regimental Executive of the 17th Infantry, 7th Division during the battle of Pork Chop Hill. In 1961, now Colonel Kintner retired from the military. While in the service in 1948, he earned his Ph.D. from Georgetown University. His graduate thesis, published under the title "The Front Is Everywhere," was his first of many books he authored. This and his subsequent books earned him wide respect in the field of foreign affairs. While in the military, Bill's assignments sent him around the world many times over and he became more and more involved in our Nation's foreign affairs. His final assignment was as Chief of Long-Range Plans for the Strategy Analysis Section Coordination Group serving the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army.

Upon leaving the service, he became a professor of political science at the University of Pennsylvania, retiring as professor emeritus in 1985. While at the University, he also served as deputy director and then director of the Foreign Policy Research Institute and as editor of ORBIS. At the same time, he worked for President Richard M. Nixon on the team which wrote the President's famous Checkers Speech. President Nixon sent Bill Kintner on a secret assignment to pave the way for the President's historic visit to China in 1972. The next year, Nixon appointed him Ambassador to Thailand, a post he held for 2 years.

Many great men and women of our time have known and respected Bill Kintner. Among them are Henry Kissinger, Secretary of State under President Nixon; President Dwight Eisenhower; General Alexander Haig; former United Nations Ambassador Jean Kirkpatrick; Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister of Israel who was assassinated during his quest for peace, and former Vice President Nelson Rockefeller.

In 1986, President Ronald Reagan appointed him to the U.S. Peace Institute which is a think tank recommending solutions to conflicts before they grow into large-scale warfare. In 1989, he was appointed by President Bush

to the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

This was a long and impressive career in service to the nation he loved, the career of a patriot.

Bill Kintner's final publication, completed last November, is titled "The Role of Ancient Israel 'Written With The Finger of God'" with a subtitle: "A Swedenborgian Perspective on the History of the Israelites from Abraham to Jesus." This book was his way of expressing his life-long dedication to the church he loved.

We see in the life of Bill Kintner a model of dedication to the affairs of state. His was a steady pursuit of peace on Earth. Through the experience of war, he sought peace. His faith bestows blessings on the peacemakers calling them "the children of God." But he knew that peacemakers must often engage in war to make true peace possible as was the case when he battled the Third Reich and Nazi tyranny. The family and friends of Bill Kintner will remember him, not just as a friend, or father, or loved one, not just for his thoughtful commitment to world affairs, not just for his many accomplishments, but for his courage in seeking peace, for his dedication to duty, honor, and country.

We will all miss him.

TRIBUTE TO EUGENIA CHEN

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Eugenia Chen, a dedicated young leader who is being honored as an inductee into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Eugenia Chen is an exemplary student who has taken the most rigorous academic program at Mills High School, achieving first place in her class of 327 students and being honored as a National Merit semi-finalist. She serves her school and her fellow students as student body president, is an accomplished musician playing both piano and flute, and was chosen most valuable player in tennis and badminton. Eugenia has been chosen National Youth Ambassador for the Organization for Chinese-Americans and will travel across the country, representing Chinese-American youth. She was elected Supreme Court Justice at last summer's Girls' State, and is serving as an intern with the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors. She is an extraordinary student and athlete, and gives generously of her time to her community.

Eugenia Chen is an outstanding citizen and I salute her for her remarkable contributions and commitment to our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating her on being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

HUMMINGBIRDS, LEAKY PLUMBING, AND WILDERNESS

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. YOUNG. Mr. Speaker, hardly a day goes by without hearing about some outrageous ruling by a Federal agency that defies common sense and victimizes average citizens.

Syndicated columnist and environmental scholar Dr. Alston Chase has an uncanny ability to uncover these bureaucratic excesses and explain them in plain English. One of his recent columns entitled "Hummingbirds and Other Prey of the EPA" began by asking the following question. "What do rescuing hummingbirds, owning leaky plumbing, getting lost in the wilderness, and smuggling refrigerator coolants have in common?"

This column, which appeared in the February 28, 1997 edition of the Washington Times, cited specific horror stories involving how Federal agencies dealt with all these items. I urge my colleagues to read this well-written column by Dr. Alston Chase.

[From the Washington Times, Feb. 28, 1997]

HUMMINGBIRDS AND OTHER PREY OF EPA

(By Alston Chase)

Question: What do rescuing hummingbirds, owning leaky plumbing, getting lost in the wilderness, and smuggling refrigerator coolants have in common?

Answer: They're all crimes against nature, punishable by stiff fines or imprisonment or both. And if one federal agency has its way, our jails may soon be filled with folks who have committed equally harmless offenses.

As to hummingbirds, last fall one of these creatures, having summered around Billings, Mont., didn't migrate south as it should have. Bad decision. Probably, it had been surprised by the sudden cold snap that made that autumn the second most frigid on record. Whatever the reason, a kindly couple found the shivering bird and took it to Jill Herzog, owner of a local bird store. Miss Herzog was making arrangements to ship it south when officials of the U.S. fish and Wildlife Service knocked at her door.

Release the bird immediately, they told her, or pay a \$10,000 fine. So, release it she did. By this time it was January, and outdoor temperatures hovered around 18 below zero. End of hummingbird.

As to the other criminals:

In November, a New York court convicted Kent and Glenda Druell of 164 counts of pollution. The couple, who are of modest means, face \$32.6 million in fines and 1,000 years in prison. Their crime? Owning a leaky septic system. The case is on appeal, as the state never adduced a shred of evidence to show that this effluent was contaminating state waters, as charged.

In December, race car driver Bobby Unser got lost in a blizzard when snowmobiling in Colorado. While trying to find his way, he accidentally strayed a half-mile into federal wilderness. For this offense, the U.S. Forest Service brought charges against Mr. Unser that carry a \$5,000 fine and a six-month prison term.

Then, there's the case of the banned coolant. In January, federal authorities brought charges against several people and busi-

nesses for smuggling the refrigerant Freon into the United States. Relying on what many scientists believe is a flawed theory claiming this substance causes stratospheric ozone depletion, the government forbids its manufacture or import. Yet since millions of air conditioners cannot run without it, prices are skyrocketing, which leads to widespread smuggling.

And lest you think that's the end of the matter, Freon substitutes—so-called HCFCs—which are currently being installed in new car air conditioners, are slated to be banned by the year 2020, thus promising to generate another lucrative illegal trade when supplies run out.

Notice the pattern? Each year, the list of eco-crimes gets longer. Each year, more erstwhile law-abiding behavior is declared illegal. Each year, environmental agencies extend their police powers. Each year, Americans lose a little more liberty to laws that don't protect plants and animals but do put people at risk.

This process proceeds by such incremental steps that few take notice. But it continues as you read this. Consider regulations currently proposed by the Bureau of Land Management:

Two days after last November's general election, the bureau published in the Federal Register rule changes for law enforcement. These revisions are touted as merely stylistic, as only rephrasings couched in "plain English" to help ordinary citizens understand them. But actually, that's a deception. Under the guise of simplifying law, the bureau is pursuing vast extensions of its police powers.

The proposed regulations would criminalize thousands of minor offenses that previously were not deemed criminal. They would give bureau police unparalleled authority of arrest, search and seizure. They would extend federal enforcement to surrounding private properties. They would raise the maximum punishment for violations from \$1,000 to \$100,000 and authorize bureau agents to enforce not only their own rules but all other local, state and federal laws as well.

And they redefine guilt. No longer would ignorance of the law be an excuse. Instead, one could be declared criminally responsible for breaking a rule few ever heard of.

Thus, individuals could go to jail for violating "any regulation, authorization or order"—such as walking a dog in a recreation area without a leash, not wearing a seat belt, failing to display a state inspection sticker on one's car or entering "wilderness areas without a permit, where permits are required by BLM."

The bureau has set a March 7 deadline for receiving public comments on these provisions. And on March 20, the House Subcommittee on Parks and Public Lands will hold hearings on them.

Let's hope Congress can stop this power grab. Otherwise, those who hike in wilderness may discover the greatest dangers they face are neither bad weather nor grizzly bears but green police, and that their most essential survival tool is neither tent nor cook stove but a copy of the Federal Code of Regulations.

IN TRIBUTE TO MORDECAI LEE

HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor and a privilege for me to pay tribute today to one of the most respected community leaders in my hometown of Milwaukee, WI: Mordecai Lee.

The name Mordecai Lee has long been associated with excellence and one of our highest standards of civic pride. Mordecai Lee is moving on from his position as executive director of the Milwaukee Jewish Council for Community Relations after 6 years of outstanding service to the people of Milwaukee.

Mr. Speaker, our communities and our country have always relied on the contributions of those individuals who have the ability to rise above and beyond the call of duty to make a difference in the lives of others, both personally and professionally. Mordecai Lee has demonstrated an unflinching and tireless commitment to the betterment of Milwaukee County, the State of Wisconsin, and the entire Nation. With his steady guidance and strong leadership, Milwaukee's Jewish community has emerged as a powerful voice in Milwaukee.

We are surrounded by global conflicts, and the path to the peace is often a difficult road to travel. Yet we are constantly reminded of the necessity to pursue peace. Mr. Lee, with his dedication to the Middle East peace process, has been a voice of stability when many had doubts about advancing peace in the region and almost everyone had different approaches.

When someone leaves a post of importance, it is often said that his or her shoes will be hard to fill. But I can say without hesitation that, in Mordecai Lee's case, this is an understatement. In addition to his excellent work on behalf of Milwaukee's Jewish community, his influence has been felt far and wide—from the leaders of nations abroad, to college freshmen in Milwaukee.

Indeed, we need more people with his vision and energy to tackle the vast challenges we all face. Mr. Lee will continue his distinguished service to the people of Milwaukee as an assistant professor of governmental affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Division of Outreach and Continuing Education Extension. Mordecai Lee deserves our heartfelt thanks for his years of dedicated service as executive director of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation and our best wishes for the future.

JACQUELINE ALEX

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jacqueline Alex of Oregon, OH, in my district. Mrs. Alex is the National Catholic War Veterans Auxiliary president, and is being honored for her work with a testimonial dinner on March 8, 1997.

Jackie and her husband, John, were married in 1947. Together they raised two sons, James and John. Her husband passed away only 10 years later, in 1957. A year later, Jackie joined the Toledo Logsdon-Walla Catholic War Veterans Post 639 Auxiliary, serving the auxiliary in every capacity. She was elected auxiliary president several times through those years, and in 1971 Jackie was named president of the Department of Ohio's Auxiliary. She began her service with the National Department in 1985, and served as the president of the 1995 Auxiliary National Convention.

Her tireless efforts have been recognized by the organization, and Mrs. Alex has been awarded numerous honors: the National Auxiliary President's Gold Medal Award For Outstanding Service; the Ohio Auxiliary President's Award; the Ann Senft Award For Meritorious Service to the Auxiliary; the National Auxiliary's St. Agnes Medal; Department of Ohio Auxiliary 1988 Woman of the Year; and a citation for meritorious service from the Chapel of Four Chaplains in Gettysburg.

Our Nation pays tribute to its veterans in various ways, but often overlooked in such recognition is the role of women, wives, and families who served here on the homefront. For whether they bought war bonds, planted a victory garden, worked in a munitions factory, went to work to support a family, or played both mother and father to a family growing up, they kept our Nation running in times of war. Their contributions created a strong backup system to those engaged in combat and in service to our Nation. Their ideals of service are upheld through their auxiliaries, which are the sinew that binds a veterans post together.

For nearly 40 years, Jacqueline Alex has served our Nation and its veterans honorably. I am pleased to join with her sons, grandchildren, colleagues, and friends in a deep and heartfelt salute of gratitude.

HONORABLE MENTION AWARDED
BY READING IS FUNDAMENTAL

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Abigail Bauman, a 7-year-old second grader in Sciota, PA. Abigail is a student at Hamilton Elementary in Sciota.

Abigail was one of 41 honorable mentions in this year's poster contest sponsored by Reading is Fundamental [RIF]. Abigail's poster was chosen out of over 300,000 entries.

The theme of this year's National Poster Contest was "Read! Imagine!" Abigail's poster showed a tremendous effort to display this message to the youth of America. Her efforts in this endeavor earned her a commemorative certificate along with a dictionary and gift books.

In this year's State of the Union Address, President Clinton touched on the importance of literacy in America. Teaching children to read at a young age, and getting them interested in books is fundamental to improving literacy in the United States. Using posters as a

tool to achieve this is a creative vehicle to do so, avidly conveyed through Abigail's drawing.

It is essential for our children to read and love books if they are to compete, as well as excel in tomorrow's world. The key to the high paying jobs and opportunities of tomorrow is for each and every American citizen to be able to read.

Abigail's colorful poster helps to make reading more fun and interesting for elementary school children. I congratulate her on using art to communicate such an important message.

HONORING SUSAN RICHTER

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, every day it seems as if we pick up a newspaper or turn on the evening news and hear about the troubles of our young people. Critics argue they are disengaged with school, disinterested in their communities, and disinclined to become productive citizens of our country.

Not everyone agrees with this dismal view of our Nation's youth. Each year the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its Ladies Auxiliary sponsor the Voice of Democracy audio-essay scholarship program. This program was started in 1947 by the National Association of Broadcasters, the Electronic Industries Association, and the State Association of Broadcasters. Since 1961-62, the Veterans of Foreign Wars has been the sole sponsor of the program with over 5,200 VFW posts and 4,200 auxiliaries participating. The program requires high school entrants to write and record a 3 to 5 minute essay on an announced patriotic theme. This year, more than 109,000 secondary school students participated in the contest competing for 54 national scholarships. The contest theme was "Democracy—Above and Beyond."

I rise today to honor Susan Richter, a senior at Calloway County High School in Murray, KY, who won the 1997 Voice of Democracy broadcast script writing contest in Kentucky. Susan is the youngest child of Fred and Margaret Richter of Murray, KY. She hopes to attend Transylvania University in Lexington, KY, where she plans to pursue a degree in radio/TV broadcasting.

In addition to participating in essay contests, Susan keeps busy at Calloway County High School with a full plate of activities. She is the news anchor of the morning show on WCSD-TV 28, a school-run local cable channel, and an officer in the Student Council, the Co-ed Y Club, the Beta Club, and the Foreign Language Club. Outside of school, she enjoys playing the piano, reading, and working on her computer.

Please allow me to share with you Susan's award-winning essay, which appears below.

"DEMOCRACY—ABOVE AND BEYOND"

Democracy is a general term used to describe both a form of government and an ideal. Throughout the years, our country has thrived on the idea of creating a more perfect union through the means of a plan

known as democracy. I believe democracy is a superior way of life and I believe that it will help carry our nation onward to meet its most fantastic goals.

Democracy is often referred to as "rule by the majority." However, another phrase I prefer seems to more clearly define democracy. It relates that democracy is the absence of hereditary class distinctions or privileges. In other words, democracy allows for any person, regardless of age, race, gender, or social status to have his say in the workings of our country. According to Robert Hutchins, "Democracy is the only form of government that is founded on the dignity of man, not the dignity of some men, of rich men, of educated men, or of white men, but of all men." I agree with this statement and claim this type of equal dignity and representation to be a major reason why democracy is a form of government above the rest.

Also, democracy is superior for its emphasis on individual freedom. As a general rule, it allows persons both the right and the responsibility of shaping their future. Each person is allowed to make his own choices, both in life and in governmental issues. However, not only is one given the ability to do so, he also has a responsibility both to the government and to himself to carry out his decisions. This individual freedom is necessary for a democracy and is another reason why democracy is a step above the rest.

However, not only is democracy an excellent program for the present, it is also a bright path into the future, a yellow brick road to tomorrow.

One feature of democracy that will help lead to a prosperous future is its ability to ensure peaceful change. Democratic methods for making changes negate the need for violent uprisings. Many economic and social changes have been made recently, and most have happened with little turbulence, other than perhaps a peaceful protest march, or other such means allowed by the Constitution. Also, democracy allows for the peaceful change of political leaders. Free elections are held when time for the transfer of power, and the people vote upon who should next receive the responsibility of representing them in government. This power of the people ensures that they can make decisions peacefully. In a country founded on war, this assurance of peacefulness is a key to a bright future.

Another way democracy will take us beyond is due to its practicality. Generations to come will be able to follow in our democratic footsteps, just as we have been following our ancestors' paths as far back as the founding days. Why? Because democracy is easily applicable to a daily life. The process of electing officials and making decisions based upon majority vote can be seen from the capital to the classroom. The right to "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness" is something not just penned in the Constitution, but is also a motto for daily life. The ability to still apply democracy some 2,600 years after its origin in Greece only stands as proof that it is a form of government stable enough to lead us beyond the realms of today and into tomorrow.

In conclusion, democracy is both a form of government and an ideal. Our country has been built and has grown as a result of this plan we call democracy. I believe that democracy is a way of life above and beyond any other man-made plan, and I am proud our country subscribes to this mode of self-government and equality for all.

INTRODUCTION OF THE AMATEUR
RADIO VOLUNTEER SERVICES
ACT OF 1997

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of the Amateur Radio Volunteer Services Act of 1997. Similar to a unanimously accepted amendment I offered last year to the FCC reauthorization bill in the Commerce Committee, this bill would help protect the personal liability of volunteer amateur radio operators while performing duties on behalf of the Federal Government.

Amateur radio operators are self-regulated, with volunteer operators monitoring the airwaves for violations and administering licensing exams. This volunteer corps saves countless hours of staff time and resources for the Federal Communications Commission [FCC]; however, because they are not Federal employees, they put their personal assets at risk in the event of actions taken against them as a result of their volunteer service to the Government.

It is simply unfair that these volunteers who are saving the Government time and resources should have to risk their personal assets in carrying out their service. The Amateur Radio Volunteer Services Act would classify those individuals donating their time and expertise to maintaining the quality of the amateur radio airwaves as Federal employees only for the purpose of actions taken against them in the performance of their duties as self-regulators. This action will ensure the continued viability of the amateur radio community and continue to save the FCC and the Federal Government time and money that would otherwise need to be expended.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I urge my colleagues to support this worthy legislation.

TRIBUTE TO THE SPRINGFIELD
LIONS CLUB

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great joy to extend my congratulations to the Springfield Lions Club, one of the most prestigious organizations in my district, who will celebrate their 50th anniversary on March 29, 1997. With this in mind, I take this opportunity to enter the history of the club into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

In the Spring of 1947 a member of the Springfield Lions Club invited a group of men from Sixteen Acres to a meeting in the old brick schoolhouse on the corner of Parker St. and Old Acre Rd. At the meeting he described the purpose of a Lions Club and what being a member would entail. Fifty-three men signed up that day and a Lions Club was formed in Sixteen Acres.

The Sixteen Acres Lions Club was organized April 25, 1947 and was chartered June

18th. Charter Night was held at Belli's with many members from other Lions Clubs in attendance.

Meetings were held for a short time in the schoolhouse with a caterer providing the meals. The meetings were later held for long periods in Belli's and Foster Memorial Church and for brief periods at various area restaurants. While meeting in the original Foster Church building the members meals were prepared by their wives at home and then brought to the meeting. Meetings are not held at Church in the Acres.

When the Club was formed a public dump existed where Duggan Jr. High now stands. Many people apparently found it more convenient to dump their rubbish at the side of the road. Under pressure from the Lions Club they had the rubbish removed.

In the 1950's the club purchased a motion picture projector and screen and for several years movies were shown on Saturday afternoons in an upstairs room of the old schoolhouse. The purpose was to give the younger children a place to go during the winter months. A charge of ten cents was made to help defray the cost of the film. It should be noted, however, that no child was turned away due to lack of a dime.

The Lions Orthoptic Clinic was originated in 1951 by the late Russell Koch, a past president of the Sixteen Acres Lions Club, who, with the approval of the club, enlisted the aid of other clubs in the district to get it organized. The clinic offers treatment of eye problems which have been referred to local ophthalmologists. A charge is made according to the patients ability to pay.

A sport program was organized under the direction of Fred Hoarle. He was successful in developing a number of teams and getting area men to coach them. The program was expanded to include soccer, softball, and basketball as well as the baseball teams. For several years the club held a soccer tournament on Memorial Day weekend attended by soccer teams from as far away as Virginia.

For 17 years the club has given food baskets to families at Christmas time. A week's food supply plus small toys for children are included in these baskets. For the past several years money for this has been raised by selling raffle tickets for a gift certificate for food at a local market. It has been extremely successful and appreciated venture.

The club has also sponsored glaucoma and diabetes testing clinics, paid for eye examinations and eye glasses for needy families and supported eye research, emergency sight and hearing fund, LCIF and various other projects. It has sponsored community events like the Fourth of July and Halloween parades and parties, Easter egg hunts, pancakes and spaghetti suppers, tag sales, dances, light bulb sales and many other house to house sales.

In 1986 the club embarked on a new fundraising project. After many years of work by many members, L'il Toot was completed. L'il Toot is a locomotive train with two passenger cars which can be rented out to provide rides for children at fairs and carnivals. To date success seems assured.

The Sixteen Acres Lions Club is proud to have four of its members elected district governor. Robert Scott, Fred Hoarle, John Ingalls

and Richard Leary have each served as a district governor and are held in high esteem by their associates.

The success of many projects was due to the dedication and hard work of its members.

I wish to commend the Springfield Lions Club for their vital role in the Springfield area. The achievements of these men are a tremendous source of pride for not only the city of Springfield but the entire Second Congressional District. I am honored to represent such outstanding individuals and I join with the citizens of the Second Congressional District in offering a most heartfelt congratulations.

DELAURO HONORS JOHN KINGSTON
AS HE ENDS OVER 25 YEARS OF
SERVICE ON THE CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF LABOR RELATIONS

HON. ROSA L. DELAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, on April 1, 1997, John Kingston is retiring from the Connecticut State Board of Labor Relations. I am pleased to rise today to commend Jack on a great career in State service and an outstanding tenure with the Connecticut State Board of Labor Relations.

For more than 25 years, Jack has served as agent to the board of labor relations. His hard work, strong leadership and commitment to excellence have left an indelible mark on the board of labor relations. Jack has seen a number of changes over the last quarter century. During Jack's tenure on the board, the Connecticut State Employee Relations Act was passed. Jack handled the first petitions filed by State employees in their efforts to organize. He also conducted elections for the 30,000 State employees under the new act. His experience in the area of State employee union negotiations is invaluable and his colleagues and coworkers rely on his encyclopedic knowledge of the labor board processes and procedures.

Over the course of his career, Jack has become one of the most highly respected and admired people in the labor relations field. The fact that both advocates for both labor and management frequently call for his advice and counsel, speaks volumes about his reputation. Everyone who knows Jack seems to recall one thing in particular when asked about him and his career. They recall his integrity and sense of fairness. They also talk about Jack's commitment to settling disputes and bringing sides together. Under his leadership, the board has boasted an 87-percent settlement rate for the 1,000 cases they handle per year.

I have been told that as word of Jack's retirement made its way through the State, everyone who heard asked "What are we going to do without Jack?" What is absolutely clear is Jack's commitment to doing his job well so that both labor and management come out ahead.

I am proud to join the entire labor community in congratulating Jack as he retires. He has continually demonstrated his commitment to service. He should take great pride in this moment and enjoy a much deserved tribute. I

know that he will continue to do great things in his retirement. I wish him many years of good health and happiness. He truly deserves it.

KILDEE HONORS PAULINE PRYOR

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise before my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to pay tribute to an outstanding woman from my hometown of Flint, MI, Ms. Pauline Pryor who is retiring from the Flint Branch of Michigan National Bank after 33 years of service. Ms. Pryor has served as the assistant vice president of the Community Development Office for the past 10 years.

As the assistant vice president of the Community Development Office, Ms. Pryor's professionalism and integrity were instrumental in securing many of the much needed investments in the Flint community. Ms. Pryor believed in the need to rebuild our city through new opportunities in jobs and housing. It is a privilege to know such a dedicated, active, and concerned human being as Ms. Pryor.

Ms. Pryor is also an active member of the Foss Avenue Baptist Church in Flint. Through her volunteer work with her church, she continues to promote the prosperity of the surrounding communities even after her formal workday. Ms. Pryor has contributed in every aspect of her church: from being a Sunday school teacher to serving as the church treasurer. As a result of both her professional and personal devotion, Ms. Pryor has received numerous distinguished service awards in our community over the years.

Mr. Speaker, it is indeed an honor and a pleasure for me to rise today before my colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Pauline Pryor. She is a woman of high moral character committed to improving the welfare and dignity of those in need. I wish her many years of joy in her retirement.

TRIBUTE TO LILLIAN HECKER
FREED

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lillian Hecker Freed, a dedicated community leader who is being honored as an inductee into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Lillian Hecker Freed has been a champion for those less fortunate and a political activist since she was a teenager. She became her employer's first female departmental supervisor in the 1950's, and was a leader in her company, encouraging and assisting other women. She was a peace activist during the Vietnam war and led union opposition to racial discrimination in San Francisco. Lillian Hecker

Freed is now 80 years of age, and gives generously of her time and talents to the San Mateo Central Labor Council, the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, the Contra Costa Hills Conservation Club, the Peace Action Association, the Talmalpais Conservation Club, and the California Alpine Club. She is president of the Federation of Retired Union Members and continues her valiant fight for social justice.

Mr. Speaker, Lillian Hecker Freed is an outstanding citizen and I salute her for her remarkable contributions and commitment to our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating her on being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

REMEMBERING THE RAJAH

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mrs. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, Indianapolis lost one of its outstanding citizens last Tuesday. He was Roger Brown, the first player ever signed to the Indiana Pacers and a pillar of the Indianapolis community following his basketball career.

A graduate of the University of Dayton, Mr. Brown was the third all-time leading scorer for the Pacers, scoring 10,058 points over his career in the American Basketball Association. Had it not been for a gambling scandal during his college career, which he was cleared of, Roger (The Rajah) Brown would be in basketball's Hall of Fame.

Those who saw him play consider him one of the best to play the game. Oscar Robertson, himself a NBA star and a native of Indianapolis, advised the Pacer organization to seek out Brown in the early 1970's and sign him to the team.

Yet Mr. Brown was not merely one of the best to play the game. He also contributed much to his inherited community of Indianapolis. He served as a city-county councilman and worked with local law enforcement officials to improve Indianapolis' streets and help protect our young people.

The community remembered him for this as well. When Mr. Brown was diagnosed with cancer of the liver, he was faced with mounting medical bills due to his lack of medical coverage. The community of Indianapolis chipped in, with teammates, fans, and local businesses helping the Rajah pay for his medical care.

Perhaps the most poignant testimony of Roger Brown was his statement after learning about his cancer. "If I was to die tomorrow, I've lived a hell of a life," said Mr. Brown. "I've dealt with my mortality. I did that coming out of Brooklyn, because you don't know if you're going to make it to the next day. The quality of life is what's important, because everybody's got to go."

Mr. Speaker, perhaps this body could learn a little from Roger Brown, a person who lived his life unassumingly but understood that in the end, it was the value of a life well-lived that mattered the most. For Mr. Brown, we

should continue to look for ways to ensure that all have the quality of life they deserve. In the words of Pacers coach Larry Brown, "we have lost a good friend."

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, on February 27, 1997, I reintroduced legislation, H.R. 897, that would require the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to take advantage of abandoned and underutilized buildings and grounds in economically depressed areas of the country when selecting new site facilities. I ask all of my colleagues to become cosponsors of H.R. 897.

In this age of reinvestment in our large cities, programs such as enterprise zones and HUD grants offer economically depressed communities the opportunity to pick themselves up and forge ahead with their recovery. However, Federal agencies, such as NASA, should look at those same communities when looking to expand their facilities. Much like a major sports team, NASA expansion into an economically depressed area would boost the area's financial status, self esteem, and morale. Often these last two items simply cannot be fixed with a simple government-sponsored grant.

H.R. 897 would also allow older buildings and underused facilities in decaying cities the chance to be fully utilized, thereby furthering the economic and cosmetic recovery of those cities. And because those facilities would already be in place, NASA would not have to spend a fortune on constructing all new buildings and support infrastructure.

Mr. Speaker, NASA's operations should not just be something we see pictures of on television. Once again, I urge all House Members to cosponsor H.R. 897.

TRIBUTE TO JOANNE RON
GILBERT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Joanne Ron Gilbert, a dedicated community leader who is being honored as an inductee into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Joanne Ron Gilbert is an educator who specializes in at risk students. According to her nomination, she "has received no formal awards, but is recognized by those who know her as someone who has transformed lives." Transferred from Detroit to San Mateo County in 1984, newly divorced with a teenaged son, her job was soon eliminated. She worked out a homesharing plan to provide her son with a secure environment, returned to school to earn a teaching credential, got a full-time teaching job, and developed a private tutoring

practice. She also managed to volunteer as a landlord-tenant dispute mediator, coordinate events for the Jazz for the Homeless Program, and worked in local political campaigns. As a member of the county Human Relations Commission, she developed the first and only County Hate Crimes Conference. In 1992, finally able to buy her own condominium and seeing her son enter law school, she was diagnosed with thyroid cancer. During her battle with this disease, which left her voiceless and unable to work for 3 months, she maintained correspondence with her students, providing them with support and counsel. Back at work since February 1995, she is taking classes in alternative dispute resolution and educational therapy.

Mr. Speaker, Joanne Ron Gilbert is an outstanding citizen and I salute her for her remarkable contributions and commitment to our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating her on being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ST. JOSEPH
PARISH, LEBANON, IL

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I want to ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to St. Joseph Parish in Lebanon, IL, which is celebrating its 135th anniversary this month. For over a century, St. Joseph Parish has provided essential services to its parishioners, local residents, and to communities throughout the diocese through a number of organizations and programs.

Locally, St. Joseph Parish works with other parishes to provide substantial financial assistance to Christian Home Care Services, an ecumenical nonprofit organizations. With the help of St. Joseph's, this group focuses on keeping people in their homes as long as possible by providing low-cost, nonmedical care in the form of companionship, transportation, light housekeeping, and meal preparation for the elderly and disabled in the community. St. Joseph Parish seeks to meet the emotional needs of the community as well through its participation in the family care ministry which helps strengthen individuals and families by providing low-cost counseling. The most immediate needs of local residents are not overlooked by St. Joseph Parish, which also contributes to a local food pantry and provides financial resources to transient individuals, and to individuals needing rental assistance.

The parish's tradition of giving extends well beyond the local community. Through its local chapter of Saint Vincent dePaul, St. Joseph Parish provides children in the neighboring community of East St. Louis with school supplies during the school year and Christmas

gifts during the holiday. St. Joseph's also aids the community by donating clothing, furniture, and household items, and has participated in various flood relief efforts in recent years through these means.

St. Joseph's has a rich history of helping others and has become one of the mainstays of this small, close-knit community. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating St. Joseph Parish's parishioners and friends on their 135th anniversary.

HONORING STEPHANIE
CAVANAUGH

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to take this opportunity before the House to congratulate Ms. Stephanie J. Cavanaugh on her 22 years of commitment to the ladies auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars No. 554 in Somerset, PA.

Stephanie has served in a variety of positions within the organization, including four terms as auxiliary president and one term as district president. She has chaired numerous programs, at times while simultaneously serving in her leadership positions or serving her community as president of the Somerset County Council, which she did for two terms. Additionally, she was elected to the high offices of department guard, in 1991, and department president, in 1996. She has garnered numerous awards, including a national award for best promotional materials during her tenure as membership chairman from 1993 to 1994.

Stephanie followed her late father's example of leadership and service to fellow citizens. William S. (Bill) Orban served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and was a founding member and first commander of Post No. 7565 in Hooversville, PA.

Stephanie is also a trained paramedic, has worked with mentally handicapped. In the scenic mountain wilderness of scenic Somerset County, she was a member of the County Sheriff's Department search and rescue team, certified in as a tracker, dog handler, and in rope rescue.

I hope you will all join me in applauding Stephanie Cavanaugh for her stellar achievements in the service of her community and the ladies auxiliary.

TRIBUTE TO MARGARET TAYLOR

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Margaret Taylor, an extraordinary, dedi-

cated community leader who is being honored as an inductee into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Margaret Taylor, as the director of San Mateo County's Health Services Agency, has distinguished herself as a regional and statewide leader in health care. She has ably guided the department to prepare for the future of healthcare delivery well into the 21st century. Margaret Taylor is the very first woman ever appointed head of a San Mateo County government department. She consistently sets the highest of standards and goals, and turns them into reality.

Margaret Taylor is the first chairperson and founding member of the Health Plan of San Mateo, a model, countywide managed care program for 52,000 Medi-Cal beneficiaries. She also is co-chairperson of the executive committee of Nuestro Canto de Salud, a joint project between El Concilio and Health Services, responsible for \$2 million in health education and health care grants. As an executive board member and past president of the County Health Executives Association of California, she works with all of California's county health directors to develop public health policy for elected officials. Additionally, she is a board member of the San Mateo County Hospital Consortium, the Association of Bay Area Health Officials, and the California Association of Public Hospitals.

Margaret Taylor is deeply concerned about the health needs of women. She has developed prenatal care programs and created conferences on breast cancer and cancer education. She is an executive committee member of the California Women's Health Council, the first advisory group to the State Department of Health Services on all women's health issues.

Margaret Taylor joined with the San Mateo Rotary Club in developing a health professions mentorship project for young women and minorities, and has developed many partnerships with community organizations to enable them to enhance the care of those they serve. Her work with the Hispanic Concilio resulted in the award of a prestigious Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant. Margaret Taylor is a woman of vision, and because of her public service, tens of thousands of people's lives have been bettered.

Mr. Speaker, Margaret Taylor is an outstanding citizen, a long-time colleague, and my trusted friend. I salute her for her remarkable contributions and commitment to our community and our country and I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating her on being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.