

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

LEGISLATION TO MAKE THE IRC SECTION 911 EXCLUSION MORE EQUITABLE

HON. BILL ARCHER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. ARCHER. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to correct one of the more misguided provisions of the 1986 Tax Reform Act.

Section 911 was added to the Tax Code to help U.S. businesses increase their exports of goods and services. These increased exports in turn helped to create jobs in the United States.

Unfortunately, section 911 has been viewed more as a source of increased revenues than increasing U.S. jobs. Because of this misguided philosophy, the Tax Reform Act of 1986 froze the section 911 earned income exclusion at \$70,000. Thus, since 1986 the section 911 exclusion has not kept pace with inflation or other cost-of-living increases.

The legislation I am introducing today will correct the current inequities facing section 911 and allow the section 911 exclusion to reflect cost-of-living increases since 1986.

I hope Members on both sides of the aisle will join me and support this long-needed legislation.

AIDS—THIRD LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN YOUNG WOMEN

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, today I am joined by 23 of my colleagues in reintroducing legislation to address the need for increased research on HIV/AIDS in women.

Despite the reduction in overall AIDS deaths in 1996, HIV/AIDS continues to be the third leading cause of death among women who are 25–44 years of age, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The death rate for women actually increased by 3 percent in 1996, resulting in a record 20 percent of reported AIDS cases in adults. Women are the fastest growing group of people with HIV, with low-income women and women of color being hit the hardest by this epidemic. African-American and Latina women represent 78 percent of all U.S. women diagnosed with AIDS.

Since 1990, I have introduced legislation to ensure Federal support for research on HIV/AIDS in women. While progress has been made, there are still many unanswered questions about the disease in women, which affects their access to effective therapies and prevention methods.

The bill includes several major elements, including funding for research on methods of protection from the transmission of HIV and sexually transmitted diseases, with an emphasis on methods that women can afford and control without the cooperation or knowledge of their male partners. We must acknowledge and respond to the issues of low self-esteem, economic dependency, fear of domestic violence, and other factors that are barriers to empowering women to negotiate safer sex practices. The bill also includes additional funding to continue the Women's Interagency HIV Study, the ongoing study of HIV progression in women, and to conduct other research to determine the impact of potential risk factors for HIV transmission to women.

I urge my colleagues to join us as cosponsors of this legislation.

HOLOCAUST IN AFRICA

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, this week in Israel, in the Rotunda of the United States Capitol, and around the world for a few moments the horror of World War II's Holocaust was remembered.

"Never again" was the theme often repeated. This week in Zaire they removed the corpses of refugees from boxcars, and continued the body count of innocent African men, women, and children.

The Rebel Tutsi-dominated army has massacred thousands of Hutu refugees.

The modern day slaughter and holocaust of Rwanda is being repeated in Zaire.

While I strongly support our former colleague and present U.N. Ambassador's role in seeking peace in this war-torn region of Africa—Ambassador Richardson—every American and world citizen and every holocaust survivor must also seek justice.

Today we cannot turn our backs or look the other way as they did five decades past. In Africa, those responsible for murder, genocide, and slaughter must be brought to justice.

This Congress, our Nation, and the United Nations should not rest while this slaughter in Africa continues. If not, the words of yesterday's Holocaust remembrance will, both today and tomorrow, have a hollow ring.

A TRIBUTE TO FRANK SENDLEWSKI FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE RIVERHEAD FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to day to pay tribute to a smalltown hero from Riverhead, Long Island, NY. On May 13, 1997, Mr. Frank Sendlewski will be honored by his family and friends for his 50 years of dedicated service to the Riverhead Volunteer Fire Department.

Born on Sweezy Avenue, Frank Sendlewski joined the Riverhead Volunteer Fire Department in 1947, shortly after fulfilling his service to the U.S. Navy during World War II. Frank's selfless commitment to protecting the lives and property of his Riverhead neighbors enabled him to rise to the rank of captain of the Riverhead Fire Department by 1957, a position he served in for 2 years.

The son of one of the founders of the Riverhead Volunteer Fire Department, Frank has devoted himself to the community where he and Florence Sendlewski, his wife of 48 years, have raised their four children, Mary Ann, Madelyn, Michael, Martin. Frank and Florence are now the proud grandparents of six: Christy, Ashley, Andy, Jennifer, Jeffrey, and Jason.

The Sendlewski's raised their wonderful family in the proud, historic area of Riverhead known as Polish Town, where they still live on Lincoln Avenue. A cobbler by trade, Frank owned a shop on Railroad Avenue for more than 5 years, until the shop was destroyed by fire. Through he eventually rebuilt the shop, Frank ultimately went to work as a sheet metal mechanic at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's facility on Plum Island.

Mr. Speaker, Frank Sendlewski is one of Riverhead's most cherished citizens because he gives so much of himself to the community. Frank is also an active member of the American Legion Post and St. Isadore's Roman Catholic Church. Every Christmas, Frank puts on his red suit and white beard to play Santa Claus to hundreds of Riverhead children.

Here on eastern Long Island, we cherish the close-knit smalltown feel of our communities, where people wave hello when they see you on the street and neighbors help each other out in times of need, without having to be asked. Mr. Speaker, it is no accident that Riverhead is that type of community. It is because of the commitment and hard work of family's like the Sendlewskis.

That is why I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in saluting Frank Sendlewski on the occasion of his 50th anniversary of service to the Riverhead Volunteer Fire Department. Because of that

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lifetime of devotion to his community, a man like Frank Sendlewski is as valuable to America as he is to Riverhead.

TAIWAN DEMOCRACY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the impressive strides that the Government and people of Taiwan have made in strengthening democracy and a free market system in their country. I have visited Taiwan in the past and during my visit, I was struck with the industriousness of the people and, particularly, with their heartfelt embrace of democracy. I am proud to count among my friends many of the Taiwanese Government officials, business leaders, and ordinary citizens that I met during my all-too-brief visit. The Taiwanese have created a society that is characterized by a vibrant culture, hardworking people, and a burgeoning economy.

All of the positive developments in Taiwan today are directly attributable to the commitment of the Taiwanese people to democratic government and democratic principles. While Taiwan cannot claim over 200 years of experience with democratic government as we in the United States can, Taiwan's relatively young democracy has demonstrated resilience and vitality in the face of enormous external and internal pressures. As to those pressures, we are all aware of the tension between Taiwan and the People's Republic of China related to the issue of reunification. Additionally, like any country experiencing rapid economic growth, there are increased pressures brought to bear on the societal fabric by the unique changes such growth creates.

A significant amount of credit for the stability and economic growth that Taiwan is experiencing should go to President Lee Teng-hui—who will be celebrating his first anniversary in office on May 20—and his administration. Among other things, through his leadership of Taiwan, President Lee has fostered an economic environment that stimulates technological and industrial innovation. He has also set a course for Taiwan that is moving the country closer to the goal of reconciliation and reunification with mainland China. He is to be commended for his leadership of Taiwan. In closing, therefore, I applaud the people and Government of Taiwan for persevering in their pursuit of democracy and free enterprise.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BYRAN HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL FED CHALLENGE CHAMPIONS

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. BRADY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize six students from Bryan High School who competed in the National Fed

Challenge sponsored by the Federal Reserve System. These students claimed the National Fed Challenge title for Bryan High for the second consecutive year. Team members include Jesse Dyer, C.W. Faulkner, Sarah Henry, William Scarmardo, Sarah Stasny, and William Strawser. They were coached by teachers Laura Wagner and Janyce Kinley.

The Fed Challenge competition seeks to increase students' knowledge and understanding of economics, monetary policy, and the role of the Federal Reserve in the national economy. Competition requires six-member teams to research and analyze economic policy and present recommendations to a panel of judges at a mock meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee.

The Bryan High School team won the championship in Washington, DC, on May 1, 1997, competing against teams from other Federal Reserve districts. Judges for the national title event included Alice Rivlin, vice chair, Board of Governors; Donald L. Kohn, director of monetary affairs, Board of Governors; and Al Broaddus, president, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.

I congratulate the students for their hard work and dedication. Their commitment to academic excellence is a tribute to Bryan High School, their families, and the State of Texas. I am confident that these fine students will grow to become solid citizens and community leaders.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOE DUDLEY

HON. RICHARD BURR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. BURR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish a happy 60th birthday tomorrow to a great entrepreneur and humanitarian, Mr. Joe Louis Dudley, Sr. Joe was born the fifth of seven children on May 9, 1937 to Gilmer L. and Clara Yeates Dudley in Aurora, NC. In his 60 years, Joe overcame many obstacles to become the president and CEO of Dudley Products, Inc., one of the world's largest manufacturers and distributors of ethnic hair care products, and to serve as a role model for all youth wanting to succeed in their own business.

As a child, Joe suffered from a speech impediment and was labeled mentally retarded, but through hard work and his mother's strong encouragement, he surpassed everyone's expectations. It was at North Carolina A & T University that Joe got his start in the beauty industry. He invested \$10 in a Fuller products sales kit and made his way through college. During his summer vacation in 1960, he worked for Fuller in Brooklyn, NY where he met his wife, Eunice, who was also working her way through college. Upon graduation, they moved to New York where they worked for 5 years.

In 1967, Joe and Eunice Dudley returned to North Carolina, and 2 years later, they opened their own business with beauty products they made in the family kitchen. Today, Dudley Products has grown to be one of the most successful businesses of its kind—making Joe

Dudley a millionaire by the age of 40. He employs 475 people and markets his products in 40 States. Joe and Eunice also founded the Dudley Cosmetology University in Kernersville, NC. It currently operates 16 beauty schools including one here in Washington, DC.

But, I am not here today to wish Joe Dudley a happy birthday just because he is a successful businessman. He has also dedicated himself to sharing his success with the community. He chaired the Direct Selling Association's Inner City Program which is designed to help inner city youths combat joblessness and also serves on the board of trustees of his alma mater North Carolina A & T University. He and his wife have been honored by the city of Kernersville, NC, as the First Citizens of the Year, and President Bush honored them with the 467th Point of Light for establishing the Dudley Fellows Program which, along with the Dudley Ladies Program, provides mentors to high school students. In addition, Joe's company awards 32 full scholarships annually to N.C. A & T University and Bennett College in Greensboro, NC. Joe, however, does not limit his giving nature to just North Carolina. In 1992, Dudley Products established the Resurrection to Beauty Fund to help cosmetologists rebuild businesses destroyed in the Los Angeles riot.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, it is easy to see why Joe Louis Dudley, Sr. deserves this special happy birthday wish on his 60th birthday. He has used his success to help others achieve the American dream who may not otherwise be able to make it. Through their support of educational programs, he and his wife continue to dedicate themselves to insuring that future generations have the knowledge and skills necessary to achieve great things for our community and our country. So, Joe Dudley, for your selflessness and dedication, we wish you a happy 60th birthday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, when the House voted on House Resolution 93, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the Consumer Price Index. I was unavoidably detained, and could not record my vote on this important resolution. The Consumer Price Index is appropriately monitored by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. I would like the record to reflect that I would have voted in the affirmative on this resolution.

ON PAUL SPATHOLT'S ATTAINMENT OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Paul Spatholt of Fairview Park, OH, who will be honored this month for his recent attainment of Eagle Scout.

The attainment of Eagle Scout is a high and rare honor requiring years of dedication to self-improvement, hard work, and the community. Each Eagle Scout must earn 21 merit badges, 12 of which are required, including badges in: lifesaving; first aid; citizenship in the community; citizenship in the nation; citizenship in the world; personal management of time and money; family life; environmental science; and camping.

In addition to acquiring and proving proficiency in those and other skills, an Eagle Scout must hold leadership positions within the troop where he learns to earn the respect and hear the criticism of those he leads.

The Eagle Scout must live by the Scouting law, which holds that he must be: trustworthy, loyal, brave, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, clean, and reverent.

And the Eagle Scout must complete an Eagle project, which he must plan, finance, and evaluate on his own. It is no wonder that only 2 percent of all boys entering Scouting achieve this rank.

Paul's Eagle project involved the refurbishment of the press box at Fairview Park High School's football stadium. Paul solicited donations from local businesses for the tools and materials he needed to repaint the press box. He also cleared brush and helped to trim bushes in front of the high school.

My fellow colleagues, let us join Boy Scouts of America Troop 293 in recognizing and praising Paul for his achievement.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF KENNEDY CROSSAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. ROBERT A. BORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 75th anniversary of Kennedy Crossan Elementary School. Kennedy Crossan has delivered a quality education to generations of children in the Burholme community.

The elementary school was named after its founder, Mr. Kennedy Crossan. During a time of great need in the community, Mr. Crossan built a two story school building and donated it to the neighborhood. Kennedy Crossan was a self-made man, who worked his way across America, eventually returning to Philadelphia at the age of 21. He formed a company that built railroads and the Million Dollar Pier in Atlantic City. Profits from this company were set aside to build what became Kennedy Crossan Elementary School.

Nearly 25,000 students have passed through the hallways of this school. The students of Kennedy Crossan have entered the world prepared, and have become proud, productive citizens. The academic success that this school has achieved is based on a cooperative effort between teachers, administrators, parents, and the community.

The Home and School Association has faithfully served and supported both the staff and the students at Kennedy Crossan. The school also receives support from outside adopters which are: Councilman Brian O'Neill,

Pizza Hut, The Sheriff's Office, Kiwanis Club, Blue Ribbon Services, The Protestant Home, The Brass Boudoir, Ron Donachie from the 2d Police Precinct and the Rising Sun Avenue Post Office.

The precedent of community and school cooperation has also continued in the form of grants. In 1994, teachers secured a grant from Learn and Serve. This grant went to developing a program in which students learned tolerance and respect for different races and ages, as well as environmental studies. A computer lab was created with an additional grant. In this lab, students and staff work together to gain vital working knowledge of computers and the functions that they serve in the outside world.

John Meehan, a community artists, and the students from last year's fifth grade, worked together to create a mural on the kindergarten portable facing Bleigh Street. The students also formed a partnership with the Philadelphia Zoo, to adopt the zoo's only cheetah.

The perseverance and dedication of students, staff, parents, and the community, have enabled Kennedy Crossan Elementary School to deliver an education program that is phenomenal in its results. It is an honor for me to congratulate them on their 75th anniversary, and the achievements they have made thus far. I wish them continued success.

A TRIBUTE TO SAM SALTSMAN

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, my colleague, Mr. BERMAN, and I are honored today to pay tribute to Sam Saltsman. Mr. Saltsman is being honored with the Inaugural Presentation of the David Ben Gurion Award for his outstanding service and dedication to the United Jewish Fund.

Sam has a long history of service and dedication going back to his years as a Commander in the U.S. Navy during World War II. His service was commemorated by the British Government with the Distinguished Service Cross and the U.S. honored his service with two Bronze Stars. Since his time in the military, his sense of civil duty has guided him to leadership positions in the business and the religious communities.

As a manufacturer of shoe accessories, Sam has maintained production and employment of his company in the southern California area for many years. Sam also finds time to serve as a sensible civilian in arbitrations dealing with fee disputes for the Los Angeles Bar Association. While Mr. Saltsman devotes his energies to many worthy causes, his top priority is volunteering in his local religious community.

When Disraeli said "duty cannot exist without faith," it seems he had individuals like Sam in mind. Sam's religious devotion and spirit of volunteerism are inextricably intertwined. From 1967-1969 he served as congregation president to the Temple Beth and led the effort to build a new activities building. Sam and his wife, Helen, are currently endow-

ment contributors to Temple Beth Hillel, ensuring the Temple's future for generations to come. He has served as chairman of the United Jewish Campaign where he played an active role in raising funds to support social services in Los Angeles, Israel and 60 other countries. Mr. Saltsman has been active as a charter member of El Caballero Country Club to raise contributions for the United Jewish Fund and the Anti-Defamation League.

Indeed, it is an honor to recognize Sam Saltsman as the inaugural recipient of the David Ben Gurion Award. His lifetime of service and dedication serves as an example to us all.

A SALUTE TO GOLD STAR MOTHERS

HON. JON D. FOX

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, mothers have born the armies of war throughout history. Whether a victorious or defeated Nation, these Gold Star Mothers have lost their sons and daughters for our Nations' defense.

We must offer the gratefulness of this Nation for the sacrifices of mothers all, who have given us our freedoms through their children's lost lives.

God bless them and we humbly offer our tears and humility as a Nation. God bless them and we also humbly offer our thankfulness and gratitude.

God love and protect them all and we pray no more lives lost; no more war.

INTRODUCTION OF THE TEACHER TECHNOLOGY TRAINING ACT OF 1997

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation that will provide teachers with the technology training they need to meet the classroom challenges of the 21st century.

The Teacher Technology Training Act of 1997 would include technology in teacher training and professional development programs authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Schools Act of 1994. This legislation would require States to incorporate technology requirements in teacher training content and performance standards. School districts and local education agencies that receive Federal funding would have to include technology classes in their programs, and institutions of higher education would be encouraged to incorporate technology into their education curriculum.

During the 104th Congress, language was included in the Telecommunications Act to provide affordable access to the Internet for our Nation's schools. The Federal Communications Commission [FCC] yesterday announced final regulations for the implementation of this language, which means that

schools across the country will receive meaningful discounts for the latest telecommunications technologies. Access to the Internet will only be helpful to our educational system if teachers are equipped with the knowledge to use that technology.

The Office of Technology Assessment [OTA] recently released a study showing that a majority of teachers feel they need additional training in order to adequately use a personal computer. School districts across the United States spend less than 15 percent of their technology budgets on teacher training.

The Subcommittee on Technology, which I chair, held a hearing this week on technology in the classroom. Witnesses included education technology specialists from around the country, and each one testified that there is a lack of teachers who understand how to incorporate technology into the classroom curriculum. Kalani Smith, who is an instructional specialist in the Office of Global Access Technology in the Montgomery County, MD, Public Schools, told the subcommittee that training should focus on helping teachers to use the computers in their classrooms as tools to teach what they have always been teaching, but in new and innovative ways.

Kathleen Fulton, the associate director of the Center for Learning and Educational Technologies at the University of Maryland, used to work for the OTA. She said that OTA also studied the competence of new teachers just entering the classroom. The study, "Teachers and Technology" was less than promising, for it showed that "most new teachers graduate from teacher preparation institutions with limited knowledge of the way technology can be used in their professional practice."

Advanced technology has improved America's economic competitiveness and improved the quality of life for millions of Americans. By the year 2000, just 3 years away, 60 percent of American jobs will require technological skills. Our classrooms must have teachers who know how to use technology in order for our children to succeed into the next century. We are taking steps to put computers in our classrooms; now we must make sure that our teachers know how to use them effectively.

TRIBUTE TO ALICE SACHS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a respectful tribute to honor the memory of Alice Sachs, whose lifetime was dedicated to her party and her community. Alice Sachs passed away last month.

Alice Sachs began her career in politics with the American Labor Party. After World War II, when most Labor Party members left to form the Liberal Party, Alice became a Democrat, thus beginning her lifelong dedication to the Democratic Party on the upper east side of Manhattan. In 1949, she founded the Lexington Democratic Club, an organization dedicated to reforming the political club system

prevalent at the time. The club insisted that membership be open to all Democrats and that all endorsements be voted on by the full membership.

By 1953, the Lexington Club—under the direction of Alice Sachs as District Leader—had become the official club for its assembly district. Alice served as District Leader for 30 years, until she became the club's State Committeewoman in 1983.

During her years with the Lexington Democratic Club, Alice Sachs was twice their candidate for State assembly and once for State senate. Although she never won a legislative seat, she campaigned tirelessly and with innovation: in 1962, she handed out fortune cookies with the message "Alice Sachs for State senate." Alice was also a delegate to three national nominating conventions and Commissioner of Elections for 20 years. She was a founding member of Americans for Democratic Action [ADA] and served on its national board for 50 years. In 1962, she was an initial appointee to community board 8 on the upper east side, and remained a member until her resignation 2 years ago.

Alice Sachs led a distinguished career of commitment to her party and her community; all of her actions, whether campaigning or fighting for tenants' rights, were based on the concepts of honesty, integrity, and fair play.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that my colleagues rise with me in this tribute and take a moment today to remember Alice Sachs, a woman who represented everything that was noble about political involvement.

H.R. 1553, 1-YEAR EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION OF THE ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing H.R. 1553, which amends the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992—Public Law 102-526—to provide 1 additional year for the Assassination Records Review Board to complete its work. This legislation would extend the Review Board's September 30, 1997, termination date under current law to September 30, 1998. H.R. 1553 authorizes \$1.6 million in fiscal year 1998 for this purpose. I am pleased that the Honorable HENRY WAXMAN, the ranking minority member on the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and the Honorable LOUIS STOKES, who sponsored the 1992 Act and who chaired the House Select Committee on Assassinations that was established in 1976, are original cosponsors of H.R. 1553.

The purpose of the 1992 legislation was to publicly release records relating to the Kennedy assassination at the earliest possible date. The Assassination Records Review Board was set up to review and release the voluminous amounts of information in the Gov-

ernment's possession. The FBI, the Secret Service, the CIA, the Warren Commission, the Rockefeller Commission, the Church Committee in the Senate, and the House Select Committee on Assassinations have all held assassination records, and records have also been in the possession of certain State and local authorities as well as private citizens. When this legislation was considered, nearly 1 million pages of records compiled by official investigations of the assassination had not been made available to the public, some 30 years after the tragedy. Congress believed that simply making all relevant information available to the public was the best way to respond to the continuing high level of interest in the Kennedy assassination, and was preferable to undertaking a new congressional investigation. The 1992 law requires the Review Board to presume that documents relating to the assassination should be made public unless there is clear and convincing evidence to the contrary. I believe that the release of this information is important to ensure accountability in the Government and to clearly demonstrate to Americans that the Government has nothing to hide.

As a result of the Review Board's efforts, over 10,000 documents have been transferred to the national archives and Records Administration for inclusion in the JFK collection. At the end of 1996, that collection totaled approximately 3.1 million pages and was used extensively by researchers from all over the United States. The Review Board was in the news last month when it voted to make public the Abraham Zapruder film of the Kennedy assassination.

The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 originally provided a 3-year timetable for the Assassination Records Review Board to complete its work. Unfortunately, there were lengthy delays in the appointment of Board members, and as a consequence the Review Board was scheduled to cease operations before it even began its work. As a result, in 1994 Congress restarted the clock by extending the 1992 law's termination date for 1 year, until September 30, 1996. The Review Board subsequently exercised its authority to continue operating for 1 additional year, until September 30, 1997. Because the review process proved to be more complex and time-consuming than anticipated, the President included in his fiscal year 1998 budget a request for a 1-year extension of the Review Board's authorization.

I support the Assassination Records Review Board's request for a 1-year extension of its authorization so that it can complete its mission in a professional and thorough manner. I have always believed very strongly that Congress should not indefinitely continue funding for Federal entities that were clearly intended to be temporary in nature. The Review Board has informed me that it is confident that it will be able to finish its work and complete its final report if Congress will extend its life for 1 additional year, until September 30, 1998.

ON DALE POPP'S ATTAINMENT OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dale Popp of Cleveland, OH, who will be honored this month for his recent attainment of Eagle Scout.

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Dale's Eagle project involved both the organizing of a food drive in his neighborhood in which he collected canned food for hungry Clevelanders, and the beautification of a street island in his neighborhood. Dale organized the cleanup of the neglected area and the mulching and planting of a flower garden.

My fellow colleagues, let us join Boy Scouts of America Troop 293 in recognizing and praising Dale for his achievement.

FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF RUSS AND BETTY COPE

HON. ROBERT A. BORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Russ and Betty Cope, as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Fifty years of marriage is a celebration of love, commitment, and dedication to vows made to each other.

Now retired, Russ worked as a rural mail carrier, and Betty as a teacher. In their years of marriage, the Copes had three children: Brian Cope, Judy Gallagher, and Diane Lloyd. Their children also made them the proud grandparents of Tonya Malaga; Neil, Danny, and Christie Cope; and Layla Lloyd.

The Copes should be a reminder to us of the sanctity of marriage. Russ and Betty Cope should be honored for their continued commitment. I congratulate them on 50 years of devotion to each other, and the promise that

they made. May they experience many more years of happiness and love.

A TRIBUTE TO PETER AGUIRRE, JR.

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Deputy Peter Aguirre, Jr., a man who made the ultimate sacrifice to his fellow citizens—he gave up his life in the line of duty. Even as we mourn the death of Deputy Peter Aguirre, we remember and celebrate his life, the family and friends that love him, his work as a deputy, and the ideals that he lived by.

After graduating from California State University at Northridge in 1994, Peter attended the Ventura County Sheriff's Academy. On April 24, 1994, he was sworn in as a deputy, and was assigned to Detention Services in the Ventura County Main Jail. In January 1996 he was given his second assignment, patrol at the Ojai substation. Despite his short time as a law enforcement officer, Peter's fellow officers were impressed by his hard work and reliability.

On July 17, 1996, Deputy Aguirre and other officers responded to a domestic disturbance call. Shortly after arriving at the scene the suspect opened fire on the deputies, fatally wounding Deputy Aguirre. The Ventura County community felt a great loss with Peter's tragic death. The sacrifice he made was best put by his boss, Sheriff Larry Carpenter:

Peter did something extraordinary, something courageous, something valorous. Peter gave all that he had. Peter also gave up much. He gave up ever seeing his beautiful wife after working long shifts. He gave up the ability to hold his precious daughter in his hands. He gave up spending Sunday afternoons with his mother and father. He gave up everything, simply so that you and I could do all those things with our families.

Deputy Aguirre's bravery for the sake of our community is truly remarkable. He put his life on the line to protect the safety of our families and our community, indeed we all owe him a great debt. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to recognize not only Peter, but the 53 law enforcement officers that gave up their lives last year in the line of duty. It is only through the self-sacrifice and dedication of these individuals that we are able to enjoy the freedom and safety that make this Nation great.

A TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE CARLOS RODRIGUEZ UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend, Judge Carlos

Rodriguez, upon his retirement after over 21 years of service on the bench of the State of California Workers' Compensation Appeals Board. Judge Rodriguez will be honored on Friday, May 9, 1997, at a special ceremony held in his honor in Los Angeles, CA.

Judge Rodriguez was appointed to the Workers' Compensation Board in 1975. He was a trailblazer, as the only Latino judge on the State of California Workers' Compensation Board. Recognizing a need for Latino representation in his field, he sought to recruit Latino lawyers and judges. His efforts led him to conduct legal seminars, where he informed and encouraged lawyers to improve themselves and their practice.

The son of Mexican immigrants, Judge Rodriguez attended public school in the Los Nietos and Whittier area. His father, Refugio Rodriguez, was a shift foreman at a laminated plastics fabrication plant and his mother, Felicia Rodriguez, worked at a food processing plant. During high school, Judge Rodriguez worked on a farm feeding chickens and rabbits, at a car wash, and later in a machine shop. He continued working in the machine shop as he pursued his Bachelor of Arts degree in business from the University of California, Los Angeles. After graduating from UCLA, he was drafted into the Army and sent to France, where he spent 2 years as a data processing machine operator. After completing his tour of duty, he worked at the Los Angeles County Probation Department as a clerical aide, while he attended law school.

Judge Rodriguez planned to practice criminal defense and after being admitted to practice law he became a prosecutor with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, to obtain the critical trial experience he would need as a criminal defense lawyer. He later joined the law firm of Sillas and Castillo, winning the first personal injury case he was assigned. He then moved to the Law Offices of Nephan and Foglia, where he did criminal defense and some worker's compensation cases. His experience in worker's compensation cases led Judge Rodriguez to the law firm of Manuel Hidalgo to handle that firm's worker's compensation cases.

During this time, Judge Rodriguez decided to take the examination for worker's compensation specialist and for judge of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board. While he had only taken the judge examination to gain the experience, he passed both tests and later accepted an appointment as judge to the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board.

His tenure has been a commitment to serving the community and his profession with distinction. He has dedicated many hours to providing legal seminars, which he intends to continue in his retirement. Also, Judge Rodriguez, plans to continue his advocacy and active volunteerism. He is a member of the Mexican American Bar Association and Mensa, an organization of individuals with a genius IQ.

Mr. Speaker, it is with pride that I ask my colleagues to join me and Judge Rodriguez's friends and family in paying tribute to the Honorable Carlos Rodriguez, for his many years of dedicated service on the California State Workers' Compensation Appeals Board.

THE RETIREMENT OF DANIEL F. CASSIDY

HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Mr. Daniel F. Cassidy upon his retirement on June 3, 1997. He will complete 38 years of distinguished service with the Federal Government, the last 26 with the Federal Aviation Administration's [FAA] Harrisburg, PA, Airports District Office.

A civil engineering graduate of the University of Notre Dame, Mr. Cassidy began his Federal service in 1959 with the Air Navigation Facilities Division of the Federal Aviation Administration. As a young engineer, he served as resident engineer on a variety of air navigation facility installations in the Northeast. In 1964, Mr. Cassidy transferred to the Airports Division's Harrisburg District Office as an airport planner. He subsequently relocated to the Cleveland Airports Area Office as project manager, taking on responsibilities for construction work in Ohio, Kentucky, and western Pennsylvania.

In 1971, with the reopening of the Harrisburg Airports District Office, Mr. Cassidy returned to central Pennsylvania as assistant manager, providing direction in the planning, programming and construction of airport improvement projects in Pennsylvania and Delaware. Mr. Cassidy has greatly contributed to the development of a safe and efficient system of airports in the mid-Atlantic region. Of particular note were his contributions to the development of new terminal facilities and increased runway capacity at Pittsburgh International Airport. In addition, Mr. Cassidy has been a leader in implementing compatible land use and safety recommendations at Federal agreement airports. He has worked with airport sponsors and elected Federal, State, and local officials to resolve complex funding and technological issues in a timely and positive manner.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Cassidy's service to his country and dedication to duty have reflected credit to himself and the Federal Aviation Administration. I wish him the best.

TRIBUTE TO 1997 EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the recipients of the 1997 Excellence in Business Awards. Sponsored by a distinguished newspaper in the Central Valley of California, the Fresno Bee, the awards are designed to honor businesses and one individual from the community who have demonstrated high ethical standards, corporate success and growth, employee and customer service, and concern for the environment. The recipients will be honored at a luncheon given in their honor on Thursday, May 8, 1997, in Fresno, CA.

Dozens of nominations were submitted and the following were selected to represent the breadth of businesses throughout the Valley:

INTERNATIONAL AGRI-CENTER (TULARE)
AGRICULTURE

Although the center is staffed by just 10 employees, a volunteer staff of more than 600 people make up the strength of this business. Through the assistance of all, the International Agri-Center produces the annual California Farm Equipment Show, the greatest international event of its kind.

FRESNO RESCUE MISSION/CRAYCROFT YOUTH CENTER (FRESNO)

CHARITABLE

The only organization of its kind, the Fresno Rescue Mission/Craycroft Youth Center represents the sole Fresno County receiving home for abused and neglected children. Services offered through the center include counseling, education services, and health exams. The most unique feature of the center is that it allows for siblings to remain together at one location, thereby keeping families intact.

BUCKMAN-MITCHELL INSURANCE (VISALIA)
FINANCE

Working on its 81st year in business, Buckman-Mitchell Insurance has more than 60 employees and clients throughout the world. The company is known well throughout the Central Valley for its high ethical standards and community involvement. Such an example of the level of dedication that exists within the company is evidenced by the fact that the company donates as much as \$100,000 a year to the Visalia community.

ST. AGNES MEDICAL CENTER (FRESNO)
HEALTH CARE

St. Agnes, the fourth largest employer in Fresno County, opened its doors in 1929. Since then, the staff at St. Agnes has made continuous strides in the health care field. Between 1993 and 1996, outpatient volumes at the medical center increased by more than 76,400. The medical center is also helping to find positions outside of the hospital, as they assist in funding a case worker for Fresno Unified School District's teen parenting program, Future Positive.

GRUNDFOS PUMPS CORPORATION (CLOVIS)
MANUFACTURING

An example of a home-based operation, Grundfos Pumps, was first established in the cellar of Paul Due Jensen's home in Denmark in 1945. Since then the company has expanded and opened its operation for U.S. manufacturing in Clovis in 1974. The company's continuous commitment to excellence and education has continued to grow over the years. Since 1987, Grundfos has been a business partner with Clovis Unified School Districts and continues to place great importance on employee training and training.

FRESNO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY (FRESNO)
NON-PROFIT

The Chafee Zoological Gardens at Roeding Park was incorporated in 1949. Visited by more than 400,000 people the society grossed more than 1.78 million in 1995 from combined fundraising activities. The Society remains a source of attraction to the Fresno area due to an outstanding membership organization. Growing from 2,500 in 1988 to 6,400 in 1997, the society recently recognized Director David W. Kyle as Outstanding Fund-raising Executive of the Year by the National Society of Fundraising Executives.

BAKER, MANOCK & JENSEN ATTORNEYS AT LAW (FRESNO)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

As one of the oldest and most-established law firms in the Valley, Baker, Manock & Jensen employs 47 lawyers, 10 paralegals, and more than 50 other staff members in support positions. The firm is recognized as a member of commercial law affiliates, an association of A-rated firms throughout the world. In addition to a heavy and extremely active work load, members of the firm devote numerous personal hours to assist with more than 20 nonprofit organizations throughout the community.

LA TAPATIA TORTILLERIA, INC. (FRESNO)
RETAIL/WHOLESALE

La Tapatia is a homegrown business built from the ground up. Helen Chavez-Hansen first purchased the business in 1969 for \$1,900. Since then, La Tapatia has grown from 6 employees and one tortilla oven to a staff of over 155. La Tapatia's 40,000-square-foot plant can produce 5,500 dozen tortillas per hour. The intense quality control program of the plant assures that an individual is receiving the best commercial product available.

FORTIER TRANSPORTATION (FRESNO)
SMALL BUSINESS

In 1911, Fortier Stage Lines was founded and provided passenger service to its customers. In 1991, the business went back to its original function as a regulated interstate motor freight carrier. Kathy Fortier, the owner of Fortier Transportation, began with one part-time driver in 1992. Today, the business employs office staff, shop personnel, and five company drivers.

HALL OF FAME AWARD
CLAUDE LAVALL III

As President of Lavall-Separator Corp., Claude Lavall III's high standards and work ethic have become the hallmarks of his business. Lavall has been actively involved in the expansion of his business, recently growing into Mexico. As a businessman in the international marketplace, Lavall Corp. believes that sales and service personnel are responsible for advancing the standards that have made this business so successful. From the business to the education and community sector, Claude Lavall III is currently in partnership with Erickson School, a companywide effort.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, the 1997 Excellence in Business Awards highlights the top representatives in numerous fields throughout the Valley. I commend these businesses for their successes, as well as the men and women who own them, for they believe—and have proven—that hard work is the foundation for individual and community-oriented successes. I ask my colleagues to join me today to salute all of the recipients of this award. They embody the highest ethical standards and concern both for themselves and their community.

WIC SAVES MONEY

HON. ELIZABETH FURSE

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Ms. FURSE. Mr. Speaker, the Supplemental Program for Women, Infants and Children is

one of the most cost-effective investments we make. It is exactly what is needed from to serve human needs and to be fiscally responsible.

WIC prevents problems from occurring in the future. We now know that early childhood cognitive development is crucial for that child's long-term growth and ability to learn.

Every dollar spent on WIC saves \$3 in health care costs. Further, WIC is not a feeding program, it is a health program. It ensures that pregnant mothers will receive some attention to their health.

The reduction in WIC in this supplemental appropriation means that, for the first time, we will be dropping participants from the rolls rather than adding them. We must care about kids not only from conception to birth but as they grow and develop as well. Adequate funding of WIC is an excellent way to start.

OPPOSITION TO CHANGES IN
FEDERAL PROCUREMENT POLICY

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to the attention of my colleagues and to the readers of the RECORD a letter that was sent to me by one of my constituents, Bob Affel. Bob is the president of Sun Electric Co. in Knoxville, TN.

As many of you may know, President Clinton recently created a huge controversy when he announced that his administration would be changing the Federal procurement policy. The proposed changes could be used to unfairly discriminate against businesses that operate without a union. In addition, the changes could cost taxpayers billions of dollars.

Bob is uniquely aware, from a businessman's perspective, of exactly how the current regulations work. Since he has read through and tried to comply with these illogical bureaucratic requirements, his letter gives an excellent discussion of the issues surrounding President Clinton's latest proposal.

In addition to Bob's comments, I would personally add that I have seen estimates that the proposed policy would end up raising the cost of Federal Government construction spending by \$4.8 billion annually or reduce the amount of construction by 30 percent. With our Nation more than \$5.5 trillion in debt, we should not be encouraging this sort of wasteful spending.

I request that a copy of the attached letter be placed in the RECORD at this point. I hope that my colleagues will join me and Bob Affel in opposing President Clinton's unfair proposal.

SUN ELECTRIC CO.,

Knoxville, TN, April 21, 1997.

Representative JOHN DUNCAN,
Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE DUNCAN: We oppose the President's project labor agreement executive order. Listed below are some of our reasons.

HOW PUBLIC PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS HURT
OPEN SHOP CONTRACTORS

Public project labor agreements exclude open shop contractors from the competition

for public work. Labor unions often note that open shop contractors can also sign and work under such agreements but in doing so, the unions conveniently disregard the way the agreements actually work.

The problem is rarely the wage rates or fringe benefits that the agreements mandate. The Davis-Bacon Act or one of its many counterparts already require open shop and all other contractors to pay prevailing wages and benefits to those working on most public projects. The problem is that the agreements permit open shop firms to use few if any of their current employees. The also require open shop firms to organize their work around the rigid lines that define each union's jurisdiction. Public project labor agreements can require open shop firms to use three or more employees to perform a task that a one multicraft worker would otherwise perform. Open shop contractors can work under public project labor agreements but not without greatly increasing their cost of performing the work.

Thus, it is true but irrelevant that open shop firms are free to work under such agreements. What matters is that the agreements require open shop contractors to fundamentally change the way they do business that such firms cannot effectively compete.

HOW PUBLIC PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS HURT
UNION CONTRACTORS

As a threshold matter, a public project labor agreement may well increase even a union contractor's cost of constructing a public facility. Such contractors may find that they have to employ the members of new and different unions. Many such contractors have agreement with only two or three unions, while public project labor agreements can involve as many as seven-teen.

More importantly, public project labor agreements disrupt local bargaining for area-wide agreements. They may require wage rates or fringe benefits that exceed the prevailing ones. They often establish new work rules or reinstate old work rules or set other costly or otherwise damaging precedents. Because they typically prohibit lockouts, such agreements may also encourage unions to strike other projects in the area. They certainly undermine the direct face-to-face negotiations that lie at the heart of collective bargaining, as both unions and contractors turn to owners for the concessions that they cannot get from each other.

In sum, public project labor agreements substitute government bureaucrats for the industry's own negotiators. Whatever their intentions, such bureaucrats lack the experience to advance the construction industry's interests. They are schooled in neither construction nor labor-management relations.

QUALITY AND FREEDOM

To the great extent that they limit the competition for public work, or otherwise increase the cost of improving our schools, hospitals, bridges and other public infrastructures, public project labor agreements threaten everyone's quality of life. They also threaten individual rights and freedoms. They typically include "union security" clauses that effectively mandate union membership denying construction workers the right to decide whether to join or otherwise support a labor union.

A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT

Inevitably, public project labor agreements increase the cost of all construction, including the private work the manufacturers and other industries. The President's plan raises

ominous questions about the government's role anywhere in the private sector. Having set the precedent, will the government presume to negotiate collective bargaining agreements for the aerospace and automobile industries? At what point will the federal government dictate the terms of a collective bargaining agreement between Intel and its employees?

CONCLUSION

While some federal agencies have long used project labor agreements, the proposed executive order takes the threat of such agreements to new and extremely troubling heights. For the reasons already noted, this executive order would have a negative impact on the entire construction industry, including the substantial segment that continues to work with and under collective bargaining agreements.

Sincerely,

BOB AFFEL,

President, Sun Electric Company.

"IF NOT NOW . . ."—MARY FISHER'S
POWERFUL CALL TO ACTION IN SUPPORT OF THE AIDS
DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I recently had the honor of meeting personally with Mary Fisher, founder of the Family Aids Network, and of hearing her address a congressional briefing on the AIDS Drug Assistance Program [ADAP]. Her speech, "If Not Now . . ." is one of the most powerful and compelling statements I have heard on the need for a strong national commitment to assist persons with HIV and AIDS. Due to remarkable progress in the development of AIDS drug therapies, we now have combination drugs that can dramatically lower virus levels, that appear to be transforming AIDS from a fatal illness to a manageable chronic condition, and that may actually eliminate the virus entirely or almost entirely from the body.

But, Mary asks, do we have the national will to make these drugs available to all who need them? That is the question posed by the availability of these new therapies.

I am entering Mary's speech in today's CONGRESSIONAL RECORD because I believe it should be required reading for every Member of Congress—and every American.

"If Not Now . . ."

(By Mary Fisher)

Thank you very much, Bill. I appreciate your kind words.

In order to be very brief today, I intend also to be very direct. I do not mean to be brusque, but I do want to be blunt. The good news is that I won't elongate your program with a massive keynote address. The bad news is that I have no time for good jokes.

Let me begin with a happy idea. We should be ashamed of ourselves. Like evangelists caught in cheap motels with bad magazines, we are where we ought not to be: Nearly two decades into an epidemic that has killed hundreds of thousands of Americans, we have gathered to discuss how many more should die. I regret that we have come to this point

and, as an American, I am ashamed of it. And I want you to be ashamed of it too. We should never have gotten ourselves to the place we find ourselves. And we should get out of this as soon as possible.

Pharmaceuticals represented here this noon have, by virtue of hard work and well-principled research, produced drugs that may prolong my life and the lives of others with AIDS. They should take great pride in what they have achieved. I am in their debt.

Members of Congress and their staff here this noon have, through consensus-building and budget-brawling, protected funds needed for AIDS research, AIDS-caregiving, and AIDS-intervention. I am also in your debt.

And colleagues from the AIDS community are here who've fought this epidemic with unimagined creativity and unheralded courage, not out of a desire for national recognition but out of a commitment to keep alive those who are dying. I take enormous pride in being one of you, and in the moral legacy written by pilgrims on the road to AIDS and those who have cared for them.

In this afternoon's program, expert colleagues are going to explain hard facts, large figures and complicated realities. I am here not to give their speeches, but simply to set a context. And the context I want to set is, in a word, shame.

For twenty years, this nation has treated persons with AIDS as uniquely responsible for their own condition. Despite what we know about smoking and cancer, we have not done to smokers what we have done to persons with AIDS; despite what we know about diet, we have not done to heart-attack sufferers what we have done to persons with AIDS; despite what we know about bucking horses and skydiving, we have not done to Christopher Reeves what we have done to persons with AIDS. Senators debating HIV-infected immigrants have used, as their point of useful reference, "infested fruits"—a double entendre on both "infection" and the word "Fruit."

And because we have labored against such stigma and discrimination, such ignorance and evil, we have not reached common agreement on the most basic of all understandings: That Americans with AIDS do not deserve their disease but do deserve our assistance.

Failure to achieve consensus across moral and political lines on that fundamental reality has done more to contribute to the destruction of the AIDS community than the virus itself. So deep has the stigma been, so controversial the epidemic, that more than a hundred thousand Americans had died of the disease before an American president dared say the word "AIDS" in public. Tens of thousands of obituaries have lied about the cause of death, out of families' fear of shame. And those of us who are left are often mute. How do I explain to my sons Max and Zachary their father's death and my disease, on the one hand, and the nation's response on the other, with anything less than shame?

Archbishop Desmond Tutu once said that the South African Truth Commission was created to "release our shame, to move us from anger to healing, from futility to hope." It is Tutu's sense of shame—an active shame, a useful shame; shame that says "for crying outloud, it's enough already"—which should motivate us to do what we've not done before.

The epidemic is nearly two decades long. Hundreds of thousands of Americans have died. Hundreds of thousands more are in danger of dying. What stands between these Americans and death is drugs; what stands

between these Americans and drugs is money; and what stands between these Americans and money is...us, the American people, the United States government, and the AIDS Drug Assistance Program.

I've spoken in many settings, but I've never before stood in public to argue for any single piece of legislation. I've worked quietly, confidentially, off-the-record with countless legislators and leaders, including some of you here today. But the time has come for many of us to do what we've not done before, including me. I need to say publicly that we, as a nation, should be ashamed at how we have treated those with AIDS. And I need to call all of us, you and me, to assure that life-prolonging and death-deferring drugs are available for every HIV-infected person in this nation, not when we stand at death's door, but while we stand in the public square. Politics and science make it possible, economics and morality make it imperative. If we do not embrace the opportunity now, we have consciously and unconsciously prolonged the legacy of shame.

We have a new person filling the position popularly known as "AIDS czar." Sandy Thurman is a good and decent person, committed and compassionate. She has no history in this position and, therefore, no enemies' list. Democrats and Republicans alike have every reason to work with Sandy. And if she requires the assistance of people from both sides of the aisle—whether we are homemakers or newsmakers—if we understand the shame that our national response to date has earned us, we will work with her.

The Vice President has argued, recently, for expanding Medicaid coverage to provide interventions earlier in the case of persons who are infected. This proposal makes enormous sense scientifically, morally, and economically—it will absolutely decrease, not increase, Medicaid spending. To my knowledge, no Republicans have responded with assaults. Therefore, the idea is still alive that common sense and common decency would have a place in common policies.

We need not have another bureau or department to consume funds, nor does ADAP propose one. We need not have another study to justify funds, nor does ADAP require one. What we need is consensus that those who are infected deserve an opportunity to live. It is a proposition so simple, and so morally compelling, that both AIDS Action and the Catholic Archbishops can agree on it. It is, at its simplest root, merely a pro-life argument.

Others here today will present the scientific data and the economic numbers. I do not doubt how convincing the case will be. What I wonder about, even worry about, is this: that after two decades of death and dying, we will not yet have the will to move toward hope, even when hope is staring us in the face.

I spoke last week in Arthur Ashe's hometown. I admitted that the AIDS community is no longer certain what to hope for. My own care for my late husband Brian, in the days before he died, is not uncommon—many of us with AIDS are cared for by others with AIDS. But now we face an altogether new situation, unimaginable the Sunday morning Brian died.

One of us will respond well to the new [drug] cocktail, and one of us will not. How then will we live together as one rises up from the grave and another sinks into it? Does "survivor guilt" leave room for love?

"One of us will be able to afford protease inhibitors," I said in Richmond, "and one of us will not. How, then, will we live together

in community? How will I love you, if I know you are staying with your children while, for lack of money, I am losing mine?" The fragile bonds that hold together the weakening, fragile AIDS community, cannot withstand such division. Which is why I have come to argue for a legislative action.

Make no mistake about it: the reason AIDS-related death rates have gone down for American men and gone up for American women¹ is access to drugs—early access, complete access, sustained access. In the AIDS community, the great difference between men without children, and women with children, is this: One group is living longer, and one is not.

The power to change these death rates is in this room. If those of you who are Republican leaders will say to those who are Democrats, "We should be ashamed of these deaths," these statistics can be changed. We have no cure, but we have within our power the ability to end the immoral discrepancy between those who live and those who die for lack of access to drugs.

If the AIDS organizations will work with the religious community; if the pharmacies will work with the legislators; if those on the Hill will work with those in the White House; if staff members from both sides of the aisle will make vulnerable lives more important than political ambitions—it can be done. We can have the experience with AIDS that South Africa has had with apartheid: we can put behind us the darkest days.

When I imagine that goal being attainable, and I look at an audience of such concentrated power, I cannot refrain from asking, "If not you, who? And if not now, my God, when?"

You must go explain your actions to your colleagues and your constituents. I must go explain mine to two children not-yet-ten years old. But both you and I must first explain them to ourselves and to Our Maker. In that private chamber of our own souls, surely we can agree that there's been dying enough, and discrimination enough, and injustice enough.

What's offered us here, today, of science, economics, of policies and protocols, may not give us a cure. But it can take us away from shame toward hope. If you would act on that, then I and my fellow-pilgrims on the road to AIDS will offer you more than our thanks, and more than our votes. We will offer on your behalf this ancient prayer, "Grace to you, and peace."

TRIBUTE TO ROYCE E. DAVIS

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, Shakespeare once wrote "As he was valiant, I honor him * * *" Today, I rise to honor and congratulate Royce E. Davis for his valor and bravery. His work for our community is being recognized today as he is named Woodland Hills Paramedic of the Year.

Royce has been with the Los Angeles Fire Department for 23 years. His commitment and

¹The CDC recently released a morbidity report on American AIDS-related death rates, 1996, showing that such death rates had decreased 21% for Caucasians, decreased 10% for Hispanics, and decreased 2% for African Americans; decreased 15% for males and increased 3% for heterosexual transmissions.

dedication to his job have brought honor and excellence to our community. He has received countless awards, including the Los Angeles Fire Department Medal of Valor, the California State Firefighters Association Medal of Valor and the City of Los Angeles Career Service Award to name just a few.

Royce has also had a full career outside of the fire department. He is the former Chief of Emergency Medical Services for the City of Filmore, CA, and has served as a Physician's Assistant [PA]. Currently he is employed at a cardiology practice, while coming to the aid of the West Hills community in his spare time.

Besides his professional duties and community service, Royce's top priority is his family. He and his wife have been married for 36 years and have been blessed with six children and sixteen grandchildren. Indeed, Royce's years as a firefighter, civil servant, father, and husband are exemplary.

I join the citizens of Woodland Hills, West Hills, and Canoga Park to thank Royce E. Davis for his years of service to our communities. I believe he stands as a model for others in our area and around the Nation, and I am honored, as his Congressional Representative, to send my warm congratulations and best wishes as he is honored as Woodland Hills Paramedic of the Year.

IN HONOR OF INTERNATIONAL BOXING REFEREE JOE CORTEZ: MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE RING OF LIFE

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Joe Cortez, a man of uncommon kindness and dedication to his family and his community. Mr. Cortez has devoted much of his time and energy throughout his life to help others in the fight against drugs, as well as outreach programs to help the sick and needy. His contributions will be recognized at the monthly business luncheon of the New Jersey Hispanic Mercantile Federation on May 9 in Union City, NJ.

Mr. Cortez was born and raised in New York City's Spanish Harlem. There he began his amateur boxing career, winning the Golden Gloves Bantamweight Championship title four times prior to turning professional in 1963. In his 4 years as a professional, Mr. Cortez earned a record of 18 wins and only 1 loss. Upon retiring from professional fighting, Mr. Cortez began a successful career in hotel management, rising to the position of assistant casino operating manager for a major company with properties in New York and Puerto Rico. Mr. Cortez's professional life came full circle when he returned to the boxing ring as a referee. He has since presided over 89 World Title Championship Fights in 11 countries.

Mr. Cortez's humanitarian efforts are truly impressive and admirable. Through his involvement with an anti-drug task force in Yonkers, Mr. Cortez saw the need to ensure a smooth and successful transition back into so-

ciety for former drug addicts and delinquents. He has been an integral part of a number of community based efforts, including a successful vision outreach program to provide eye care to those in need, fundraising events for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundations, and the youth-oriented Project Return.

Family has been an important part of Mr. Cortez's life. He has been married to his wife Sylvia for 31 years and together they have three wonderful daughters. Following a crippling auto accident involving his beloved wife and daughter, Mr. Cortez has refocused his efforts to raising awareness and money for spinal cord research.

I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring this remarkable gentleman. Mr. Cortez's determination to excel in everything he does and desire to use his status to help those less fortunate, serve as shining examples for us all.

TRIBUTE TO DUNCANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the cosmetology department students and faculty at Duncanville High School for winning first place in the national American Set-a-Good-Example competition. And I also congratulate Duncanville High School for their selection as this year's Learning Improvement Award winner.

Duncanville High School is only the second school in the past two decades to win both these national awards in the same year. As a result, Duncanville High School will receive \$7,500 in grant funds for these honors.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to commend the Concerned Businessmen's Association of America for sponsoring this competition and also Dr. Phyllis Mack of Savannah, GA, for funding these grants. With the program now in its 11th year, it is an excellent tool to recognize outstanding achievements in our public schools, and to reward that success with funding to help further enhance education.

Mr. Speaker, I know that the young people of Duncanville High School worked hard to earn this recognition and by their participation have shown they can indeed take actions to better their own lives, their communities, and thereby improve the world we all share.

Once again I would like to send my heartiest congratulations to Principal Mike Christyberg and all the teachers, parents and students who share in these incredible achievements.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE WHEELER, A HERO FOR CHARLES COUNTY SENIORS

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who dedicated his time,

energy, and spirit to bettering his community and the entire senior population of Charles County, MD. George E. Wheeler spent the majority of his adult life serving southern Maryland as an area agricultural engineer with the U.S. Department of Agriculture working on such projects as the Maryland Delaware Watershed Unit and establishing the first resource conservation and development project in Maryland. This work was important in coordinating efforts between the farming and conservation communities to assure the two worked together for their mutual interests.

But it is the work George Wheeler did within his community which we recognize him for today. Always there to lend a hand, George Wheeler became actively involved in advocating and initiating projects to benefit the senior community. Appointed to the Charles County Commission on Aging in 1972 and the Area Council on Aging in 1979, it became Mr. Wheeler's mission to make certain seniors in the community had the resources and programs for each of them to have a fulfilling and meaningful role in making their town and neighborhoods an enriching place to live.

George Wheeler had the dream of having a place where seniors could gather; a place where they could meet their friends and participate in activities and educational programs and work on projects to benefit the entire community; a place where seniors can exercise in the state of the art fitness center and a place where they know they can get some of the best meals in town.

Through hours of discussions, planning, and problem solving, George Wheeler spoke of the interests of seniors and laid out the vision of the beautiful facility called the Richard R. Clark Senior Center. In 1987, as chairman of the building committee for the center, Mr. Wheeler joined in the opening of this wonderful facility and saw his dream become a reality. He was never deterred by obstacles, but maintained a positive attitude, knowing that one way or another he would achieve his goal. And once the center was built, he continued in that spirit to bring in the best of programs and people to enhance the center.

It is George Wheeler's long hours of time, devotion and dedication which the seniors of Charles County benefit from today. We celebrate his tireless efforts in making the Richard R. Clark Senior Center possible and congratulate his wife, Erma and his children, Richard and Chris, as we dedicate this plaque in his honor.

TRIBUTE TO QUEEN MOTHER MOORE: BELOVED ACTIVIST

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay homage to Audrey (Queen Mother) Moore a leader and activist in New York City who passed away at the age of 98.

Queen Mother Moore is beloved in the African-American community for her life-long dedication to the upliftment of the disaffected, disenfranchised and the neglected. She was

named Queen Mother by the Ashanti Tribe in Ghana, West Africa. Queen Mother Moore was a stalwart in the cause of civil rights, and believed that self-pride, dignity, honor, and hard work were the foundation upon which success and self-respect are built.

Born in New Iberia, LA, she spent her life trying to educate African-Americans about the past glory and contributions of African societies, and encouraged young people to make a commitment to educationally, economically, and politically strengthen the black community. She worked to organize domestic workers in the city of New York, fought to overturn the eviction of black tenants, and sought to integrate major league baseball.

Indeed, Queen Mother Moore established a legacy of love and commitment that spanned the decades of her life. In her passing years she suffered with declining health, but continued her strong convictions on behalf of the causes she held dear, social justice and political empowerment. Her passionate voice and vibrant spirit will be sorely missed. I salute her work and dedication.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD ANDERT

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Richard Andert, as he is named Los Angeles Police Department Police Officer of the Year. The Woodland Hills community joins me in praising him for his commitment and dedication to making our area a safer place to live.

Officer Andert's commitment to the safety and well-being of our citizens should serve as an inspiration to all Americans. He is a role model not only to younger but also to higher ranking police officers on the force. Of the countless examples of his leadership, none stand out more than his commitment to traffic safety. He single-handedly implemented a crackdown on speeding drivers in order to ensure the safety of the children in our neighborhood and return the neighborhood to the safe and quiet area it should be.

Officer Andert practices kindness, caring, and compassion in even the most routine situations. One day a panicked West Valley resident arrived at the police station, unable to enter a house where she was responsible for feeding a cat and dog. Upon investigating the situation Officer Andert discovered the woman was attempting to enter the wrong house and then assisted her in entering the correct home. It is Officer Andert's willingness to go the extra mile that has distinguished his career.

In closing Mr. Speaker, if this Nation had more Richard Anderts on America's police forces, our neighborhoods would be safer places to live. It is a personal honor to me, as his Congressman, to acknowledge his accomplishments which bring deep honor to our community, and to offer my warm congratulations and heartfelt thanks.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

NATIONAL WRITE YOUR CONGRESSMAN

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, today, I want to recognize an organization that I became familiar with soon after arriving in Washington as a freshman in 1985. National Write Your Congressman has been providing me and my office with important and intelligent information from our district since 1953.

Their legislative updates, entitled "We The People," arrived monthly in my office, sometimes with copies of my 1-minute speeches from the House floor printed in the Congressional Comments section. In June 1994, National Write Your Congressman featured my bill to move the burden of proof from the taxpayer to the IRS in civil tax court as the topic of a survey. The results astounded me: Ninety-three percent of their readers favored my bill, and soon afterward, I had over 300 co-sponsors.

National Write Your Congressman's opinion ballots are some of the only polls I trust. Their members respond because they want to participate in the democratic process, not because some polling organization called them.

I find that letterwriters from National Write Your Congressman are well informed about issues in Washington that effect their lives. Their readers should know that they do have clout in Washington because their voices are heard monthly.

Mr. Speaker, I want to compliment National Write Your Congressman for its work for nearly 40 years to bring the opinions of Americans to their Federal representatives in Washington.

THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LOYAL ORDER OF THE MOOSE

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 75th anniversary of the Moosehaven facility, which provides residential care to older members of the Loyal Order of the Moose. I am proud to have this outstanding facility, located in Orange Park, FL, as part of my district.

The Loyal Order of the Moose will be holding its international convention in Florida this summer. They have selected Florida as the convention site for the purposes of acknowledging the Moosehaven facility.

Founded in 1922, the Moosehaven facility is unique in the fraternal world. The self-funded facility currently provides free care to 420 men and women who are members of the Moose Order. The infinite need for organizations to provide community-based solutions is exemplified by the success of the Moosehaven facility.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Moosehaven facility on its 75th anniversary, and I look forward to its continued growth and progress in the future.

May 8, 1997

IN HONOR OF THE NORTH HUDSON COMMUNITY ACTION CORPORATION: PROUD PARTICIPANT IN COMMUNITY ACTION WEEK

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a truly exceptional organization, the North Hudson Community Action Corporation [NHCAC]. On May 9, a celebration commemorating Community Action Week will officially open the NHCAC's one-stop Health Center located at their newly consolidated facility in West New York, NJ.

National Community Action Week is dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of community-based action, making this a fitting opportunity to recognize the contributions of the NHCAC. This respected institution has provided much needed assistance to the residents of Northern Hudson County, NJ, for over 30 years. Its mission of people helping people is exemplified in the more than 20 programs and 37,000 clients served by NHCAC.

The types of assistance offered by NHCAC are as diverse as the population it serves. NHCAC provides services in health care, nutrition, substance abuse treatment, emergency food and shelter shortages, social and home services, and early childhood development through Head Start. Specifically, programs benefiting North Hudson residents include the Women, Infants and Children [WIC] nutrition plan, Senior Treatment and Education Program [STWP], a food pantry, limited transitional housing, immigration and naturalization help, tenant and landlord relations, job placement, and home weatherization and maintenance. Everyone who has utilized NHCAC's services may attest to the compassionate nature of this outstanding group of individuals.

The official opening of North Hudson Community Action Corporation's Health Center at West New York is another step along the road to ensuring quality and affordable health services for the entire community. Staffed by medical professionals, the health center provides a broad range of health services including family care, gynecology and family planning, premarital examinations, dental screening, mental health, diagnosis and treatment of diseases, and counseling and health education workshops.

The men and women of the North Hudson Community Action Corporation give new meaning to the words community action. Under the direction of executive director Michael Leggiero, NHCAC has gained national recognition for dedicated and caring service to the community. I am proud to have this extraordinary organization working on behalf of the members of my district.

HONORING JOHN "JACK" PIDGEON

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to tell my colleagues

about the retirement of a singular individual who is legendary in his achievements in the academic world. His name is John "Jack" Pidgeon.

Jack Pidgeon grew up in a poor working class town in Massachusetts. He won a scholarship to prestigious Andover Prep School, where he studied alongside former President Bush and Actor Jack Lemmon. After being seriously wounded in WWII, he went on to devote his life to giving that gift of educational opportunity to other bright young students hundreds of times over.

And he did it against some incredible odds.

In 1952, Jack Pidgeon left a secure teaching job at Deerfield Academy to become the headmaster of a sickly, broke, rundown 350-acre prep school called Kiski in western Pennsylvania. When he arrived, the school, founded in 1888, had a few dilapidated buildings, no running water, no furniture, no credit, no donor support, no gate. It was \$200,000 in debt. Jack Pidgeon took a look around and started up a bulldozer himself to clear the grounds and enlisted faculty and students to mow, paint, even tar roofs.

Seven years later, after everyone told him the school had no chance, Kiski received a \$10,000 donation—its first donation of over \$1,000 in the history of the school. Finally, in 1966, after years of dogged efforts by this devoted crusader, the late Sarah Mellon Scaife gave the school \$50,000. That was a turning point, and Jack Pidgeon never looked back.

On May 16 of this year, Jack Pidgeon is retiring as headmaster of Kiski, leaving behind not only a student and alumni population that thinks of him as a father, but a financially robust institution entirely of his crafting, with property worth about \$20 million, an endowment of about \$10 million, and the wherewithal to grant \$350,000 per year in scholarships.

But financial success is not his most lasting legacy to this institution. Jack Pidgeon personally shaped the character of every student to who attended Kiski. His no-nonsense, pragmatic philosophy imbued generations of graduates with a realistic but profound belief in themselves and a clear sense of who they are. He stressed good manners, humility, self-respect, and drive. He is a man who gave his life to quality education and giving thousands of young boys the ability to realize their full potential as business leaders, civic leaders, and citizens. His greatest satisfaction came from offering poorer students scholarships.

I heartily commend Jack Pidgeon for his great achievements. He is a man of vision who never heard of giving up.

TRIBUTE TO GERALD R. BALDELLI

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Gerald Baldelli, on the occasion of his retirement.

Jerry served the Frontier Central School District with distinction in several capacities from 1961 to 1996, including teacher, coach, mathematics department chairman, director of

community education, middle school principal, high school principal, and assistant superintendent for personnel service. As a teacher and former supervisor of the Town of Hamburg, I witnessed first hand Jerry's commitment to our community, and his professionalism, and integrity.

In addition to his work with Frontier Schools, Jerry has served as president of the Erie County Interscholastic Conference, president of the Erie County High School Principals' Association, president of the Western New York Association of School Personnel Administrators, and as chairman of New York State Public High School Athletic Association.

In recognition of that commitment to education, Jerry was honored as the 1966 Hamburg Junior Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Young Educator, the 1988 New York State Athletic Administrators' Association "Outstanding Commitment to Interscholastic Athletics in New York State" award recipient, and as the 1996 Town of Hamburg Service Youth Award winner.

Further, Jerry has played an important and active role in our community through his work with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

Mr. Speaker, today I would like to join with Jerry's wife, Marie; his children, Gerald, Carla, Mark, and Elizabeth; the Frontier Central School District; and our Hamburg community to pay tribute to Mr. Gerald R. Baldelli. With retirement comes many new opportunities. May he meet every opportunity with the same enthusiasm and vigor in which he demonstrated throughout his brilliant career; and may those opportunities be as fruitful as those in his past.

Thank you, Jerry, for your tireless effort and personal commitment to our western New York community. As you enter retirement, I wish you nothing but the best.

TRIBUTE TO JOSE J. ACOSTA

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jose J. Acosta as the California Highway Patrol, West Valley area, American Legion Officer of the year. Abigail Adams once questioned: "If we do not lay out ourselves in the service of mankind, whom should we serve?" Each and every day, Officer Acosta puts his life on the line in order to serve mankind by guaranteeing the safety of the Woodland Hills community. He is truly worthy of this award.

In his short time on the force Officer Acosta has been a quick study. His hard work and dedication have honed his investigative skills and earned him the respect of his supervisors and peers. In addition, he has fought to ensure the safety of our roads through his aggressive pursuit of drunk drivers. In a 12-month period he made over 70 arrests, demonstrating his skills in apprehension.

Officer Acosta's service to our community does not end with his shift. He understands that a smile and kind word can go a long way in a difficult situation. For proof one only need

look at the letters of commendation detailing time and time again he is willing to lend a helping hand to motorists in distress.

West Valley is fortunate to have Officer Acosta, and I am confident that his dedication will serve as a model for other highway patrol officers in the Nation and lead to safer roads for everyone. I commend Officer Acosta for his dedication and hard work and congratulate him as he is honored as the California Highway Patrol Officer of the year.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN D. "JACK"
GOEKEN

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work and dedication of an inspiring inventor and enterprising leader, John D. "Jack" Goeken.

Jack Goeken is a much celebrated pioneer in the world of telecommunications. Jack Goeken has been referred to by Business Week magazine as, "the phone world's most prolific inventor." Former Federal Communications Commission Chairman Alfred C. Skies, recognized Goeken as, "one of America's genuine communications pioneers." His accomplishments and awards are as impressive as they are vast.

Jack Goeken has built an international reputation in the communications industry while founding communications giants such as MCI, FTD Mercury Network, Airfone, In-Flight Phone, and now Goeken Group companies.

Jack Goeken pioneered the concept of constructing a microwave system between Chicago and St. Louis, improving customers channel capacity and range, enabling truck drivers to use their two-way radios along the highway.

In 1963, Jack Goeken and four friends established Microwave Communications, Inc., MCI. In fact, Jack Goeken's development of a microwave network eventually lead to a victorious legal battle which is credited with the breakup of the Bell monopoly and opening of the telecommunications industry to competition.

For Jack Goeken, this was only the beginning of an impressive series of inventions and enterprising successes. He then founded the FTD Mercury Network, the world's largest online computer network, processing and delivering over 30 million smiles a year in floral orders.

Next, Jack Goeken founded Raliffhone Inc., CML Communications which provided domestic satellite service, Spectrum Analysis Frequency Plan.

In the mid 70's, Goeken created the air-to-ground communications industry that exists today. Goeken founded the Airfone Corporation that travelers commonly see and use on commercial airlines. Goeken's invention lead to the founding of the In-Flight Phone Corporation in 1989, which provides the clear telephone service and transmission air travelers enjoy today.

Today, Goeken serves as chairman and CEO of the Goeken Group Companies which

provide life saving technology and services. Goeken Group Companies includes; Global MED-NET, Personal Guardian, and Personal Safetywear.

On May 9, 1997, Jack Goeken will be honored at the 1997 Joliet UNICO Citizen of the Year Banquet for a lifetime achievement of "service above self," UNICO's motto.

I request that this body honor Jack Goeken for his incredible spirit of invention and remarkable forward thinking.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, while on official business I was unable to be present for two rollcall votes on May 7, 1997. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Rollcall No. 109—"no," rollcall No. 108—"yes."

FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY IN TAIWAN

HON. CHRISTOPHER COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. COX of California. Mr. Speaker, as Members know, 11 Members of the House and I traveled to Asia over the Easter recess. Among our stops was a very successful visit to the Republic of China on Taiwan.

President Lee Tung Hui offered a typically warm welcome, and stressed the fact that Taiwan now lives under a fully free and democratic government. In fact, I would note that on May 20th President Lee will celebrate his first anniversary of his inauguration as Taiwan's first democratically elected President. In fact, I had the privilege to offer my congratulations to President Lee in person 1 month after that first free election in nearly 5,000 years of recorded Chinese history.

I offer my congratulations to him on this first anniversary of the election and ask that his welcome to our delegation be reprinted in the RECORD:

Honorable Speaker Gingrich, Honorable Representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Good morning. This is a very important moment. On behalf of the people and the government of the ROC on Taiwan, I would like to extend my heartiest welcome to all of you. Particularly, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to you for your decision to visit my country out of such a busy schedule on your Asia evaluation tour. The time of your stay is very short, but the most important thing is that you didn't forget this island ROC on Taiwan. It has at least two very significant meanings: First, the ROC on Taiwan is the best friend of the United States in the world and the symbol of American value system and idealism, Freedom and Democracy. Second, the island is geographically important for US military strategy in the West Pacific area, and particularly in North-East Asia.

Domestically, the ROC on Taiwan is now considered a fully free country by the Free-

dom House based in New York City following our first direct popular presidential election in March 1996. In order to improve our competitiveness, we are now in the process of streamlining the government structure through constitutional reform and establishing an Asian Pacific Regional Operations Center here.

Our mainland China policy remains unchanged. Eventual reunification of China under freedom, democracy, and social justice is still our future goal, but the fact remains: China is divided. We in the ROC on Taiwan would like to use the next thirty years to build an even more free, democratic and prosperous country, so that when the opportunity time arises, we can hold talks of reunification with the other side on an equal footing.

In the interest of time, I would like to listen to you; any questions put forward to me are welcome. As to the purposes of this trip, you already mentioned in the news conference on the 23rd of March. We have already prepared answers to those questions, and will provide the materials to you for your convenience. Thank you very much for your attention. Now, I would like to listen to your comments and advice.

IN HONOR OF CHIEF LARRY J. HOLMS, DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES FOR THE ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor Larry J. Holms, Director of Fire Services for the Orange County Fire Authority. Chief Holms is retiring after 35 years of exemplary service to the citizens of Orange County and the State of California.

Chief Holms served as the Director of Fire Services since the inception of the Orange County Fire Department in 1980. He is retiring as the director of the Orange County Fire Authority. He has been responsible for the largest regional firefighting department in California, staffed by over 935 career firefighters and 750 paid-call firefighters.

After the devastating 1993 Laguna Beach fires, Chief Holms was instrumental in establishing a helicopter program for the Orange County Fire Authority. This is the only Fire Service helicopter program in Orange County.

Chief Holms has been in the Fire Service for over 35 years. Prior to his current position, he was the Fire Chief in the city of Tustin Fire Department, a Battalion Chief for the California Department of Forestry and worked for the Huntington Beach Fire Department for 9 years.

His many career accomplishments include: past President of the Orange County Fire Chief's Association; member, Board of Directors for the Governor's Office of Emergency Services FIRESCOPE; member, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services Standardized Emergency Management System [SEMS] Development Advisory Committee; appointed member of the Building Standards Commission; served as Acting County Administrative Officer in 1985; past member of the

Board of Directors for the Orange County Red Cross; and, past member of the Board of Directors for the Orange County Poison Prevention Foundation.

I would like my colleagues in Congress to join me in recognizing Chief Holms for his outstanding service to his community. There are many deeds and courageous acts that easily distinguish Chief Holms as a firefighter, a citizen, and a leader. The citizens of Orange County have been very fortunate to have such a remarkable individual watching over them. Let us wish Chief Holms many years of enjoyment and happiness in his retirement.

MOTHER'S DAY 1997

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to all mothers, with special admiration and appreciation for the two important mothers in my life, my own mother, Mr. Ivalita Jackson and my mother-in-law, Mrs. E. Theophia Lee.

I would like to thank my mother for her commitment and dedication to our family. My mother worked very hard to do the best for her children in this world by instilling the values of God, family, and community. She set before me the goal of working to accomplish success in life by not resting on the laurels of yesterday, but on the promise of another tomorrow. She offered strength and dignity in the face of difficulty.

I thank her, not only for the gift of my life, but the joy she provided in my experience of growing up.

I would like to also extend a special Mother's Day greeting to my mother-in-law, Theophia Lee. I hold her in great esteem and respect for the devotion she showed as a mother to my husband, Elwyn, who is the man he is today because of her nurturing.

This Mother's Day greeting is not only for the two mothers I have singled out, but it is also a tribute to all of the mothers of the 18th Congressional District who will be honored this Sunday, May 11, on our Nation's day for mothers.

This Mother's Day is for grandmothers, mother-in-laws, stepmothers, foster mothers, godmothers, mothers who take in children, mothers who adopt, those who act as mothers, for those women who have no relations by blood but who give the gift of mothering to children.

Our Nation's mothers are the foundation for the most prosperous and productive country in the history of the world. They are the nurturers, and care givers that prepare our Nation's young for the challenges that life may hold. Their work may be inside or outside of the home, or both, and their contributions to this society can never be fully appreciated or valued.

Mothers bring a unique and valuable perspective to all aspects of American life. Today, thousands of mothers in this country have become active and effective participants in public life and public service, promoting change and

improving the quality of life for men, women, and children throughout the Nation. They serve with distinction as legislators, mayors, judges, doctors, lawyers, and administrators, and their impact in these areas has proved to be monumental.

I could not find words descriptive enough to fully express the depth of admiration for women who fill this import role in our society. They are committed to their families and community not for public acclaim, but for love. Many of them are single and have no real financial support save for the income provided by their own efforts.

They may feel the crushing weight of the glass ceiling, in limited promotional opportunities, and most acutely when pressures of home and work conflict. This conflict should not be seen as a detraction from your ability to be a leader in corporate America, but a vital leadership skill to hold or to have held the rank of mother.

Many mothers in this country are members of our working poor. They work for minimum wage at jobs that make great physical and emotional demands while meeting the challenge of providing guidance and support to their children. Every day, I am humbled by the accomplishments of these mothers.

I would like to also extend a special Mother's Day wish to new mothers. Know that you are loved and appreciated in your new roles as care givers to our Nation's next generation. Mother is the highest title which you will hold for the rest of your life.

I wish all mothers a blessed and joyous Mother's Day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, this afternoon I must return to my congressional district for a previously scheduled constituent meeting and will miss the following votes:

Rollcall vote No. 111, the Stupak amendment (#1) to H.R. 3 to authorize discretionary grants for juvenile crime prevention and control and strengthen federal juvenile court proceedings for dealing with violent juveniles. Had I been here I would have voted "nay."

Rollcall vote No. 112, the Waters amendment (#2) to H.R. 3 to strike the provision that requires juveniles who are accused of conspiracy to commit drug crimes to be prosecuted as adults. Had I been here, I would have voted "nay."

Rollcall vote No. 113, the Conyers amendment (#3) to H.R. 3 to strike provisions in the bill relating to the prosecution of 13-year-olds as adults. Had I been here, I would have voted "nay."

Rollcall vote No. 114, the Scott amendment (#4) to H.R. 3 to strike provisions in the bill that allow states to use block grant funds to build prisons and detention centers. Had I been here, I would have voted "nay."

Rollcall vote No. 115, the Lofgren amendment (#5) to H.R. 3 to earmark 50 percent of block grant funds for juvenile crime prevention

programs. Had I been here, I would have voted "nay."

Rollcall vote No. 116, the Dunn amendment (#7) to H.R. 3 to require States, in order to receive Byrne Grant funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, to submit a plan to the Attorney General to notify parents whenever a juvenile who has been found guilty of committing sexual offenses is enrolled in an elementary or secondary school. Had I been here, I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote No. 117, a motion to recommit H.R. 3. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

Rollcall vote No. 118, final passage of H.R. 3. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

TRIBUTE TO LEO DOZORETZ

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, my colleague, Mr. Sherman, and I are honored to pay tribute to Leo Dozoretz, who this year is receiving the inaugural David Ben Gurion Award for outstanding service and commitment to the United Jewish Fund. He is being honored by the Jewish Federation/Valley Alliance.

Leo is an ideal choice for this award. Indeed, we can think of few people as dedicated to the Jewish people and the UJF as Leo Dozoretz.

Many of Leo's good deeds have been undertaken in the San Fernando Valley, where he resides. For years he has been heavily involved with the Jewish Federation/Valley Alliance Major Gifts Campaign for the UJF, personally raising more than \$500,000 in campaign contributions every year. Leo has also chaired numerous UJF campaigns for the Jewish Federation/Valley Alliance, raising money to support vital social services in Los Angeles, Israel and 60 countries around the world.

In the early 1960's Leo chaired the building fund at Temple Adat Ariel, where he was a member, that resulted in construction of the Temple sanctuary and the first Jewish school in the San Fernando Valley.

Leo also has a distinct way of combining his professional life, his social life and Jewish causes. For example, as a charter member of the El Caballero Country Club he has chaired an annual gold tournament to raise money for the UJF. A longtime employee—now retired—of Willamette Industries, Leo was instrumental in getting the company to expand its matching gifts program. A number of non-profit organizations, including the UJF, benefitted as a result.

Leo and his wife, Elaine, have been active members of two grassroots community support groups—"The Society of Individual Responsibility" and the Brunch Bunch—for more than 30 years.

We ask our colleagues to join us today in saluting Leo Dozoretz, whose dedication, hu-

manity and compassion are examples to us all.

INTRODUCTION OF A TRANSPORTATION BILL

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTIAN-GREEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill to allow the Virgin Islands and the other U.S. territories to participate in the Federal Highway Administration's State Infrastructure Bank [SIB] Program and to use surface transportation program funds for construction of certain access and development roads.

Mr. Speaker, the State Infrastructure Bank Program began in early 1996 as a pilot or experimental program with 10 States. It was extended to other States in late 1996. It is a new Federal Highway Administration initiative designed to leverage investment in surface transportation projects and thereby increase the number of these projects. It is expected that under the reauthorization of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, [NEXTEA], the State Infrastructure Bank Program will be made permanent.

Mr. Speaker, the importance of surface transportation to the economy of the U.S. Virgin Islands cannot be overstated. Our tourism-based economy and indeed the quality of life for our residents are dependent on transportation.

Since 1989, the Virgin Islands has been battered by three devastating hurricanes. Those storms have made funding for capital infrastructure projects almost impossible. It is estimated that the Virgin Islands will need to invest over \$125 million over the next 5 years in order to maintain the current conditions and level of service of our surface transportation system. Inclusion in the SIB program will enhance public-private infrastructure investment opportunities in the Virgin Islands and go a long way in assisting us in addressing our transportation needs. I look forward working with the chairman and ranking member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in getting this proposal enacted into law.

NATIONAL MILITARY MUSEUM FOUNDATION

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to create a National Military Museum Foundation to provide much-needed support to our Nation's 90 military museums.

These museums, scattered across 34 States, tell the proud history of our armed services. Ever since the Revolution, the Department of War and its successor organizations have preserved historic military artifacts.

But today, many of these invaluable collections are in jeopardy. Museum facilities are

deteriorating and there has been inadequate funding to maintain these historic collections.

A 1994 study by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation found that inadequate staffing and funding has been dedicated to these national assets.

The museums in Maryland, including the one at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station, need additional financial assistance. I am confident that my colleagues will find similar needs in their own States.

My legislation, introduced in the Senate last week by Senator PAUL SARBANES, would allow private sector support to be funneled throughout the country. The Foundation would be governed by a nine-member board chosen by the Secretary of Defense. In order to get it started, I am proposing a one-time \$1 million appropriation and shared use of DOD personnel and facilities. After that, the Foundation would be self-sufficient and would actually save the Department money.

I urge support for establishment of a National Military Museum Foundation.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES "JIM"
CHIPPONERI

HON. GARY A. CONDIT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. CONDIT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a close friend and neighbor, Mr. James "Jim" Chipponeri, who is being recognized as the Agri-Business Man of the Year by the Ceres Chamber of Commerce.

Jim and I have been friends for a number of years. He has always been ready to lend a helping hand or volunteer his time and resources to help our community.

Since his days as a student at Ceres High School, he has been an active participant in the agricultural community. Jim has worked tirelessly on behalf of the farmers. He has been a great asset to many service organizations, including the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau and Growers Harvesting Committee.

His labor has produced some of the best peaches, grapes, and almonds in the Valley. He is currently in the process of patenting his own almond product called "Chips Special".

In addition to Jim's efforts in the farming community, he has been a member of the Ceres Lions Club for 45 years. It is a pleasure to have this opportunity to recognize Jim's service and dedication to our community.

I would also like to extend my best wishes and congratulations to Jim and his wife, Laura, who will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary later this year.

TRIBUTE TO KATHARINE HEPBURN

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a respectful tribute to legendary actress and long time resident of the

Turtle Bay section of Manhattan, Katharine Hepburn, on the occasion of her 90th birthday and the dedication of the Katharine Hepburn Garden in the Dag Hammarskjold Plaza.

Ms. Hepburn is most famous for film career: She has won three Academy Awards, for "Morning Glory," "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner," and "The Lion In Winter," and eight other Oscar nominations. But among her friends and neighbors, Katharine Hepburn is renowned and cherished for her endless passion for flowers and gardening. In fact, her two passions merged in one of her most classic film lines, "the calla lilies are in bloom again," from "Stage Door."

Katharine Hepburn first moved to Turtle Bay in 1932 when the area was still overshadowed by the Second and Third Avenue Elms and the United Nations was not yet built. She began enhancing the area by transplanting flowers from her family's Connecticut home to her backyard garden. Her active involvement in the community began when she joined the newly formed Turtle Bay Association in 1957. With the Association, Ms. Hepburn fought vigorously to halt the destruction of trees and prevent the city's plans to widen Turtle Bay streets by cutting back sidewalks.

In 1987, Katharine Hepburn lent her name to the successful campaign to rezone Turtle Bay's midblocks for low-rise construction limitations. Her fund raising support for neighborhood safety and beautification have been central to the Turtle Bay Association's 40-year growth as a volunteer group comprised of tenants, home owners and small business.

The city of New York and Turtle Bay's residents are presenting Katharine Hepburn with a great honor as they dedicate a beautiful and serene garden in the midst of Midtown Manhattan in her name.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to rise with me in this tribute to Katharine Hepburn on her 90th birthday. Not only has she enriched the lives of New Yorkers, but she has touched all of us with her outstanding and heartfelt performances over the years.

A TRIBUTE TO MARILYN
DIGIACOBBE ON THE OCCASION
OF HER APPOINTMENT AS SPECIAL
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR PUBLIC LIAISON

HON. THOMAS M. FOGLIETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. FOGLIETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Marilyn DiGiacobbe. She has been promoted to the position of special assistant to the President for public liaison, and will be honored in my district on May 17.

Marilyn was born in the great city of Philadelphia and raised across the Delaware River in Glendora, NJ. After receiving her bachelor's degree in political science from Rutgers University, Marilyn worked as a counselor for disadvantaged teens enrolled in Camden County, New Jersey's summer employment and training program. She then got her introduction to politics as an intern in the office of our former colleague, Jim Florio. Marilyn has since

worked on the staff of the Presidential transition team and the Democratic National Committee. She has also worked on political campaigns in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and established her own small business, DiGiacobbe and Associates.

Enroute to her latest position, Marilyn has honored her skills for communicating the President's policies to diverse constituencies on a wide range of issues. In addition, she has assisted in the planning of special events such as the October 1995 visit of Pope John Paul II to the United States, White House Conferences for Trade and Investment in Northern Ireland and Central and Eastern Europe, and has coordinated and participated in Presidential delegations to Ireland and Poland. Based on her work in the Italian-American community, Marilyn was honored with the Democrat of the Year Award by the Italian-American Democratic Leadership Council in October 1995.

As someone who has been fortunate enough to know Marilyn on both a personal and professional basis, I am confident that the President has made the right choice in appointing her as special assistant for public liaison. Mr. Speaker, in light of her many past accomplishments and her recent appointment, I ask that my colleagues join me today in extending their congratulations and best wishes to Marilyn DiGiacobbe.

TRIBUTE TO GARTH C. REEVES,
SR.

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise this afternoon to pay tribute to a great Floridian and a great American, Garth C. Reeves, Sr.: reporter, editor, publisher, banker, entrepreneur, community activist, and humanitarian.

Tomorrow Mr. Reeves will receive the honorary Doctor of Journalism degree from the University of Miami in recognition of his professional commitment and contributions as a leader of the Nation's African-American press, as well as his personal involvement in promoting understanding in South Florida and beyond. Garth Reeves currently serves as publisher emeritus of the Miami Times, a newspaper founded by his father, Henry E.S. Reeves, in 1923.

Garth Reeves' life has been dedicated to the achievement of excellence and service to humankind. Owner of the Miami Times, he has served South Florida for more than 50 years. He has been a reporter, columnist, managing editor, and publisher since 1940 when he earned his B.S. degree in printing at Florida A&M University.

Garth Reeves' community involvement has not been limited to publishing the Miami Times. His impressive resume does not reveal the depth of his participation in struggles to bring civil rights to all Dade Countians. In the 1950's, for example, Reeves was part of a group who filed lawsuits to open up previously all-white public beaches and golf courses. His non-public actions indicate a quite, low-profile

man who has been known to pay hospital and funeral bills and school expenses for the less fortunate and then seek to avoid any fanfare for himself.

In professional journalism activities, Reeves served as a juror for the prestigious Pulitzer Prizes in 1977 and 1978 and was chosen Publisher of the year by the National Newspaper Publishers Association, which he once served as president, on three separate occasions.

In education, Reeves served as vice chairman of the Miami-Dade Community College board of trustees and as a trustee of Barry University, Bethune-Cookman College, and Florida Memorial College. He has earned service awards from Florida A&M University (1965 and 1974), Florida memorial, and Barry.

He has been justifiably honored for his youth work with the Boy Scouts of America and the YMCA. Reeves also has been active in attempting to create new opportunities for south Floridians through banking and his involvement in numerous foundations and charities. Predictably, this involvement has brought him a long list of awards.

Florida A&M University has recognized him for his leadership and service by creating the one million dollar Garth C. Reeves Eminent Scholars Chair in Journalism. The Reeves chair honors Garth's contributions to his profession and provides support for the education of aspiring journalists.

Garth Reeves' caring commitment to his fellow man and his service to his community have taken him to where few others have gone before. The University of Miami is right to bestow one of its highest awards on this true son of South Florida. Garth C. Reeves, Sr., servant of the people, community activist, journalist, great Floridian, and great American.

THE STAIN OF NAZI GOLD

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, as the only survivor of the Holocaust ever elected to the Congress of the United States, I want to share with my colleagues a thoughtful editorial from the New York Times, entitled "The Stain of Nazi Gold."

Under Secretary of Commerce Stuart Eizenstat, one of our Nation's most respected and serious public servants, deserves enormous credit for having pursued this entire matter with extraordinary diligence, intelligence, and integrity. We all owe him a debt of gratitude.

THE STAIN OF NAZI GOLD

The honest excavation of history can bring sobering discoveries, as the American Government has now found in an examination of Nazi Germany's stolen gold and its redistribution after the war. No nation emerges unscathed from this investigation, including the United States, and many are disgraced. It is saddening but not altogether surprising to learn that morality and justice, especially the international obligation to look after the survivors of the Holocaust, were swiftly sacrificed to expediency when the gold was

divvied up after the war. Remedying this failure, as the report rightly notes, is the unfinished business of World War II.

The extraordinary inquiry, which involved the declassification of nearly one million pages of documents, was initiated by President Clinton after Switzerland coldly rebuffed Jews seeking to recover gold and other assets their families had deposited in Swiss banks before the war. Under the determined direction of Stuart Eizenstat, the Under Secretary of Commerce, and William Slany, a State Department historian, it touches on wartime economic collaboration with Germany but deals mainly with the anemic postwar effort to restore gold and other valuables to the nations and peoples from which they had been stolen.

Sweden, Portugal, Spain, Turkey and Argentina will want to take notice. The extent of their economic cooperation with the Nazis has been slowly unfolding in recent years, but Mr. Eizenstat makes clear they profited from their neutrality. Even as the threat of German invasion waned in the last years of the war, Sweden sold Germany iron ore and ball bearings, Portugal provided tungsten for steelmaking, Spain traded goods and raw materials and Turkey shipped chrome. Argentina defied efforts to prevent the transfer of German funds there from Europe.

Switzerland is properly singled out. Though helpful to the Allies as a base for spying, it served as Nazi banker, gold keeper and financial broker. Switzerland provided Germany with arms, ammunition, aluminum and agricultural products.

These countries made only a fitful effort after the war to return the looted gold and other assets they received in payments from Germany during the war. Here America bears considerable responsibility. It led the postwar effort to recover and distribute the gold. Yet only a small portion of the \$580 million in gold stolen from conquered governments, worth some \$5.6 billion today, was ever recovered. Even less of the millions of dollars in gold and other assets taken from individuals was returned.

Switzerland was aggressively unhelpful, resisting accounting and recovery efforts for years and not honoring agreements to liquidate German assets held in Switzerland. The American report estimates that as much as \$400 million in German-looted gold remained in the Swiss National Bank at the end of the war, but no more than \$98 million was returned.

The task of tracing and apportioning the gold and other assets was daunting, but American officials tolerated intransigence by other nations and accepted pitiful restitution agreements in the name of cold-war solidarity. Eager to obtain access to an Azores air base in the 1950's, Washington let Portugal surrender only about one-tenth of the German gold it held at the end of the war.

Spain eventually returned just \$114,000 in looted gold from a stockpile of \$30 million. Turkey, which held \$44 million in Nazi assets and \$5 million in looted gold, made no restitution. Only Sweden paid up.

The victims of this dismal record were the survivors of the Holocaust and others left homeless and stateless by the war. Assets that could have been used to help them were never returned to the countries plundered by Germany. Worse still, gold and other valuables found in Germany that had been seized from millions of individuals and households across Europe were knowingly mingled with assets stolen from European governments by the Nazis. As a result, gold that should have gone to help individuals

through relief and compensation programs ended up in European and American government vaults, where some remains today.

These matters remained too long obscured from public view, shielded by excessive secrecy and national pride. It is late to redress the wrongs, but every effort should now be made to return gold and other assets to those with a legitimate claim. Switzerland, after long delay, is finally making an effort to trace and return assets deposited before the war. Mr. Eizenstat and Mr. Slany have performed a high public service by digging for the truth.

HONORING KEEP HOUSTON BEAUTIFUL'S 2D ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the efforts of Keep Houston Beautiful and the success of the second annual neighborhood cleanup in making Houston a better—and cleaner—place to live.

On May 3 more than a thousand volunteers across the city committed to improving the quality of life in Houston in wrapping up the 1997 neighborhood cleanup effort. Boy Scouts, students from area schools, parents and children worked side by side at the Thank You Celebration at the Fondren YMCA. It was quite an experience. For almost 2 months, thousands of people all across the city of Houston bagged thousands of pounds of trash and gathered hundreds of tons of recyclables, all in an effort to make their community a better place to live. Because of the efforts of these volunteers, our neighborhoods are cleaner, our parks are more fun, and our environment is safer.

Each and every person who took time to participate in the Keep Houston Beautiful effort understands the importance of community, that it thrives on involvement and starves from apathy. They understand that it is our government, our schools, our churches and our neighborhoods that they make better when they take the time to get involved. They understand that, when they take an hour, a day, or a week to clean up their community, the effects are felt for much longer. They are setting an example for others to follow, sowing the seeds for the success of future cleanup efforts.

This year, Keep Houston Beautiful launched its biggest attack on litter yet, enlisting nearly 35,000 volunteers in their effort to get trash off our streets. Keep Houston Beautiful has done a tremendous service to the people of Houston by organizing a neighborhood cleanup event in our community. Working with the city of Houston, the Board of Realtors, and civic and neighborhood groups, Keep Houston Beautiful is doing its part to make a long-term difference in Houston.

But neighborhood clean-up is not just occurring in Houston. Now entering its 12th year, this program is America's largest organized cleanup effort, involving 1 million volunteers in 100 cities nationwide. These volunteers have

collectively removed more than 178 million pounds of debris from public lands so far.

I commend the great work of Keep Houston Beautiful and their efforts to cleanup our city through community cleanup events. And I congratulate the thousands of volunteers who gave their time to clean up their neighborhoods and make Houston an even better place to live and raise a family.

THE HAMMOND POLICE
DEPARTMENT

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to announce that the Hammond Police Department will represent northwest Indiana in the Police Memorial Week taking place in our Nation's Capital from May 11 to 16, 1997. The Hammond police motorcycle brigade, comprised mainly of traffic enforcement officers, will leave northwest Indiana tomorrow for their day long journey to Washington, DC.

The Hammond Police Department, which conducts its own memorial ceremony for its fallen officers every year, will be the first police department in northwest Indiana to participate in the Police Memorial Week. On May 11, the Hammond police officers will gather with other motorcycle officers from across the country at Robert F. Kennedy Stadium to attend the Law Ride Motorcycle Parade, which will include a procession to Judiciary Square. During the week, the officers will be given the chance to attend seminars, candlelight vigils, and the main memorial on May 16 at Judiciary Square. The Hammond motorcycle brigade, which has expressed interest in participating in this memorial in past years, took the initiative in earning the necessary funds by conducting a raffle and securing donations from Hammond businesses. Any remaining money will be generously donated to the Indiana Surviving Families Fund, which helps families who have lost a police officer in the line of duty.

Those Hammond police officers who will ride in the brigade tomorrow include: Lt. John Pohl, Sg. Dennis Serafin, Cpl. Anthony Sonaty, Cpl. Charles Legg, Cpl. Danny Small, Cpl. George Gavrilos, Cpl. Kerry Newman, Officer Bret Plemons, and Officer Richard Tumidalsky. In addition, Chief of Hammond Police, Fred Behrens, will be joining the aforementioned police officers in Washington on Wednesday, May 14.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the Hammond police brigade to our Nation's Capital as they remember police officers who have been killed in the line of duty. I would also like to take this opportunity to commend the Hammond police, as well as police officers across our Nation, on the dedication and courage they demonstrate daily in working to keep our communities safe.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO ROLLING MEADOWS
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 1996
HONOREES

HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize three very special business leaders and one special community leader in my district who will be honored today by the Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce.

Daniel Sawusch, President of Citadel Management and general partner of Woodfield Gardens Apartments, will be honored as the 1996 Business Leader of the Year. Under Dan's guidance, Woodfield Gardens has been turned into the showplace it now is. In addition to receiving the Exemplary Business Partnership Award from Governor Edgar and the C.A.M.M.E. [Chicagoland Apartment Management and Marketing Excellence] Award for its ongoing public relations programs, Woodfield Gardens has been awarded the Grand C.A.M.M.E. Award for property excellence for being the best in the business.

Mr. Philip Burns, Fire Chief of Rolling Meadows, will be honored as the 1996 Community Leader of the Year. Aside from serving residents as Fire Chief, Mr. Burns has belonged to, and held positions in, a wide range of local and State organizations. Over the years he has served as President of the Rotary, President of Great Lakes Division of the international Fire Chiefs, and Chairman of the Resource Committee of Illinois Fire Chiefs. Other activities that have benefited the community include his involvement with Community Make a Difference Day and Clearbrook Olympics and Tag Day.

Meadows Funeral Home will be honored with the 1996 Business Beautification Award. Bill Haberichter, proprietor of Meadows Funeral Home, took an unattractive, undeveloped piece of property and transformed it into an attractive, functional building and grounds that serve the community well. The funeral home is on approximately 2 acres of land which required 11,000 yards of fill to bring the parcel of property up grade level.

G.L. Technology also will be honored as the Small Business of the Year for 1996. Company president Samuel Kim has over 20 years of product design and development experience in the coin-operated and consumer electronic industries. To date, Mr. Kim has been issued 35 patents for his designs. G.L. Technology is a leading developer and manufacturer of sports games which are distributed throughout the U.S., Canada, and over 20 other countries worldwide. The success of G.L. Technology's games has earned the company a reputation for being able to develop innovative games that people enjoy playing.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate these leaders of Rolling Meadows for their hard work and dedication. Rolling Meadows and the Eighth Congressional District of Illinois is a better place to live because of them.

May 8, 1997

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD R.
CASANOVA

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I come before you today to honor Richard R. Casanova, who has been named Los Angeles Fire Department's Firefighter of the Year. Mr. Casanova is driven by a sense of civic responsibility to protect our community while he is on-duty and to volunteer his services while he is off-duty.

Richard currently serves as a member of the Los Angeles Fire Department in a dual capacity as both a Paramedic and Firefighter. His extensive training as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), a paramedic and as a first aid instructor for the American Red Cross, combined with his many years of dedicated service makes him a valuable asset to the citizens of West Valley.

In addition, Richard is deeply devoted to his wife Peggy and their six children, and is a tireless volunteer in the community. At his local parish he does everything from serve as a youth ministry team member to serve as the disaster preparedness coordinator. Among other numerous activities, he also conducts first aid and CPR instruction for Scouts, local schools, and businesses and is the American Red Cross On-Call Instructor for CPR and First Aid.

The West Valley Community recognizes Richard as an outstanding father, fireman, and community servant. As his Representative in the U.S. Congress, I join the citizens of the West Valley in thanking him for his years of dedicated service to our community, and in extending our warm congratulations and best wishes on his recognition as Firefighter of the Year.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE
END TO HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES
IN U.S. TERRITORY

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have received a copy of a resolution passed by the Federation of Asian People of Guam in support of H.R. 1450, the Insular Fair Wage and Human Rights Act. This legislation is urgently needed to stop the inexcusable pattern of labor and human rights abuses in the U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands [CNMI].

Over 35 Members of the House, as well as prominent human rights and religious groups, and national labor organizations are unified in their support of this legislation. This bill would mandate needed reforms in the CNMI's minimum wage and immigration policies that have allowed the recruitment of a disenfranchised, low paid foreign workforce that now outnumbers the local, indigenous population. These workers are treated as commodities, with little individual value, and are regularly

denied the labor, health and safety protections guaranteed by U.S. law. We must send a strong message to the CNMI government that these continued abuses will not be tolerated on U.S. soil.

The resolution that follows was adopted by the Federation of Asian People on Guam, an umbrella organization of several Asian-American interest groups on Guam. The resolution states, in part, the CNMI can no longer conceal the evidence of ongoing labor and immigration abuses and these same problems were pointed out to Gov. Froilan Tenorio and local and Federal officials in the FADG Resolution 94-1 3 years ago. The resolution further states that H.R. 1450 will hopefully stem the corruption which consumes everyone including the innocent in the CNMI.

I thank the Federation of Asian People for their strong support on this most important issue and ask that the Resolution 97-1 be printed here in full.

Federation of Asian People on Guam (FAPG) Resolution No. 97-1

Relative to commending and supporting Representative GEORGE MILLER on his legislation to strip CNMI of many of its immigration and labor powers.

Be It Resolved By The Board of Directors of the Federation of Asian People of Guam:

Whereas, the Honorable George Miller, a Senior U.S. Congressman, Chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Resources who has the jurisdiction over Territorial Issues, aims to introduce a legislation to remove the power of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands on Immigration and Labor Control; and

Whereas, according to continuing reports, the CNMI can no longer conceal the evidence of ongoing labor and immigration abuses; that the CNMI is accused of using that local control to import and abuse thousands of low-paid Asian workers; that these same problems were pointed out to Governor Froilan Tenorio and to local and federal officials in the FAPG Resolution 94.1 three years ago; and

Whereas the CNMI were branded "Hell Holes" for foreign workers during the announcement of new legislation aimed at the Commonwealth, according to a statement read on behalf of John Sweeney, President of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations; and

Whereas, "this continued pattern of abuse and indifference to human exploitation demands a rapid and bipartisan response from the Congress and the Clinton Administration", to quote Representative George Miller while announcing the new initiative which declares to one and all that these sordid conditions not be tolerated on U.S. soil, and

Whereas, we pray that the first Twenty Five stout-hearted Congressmen sponsors of the bill to remove CNMI's local authority to set minimum wage rates, enforce U.S. immigration law and limit use of "Made in the USA" labels to garment factories that abide by U.S. labor standards be joined by others to restore the integrity of the CNMI Government; and

Whereas, this legislation will hopefully stem the malignant growth of CNMI's social cancer which consumes everyone including the innocent, brought about by illegal drugs, public corruption, victimization of guest workers through violations of their human rights, abuse, neglect and discrimination, forced prostitution, exploitation of minors, and other depravities crying for vengeance in heaven; and therefore be it

Resolved, the Federation of Asian People on Guam commends, expresses gratitude to the sponsors of the bill entitled Insular Fair Wage and Human Rights Act of 1997, and extends strong support and full endorsement of Congressman George Miller's endeavors to preserve Universal Human Rights and the U.S. brand of Justice; and be it further

Resolved, that the FAPG President certify to and the Federation's Secretary attest the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Honorable George Miller; to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Newt Gingrich; to Jaime Cardinal Sin, Archdiocese of Manila, Philippines; to Archbishop Anthony S. Apuron, of Agana Basilica; to Bishop Thomas Camacho of Chalan Kanoa, Saipan; to the supporters of this bill representing groups and agencies in California, Hawaii, Alaska, Florida, Guam, CNMI, all of U.S.A., the Philippines & other Pacific Basin/Rim jurisdictions; to members of the electronic and printed media; to the U.S. Departments of Interior, Labor, Justice and Commerce and to his Excellency, Bill Clinton, President of the United States of America.

Robert Kao, President FAPG, Former President, United Chinese Association; Irene Cheng, Secretary, FAPG; Roger Ruelos, President, Filipino Community of Guam; John Vega, Public Relations Officer, FAPG, Former President, FAPG & FCG; Charles Lee, Vice President, FAPG, President, Korean Association of Guam; Calvin Lai, Treasurer, FAPG, President, Vietnamese-Chinese Association; Pete Hemlani, President, Indian, Community of Guam; Resty Albeza, Board Member, FAPG; Eddie del Rosario, Chartered Member, FAPG, Former President, Filipino Community of Guam.

FRANK KELLY'S VISION FOR HUMANITY

HON. WALTER H. CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, we in Santa Barbara are blessed to have as our neighbor and community leader Frank Kelly, the Vice President of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation. Frank has been a voice for peace, justice and basic human rights for many years, and I am pleased to count him as a close friend.

Recently, Frank authored a thought-provoking article in the Santa Barbara News-Press calling on Congress to enact a resolution calling for "A Day of Celebration for Humanity." I commend Frank's piece to my colleagues, and I look forward to discussing the important issues raised in it as we debate the critical public policy decisions of the 105th Congress.

[From the Santa Barbara News-Press, Mar. 30, 1997]

A CHAIR FOR EVERYONE AT HUMANITY'S

TABLE

(By Frank K. Kelly)

By kneeling at the feet of grieving Israeli families whose daughters had been killed by a Jordanian soldier, King Hussein of Jordan demonstrated the compassion that goes beyond all boundaries.

He kissed them and asked to be regarded as a member of each family. To the parents of one girl he said: "I feel like I have lost a child."

In the wars of this bloody century, millions of children have been slaughtered. All of them belonged to the great human family. All of us have been wounded by those losses, although we may not realize it. We are all related to one another—and the King of Jordan brought that home to us in a powerful way.

The time has come for the human family to celebrate its unity, its diversity, its tremendous gifts, its abilities in many fields, its infinite capacities for compassion and creativity. Although this is an age of terrible tragedies and immense sufferings, it is also an age of unprecedented strides in many areas.

I believe we should consider "A Day of Celebration for Humanity"—an annual festival to remind us of the marvelous capacities of human beings.

There are many acts of kindness, many outpourings of love and devotion, many works of art emerging from the minds and souls of those who share the DNA molecules that make us human.

Let us salute one another, let us bow down as the King of Jordan did to comfort the afflicted ones among us, let us blow horns around the world, let us dance and be grateful for all the blessings we have, for the hopes we have, for the signs of love we can see everywhere if we open our eyes.

In the midst of our celebration, we will not forget that we have to help one another, care for one another, extend our hands to those who need food and shelter and encouragement. We will take everyone into the circle of humanity—and leave no one out.

Each year—perhaps on New Year's Day—there should be a 24-hour, worldwide remembrance of the achievements of people around the Earth. The resources of the Information Age are available now to bring together all of us in that commemoration.

Artists, musicians, film producers, writers, dancers, singers and composers, sculptors and painters, television and radio communicators, could be asked to give their services for a "Festival of the Human Family."

It could be organized by a Committee for Humanity, formed by representatives of the arts and sciences. Jacques Cousteau, the oceanographer; Yehudi Menuhin, the violinist; King Hussein of Jordan; and Maya Angelou, the poet, might be asked to serve as honorary chairpersons.

The committee could include leaders from all countries represented at the United Nations, journalists and educators from every continent, legislators and judges, business executives, presidents of trade unions, philosophers and members of all religions, children of all ages, women from many backgrounds, and Nobel Prize winners. Its headquarters might be in Geneva, where many international organizations have offices.

On the day of celebration, the creative attainments and highest qualities of compassion and courage demonstrated by human beings would be presented in global broadcasts—perhaps with introductory statements by George Lucas and Steven Spielberg, visionary film producers, and Arthur Clarke, author of "2001," on their hopes for humanity in the coming century.

On that day, the noblest aspirations of human beings would be hailed. The finest works of the human spirit would shine around the world. The day would be an occasion of renewed confidence for every human person on this planet—every member of the huge family which now includes millions of mysterious beings. It would depict the crises through which humanity has passed in its

epic journey from the seas to the stars. All the peaks of human experience would be recognized and acclaimed.

The day might end with the singing of the "Ode to Joy" which concludes Beethoven's Ninth Symphony—with choirs from every nation, with voices being heard from every part of the beautiful planet on which humanity arose.

Such a day could give us new ways of seeing that Thomas Merton was right when he said: "It is a glorious destiny to be a human being."

We were created with divine sparks that cannot be extinguished. We were shaped by a mind which gave us a sense of belonging to the universe. With the creative power shared with us by that loving mind, we can find the ways out of our tremendous problems and overcome the dangers that beset us in this time of testing.

In his inaugural address in January of this year, President Clinton urged us to remember that the greatest progress we have yet to make is in the human heart. He referred to Martin Luther King's high dream of human equality and he declared: "King's dream was the American dream. His quest is our quest."

King's vision was more than an American vision. It was a vision for the whole human family. It is time to revive that vision—and to join with people everywhere to show what can be done by the members of that awesome stream of people moving forward together.

I urge the U.S. Congress to adopt a non-partisan resolution calling for "A Day of Celebration" and urging legislators and other leaders of all nations to join Americans in making that day a worldwide day for human unity. I urge the president and the executives of all countries to give their support to that proposal.

The time has come to take a giant step for humanity!

AUTHORIZING A CALIFORNIA
URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL RE-
SEARCH CENTER

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, today I am reintroducing legislation to authorize the Environmental Protection Agency [EPA] to establish a California Urban Environmental Research and Education Center [CUEREC].

I am honored to be joined in this effort by nine California colleagues: Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. GEORGE MILLER, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. TORRES, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. BERMAN, and Mr. FILNER.

Legislation to authorize EPA research programs was unfortunately not acted upon in the last Congress. However, CUEREC did receive a line item in the 1995 Department of VA, HUD and independent agencies appropriations bill to cover start-up costs. This line item has allowed CUEREC to begin its first year of operation and the Center was dedicated on October 21, 1994 at a tree planting ceremony on the Cal State Hayward campus.

The bill requests \$4.5 million for fiscal year 1998 because CUEREC is mandated to work

with all 22 California State Universities in its second year of operation and because CUEREC will need this level of support to carry out the activities set out for it in the legislation.

Currently, CUEREC is in the process of linking California's major university system—the Cal State University [CSU] campuses, the University of California [UC] campuses, as well as private universities and colleges—to deal with the employment and environmental challenges of California's military base closures and defense conversion. Among other activities CUEREC will: help remove market barriers for small environmental business enterprise development; help in military base conversion and utilization focused on increasing sustainable economic development and job creation throughout California; encourage the transfer of government developed and/or sponsored environmental technology to the private sector while working closely with such laboratories as Lawrence Livermore, Sandia, and Lawrence-Berkeley; encourage the funding of viable environmental projects throughout California; assist women and minority owned small businesses in complying with local, state, and federal environmental regulations and taking advantage of opportunities in sustainable economic development; avoid duplication in environmental research and education programs by developing an on-line data base of such activities available to all California universities and colleges; help coordinate Cal State and UC environmental applied research and education programs; and advise local, state, and federal officials on the economic and environmental implications of development programs throughout California.

Prior to CUEREC, no EPA sponsored research center had been established in California. Seventeen such EPA sponsored research centers have already been established in other states. CUEREC would be the first to focus on urban environmental policy, base closures, and defense conversion environmental problems. CUEREC would also be the first to include all of the universities and colleges in a single state.

Both Senators were very supportive of the legislation last year. CUEREC is a unique program, providing many important benefits for California and a cost effective model university based program for the nation and I urge my California colleagues to support it.

WOMEN'S HIGH SCHOOL
BASKETBALL

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, next year, women's high school basketball in the Sixth District of North Carolina should be extremely interesting. The reason being that two of the State champions from this year will play in the same conference. Ledford High School, located just outside Thomasville, NC, and High Point Central High School in High Point, NC, secured

the championships in the 2-A and 3-A divisions of the State playoffs respectively.

The end of March brought the State 2-A season to a close. Ledford High School, in an impressive victory over St. Pauls, captured the State 2-A championship. This is only the second championship victory in the school's history.

After an impressive 29-2 season, the Ledford Panthers faced the Saint Pauls Bulldogs (28-2) in the season finale. Both teams were anxious to take home the victory and the game proved to be a challenge for all those involved. Head coach John Ralls, with the assistance of Joe Davis and Allen Patterson led the Panthers to a 59-57 come-from-behind victory on March 22. Principal Max Cole and Athletic Director Gary Hinkle also provided the team with support and encouragement in their impressive victory.

Junior Stacey Hinkle, second-time MVP, proved to be an integral part of the team with 22 points. Leslie Thomas also helped the Panthers by scoring 8 of the 13 bench points scored during the game. Two players, Laurie Smith and Amanda Reece, braved recent surgery worries in order to play in the championship game. Stephanie Sharp, Lauren Craven, Misty Sharp, Brooke Embler, Kristin Berrier, Whitney Patterson, Amy Wells, Amanda Besaw, and Julie Reece all aided in Ledford's successful season and victory against Saint Pauls.

A championship is a great accomplishment but, for High Point Central High School, this 3-A basketball State title means so much more. During the season, the women's basketball team lost more games than the previous 3 years combined. However, the team pulled together to win the one game that meant the very most. Coach Kenny Carter was quoted in the High Point Enterprise explaining the journey that his team has faced, "Early in the year I didn't know if they believed everything that I said could happen." The team succeeded in allowing all 13 members of the team to make a basket during the course of the game. The most memorable shot was made in the closing 3.4 seconds of the game by Tameika McRae which clinched the 66-64 victory.

The score was close for the entire game with the half time score being tied at 21. Supreme efforts were made by all of the players of the team, the Most Valuable Player, Mandy Hall, Katie Copeland, Lee Culp, Sherelle Gladney, Ashley Hedgecock, Brendle Howard, Staci Murray, Kaneica Obie, Elizabeth Redpath, Jenni Tinsley, Mandi Tinsley, and Katie Yoemans, to secure the victory of the Bisons. The coaches of this championship team are Kenny Carter, Jetanna McClain, Scotti Carter, and Steve Martin who have help from the managers Michelle McCallum and Charita Clark and the trainers Brandy Owen and Steven Goodrich. Overseeing this group are athletic director Gary Whitman, statistician Kim Liptrap, and principal Bill Collins.

These two supreme teams will have a difficult year ahead of them as they are forced to play each other in the same conference. On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we congratulate these teams for winning the women's State 2-A and 3-A basketball championships.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I was necessarily absent during rollcall vote 110. If present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall 110.

WARM WELCOME TO EAST JESSAMINE MIDDLE SCHOOL

HON. SCOTTY BAESLER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. BAESLER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to welcome the eighth-grade class from East Jessamine Middle School. These students traveled from Nicholasville, KY to explore the Capital of the United States. This city is alive with history, educational adventures, and stunning monuments. I am proud that these eighth graders are taking advantage of the opportunity to visit Washington, DC. I am sure that many fond memories will be created. I wish these outstanding young men and women the best for a bright and successful future.

THE POTOMAC—AN ENDANGERED RIVER

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, this morning the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus held its monthly information briefing. This morning's briefing was on fishing in the Washington, DC area. Each month these briefings focus on different aspects of wildlife conservation. This morning's breakfast hit home with many of the Members because it highlighted the area where many of us live and fish. I have attached an article written by Charles Verharen that highlights the threats to the Potomac fishery. I hope that my colleagues will read this article and work to restore and protect our local fishery.

THE POTOMAC—AN ENDANGERED RIVER?

(By Charles C. Verharen)

Imagine standing at the base of Little Falls on a brilliant spring day on the Potomac, just above Chain Bridge in Washington, D.C. Flocks of black cormorants stream north. Thousands of silver and black hickory shad fight their way up the surging rapids. Sparkling emerald water breaks against black granite. This wilderness-like setting in the Capital's city limits takes your breath away—until you look downstream.

Just below the falls what looks like gusher of Texas crude oil jets into the crystalline water. A hundred yards below the falls, green and black merge into dismal gray. A motorist on Chain Bridge can look upstream and see a Potomac that's in "better shape today than it has been in a century," according to Bill Matuszeski, director of the Chesapeake Bay Program (Post, 4/17/97, D8).

That same motorist can look downstream and see a Potomac that deserves its place on the list of America's endangered rivers. Beth Norcross, a director of the American Rivers group that maintains the list, admits that the "Potomac is in fabulous shape." Maybe she doesn't know about the black filth surging into the Potomac at Little Falls. She thinks the primary threat is bacteria-laden run-off from poultry farms in West Virginia. The U.S. and West Virginia Departments of Agriculture acknowledge the problem as well.

In an ironic twist of fate, bacteria are the indirect cause of the gouts of black ooze. A by-product of the Washington Aqueduct water treatment plant, the black goo is sediment from the plant's holding basins, containing such chemicals as aluminum silicate, copper, chlorine, and heavy metals from Potomac run-off.

The treatment plant discharges its waste into the Potomac above and below Little Falls. On some days Little Falls creek above the falls runs milky white like a glacial stream with aluminum silicate discharge from Washington Aqueduct. On the other days it runs a bright fluorescent green with copper silicate discharge.

Fishermen on the Potomac downstream of the falls report that discharges from the treatment plant have increased since the EPA found evidence of contamination of drinking water in the Washington area last year. They claim that the discharge endangers the spawning fish. The fish simply disappear during the discharge period.

Thomas P. Jacobus, chief of the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers division that runs the Washington Aqueduct, said he's discharging heavily in the period from March to June to help the spawning fish. He said he thought the spawning season was from June through August.

When he learned that the spawning season is on right now, he said he couldn't stop the discharge in any event. His regulatory agencies, including the Environmental Protection Association, forbid discharge during summer's typically low river flow to protect fish habitats.

The American Rivers group, the EPA, and the Army Corp of Engineers need to get together with the Atlantic Marine Fisheries Commission and sport fishing associations to settle on a water treatment discharge schedule that will protect the spawning fish.

And politicians and residents of the Washington area need to figure out a way to purify Potomac water without polluting it.

REMARKS BY BENJAMIN MEED ON THE OCCASION OF THE DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY IN THE U.S. CAPITOL ROTUNDA

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, today at a most moving ceremony in the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol, Members of Congress, members of the Diplomatic Corps, representatives of the Executive and Judicial branches, and hundreds of survivors of the Holocaust and their friends gathered to commemorate the National Days of Remembrance.

The theme of this year's Days of Remembrance commemoration was "From Holocaust

to New Life." This remarkable ceremony celebrated the lives and legacy of those who survived those darkest days, triumphed with hope and compassion. One of those survivors was my dear friend, Benjamin Meed, who serves as chairman of the Days of Remembrance Committee. Ben has dedicated his life to keeping the lessons and memories of the Holocaust alive. I encourage my colleagues to read Benjamin Meed's outstanding remarks from today's ceremony.

Justice Scalia, distinguished Ambassadors, Members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, fellow survivors, ladies and gentleman:

When we, survivors of the Holocaust, see the American flag and the flag of the United States Army that liberated the concentration camps march into this hall, we feel pride as Americans. They are symbols of hope and freedom—and may they always be. We feel gratitude for this great nation, and a strong sense of hope for the future.

Half a century ago, a continent away from these beautiful shores and worlds away from the reality we share today, the American army began entering some of the Nazi German concentration camps. Those brave soldiers came too late for many, yet just in time for some.

We will remain forever grateful to our liberators.

Over fifty years ago we survivors were considered "displaced persons." The cities of our youth had changed. The streets were familiar, but where were our mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, and especially our children? Please imagine more than a million children murdered. Not even a trace of the once vibrant Jewish life remained. We had endured the worst reign of tyranny and murder in history. We became refugees determined to build a future in freedom, to go on with lives which had been so cruelly interrupted.

For many, Israel offered an answer—the promise to change our destiny and a symbol of defiance to those who would have us disappear. For others, America offered freedom and the promise of good future. Most of us came here with little more than the clothing on our backs. Vladka and I came with eight dollars in our possession.

Today, survivors are found in every State of the Union and in every walk of life—we are artists and musicians, lawyers and doctors, writers and philosophers, philanthropists and industrialists, rabbis and teachers.

Our children, conceived in freedom, nurtured on two great traditions—Jewish and American—have taken their own places in this country's life. Survivors as well as their children have served in the House and Senate, in the White House and in the Cabinet, on the Bench and in the United Nations.

Survivors have become witnesses. We share our memories with others. We believe that in remembrance lies hope and the protection of another generation who might otherwise be abandoned and forgotten—even tortured and killed. The Holocaust was unparalleled and unique but its lessons are universal.

Survivors have not demanded vengeance, but rather remembrance. Survivors helped to establish the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington. Without the involvement and dedication of survivors, institutions of remembrance would not have been built in Houston, Dallas, Los Angeles, Miami, Boston, Chicago and Montreal, to name only a few. Without the help of survivors, the Days of Remembrance would not have entered the American consciousness.

Survivors can speak today of achievement. Look at us and see the power of the those whose answer to death was love and hope. We have lived three lives—before, during and after the Holocaust. We have traversed years, continents and worlds. We have witnessed horror and death, courage, and determination, faith in the future and respect of the past. We have spent a half century uniting the different threads of our lives into a fabric that is whole.

All that we have seen, all that we have done, all that we created, is for a purpose. To bear witness. We hope that future generations of Americans will remember and use the power of this vision to protect people everywhere.

Rooted in a past that was shattered, we have become a cry of conscience to the world and a voice determined to create a future that is worthy of our journey to hell and

back—from darkness to light, from tyranny to freedom, from Holocaust to new life.

We have rebuilt our lives not because our losses can be replaced, but so our call will be heeded by those future generations whose losses can yet be prevented. We say to you, and through you them—more urgently now, for each day we are fewer—remember with us.

Thank you.