

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO THE CREWS OF THE
USS REGISTER AND THE USS INDIANAPOLIS

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 1998

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize that on September 15-21, 1998, survivors of the USS Register and Indianapolis will be having their reunion in El Paso, Texas at the Howard Johnson Lodge.

The USS Indianapolis (CA-35) was commissioned at the Philadelphia Navy Yard on November 15, 1932. The ship served with honor from Pearl Harbor through the last campaign of World War II, sinking in action two weeks before the end of the war. On July 30, 1945, while sailing from Guam to Leyte, the USS Indianapolis was torpedoed by Japanese submarine I-58. The ship capsized and sank in twelve minutes. Survivors were spotted by a patrol aircraft on August 2nd. All air and surface units capable of rescue operations were dispatched to the scene at once. The USS Register was among the several ships involved in the rescue. Upon completion of the day and night search on August 8th, 316 men were rescued out of a crew of 1,199.

The USS Register (APD-92/DE233) served in the Pacific Theater of operation as an attack personnel destroyer during World War II. On May 20, 1945, the ship survived a hit by a Japanese kamikaze plane off the island of Okinawa, sustaining casualties and heavy hull damages, after shooting down three enemy suicide planes. On August 3rd, the USS Register was among eight ships that rescued some survivors of the ill-fated USS Indianapolis.

After distinguished service, the USS Register was decommissioned March 31, 1946 at Green Cove Springs, Florida on the Saint Johns River. In the Spring of 1966 it was struck from the Naval Reserve Fleet and subsequently transferred to the Republic of China Navy and renamed the Tai Shan.

"We the surviving shipmates of the USS Register and the survivors of the USS Indianapolis value the memories of their service in the United States Navy and our shipmates who are no longer with us and are not forgotten for their distinguished service and eternal brotherhood. Rest in peace shipmates. On their behalf, we honor them and Paul James Register, for whom our ship was named for, who was killed in action while serving aboard the ill-fated USS Arizona, December 7, 1941 at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii."

SERVICE MEMBERS OF THE USS REGISTER AND
INDIANAPOLIS

The sailors of the USS Register and Indianapolis served the United States of America with honor and distinction. These veterans of WWII contributed to end the war in the Pacific

and the war as a whole. They deserve a page in history, for their story is a reminder of all the servicemen and women who gave their lives to preserve the freedoms that we take for granted today.

HONORING BRIAN WEIDEL

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Brian Weidel, a junior at Loveland High School, who recently joined an elite group of Boy Scouts when he earned the Eagle Scout Award. Weidel, a Boy Scout since 1992, joined the 2 percent of all Boy Scouts who attain this high honor. During Weidel's involvement with the Scout Troop 182 in Loveland, he participated in many local community service projects including gathering food for the needy, planting trees and collecting litter.

To reach the rank of Eagle Scout Weidel devised an individual project to construct bird and bat houses and place them along the Loveland Bike Trail. He chose this particular project because he uses the bike trail frequently and realized the impact for everyone who enjoys outdoor recreation along the path.

Weidel plans to continue his involvement with the Eagle Scouts and one day become a troop leader. As a Member of Congress representing the Fourth District of the State of Colorado where Brian Weidel has devoted so much of his time and energy, I am proud to congratulate him for this tremendous honor and wish him future success in any endeavor he seeks to pursue.

I hereby submit for the RECORD a copy of an article from the Loveland Reporter Herald describing Brian's accomplishment.

[From the Loveland (CO) Reporter-Herald,
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TRAIL BIRD HOUSES EARN EAGLE SCOUT

(By Richelle Kerns)

Brian Weidel, a junior at Loveland High School, recently joined an elite group of Boy Scouts when he earned the Eagle Scout award.

Weidel, a Boy Scout since 1992, is one of 2 percent of all Boy Scouts who become Eagle Scouts.

"I've seen a lot of Eagles, and they get a lot of respect," Weidel said. "They get looked up to."

Weidel's favorite part about being a Scout is being able to participate in a wide variety of outdoor activities. He has been canoeing in the boundary waters of northern Minnesota and Canada, and backpacking at Philmount Scout Ranch in Arizona.

"(Being in Scouts) I've gotten to do a lot of things that I wouldn't have gotten to do if I wasn't in the group," he said.

This summer, Weidel is taking another trip with his troop to Arches National Park and Havasu Falls in the Grand Canyon.

During Weidel's involvement with Scout Troop 182 in Loveland, he has participated in many local community service projects, including gathering food for the needy, planting trees and collecting litter.

For his Eagle Scout project, Weidel constructed bird and bat houses that have been placed along the Loveland Bike Trail.

"I was looking to do something for the Loveland bike trail," Weidel said. "I use it a lot, and I wanted to make it nicer."

Weidel plans to continue with his involvement in Eagle Scouts and become a troop leader.

"I plan to stay on and teach what I've learned to others," he said.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CASS BALLENGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 1998

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present on June 16 for rollcall votes 232 and 233, I would have voted "yea." As a member of the Education and the Workforce Committee, I was glad that the House voted overwhelmingly in favor of House Resolution 401, putting the House on record against social promotion in America's schools.

HONORING MINNESOTA'S SMALL
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
AWARD WINNERS

HON. BRUCE F. VENTO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 1998

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Small Business Administration's award winners from Minnesota. The accomplishments of these ten individuals are impressive, and they deserve recognition for their hard work and dedication.

There is nothing small about starting or owning a small business. In fact, small businesses are what fuel the economy of our nation. In the United States, small businesses employ 53 percent of the private workforce, contribute 47 percent of all sales, are responsible for 50 percent of the gross domestic product and are the principle source of new jobs.

The Small Business Administration has chosen ten Minnesotans whom they recognize as having excelled in various areas of endeavor. I applaud and acknowledge their achievements.

The Welfare to Work Award winner is Dr. Timothy Childs, President of TLC Precision

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Wafer Technology. This company is one of only a handful of firms worldwide that have perfected the technology to commercially produce gallium arsenide wafers. Besides being a leader in his industry, Dr. Childs established his business in the inner city with the goal of employing local residents. As a result of his dedication, numerous under-employed individuals have developed job skills and now have the means to support their families.

The Minority Small Business Advocate Award winner is Jeff Locketz, CPA and partner with the firm of Lurie, Besikof, Apidus & Company. Since 1993, Mr. Locketz and his associates have provided, on a pro bono basis, more than 1,800 hours of professional services to minority entrepreneurs. As a result of his dedication to the advancement of minority entrepreneurship, more than 60 minority-owned firms in the Twin Cities have received professional counseling and training that is vital to the success of their business.

Charles Jones has been recognized as the Veteran Small Business Advocate. Mr. Jones is a vocational rehabilitation specialist with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs Twin Cities Regional Office. Currently, more than 675 veterans receive vocational rehabilitation under his direction. Through this program, veterans receive the training and career counseling needed to get back into the workforce. Vocational rehabilitation at the Department of Veterans Affairs generally involves helping disabled individuals find meaningful jobs. Mr. Jones modifies traditional job placement goals and recognizes self-employment as a realistic objective for some disabled veterans. His continued dedication has provided good jobs for many disabled veterans in his community.

Dee DePass has been recognized as the Media Small Business Advocate. Most recently Ms. DePass has had five years experience as a writer for the Minneapolis Star Tribune. Her intuitive writing addresses important business issues including capital availability, neighborhood business development, the White House Conference on Small Business, and the opportunities and challenges of moving from welfare to work. In addition, Ms. DePass has been a prime mover in organizing and directing urban journalism workshops. These initiatives have given junior and senior high school students hands-on experience in journalism and the broadcast media. Ms. DePass's newspaper efforts have provided a forum and insight into the fabric of small enterprise.

The Small Business Exporter of the Year is Peter Shortridge, President of Northland Organic Foods Corporation. Northland Organic Foods is a leader in exporting organic food products. Through its research, marketing initiatives and educational programs, it has opened doors for new exporting activities and helps to make them available to new exporters entering the market. In addition, ongoing training provides an educational background in exporting, learning to locate distributors. Northland Organic Foods Corporation is continually exploring markets and products that have special added quality, such as the organic foods so much in demand globally.

John Flory, Executive Director of the Whitier Community Development Corporation, has

been recognized with the Financial Services Advocate of the Year Award. Mr. Flory is a long time advocate for creating new ways to finance hard to serve business entities. In the early 1980's he founded the North County Co-Op Development Fund in response to a handful of local co-op's inability to obtain financing. Through his stewardship, this fund has grown from a modest \$5,000 in assets to \$2 million in assets, serving a ten state area. Perhaps no function is so much needed as credit and financing for new ventures, and Mr. Flory's diligent efforts have led to innovation, effectively financing small businesses.

The Women in Business Advocate is Deb Winsor, the President of Winsor and Associates. This consulting firm specializes in working with financial institutions including credit unions and insurance companies. Ms. Winsor has dedicated a large amount of time and energy in determining exactly what women business owners want and need to become successful in their entrepreneurial endeavors. Upon completion of her research, she began to develop an initial strategy to create a seminar series named "Making Your Dream a Reality". Over the past two years, this program has provided thousands of hours of training, education and resources to over 300 business owners, and that translates into success.

Vernon Schmitz and Troy Leesberg, the President and Vice President of Greatland Cable TV Communications, Inc. are the Young Entrepreneur of the Year award recipients. The cable television construction industry is presently a booming business. This success is highlighted by the many private cable operators who are in the process of or planning for upgrades in their present systems. Greatland's payroll and number of employees has substantially increased since the first year. Currently, Greatland employs 8 people and plans to add 16 to 20 more employees. By utilizing their education and experience in the cable industry, Mr. Schmitz and Mr. Leesberg have been able to maintain quality service at competitive prices, while at the same time providing a great work environment.

I would especially like to congratulate Sue McCloskey, who has been named the 1998 Minnesota Small Business Person of the Year. Ms. McCloskey is the President and founder of Office Plan, a remanufacturer of office furniture. I've known Sue McCloskey as a civic election activist who has been very helpful to me personally, and many others. Starting her business in 1991 with three partners and one employee, she currently employs 33 personnel and has an annual revenue of \$4.5 million. Environmental sensitivity is a hallmark of Office Plan. Work fabric is recycled or sent out to be made into industrial rags. Recycled products and environmentally sensitive materials are used in production whenever possible. Our state and community takes great pride in Ms. McCloskey's success and we are pleased with this well-deserved recognition.

Thanks to the stewardship and dedication of all these small business talents, the spirit of entrepreneurship is alive and flourishing in Minnesota. My congratulations to the award recipients and to all small businesses in the state of Minnesota.

TRIBUTE TO RONALD WATERS

HON. FLOYD SPENCE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 1998

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring to the attention of the House the heroic actions of Mr. Ronald Waters, of Lexington, South Carolina. Last September, Mr. Waters was traveling on Interstate 95, near Fayetteville, North Carolina, when he noticed a North Carolina Highway Patrol officer lying face down next to his patrol car, which had blue lights flashing. Nearby, were a Cumberland County Sheriff's patrol car and another vehicle. He also observed two men moving between the patrol cars. Mr. Waters contacted emergency assistance from his cellular telephone and he stopped his vehicle. As he looked back, he heard shots being fired. At the scene, Highway Trooper Ed Lowry and Sheriff's Deputy David Hathcock were dead. While maintaining contact with the 911 dispatchers, Mr. Waters followed the two men as they left the scene and he tracked them as they traveled on and off of the Interstate highway. At one point, shots were fired from the suspect vehicle at Mr. Waters' vehicle, which disabled the Waters' vehicle. The bullets punctured a tire, hit the rear bumper, and severed a wire to the fuel pump of the vehicle which Mr. Waters was driving. Then, the suspect vehicle pulled alongside of Mr. Waters and one of the men aimed an AK-47 at him. Fortunately, the rifle jammed and the suspect vehicle drove off. However, Mr. Waters later observed that, when faced with a rifle being aimed at him at close range, he feared that he would never again see his wife and his infant son.

The information that was provided by Mr. Waters allowed law enforcement officers to apprehend the two suspects on charges of first-degree murder. At great risk to his own personal safety, Mr. Waters became involved in a tragic situation. Due to his actions, law enforcement officers were able to capture the persons who are suspected of the deaths of two law enforcement officers and, also, to prevent possible further injury to others. For his selfless actions, the Governor of South Carolina presented Mr. Waters with our State's highest civilian honor, The Order of the Palmetto.

Ronald Waters is a shining example of someone who answered the call of duty to his fellow man. He is truly a great American.

TAX REFORM

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, as the House of Representatives continues the debate over tax reform, giving the states the flexibility they need to efficiently conduct their business must be a priority.

I hope my colleagues will seriously reflect on the wishes of the Colorado people as expressed by our state Legislature. I submit for the RECORD the text of this Memorial:

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 98-001

By Senators Coffman, Alexander, Ament, Arnold, Bishop, Blickensderfer, Chlouber, Congrove, Dennis, Feeley, Hernandez, Hopper, Johnson, Lacy, Lamborn, Linkhart, Martinez, Matsunaka, Mutzebaugh, Norton, Pascoe, Perlmutter, Phillips, Powers, Reeves, Rizzuto, Rupert, Schroeder, Tanner, Tebedo, Thiebaut, Wattenberg, Weddig, Wells, and Wham;

Also Representatives Adkins, Agler, K. Alexander, Allen, Anderson, Arrington, Bacon, C. Berry, G. Berry, Chavez, Clarke, Dean, Dyer, Entz, Epps, Faatz, George, Gordon, Gotlieb, Gramsas, Grossman, Hagedorn, Hefley, S. Johnson, June, Kaufman, Keller, Kreutz, Lawrence, Leyba, Mace, May, McElhany, McPherson, Miller, Morrison, Musgrave, Nichol, Owen, Pankey, Paschall, Pfiffner, Reeser, Romero, Salaz, Saliman, Schauer, Sinclair, Smith, Snyder, Spradley, Sullivant, Swenson, Takis, Tate, Taylor, Tool, Tucker, Tupa, Udall, Veiga, S. Williams, T. Williams, Young, and Zimmerman.

MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT PROHIBITS STATES FROM IMPOSING AN INCOME TAX ON SEVERANCE PAYMENTS AND TERMINATION PAYMENTS TO NON-RESIDENTS INDIVIDUALS.

Whereas, In 1996, the Congress of the United States enacted Public Law 95-104, which amended title 4 of the United States Code to limit state taxation of certain pension income; and

Whereas, Section 1(a) of Public Law 95-104, codified at 4 U.S.C. sec. 114, prohibits states from imposing an income tax on any retirement payments made by an employer of such state to an individual who has terminated employment in and who is not a resident of such state; and

Whereas, Severance payments and termination payments made by an employer to a nonresident individual are not accorded the same tax treatment as retirement income under 4 U.S.C. sec. 114 and are therefore subject to the income tax of the state where the employer making such severance payments and termination payments is located; and

Whereas, The result of this inconsistent tax treatment of similar retirement payments is that severance payments and termination payments may be taxable to the employee in both the state of the employee's former residence and the state in which the employee currently resides; and

Whereas, Subjecting severance payments and termination payments to different tax treatment than other retirement payments and income results in inconsistent and inequitable treatment of severance payments and termination payments to taxpayers that have relocated to another state after terminating their employment; and

Whereas, The enactment of federal legislation that prohibits a state from imposing an income tax on severance payments and termination payments to an individual that is not a resident of that state will result in the tax treatment of such payments that is consistent with the tax treatment of other retirement income; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-first General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

That the Congress of the United States is hereby memorialized to adopt legislation amending 4 U.S.C. sec. 114 to include severance payments and termination payments within the retirement income of a nonresident individual upon which states may not impose income tax.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Memorial be sent to the President of

the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of Colorado's congressional delegation.

TOM NORTON,
President of the Senate.

PATRICIA K. DICKS,
Secretary of the Senate.

CHARLES E. BERRY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JUDITH M. RIDRIGUE,
Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

HONORING THE KIDS HELPING KIDS 5K RUN

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 1998

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join with my constituents and the hundreds of runners who will be participating in the Kids Helping Kids 5K Run on June 21, 1998. These dedicated individuals have committed themselves to enhancing the lives of other children in need of strong emotional, physical and financial support. With the great preponderance of news reports relating to violence that is devastating the youth of our country, it is most reassuring that certain individuals and organizations have dedicated themselves to directing and educating our youth in positive and productive areas. This particular young, dynamic organization, inspired and directed by Robert F. Eslick, has striven mightily in advancing their charitable and educational goals that actively seeks to sensitize children to identify those youngsters in need of assistance and work with them to successfully challenge their handicaps. In addition, this most-dedicated group has also been successful in providing financial support to families facing extraordinary health needs.

Embodying the spirit of Kids Helping Kids, Robert A.J. Eslick, nine years of age, has established a record of activism and compassion that readily serves as an example for adults and children involved in philanthropic affairs. At age two in 1990, he entered his first race, a 1.4 miler. By dint of personality and supreme self-involvement, Robert was ranked eighth in the country by USA Track & Field for 5K races. He has continued to participate as a runner while dedicating his efforts to the multi-faceted program of Kids Helping Kids.

As we become dispirited by events that tend to show our youth adrift without a compass, it is invigorating and greatly appreciated that Kids Helping Kids continues to grow and embody the great traditions of caring and compassion that are the foundations of our country. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in expressing our support and admiration for this outstanding group.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL DAN FLEMING

HON. JOHN M. McHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 1998

Mr. McHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to an outstanding American, an outstanding soldier, an outstanding officer who has touched the lives of many of my colleagues in the House of Representatives. On August 31, 1998, Colonel Daniel E. Fleming retires after over 23 years of dedicated service to America and our great Army. Throughout his career, Dan Fleming has provided forward-looking leadership characterized by a unique intellect and strategic vision. He has served with distinction in positions of increasing responsibility from platoon to Army Secretariat, always demonstrating the highest degree of leadership and professionalism while making lasting contributions to Army readiness and mission accomplishment.

As we honor his retirement, we note that Colonel Fleming's distinguished career has stretched over two decades, culminating in his service these past two years as Chief of the Army's House Liaison Division. In this position, Colonel Fleming has been the Secretary of the Army's principal representative to the United States House of Representatives, establishing close working relationships with more than half of the Members of the House. Colonel Fleming has personally organized, planned, coordinated and accompanied 32 Congressional Delegations involving 128 Members of Congress on fact-finding and investigative missions to 52 foreign countries. He has vastly improved coordination and professional relationships between the Army and key Members and staff and has ensured the Army has the best reputation of all the Armed Services for providing prompt and accurate responses to congressional inquiries from House Members.

Colonel Dan Fleming was born in Athens, Ohio, Graduating from Ohio University in 1975, he received his commission through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps program and began his career in the Army as an Infantry officer. His distinguished career includes assignments all over the world and at every echelon. His first assignment was as a scout platoon leader with the 9th Infantry Regiment, in the Republic of Korea. Dan then transferred to Aviation Branch, qualifying to fly almost every helicopter in the Army inventory, including the UH-1H "Huey" (Iroquois), UH-60 "Blackhawk," OH-58A/C "Kiowa," AH-1 "Cobra," and AH-64 "Apache." Dan commanded Aviation units at Platoon, Company and Battalion level both in the Continental United States and in the Federal Republic of Germany, served as an Aide-de-Camp, Battalion Operations Officer, Battalion Executive Officer, Secretary of the General Staff, and Army Legislative Liaison Staff Officer.

Through it all, Dan Fleming has consistently delivered professional, selfless service to our Nation. A leader of extraordinary intellect, with vision and dedication to math, Colonel Fleming has always remembered that our Army consists first and foremost of soldiers. Mindful of this, he served with distinction in position of

increasing responsibility from platoon to Army Secretariat. Dedicated his career to caring for his soldiers. We offer our heartfelt appreciation and best wishes to Dan Fleming: a soldier whose selfless service has truly made a difference.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 1998

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, due to United Airlines flight #200 from San Francisco being delayed as I was returning from my congressional district, I was unavoidably detained on vote numbers 232 and 233. Had I been present on June 15th, I would have voted yea.

HAZE REGULATIONS IN EASTERN COLORADO

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, as you know, state and local officials often bear the brunt of decisions made here in Washington. They contend with the real-life consequences of unrealistic attempts to force national, one-size-fits-all standards on problems that vary from state to state.

A case in point is the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed rules concerning haze regulations. These proposed rules fail to take sufficient account of the unique conditions and challenges faced by local officials. What may be applicable to northern Arkansas, is not necessarily the right solution for eastern Colorado. By failing to recognize these unique situations, the EPA's regulations become one more obstacle for local officials, and do little to mitigate the problem they intended to solve.

I rise today to inform the House of a Joint Resolution recently adopted by the Colorado Legislature, and I believe this House would be well served to heed their advice. I submit for the RECORD the text of this Resolution:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 98-003

CONCERNING A RECOMMENDATION THAT THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS ADOPT A LEGISLATIVE RULE REVIEW PROCESS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS

Whereas, On July 31, 1997, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking concerning regional haze regulations (the Notice); and

Whereas, In the Notice, the EPA cites as legislative authority for the proposed regulations a federal statute directing the EPA to ensure "reasonable progress" toward the attainment of improved visibility in class I areas; and

Whereas, Under this rubric of "reasonable progress", the EPA seeks to impose a rigid scheme of steadily increasing requirements nationwide, without exception and without consideration for the very real differences among the various states and regions affected; and

Whereas, The EPA has estimated that implementation of this program will cost ap-

proximately 2.9 billion dollars, of which 2.07 billion dollars will come from states in the West that already have the cleanest air in the nation; and

Whereas, Of such visible pollution as there may be that effects class I areas in the Western states, a significant portion comes from beyond their borders or originates on lands controlled by federal agencies; and

Whereas, For these reasons, the proposed regulations are grossly unfair and irrational; and

Whereas, We believe that by promulgating these regulations the EPA has far exceeded its congressional mandate to ensure "reasonable progress" in this area; and

Whereas, This is only one example of the increasingly common situation in which the EPA oversteps its delegated authority by promulgating regulations that are economically burdensome, scientifically dubious, counterproductive, and contrary to reasonable interpretations of Congressional intent; and

Whereas, Such abuses could be prevented or reduced if there were an institutional process by which Congress would have the final say about whether its directives were being faithfully carried out; and

Whereas, Colorado has had such a process in place for many years, to the great benefit of the state and its citizens; and

Whereas, Under this process, all rules newly adopted or amended by administrative agencies automatically expire within one year unless reviewed, for the limited purpose of determining whether they are within the scope of the agencies legislatively granted authority, and affirmatively extended in an omnibus bill passed by the legislature each year for that purpose; and

Whereas, We believe that the application of such a process to EPA regulations at the national level would keep the agency accountable to Congress, improve the image of the EPA and Congress in the eyes of the American public, avoid overreaching regulations such as the pending Regional Haze Regulations, and benefit both the national economy and the natural environment; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-first General Assembly of the State of Colorado, The House of Representatives concurring herein: That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, hereby request the Congress of the United States to adopt statutes analogous to sections 24-4-103(8)(d) and 25-7-133, Colorado Revised Statutes, providing for automatic legislative review of all regulations newly adopted or amended by the EPA for the purpose of determining whether they are within the scope of the EPA's legislatively delegated authority and whether they accomplish their policy objectives in a cost-effective manner and further providing for the automatic expiration, within a time certain, of all such regulations not affirmatively extended by act of Congress.

Be it further resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to each member of Colorado's Congressional delegation and the administrator of the EPA.

COMMENDING THE MOUNT LEBANON HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM AND MOUNT LEBANON, PA

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 1998

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Mount Lebanon High School Blue Devils who won the 1998 Pennsylvania AAA Varsity Baseball Championship. Last Thursday, June 11, they defeated Coatesville High School by the score of 9-6 at Riverside Stadium in Harrisburg, Mount Lebanon, which is located in Pennsylvania's 18th Congressional District, came back from a four-run deficit after four innings to win the first baseball championship in school history.

The Blue Devils, who were 21-4 overall with a conference record of 13-1, defeated a tough Coatesville team who posted a season record of 22-4 to clinch the PIAA state title. This victory exemplifies the quality high school athletic programs in Pennsylvania's 18th District.

Blue Devils' coach Ed McCloskey, elementary school health and physical education teacher, recently retired. The gold medals presented to his team were a timely retirement present.

Once again, I would like to congratulate the players, the coaching staff, the supportive student body and families, and also the Mount Lebanon Community. I take pride in the accomplishments of the team and appreciate the opportunity to brag amongst my colleagues on Capitol Hill. Keep up the good work and I hope to hear of many future successes.

TRIBUTE TO NAVY SECRETARY JOHN DALTON

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 1998

Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, last week, we learned about the upcoming resignation of Navy Secretary John Dalton.

I have known Secretary Dalton for many years, and consider him to be both a friend and among the finest Navy Secretaries our Nation has ever had. He understood Houston's long Naval and Maritime history.

Secretary Dalton has served his country with distinction and with honor. Although he was born and raised in Louisiana, we consider him a true Texan. He moved to Texas during the 1970's, and since then, has served as a Chairman and President in various associations in his business career.

He was nominated by President Clinton in 1993 and confirmed that same year to become the Secretary of the Navy. Under his guidance, the Navy has expanded opportunities for both women and minorities. Through his leadership, Secretary Dalton exemplified the Navy's Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment.

Secretary Dalton has had a long career of achievements as well as accomplishments. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy

where he served as a Deputy Brigade Commander, a finalist in the Rhode Scholar competition as well as Lieutenant Commander during his years in the U.S. Naval Service.

In 1997, he was given the recognition of the prestigious International Security Leadership Award. This was in recognition of his leadership and promotion of American seapower and bipartisan maritime strategy.

Secretary Dalton has served with energy, conviction, and dedication at a challenging time for the Navy. In the midst of these challenges, John Dalton has ensured that the Navy remains a national priority.

Secretary Dalton has shown an unwavering commitment to our nation, and deserves our recognition and our appreciation.

ALEXANDR NIKITIN

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 1998

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately the ironic phrase "no good deed goes unpunished" suits the case of Russian citizen Alexandr Nikitin. Most Russian officials will be the first to admit that the collapsed Soviet military-industrial complex left behind a deplorable environmental legacy which affects not only the Russian Federation but also Russia's neighbors. The best known example is Chernobyl, but environmental specialists could provide a much longer list of environmental "hot spots." Regrettably, certain elements of the Russian military and security service seem determined to continue the Soviet practice of hiding the truth about environmental degradation.

Mr. Speaker, retired Russian naval officer Alexandr Nikitin has been charged with "revealing state secrets"—and if convicted, could receive the death sentence—for his work with the Norwegian environmental organization "Bellona" in exposing both the Soviet and Russian Navy's nuclear waste dumping around the White Sea and Kola Peninsular in northeast Russia. Nikitin and his supporters claim that all the material he secured for Bellona's report, "The Russian Northern Fleet: Sources of Radioactive Contamination," had already been published in open sources.

Originally charged in February 1996, he was held in detention until December 1996, when an international outcry was raised in his behalf. Still the investigation continues to drag on and on and on.

The problem, from the standpoint of the investigators and the security services, is that the Russian Federation has a constitution with provisions on civil liberties, which some in Russia take seriously, and there are now lawyers in Russia who actually know the law and defend their clients. At first, the investigators threatened to indict Nikitin on secret unpublished military instructions, but this was in conflict with Part 3, Art. 15 of the Constitution, "no regulatory legal act affecting the rights, liberties or duties of the human being and citizen may apply unless it has been published officially for general knowledge." Now after six attempted indictments, investigators have pro-

duced an indictment that the claim will pass constitutional muster.

The prominent Ukrainian writer Nikolai Gogol wrote a fictional story about a legal case that dragged on for years in Tsarist Russia. Nikitin must identify with a character from that story.

Through efforts of concerned human rights and environmental activists, the international community has begun to focus attention on the Nikitin case. *Amnesty International* has declared him as Russia's only political prisoner since the fall of the Soviet Union. The Prime Ministers of Norway and Canada have raised Nikitin's case with Prime Minister Chernomyrdin, and President Clinton has called for "just deliberations" in the case. A couple of weeks ago, former Soviet President Gorbachev stated that "there is nothing to [the Nikitin case], but that "democratic Russia still can't let go of its affection for catching spies."

Meanwhile, back on the streets of St. Petersburg, Alexandr Nikitin has been followed, believe it or not, by a group of "men in black." The tires on his car have been slashed, and his door locks filed with glue. Recently, one of his lawyers was accosted by unidentified thugs and told to "stay away from this." Another lawyer suggests, quite plausibly, that the security services realize their case is an embarrassment, and they want Nikitin to fear for his life and that of his family so that he will admit to the charges in exchange for amnesty.

Mr. Speaker, I believe sincerely that the American people and the Congress wish the Russian people well, and we wish to work together in areas such as the environment that will benefit both our peoples. But, the case of Alexandr Nikitin raises serious doubts about the Russian military and security services to find a reasonable balance between security and the public interest.

I recognize that the Russian Government and the people are working toward civilian control of the military and an established rule of law system. The resolution of the Nikitin case will be a significant indicator of progress in these areas.

HONORING VICKY MOLGARD

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Vicky Molgard who was recently named Elementary Art Educator of the Year by the Colorado Art Education Association. Ms. Molgard teaches art at Centennial, Big Thompson, and Monroe Elementary Schools. She has taught at the elementary, middle and high school levels for 17 years in the Thompson School District. In addition to her inspired work as a teacher, she is a practicing artist who serves as a role model for her young students.

Her lessons are often described as unique because she encourages her students to study and imitate the work of classic artists of all ages. She introduces her students to ideas which inspire them and she provides a creative outlet for their young minds. As a Mem-

ber of Congress representing the Fourth District of Colorado where Ms. Molgard teaches, it is my honor and privilege to recognize her tremendous achievement and thank her for the time and dedication she shows to the children of the Thompson School District.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity to recognize Ms. Molgard before the House for sharing her time and talents.

INTER-FAITH EFFORT TO BUILD
PEACE IN BOSNIA AND
HERZEGOVINA

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 1998

Mr. GILMAN Mr. Speaker, on May 21, 1998, along with several members of the Congress, we had the opportunity to participate in a historic visit to the Capitol of the leaders of the four major faiths of Bosnia and Herzegovina. I ask that my opening remarks at that meeting, along with those of Rabbi Arthur Schneier, be included in the RECORD. Rabbi Schneier is the President of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation which has won international recognition for its excellent work in promoting inter-faith reconciliation, tolerance and religious freedom around the world. The Appeal of Conscience Foundation has been extensively involved in working to rebuild peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

WELCOMING REMARKS BY REPRESENTATIVE BENJAMIN A. GILMAN MEETING WITH RELIGIOUS LEADERS OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, MAY 21, 1998

It is a pleasure to welcome the leaders of the four major religions of Bosnia and Herzegovina. His Eminence Cardinal Vinko Pulic, Archbishop of Sarajevo, His Eminence Dr. Mustafa Ceric, leader of the Islamic Community of Bosnia and Herzegovina, His Eminence Metropolitan Nikolaj Mrdja, Head of the Orthodox Church of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Dr. Jacob Fini, President of the Jewish Community of Bosnia and Herzegovina are visiting the United States as part of an initiative by the Appeal of Conscience Foundation to promote reconciliation in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Your efforts are to be applauded. The fact that you have together agreed to visit the United States to demonstrate your sincere interest in healing Bosnia is noteworthy and highly encouraging. As you may know, many in the Congress, myself included, were not very enthusiastic about the deployment of American troops as peacekeepers in Bosnia. We have been skeptical about whether the aim of the Dayton Peace Plan to reconstruct a multi-ethnic society in Bosnia and Herzegovina was achievable in a realistic period of time. We have been heartened, however over the past year that there have been new developments that show that the people of Bosnia do truly want to live in peace with one another, to reconstruct the devastated economy and resume normal lives.

During 1998 we will be looking very carefully at two issues: one being the return of refugees and particularly minority returns, and the second being the results of the elections scheduled for September. With regard to refugee returns, we expect there to be significant progress with large numbers of people returning to Bosnia, and, if they so

choose, to their original homes. With regards to elections, we want to see continued progress on electing new leaders who advocate the aims of the Dayton Plan, and are not associated with the strident nationalist policies advocated by leaders during the war. Your visit is significant for us and we wish you success in all your efforts to promote our mutual objective of restoring peace and stability to all the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

REMARKS BY RABBI ARTHUR SCHNEIER, PRESIDENT, APPEAL OF CONSCIENCE FOUNDATION, TO THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Chairman Gilman and members of the House International Affairs Committee.

I appreciate the warm welcome you have given to the top religious leaders of the Catholic, Islamic, Serbian Orthodox and Jewish Communities of Bosnia and Herzegovina who are the guests of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation. I invited them to the United States so that for the first time together they would experience democratic institutions and pluralism in America.

Today's meeting in the United States Congress and with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright encourages them to help pursue peace, tolerance and reconciliation in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In an effort to end the bloodshed in the former Yugoslavia in 1992, under the auspices of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation I brought together at a conference in Bern, Switzerland the top religious leaders of the Catholic, Islamic and Serbian Orthodox communities from the former Yugoslavia to take a united stand against the war. (Cardinal Puljic, who was then an Archbishop, is here with us today participated in the Bern conference). To further this objective the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I and I co-sponsored in 1994, the Peace and Tolerance Conference in Istanbul, where the Bosphorus Declaration was adopted; and in 1995 I brought together religious leaders for the Conflict Resolution Conference leading to the adoption of the Vienna Declaration, a prelude to the Dayton Peace Accord.

Today in Washington, DC, the capital of the free world, these religious leaders in a joint declaration with the Appeal of Conscience Foundation have reaffirmed their commitment to building a multi-ethnic, multi-religious and multi-cultural society in Bosnia and Herzegovina. We in turn pledge them our support in strengthening their courageous stand for peace and tolerance in their country.

It remains our challenge to help disseminate to the widest possible audience their message of 'live and let live'. The Dayton Peace Accord signed by political leaders requires implementation by the people. To this effect the top religious leaders in Bosnia and Herzegovina, united in the newly created Inter-Religious Council of Sarajevo can make an invaluable contribution.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 1998

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was unavoidably detained and missed two votes. The first, agreeing to the Senate amendments

on H.R. 1847, the Telemarketing Fraud Prevention Act; and the second, passage of House Resolution 401, the Sense of the House that Social Promotion Should Be Ended. I support both measures and had I been present I would have voted "yes" on roll-call No. 232 and No. 233.

A SPECIAL SALUTE TO EAST TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL FIRST PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 1998

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of my colleagues to a very special event taking place on Capitol Hill this week. On Thursday, June 18, 1998, Capitol Hill will host a staged robotic competition, the "Capitol Hill Robotics Invitational". This invitational will involve eleven high school robotics teams from across the nation. This even underscores an innovative program known as FIRST. FIRST, (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology), is a national nonprofit group founded to promote interest in math, science, and technology. It partners engineers from major corporations and small businesses, scientists from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the military, and mentors from universities, with high school students around the country.

Regarding the "Robotics Invitational," I would also like to take this opportunity to share a story with my colleagues. A story of a school that five years ago implemented this new program dedicated to improving students proficiency in science and math. Five years later this high school has an attendance rate of 82 percent. The enrollment has increased to 1400. Seventy-one percent of the students pass the State Proficiency Tests. When the Robotics Invitational is held on Capitol Hill I plan to be on hand to cheer on a very special team from this school. The name of this school is East Technical High School, and I am proud to say that this school is located within my Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, permit me to tell you more about the success story that is East Tech High School. Today, students run to their math and science classes, and many work hard to obtain the 3.00 Grade Point Average necessary to become involved with the FIRST program. All twelve members of the initial FIRST team have graduated and are now enrolled in four year engineering programs at university levels. East Tech High School is the epitome of a phoenix rising from the ashes, considering it was scheduled for closing those short five years ago.

The East Tech Student Engineering/FIRST Team currently has 40 members. It was this team that recently finished 9th out of 150 teams at the National Science and Math Competition in Orlando, Florida. And it is this team, selected from 200 other teams, to have their Robotics team along with eleven other teams from across the country, participate in the robotics competition this week on Capitol Hill.

East Technical High School, along with the aid of the NASA/Lewis Research Center who

introduced FIRST to the School, has sparked the intelligence in these students that came so close to being extinguished with the slated closing of their high school. This team is indicative of the talents that lie beneath the surface of many young people in urban environments who never receive a chance or get the impact of a program like FIRST.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to share stories of programs like FIRST that exist and get our young people involved in the fields of math and science. In fact, I am now told that more students try out for East Tech's FIRST team than they do for basketball and football combined. This program was the spark, but I feel that the students in East Technical High School had it in them all along. These students need to be commended today for the perseverance and hard work they have shown. I am sure these students have even more success awaiting them in the future.

Thank you Mr. Speaker for allowing me the opportunity to share this special success story with my colleagues. Once again, I would like to congratulate the students of East Technical High School for their achievements and for a job well done.

EAST TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL MEMBERS

Orlando Antongiorgi, Michael Bors, Kaishaelia Brown, Jaria Chatmon, Rita Greeham, Sha'Lawnda Griffe, Breesha James, Jesse Mathis, Aja Maxwell, Mario Mendes, Drew Odum, Kanita Parra, Khadijah Qadaar, Shakina Shields, Sierra Smith, Christi Sutton, Sophia Syed, Bobby Vannoy, Sharonda Whatley, and Tiffany Neal.

EAST TECHNICAL FACULTY TEAM MEMBERS

Jan Berlin, Sarah Broadnax, Terry Butler, Mary Carter, and Jerome Seppelt.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION EMPLOYEES

Donald Campbell, Director, Joann Charleston, Alicia González, Larry Greer, John Hairston, Dan Kocka, and Mary Palumbo.

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HONORING ANGEL RUIZ

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Angel Ruiz, a ninth-grader at Thompson Valley High School, who has recently been named Youth of the Year by the Boys & Girls Club of Loveland. The winner of this prestigious award is selected among those who won the Youth of the Month award for 1997. Ruiz was honored with the monthly award in September.

As an active member of the Boys & Girls Club of Loveland for a little over a year, Ruiz participates in a variety of service oriented projects. He regularly spends his time after school quizzing younger children on spelling works and math tables and enjoys the opportunity to serve as a role model for those he tutors. He also serves as a staff member where his duties include cleaning the club, managing membership renewals and orienting new members.

Mr Speaker, it is important to note that over the past year Angel Ruiz's Grade Point Average has soared from 1.5 to 3.8 on a 4 point scale. As a Member of Congress representing Colorado's Fourth Congressional District where Angel Ruiz lives and devotes his time to serve his community, I am proud to honor this youth for his great contribution to the town of Loveland and to our entire state.

HONORING ALAN R. WALDEN

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 1998

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Alan R. Walden, who is retiring in July from his broadcasting career of 44 years. Throughout his distinguished journalism career, Mr. Walden has covered almost every major national and international event and he has set a standard of excellence in journalism that is hard to match.

Every weekday morning, thousands of Baltimoreans wake up to Alan Walden's thorough, in-depth news reports as the anchor of WBAL-AM's morning show. He uses his insight and knowledge to give listeners an important perspective on regional, national and international events. On weekday evenings, listeners also can hear his insightful commentary on "Walden Ponderings."

Born in New York City, Mr. Walden has won virtually every major broadcast journalism award. His career has included jobs as news director of radio stations in New York, Boston and Cleveland, and vice president of Radio News for Metromedia Inc. In addition, he helped bring broadcast journalism into a new age as one of the principal architects of NBC News and Information Service, the first 24-hour-a-day news network in the United States.

As senior correspondent for NBC Radio News specializing in international affairs and domestic politics, Mr. Walden has covered the Camp David Peace Accords, SALT II, the Falkland Islands War, the invasion of Grenada, the civil war in El Salvador and the Panama Crisis.

But Alan Walden is more than a fine journalist. He also is a great American. As president of Patriots of Fort McHenry, Mr. Walden has done more than any single individual to help restore and preserve this national treasure. We in Baltimore owe him an enormous debt of gratitude for his tireless efforts on behalf of this historic shrine.

I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring Alan R. Walden for his dedication and commitment to quality journalism. His reporting has touched all of our lives, and his dedication to Fort McHenry has enriched the lives of all Americans.

TRIBUTE TO CECIL LEBERKNIGHT

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 1998

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity before my Colleagues in

the House of Representatives to honor a great American, Mr. Cecil Leberknight.

We've heard many people praised for being "great Americans" in this Chamber, and in most cases, you think of some nationally known figure. Cecil is not nationally famous for his achievements, but he still fits the description as well as anyone.

Mr. Cecil Leberknight is a native of Cambria County, Pennsylvania who has devoted his life to public service where it most directly impacts people and communities, at the local level. For fifty years he has served, in numerous capacities, as the champion of Pennsylvania's boroughs. He began his incredible career of service in the winter of 1948, when he became Dale Borough councilman in Cambria County, Pennsylvania, which is still his and his wife Dorothy's home. Since then, he has served with over 100 council members. The list of career accomplishments of this one man is amazing. Just reading the list is exhausting.

In the 1950's he was elected and reelected to serve as President of the 33 member Cambria County Borough Association and has represented that county at the state borough association level since 1957. In 1962, he was elected to the Pennsylvania Assembly, where he continued to champion the cause of public service, working tirelessly to obtain better working conditions and pay for police, firemen, school teachers and administrators, and nurses.

Mr. Leberknight also chaired the Governor's Justice Commission in the last 1960's, served on the Johnstown Flood Museum and Heritage Association as both president and board member. Additionally, he has also been: vice chairman of the Johnstown Area Regional Planning Commission, president of Dale Borough Historical Association, board member and treasurer of the Johnstown Symphony Orchestra, president of the Historic Sandyvale Cemetery Association, charter member of the Cambria County Chapter of Pennsylvania Clean Ways, organizer, charter member and treasurer of the Pennsylvania 12th District Equipment Center, and member of the Greater Johnstown Watershed Association.

He hasn't stopped. Currently, Mr. Leberknight serves as president of the Cambria County Housing Corporation, where he's been for the last seven years. Additionally he holds numerous citations from, and honorary lifetime memberships in, local volunteer and civic organizations.

If that weren't enough, Cecil is also a champion of education. His interest in improving and promoting education has led him to hold positions such as the State Legislative Chairman of the Pennsylvania Congress of Parents and Teachers, president of the Cambria County Council of Parents and Teachers, Adult Scouter with the Robert E. Peary Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and a charter and current board member of the Cambria County Ethnic Arts and Cultural Center.

I think that is an extraordinary resume. I am so proud and honored to have known Cecil for most of my life and feel fortunate to live in a town that has a person like him working for it. In addition to being a person who is so civically motivated and cares so much about his community, he is also a great friend and a great family man. He is truly an outstanding

person and I am very pleased to be able to congratulate him as he celebrates fifty years of public service.

Congratulations, Cecil, and thank you.

TIME TO RECONSIDER
DESTRUCTIVE EMBARGO POLICIES

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 1998

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I have long held that the real victims of U.S. trade policy, and specifically of our various trade embargoes, are American citizens who hope to sell goods abroad, most especially our agricultural producers. The intended victims of sanctions are corrupt foreign rulers but they always find a way to get goods from our competitors and when they fail to do so they simply pass along any suffering to their internal political opponents.

But, as I said, somebody is negatively affected. A recent issue of the American Farm Bureau Federation's "Farm Bureau News" contains a headline story which does a fabulous job of explaining how these embargoes adversely affect our American Farmers and Ranchers. In this front page story the Farm Bureau News masterfully details the true impact of trade embargoes.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent a very rural, agriculturally-based district. My constituents are well aware of the importance of opening export markets for America's agricultural producers. Mr. Speaker, at this time I would like to place in the RECORD this story from the Farm Bureau News in hopes that people in the Administration, as well as in this Congress will begin to reconsider destructive embargo policies which only harm our nation's farmers and other producers including my constituents.

AG TAKES BIGGEST HIT FROM EMBARGOES

Trade sanctions and embargoes for the purpose of social reform or other reasons hurt American farmers and ranchers more than any other sector of the economy, Farm Bureau told a House Agriculture subcommittee last week.

"Farm Bureau strongly opposes all artificial trade constraints such as embargoes or sanctions except in the case of armed conflicts," said Ron Warfield, president of the Illinois Farm Bureau. "We believe that opening trading systems around the world and engagement through trade are the most effective means of reaching international economic stability."

President Clinton imposed sanctions against India and Pakistan after those countries detonated nuclear devices. House Agriculture Committee Chairman Bob Smith (R-Ore.) and ranking minority member Charlie Stenholm (D-Texas) have urged Clinton to exempt food and agricultural commodities from those sanctions. Pakistan is an important market for U.S. agricultural products, ranking third in purchases of U.S. wheat.

Sens. Dick Lugar (R-Ind.), Pat Roberts (R-Kan.), Larry Craig (R-Idaho) and Max Baucus (D-Mont.) have also asked Clinton to exclude agricultural exports from the sanctions.

Warfield, a member of the American Farm Bureau Federation board of directors, told

the panel that when sanctions are imposed, agriculture typically bears the brunt through lost sales and gains a reputation as an unreliable supplier. While American agriculture loses through sanctions and embargoes, its toughest competitors win by picking up those markets.

Warfield noted that when the United States placed a grain embargo against the Soviet Union in the 1980s, American farmers lost \$2.3 billion in farm exports. He said the effects continue to be felt.

"When the United States cut off sales of wheat to protest the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, other suppliers—France, Canada, Australia and Argentina—stepped in," Warfield said. "They expanded their sales to the Soviet Union, ensuring that U.S. sanctions had virtually no economic impact. Russia still appears to restrict purchases of American wheat, fearing the United States may again use food exports as a foreign policy weapon."

Just the threat of sanctions can provoke trading partners into a retaliatory stance and threaten U.S. agricultural exports, the farm leader pointed out.

Warfield said Farm Bureau supports a bill (H.R. 3654) by Re. Tom Ewing (R-Ill.) that would prevent selective agricultural embargoes. The legislation, he said, would prevent useless embargoes that destroy American export markets while creating opportunities for other countries. Warfield said engagement with other nations, not sanctions and embargoes, should be the preferred option.

"The United States, as the leader in world trade, has an unprecedented opportunity to promote its values throughout the world by peaceful engagement through trade," Warfield said, "Reaching out through engagement and trade, not withdrawing behind embargoes, is the best way to achieve positive change—not by denying ourselves access to the markets and creating opportunities for our competitors."

TRIBUTE FOR MR. JOHN M. MELLA

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 1998

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, this past April I had the pleasure to speak at a testimonial dinner in a small area of my district a few miles north of the Wisconsin border in a town called Iron Mountain. Iron Mountain is an old, ethnically diverse iron mining town which is surrounded by beautiful lush forests, roving wolves and soaring eagles. It is such a delight for me to have the opportunity to visit this town because of its relaxing atmosphere and the friendly demeanor of its residents. However, even in the apparent serenity of this tucked-away, laid-back fishing haven, many people in Iron Mountain still have the haunting memories of their days as soldiers during times of war.

You see Mr. Speaker, my district, Michigan's First Congressional District, has the most veterans residing in its area than any other congressional district in Michigan. So it is often that I attend a veterans gathering or function. The purpose of the testimonial dinner that I attended this past April was to honor one of those veterans. His name is John Mella and he is the reason why I stand before you

today with this tribute. Mr. Mella has recently completed his year as American Legion State Commander. We, in the Upper Peninsula, couldn't have been prouder to have him as State Commander since it has been fifteen years since a fellow Yooper has held the post.

Mr. Mella became part of the American Legion because of his honorable service in the United States Armed Forces. He has worked his way up as American Legion State Commander because of his continued patriotism and his commitment to the preservation of the memory of all soldiers of war. He, as do all veterans, understands what it means to be part of a community, to work together for one another. Mr. John Mella and all veterans who are part of the American Legion have made a pledge to our nation that during times of peace or times of war, they will be a united body to provide service to our country and will be the model of Americanism, joining together for the betterment of one another.

Ever since May 9, 1919 when the American Legion approved its constitution, it as upheld its stated commitment to God and Country. All citizens of the United States can look to these people who epitomize dedication and devotion to our nation. As the Representative of Michigan's First District, I am proud to have one of these such citizens residing in my district. In Iron Mountain, a town of apparent serenity and peacefulness, resides many brave Americans who had served and fought to protect justice, freedom and democracy, one particular is Mr. John Mella, a man of distinction, honor and service. A man who has my sincere admiration and appreciation. A man I am proud to call my friend.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL F. HILLIARD

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 1998

Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, June 11, 1998, I was unavoidably detained in a meeting with Attorney General Janet Reno, Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder, Martin Luther King III, Julian Bond, Revered Shuttlesworth, Alabama State Senator Hank Sanders, and others. The meeting was held in regard to discrimination and intimidation being committed by the FBI and U.S. district attorneys against African-American voters. This pattern of intimidation was carried out by continuously bringing charges of voter fraud and prosecuting people in Alabama's predominantly African-American counties.

If I had been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 229, "aye" on rollcall vote No. 230, and "aye" on rollcall vote No. 231, a very important vote on House Resolution 446 which condemns the brutal slaying that occurred recently in Jasper, TX.

SHIRLEY L. STORY AWARDED SOCIAL WORKER OF THE YEAR

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 1998

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I pay tribute to one of Northwest Indiana's most dedicated social workers, Shirley L. Story, of Gary, Indiana. On March 20, 1998, Shirley was honored at the Annual Social Worker of the Year and Citizen of the Year Awards Celebration with the Social Workers of the Year Award. The highest honor for a member of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), this award is given yearly to a person who displays outstanding leadership, commitment, and professionalism beyond the normal clientele relationship.

Shirley was honored for her exemplary work as a Social Worker Supervisor at St. Joseph's Carmelite School for Girls in East Chicago, Indiana. During her twelve years at the Carmelite School for Girls, Shirley has instituted programs dedicated to improving the lives of the young women with whom she has contact. Indeed, she has created such initiatives as the Independent Living Program, where high school seniors are allowed to rent an apartment. The girls pay bills, utilities, and work their own jobs learning valuable skills for their future. Shirley is also dedicated to improving the field of social work as a whole. She is currently serving her second term as a representative to the NASW Indiana Chapter, which allows her to share her knowledge and experience with other social workers around the state.

Deeply committed to the community through her work, Shirley also volunteers much of her personal time. She is actively involved in her church, the New Revelation Church, in Gary. Some examples of the dedication Shirley has for her church include her service as the First Vice President of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Baptist State Convention of Indiana, Inc., the Recording Secretary in the Progressive Baptist Convention Midwest Region, and a Co-Sunday School teacher for young women. In addition, Shirley is active in the Delta Sigma Theta Public Service Sorority, Church Women United, and the alumna associations of Loyola University and Ball State University. Though certainly dedicated to her work and community, Shirley is also a caring, family-oriented person. Her children, Chisle Leah and Vaughn Michael, are twenty-one and nineteen, respectively. Chisle is a licensed cosmetologist and Vaughn will attend Purdue University this fall. Part of a family, Shirley often takes care of her nieces and nephews, especially the children of her sister who passed away three years ago. In addition, she often visits her relatives to spend quality time with them.

Shirley plans to remain with the St. Joseph's Carmelite School for Girls. With the opportunities for creating new programs, positive effects of the community, and helping individuals in need, she is very satisfied in her current position as Social Worker Supervisor. However, Shirley has not limited her potential for good

works in the future. She is considering opening a consulting firm to broaden her activities throughout the region.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Shirley Story for being named Social Worker of the Year. Her dedication, service, and leadership to her community and her family has rewarded the people of Indiana's First Congressional District with one of the real heroes of our time.

IN HONOR OF TOM SALOPEK

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tom Salopek, who was recently chosen to serve as Guest Conductor for the 1998 Junior Tamburitza Festival. Tom's selection is yet another sweet note in a career marked by his love for the tambura.

A member of the Zagreb Junior Tamburitza at the age of nine, Tom was something of a music prodigy. In fulfillment of this promise, he would later become Assistant Musical Director of AZJT from 1979-1980 and then Musical Director from 1987-1991. In 1992, Tom was named the tambura instructor and musical director of Cleveland Junior Tamburitza, a position he still holds.

A dedicated musician with an unyielding and untiring vision as to his artform, Tom inspires the respect of his pupils with his dedication, spending long hours searching for and arranging the group's music. His appointment as Guest Conductor is a recognition of this dedication to craft.

Tom's passion for tambura is hardly surprising when one considers his roots in the Croatian community. Tom's parents, Peter and Kay, encouraged their children's interest in Croatian tambura, becoming actively involved in their group. To this day, Tom remains close to his roots, living in Cleveland's "Old World" East 185th neighborhood.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in congratulating Tom Salopek on his appointment as Guest Conductor at the 1998 Junior Tamburitza Festival. Let his sweet music continue for years to come.

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHATHAM BOROUGH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, CHATHAM, MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 1998

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Chatham Borough Volunteer Fire Department located in Chatham, New Jersey on the occasion of their 100th anniversary. This anniversary marks the culmination of a long, proud history of providing voluntary protection of the lives of the citizens and their property in case of fire. The

fire department will celebrate this historic centennial with a week of scheduled events beginning on June 27, 1998.

The department was officially organized on May 7, 1898 and less than a week later the Chatham Volunteer Fire Department responded to its first fire. Ironically, the fire was at the home of one of its charter members. The fire department's original quarters were in the Ryerson building which was located on South Passaic Avenue. It is now the site of the parking area in front of the post office. In 1959, the present firehouse was built on the east side of Reasoner Park.

In the beginning, the department was composed of two companies, each were limited to 20 people. Number 1 Company's members had to live on the north side of the railroad and Number 2 Company's had to reside on the south side of the railroad. In 1930, the department was reorganized into three companies of fifteen members each. Original equipment included six hundred feet of hose and two hose carts purchased from Madison. The former Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad donated a rim from a steam locomotive wheel which, when struck with a sledge hammer, served as the first fire alarm. It wasn't until August of 1902 that the firemen were able to purchase a steam fire whistle. The whistle was installed at what is now the Borough's water pumping station.

In May of 1924, the Borough installed a Gamewell fire alarm system. In 1955, the fire department decided to take advantage of a new system offered by the telephone company that involved installing bells in each fireman's home. The bell system was replaced in 1966 by a new system of radio alerting. Special short-wave receivers were purchased from the Plectron Corporation. Today there are 96 fire alarms strategically located throughout the Borough.

One of the most significant milestones in the history of the Chatham Volunteer Fire Department was the organization of an Emergency Squad composed of firemen from each of the companies in the department. In June 1938, the Borough purchased its first ambulance. The Emergency Squad remained a part of the fire department until 1951 when it became a separate volunteer organization, The Chatham Emergency Squad, Inc.

Over the years, the Chatham Volunteer Fire Department has acquired a reputation as a well equipped, well-trained organization of dedicated members who have given long hours of service to the Borough of Chatham. Since 1948, the department has initiated several community service projects in the areas of fire prevention and recreation. I applaud the men and women of the Chatham Borough Volunteer Fire Department who have protected the citizens of the Borough against the threat of fire and other dangers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me and our colleagues, in congratulating the Chatham Borough Volunteer Fire Department for 100 years of volunteerism and exemplary service.

BANKRUPTCY REFORM

HON. LEE H. HAMILTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 1998

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, I insert my Washington Report for Wednesday, June 17, 1998 into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

BANKRUPTCY REFORM

Last week the House approved a major overhaul of the nation's bankruptcy code. The reform measure, which now goes to the Senate for further consideration, would generally make it more difficult for consumers with average or above average incomes to avoid repayment of credit card and other unsecured debts by filing for bankruptcy protection.

The bill comes in response to the record number of consumer bankruptcy filings in this country. While bankruptcy filings by businesses have remained relatively stable over the past decade, filings by consumers have almost tripled in the last ten years, rising from 473,000 in 1986 to more than 1.4 million in 1997. And they are projected to increase further even though the economy is strong and unemployment is at record lows.

The concern is that the current system is tilted too heavily towards consumers and is easily abused. There have been numerous stories over the years of millionaires and others who exploit bankruptcy provisions to evade their financial obligations. Reformers argue that consumers who rack up large debts should, to the greatest extent possible, be required to pay off some or all of their debts.

BACKGROUND

Bankruptcy laws, which date back to biblical times, have historically favored creditors and discouraged insolvency. American law, however, takes a more lenient approach toward the bankrupt debtor, reflecting this country's emphasis on giving people a second chance. Our law generally allows an individual or business to discharge most or all of his or her debts and get back on sound footing. Congress established the first comprehensive bankruptcy system in 1898, and has rewritten and revised the code on numerous occasions over the years.

The average consumer has two basic options when filing for bankruptcy. Most consumers opt to file under Chapter 7, a liquidation procedure under which the individual is excused from paying most debts by allowing a trustee to sell assets that are worth more than legal exemption limits for homes, cars, and other property. Close to one-third of bankrupt debtors, in contrast, choose to hold on to their assets by filing under Chapter 13, under which they are put on a three-to-five year plan to repay debts in part or in whole. The downside to filing for bankruptcy is that a debtor can be labeled a credit risk and have difficulty obtaining credit for years.

There are numerous explanations for why the number of bankruptcies continues to grow, such as legalized gambling, reduced health insurance coverage, and divorce, but most experts agree that the major reason is that more Americans than ever before have access to credit. There has been a revolution in the last 20 years in the way American families borrow and use credit and in the way American businesses finance their growth. The result, over time, has been sustained economic expansion and, for families, unprecedented access to credit to purchase

consumer goods and services. Today, four of every five families have at least one credit card, and non-mortgage consumer debt from all sources stands at \$1.7 trillion. The downside to this trend is that, for some consumers, easy credit can mean mounting debts and greater risk of bankruptcy.

HOUSE BILL

The House bill significantly reforms the bankruptcy system by generally barring individuals with average or higher incomes from avoiding their debts under Chapter 7. The measure would establish a strict means test to determine who is eligible for Chapter 7 protection, sending those who do not qualify home or to Chapter 13. Specifically, the bill allows only those with earnings equal to or less than the national median income (\$51,405 for a family of four) to file Chapter 7 bankruptcy.

The bill makes other significant reforms in bankruptcy law. First, it would give higher priority to repayment of credit cards (although child support would take priority over credit card and other types of unsecured debt). Second, it would require tax returns and paycheck stubs to be included in bankruptcy petitions, and allows creditors to challenge the validity of an individual's bankruptcy claim. Third, the bill establishes an educational program to make sure consumers receive information about alternatives to bankruptcy before filing. Fourth, it tries to discourage debtors from repeat filings for bankruptcy protection.

PRO AND CON

Those who support bankruptcy reform say it is necessary to make consumers personally responsible for the debt, particularly credit card debt, they carry. Reform advocates contend that the current system is too lax, giving consumers, many of whom have the means to pay down their debts, the ability to avoid repayment—to the tune of \$40 billion per year. The current system, it is argued, undermines the nation's credit system and increases the cost of borrowing for every American household.

Opponents of current reform proposals respond that credit card companies, not consumers, are mainly responsible for the bankruptcy crisis. They see the bill as unfair to ordinary households, unduly elevating the rights of creditors. Lenders, in a bid to get more consumer business, are mailing more and more credit card solicitations—close to 3 billion solicitations last year—and targeting lower-income Americans, who present a considerable credit risk. Recent reports suggest that the majority of individuals seeking debt relief are low to moderate income, so forcing those individuals into Chapter 13 bankruptcy may make it harder for them to pay off their debts and get on their feet again.

CONCLUSION

I supported passage of the bankruptcy reform bill in the House, albeit with some reservations. I recognize that those persons who file for bankruptcy are not all deadbeats, and that many file after suffering a major setback, such as job loss or massive medical bills. I, nonetheless, believe that the current system can be too easily abused. We must restore personal responsibility to our bankruptcy laws, so that those who can afford to repay some of their debts be required to do so.

The House bill strikes a reasonable balance. It has no effect on lower income families, while making bankruptcy less attractive to others. Wealthier individuals should not use bankruptcy protection as a way to shield their assets. At the same time I be-

lieve that credit card companies bear some responsibility for dramatic rise in bankruptcy rates by extending credit too easily. They should not receive a windfall from proposed reforms, and should not, for example, get priority over child support payments.

THANK YOU TO MR. LEE HAMMER

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 1998

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to Mr. Lee Hammer for his efforts on behalf of the citizens of Middle Tennessee and on my behalf.

Lee has served as a member of my Congressional Staff for two-and-a-half years, beginning in November of 1995. He is a highly motivated and very cooperative staffer. There is a great volume of detail work in a congressional office. Lee has pitched-in and has undertaken even the less glamorous aspects of the work with enthusiasm. Lee speaks well and has sound analytical skills. He is well-regarded by his fellow staff members.

In the course of his work, he has tracked and overseen the drafting of legislation, responded to constituent inquiries, represented me before industry and trade association representatives, and drafted testimony and floor statements. In my capacity as a member of the Commerce Committee, Lee has handled some of the legislative issues most important to me and to my constituents.

Lee has already completed a Masters Degree in Political Science and is preparing to undertake the study of law. At the close of this month, he will be leaving my office to pursue a legal education at the Southwestern University School of Law in his hometown of Los Angeles, California.

My staff and I join in wishing Lee the best of fortune as he enters law school.

IN HONOR OF ST. JOHN'S
BYZANTINE CATHEDRAL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the centennial anniversary of St. John's Byzantine Cathedral which is located in Parma, Ohio.

St. John's Cathedral had its small beginnings at St. Joseph's Chapel in 1898. There were only a few parishioners in the beginning, but as more people came the Reverend Peter Keselak deemed it necessary to construct a separate Church. The Church continued to grow, but, because of World War I, in 1918 St. John's was without a pastor. The Church struggled to stay together facing many difficulties. It is only because of the strong faith of the parishioners that St. John's managed to survive.

In March of 1922 Father Stephan Gulyassy became pastor of St. John's Church, and

many of the advancements can be credited to him. He bought the land for the Parma site in 1945, and in 1969 St. John's Cathedral was moved to Parma. The Cathedral is still thriving at this site today.

There are many generations of dedicated parishioners who have attended St. John's, and it is the 100 years of dedication which will be celebrated at this remarkable occasion. St. John's Cathedral has provided a great service to both its people and its community. It is because of this service that I ask you, my fellow colleagues, to please join me in congratulating the St. John's Byzantine Cathedral for its 100th year of service.

THE E IN E-RATE IS FOR
EDUCATION NOT EVASION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 1998

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support putting the E, for education, back in the e-rate.

One of the most touted accomplishments of the 104th Congress was the passage of the Telecommunications Reform Act of 1996. This legislation was hailed as the progenitor of a new era of technological innovation, entrepreneurial creativity and enhanced consumer choice in the telecommunications sector.

But what has happened since telecom reform passed has been the opposite of what was promised.

Local telephone rates have increased in many regions of our Nation. Competition has been threatened as major long-distance carriers rush to create a big brother bell from the babies antitrust had mandated a few years before.

Telecom conglomerates that spent millions lobbying this institution for reform have reaped the rewards of their aggressive advocacy efforts. Their profits are soaring.

However, despite these record gains, telecom's corporate giants have bluntly told our children that they are not going to honor their obligation to provide affordable technology for schools and libraries.

Recently, new telephone service surcharges have been imposed on consumers by a number of telecommunications companies.

These new fees will pass the costs of providing needed technology discounts to schools and libraries on to the consumers. This is intolerable.

The e-rate program is one of the few sections of the telecommunications bill that can directly benefit our young people.

The demands for technology in our schools is every-increasing and the longer we wait to meet this demand the further our Nation's children fall behind in the information age economy.

The telecom giants have earned billions through telecom reform. They should keep their promise to America's children.

Mr. Speaker, the E in e-rate is for education not evasion.

I urge the telecom giants to support the education of our children and stop evading their responsibilities.

FOURTH ANNUAL CITIZENSHIP
DAY EVENT

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 1998

Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, last Saturday, on June 13, my staff and I hosted our Fourth Annual Citizenship Day Event. This is a one-stop application processing opportunity for residents who wish to become U.S. citizens.

With the help of local volunteers, elected officials, and community-based organizations, we were able to help 350 residents take their first step to becoming a U.S. citizen.

The Citizenship Day process consists of completing INS forms, taking photographs, and having attorneys and INS representatives review the application. Upon completing this process, the application is photocopied for the applicant and immediately mailed to INS.

Every year, I am amazed at the number of people who attend this event. While some of us tend to take for granted that we live in a great country, others wait in line all night long simply to submit an application to become a U.S. citizen.

Although an event like this takes many months of coordinating and planning, the rewards are remarkable. Not only does it provide a service to our community, but it also increases awareness among legal residents about the importance of becoming a citizen. Moreover, it's encouraging to see volunteers return every year to contribute their time and effort.

I am extremely thankful of the following volunteers, groups and organizations who assisted in making this event possible:

Houston Community College, Northeast Campus; Harris County Constable, Victor Trevino; Immigration and Naturalization Service; United States Postal Service; Houston Industries; League of United Latin American Citizens; National Association of Latino Elected Officials; Hispanic Women in Leadership; Rio Posada Restaurant; Fiesta Mart, Inc.; Hispanic Organization of Postal Employees; Houston Coca Cola Bottling Co.; Pizza Hut; Chase Bank; Telemundo, Channel 48; Univision, Channel 45; College Democrats @ University of Houston; Quan, Burdette & Perez, Attorneys at Law; Esther Alaniz; Alicia Almandariz; David Airhart; Artie Blanco; Della Barajas; Debra Barnes; Yasmine Cadena; Mary Closner; Mitchell Contreras; Romero Cruz; Hector De Leon; Anselmo Davila; Armando Entenza; Arthur Flores; Charles Flores; Dr. Margaret Ford; Celia Garcia; Cyndi Garza; Juan Garcia; Rosa Garcia; Reynaldo Garza; Victor Gonzalez; Juana Gonzalez; Priscilla Gonzalez; Manuel Gonzalez; Mary Guerrero; Rebecca Guerrero; Joe Granados; Ben D. Huynh; Ana Maria Lopez; Dorothy Ledezma; Alfred Martinez; John Martinez; Benny Martinez; Margaret Mata; Edward Melendez; Josephine Mendoza; John Meyer; Diana Morales; Sally Morin; Mercedes Nassar; Janie Munoz; Frances Munoz; Art Murillo; Ana Nunez; Sandra M. Orellana; Juan Padilla; Cesar De Paz; Richard Perez; Candy Perez; Andre Rodriguez; Jesse P. Ramirez; Francisco Rodriguez; Mayor Cipriano Romero; Juana Rosales; Rosa Ruelas; Yeannett Salazar; Thomas Sanchez; Olga Soliz; Diana Trevino; Marco Torres; Vera Vasquez; Suzanne

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

Villareal; Patricia Valdez; Ralph Vasquez; and Shahid Waheed.

FEDERAL LIMITATIONS ON DIS-
CLOSURE OF GRAND JURY IN-
FORMATION

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 1998

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, Rule 6(e)(2) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure governs the secrecy of grand jury information. It provides:

"A grand juror, an interpreter, a stenographer, an operator of a recording device, a typist who transcribes recorded testimony, an attorney for the government, or any person to whom disclosure is made under paragraph (3)(A)(ii) of this subdivision shall not disclose matters occurring before the grand jury, except as otherwise provided for in these rules. No obligation of secrecy may be imposed on any person except in accordance with this rule. A knowing violation of Rule 6 may be punished as a contempt of court."

In a case called *In re Motions of Dow Jones & Company*, which was decided in May of this year, the D.C. Circuit wrote that Rule 6(e) reaches "not only what has occurred and what is occurring, but also what is likely to occur. Encompassed within the rule of secrecy are the identities of witnesses or jurors, the substance of testimony as well as actual transcripts, the strategy or direction of the investigation, the deliberations or questions of jurors, and the like." The *Dow Jones* decision involved a request by media organizations for access to court hearings and pleadings regarding Mr. Starr's investigation of the President.

The rule and the *Dow Jones* case make clear that an Independent Counsel may not disclose evidence or testimony that he or she reasonably expects to be presented to a grand jury.

RECOGNIZING JEAN O'DONNELL

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 17, 1998

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent, Mrs. Jean O'Donnell, who has been a faithful citizen of Flora, Illinois. She is celebrating her retirement after 30 years of service as a dedicated Flora city employee, and I would like to thank her for her tireless efforts and wish her all the best in retirement.

Jean was born in the very same city she has worked for all of her life. She attended Harter Stanford Township High School, now Flora High School. When Jean graduated from high school, she was married the next month to her high school boyfriend, Mr. Donald Gene Hall and they raised four children. After her husband's death in 1985, she married Mr. William Michael O'Donnell in 1987. After retirement, they plan to spend time camping together and enjoying their free time.

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Jean is a very caring person, evident in the time she has devoted to her family and career. She started working under the administration of the late William Given in 1968. Jean was then appointed city clerk and collector under the administration of Lewis Wolfe. Since she has been working for the city government, Jean has served under nine administrations and seven mayors.

In addition, Jean has shared her time being an active member in the community through the First United Methodist Church and the Clay County Cancer Society. She displays her exemplary character as both an active public servant and active community citizen. The city of Flora recognized these qualities and honored her accomplishments in April.

Citizens such as Jean O'Donnell demonstrate to me all the necessary qualities of being a member of the public sector and the goals that I strive to fulfill as United States Representative. Mr. Speaker, please join with me in recognizing Mrs. Jean O'Donnell as she retires after 30 years of dedicated service to the Flora community. It is an honor to represent her in the United States Congress.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, June 18, 1998, may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 22

2:00 p.m.

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings on the nomination of Jacob Joseph Lew, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

SD-342

JUNE 23

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To resume oversight hearings to examine certain implications of independence for Puerto Rico.

SH-216

Judiciary

To hold hearings on S. 2148, to protect religious liberty.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.
Foreign Relations
Business meeting, to consider pending calendar business.
S-116, Capitol

JUNE 24

9:30 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Business meeting, to to consider pending calendar business.
SD-366

Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine fairness in punitive damage awards.
SD-226

10:00 a.m.
Governmental Affairs
To resume hearings to examine the state of computer security within Federal, State and local agencies.
SD-342

Select on Intelligence
To hold closed hearings on intelligence matters.
SH-219

2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Water and Power Subcommittee
To hold joint hearings with the Committee on Indian Affairs on S. 1771, to amend the Colorado Ute Indian Water Rights Settlement Act to provide for a final settlement of the claims of the Colorado Ute Indian Tribes, and S. 1899, entitled "Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation Indian Reserved Water Rights Settlement Act of 1998".
SR-485

Indian Affairs
To hold joint hearings with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources' Subcommittee on Water and Power on S. 1771, to amend the Colorado Ute Indian Water Rights Settlement Act to provide for a final settlement of the claims of the Colorado Ute Indian Tribes, and S. 1899, entitled "Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation Indian Reserved Water Rights Settlement Act of 1998".
SR-485

Select on Intelligence
To hold closed hearings on intelligence matters.
SH-219

JUNE 25

9:30 a.m.
Labor and Human Resources
To hold hearings to examine health insurance coverage for older workers.
SD-430

2:00 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee
To hold hearings on S. 2146, to provide for the exchange of certain lands within the State of Utah.
SD-366

JULY 8

9:30 a.m.
Indian Affairs
To hold hearings on S. 1905, to provide for equitable compensation for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, H.R. 700, to remove the restriction on the distribution of certain revenues from the Mineral Springs parcel to certain members of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, S. 391, to provide for the disposition of certain funds appropriated to pay judgment in favor of the Mississippi Sioux Indians, and S. 1419, to deem the activities of the Micosukee Tribe on the Tamiami Indian Reserve to be consistent with the purposes of the Everglades National Park.
SR-485

JULY 9

9:30 a.m.
Governmental Affairs
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations
To resume hearings to examine the adequacy of procedures and systems used by the Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service and the Department of Health and Human Services Food and Drug Administration to oversee the safety of food imported into the United States, focusing on the outbreak of Cyclospora associated with fresh raspberries imported into the U.S. from Central America.
SD-342

JULY 14

2:30 p.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Water and Power Subcommittee
To hold hearings on S. 1515, to increase authorization levels for State and In-

dian tribal, municipal, rural, and industrial water supplies, to meet current and future water quantity and quality needs of the Red River Valley, S. 2111, to establish the conditions under which the Bonneville Power Administration and certain Federal agencies may enter into a memorandum of agreement concerning management of the Columbia/Snake River Basin, and S. 2117, to authorize the construction of the Perkins County Rural Water System and authorize financial assistance to the Perkins County Rural Water System, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, in the planning and construction of the water supply system.
SD-366

JULY 15

9:30 a.m.
Indian Affairs
To hold hearings on S. 2097, to encourage and facilitate the resolution of conflicts involving Indian tribes.
SR-485

JULY 21

10:00 a.m.
Judiciary
To hold oversight hearings to examine the Department of Justice's implementation of the Violence Against Women Act.
SD-226

OCTOBER 6

9:30 a.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs on the legislative recommendations of the American Legion.
345 Cannon Building

POSTPONEMENTS

JUNE 18

10:00 a.m.
Finance
To hold hearings to examine new directions in retirement income policy, focusing on social security, pensions, and personal savings.
SD-215