Mr. EHRlich. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, September 10, I was unavoidably detained due to my involvement in the Maryland primary. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: “Aye,” on rollcall No. 378, on motion to close portions of the conference on H.R. 3210; “Aye,” on rollcall No. 379, on motion that the House instruct conferences on H.R. 3210; “Aye,” on rollcall No. 380, on agreeing to the Journal; “Aye,” on rollcall No. 381, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 513; “Aye,” on rollcall No. 382, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H.R. 3880; and “Aye,” on rollcall No. 383, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Con. Res. 320.

Mr. Speaker, as we reflect on the events of September 11, we must consider the vulnerability of our institutions and the critical role they play in our national security. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is one such institution, which has played a significant role in advancing medical research and addressing health threats around the globe.

After September 11, Congress authorized NIH to develop a 4-million square foot research hospital, the third largest federal research hospital in the world, to be built in Bethesda, Maryland. The NIH campus is vulnerable and made by U.S. intelligence experts who determined that the NIH campus is a potential target for terrorist attack and/or infiltration and theft of protected materials and research. Unfortunately, the force has never reached such heights due to its current pay and retirement system.

NIH police are one of the lowest paid in the Washington-Metropolitan area. The minimum salary for NIH police, $26,415, fails thousands short of what’s offered by some federal agencies, and even by some local police departments. Making matters worse, NIH police are not classified as federal “law enforcement officers,” and are thereby denied the superior retirement benefits that distinction affords. The result is in low retention of officers and difficulty with recruitment. Without retirements included, their exists a 77 percent attrition rate at NIH yearly. Currently, the force has faced such problems with officer retention and recruitment that by June, its numbers had dwindled to about 50.

Due to the severity of the situation and the resources that NIH protects, I am introducing legislation that would allow NIH to bolster its security force. This bill would add no additional costs to the federal government, it would simply allow some long overdue flexibility to be used by NIH. This would include: Making NIH Police “Federal Law Enforcement Officers,” which allows their officers who are doing the same essential work as other “law enforcement officers” to receive commensurate salaries and retirement pay. Allowing NIH police to carry firearms, serve warrants and subpoenas, and make arrests without warrant for any offense against the U.S.

Conducting investigations within the U.S. for offenses committed on property occupied by NIH.

Without these changes, we are undoubtedly allowing a prime target to remain vulnerable to terrorists. Protecting the 4-million square foot research hospital, the third largest federal building in the world, must be a priority of this Congress and I urge support for this legislation.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SHAYNA L. SMITH

HON. ROBERT W. NEY
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Shayna Smith has devoted herself to education during her enrollment at Wheeling Jesuit University; and

Whereas, Shayna Smith has spent countless hours in the pursuit of academic excellence; and

Whereas, Shayna Smith has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Shayna Smith must be commended for the hard work and dedication she put forth in graduating from Wheeling Jesuit University;

Therefore, I join the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Shayna Smith as she receives her Bachelor of Science from Wheeling Jesuit University Scout Award.

TRIBUTE TO MR. BOB STANLEY

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO
OF WEST VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of a constituent of mine, Mr. Bob Stanley. I am proud to recognize Mr. Stanley for more than twenty years of devoted service to the trucking industry and the state of West Virginia.

For the last nineteen years, Mr. Stanley has been the Managing Director and President of the West Virginia Motor Truck Association. During his prestigious years as President, Mr. Stanley has built an organization that is financially strong and well respected throughout the state of West Virginia. As a voice for the trucking industry, he is also highly respected and regarded as a true professional and gentleman.

Prior to his employment in the trucking industry, Mr. Stanley served twenty-six years with the West Virginia State Police. In 1979, Bob Stanley retired as Lt. Colonel/Deputy Superintendent.

It is an honor to commend Mr. Stanley on his service to the trucking industry as well as to the state of West Virginia.

HONORING SANTA BARBARA COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT BILL CIRONE

HON. LOIS CAPPS
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to pay tribute to the Santa Barbara County Superintendent of Schools, Bill Cirone. I have known Bill for many years, dating back to the days when I was a school nurse in the Santa Barbara County schools, and I am very pleased to have the opportunity to honor him today.

On October 3, 2002, the Emmas of Santa Barbara will present the 2002 Richard Breza Service to Santa Barbara Award to Bill Cirone. I can think of no more deserving person than Bill to receive this award, as he has served Santa Barbara County Schools for the past 20 years in his position as Superintendent. Bill has created the nationally acclaimed Santa Barbara “Center for Community Education and Citizen Participation” and has constantly emphasized the importance of community service in our schools. Bill has served on the board of directors or advisory boards for many organizations, including the University of California at Santa Barbara Gevirtz Research Center, the National Association of Partners in
Education, the Santa Barbara Industry Edu-
cation Council, the Santa Barbara Foundation,
the Thomas Jefferson Center for Character
Education and the Santa Barbara Grand
Opera Association.

Santa Barbara’s County Schools are truly a
product of Bill’s creativity and passion for ex-
cellence. He has improved the lives of thou-
sands of children, their parents, and commu-
nity members as a whole. It is always refresh-
ing to see Bill at community events, as he
serves as an example of someone who cares
so deeply about our children’s futures. There
are so many extraordinary people on Califor-
nia’s central coast, but there is no doubt that
there is a special place in my heart for Bill
Crone.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to
pay tribute to our wonderful Superintendent
on this glorious occasion.

THE PRAIRIE ROSE CHAPTER OF
THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMER-
ICAN REVOLUTION SALUTES
CONSTITUTION WEEK

HON. DENNIS MOORE
OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, the week of Sep-
tember 17–23 has been officially designated as
Constitution Week under Public Law 105–
225. This marks the 215th anniversary of the
signing of our Constitution.

The guardian of our liberties, our Constitu-
ion established our republic as a self-gov-
erning nation dedicated to rule by law. This
document is the cornerstone of our freedom.
It was written to protect every American from
the abuse of power by government. Without that
restraint, our founders believed the republic
would perish.

The ideals upon which our Constitution is
based are reinforced each day by the success
of our political system to which it gave birth.
The success of our way of government re-
quires an enlightened citizenry. Constitution
Week provides an opportunity for all Americans to recall the achievements of
our founders, the nature of limited govern-
ment, and the rights, privileges and respons-
bilities of citizenship. It provides the oppor-
tunity to be better informed about our rights,
freedoms and duties as citizens.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I particularly want
to take note of the outstanding work of the
Prairie Rose Chapter of the Kansas Society of
the Daughters of the American Revolution, which is actively involved in the Third Con-
gressional District in events this week com-
memorating Constitution Week. The Prairie
Rose Chapter has been involved with this ef-
fort in our communities for a number of years
and I commend them for doing so.

Our Constitution has served us well for over
200 years, but it will continue as a strong, vi-
brant, and vital foundation for freedom only so
long as the American people remain dedicated
to the basic principles on which it rests. Thus,
the United States continues into its third
century of constitutional democracy, let us
renew our determination to, in the words of our
Constitution’s preamble: “form a more perfect
Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tran-
quility, provide for the common defence, pro-
mote the general Welfare, and secure the
Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Pos-
terity . . .” I know that the Prairie Rose Chap-
ter of the Kansas Society of the Daughters
of the American Revolution joins with me in urg-
ing all Americans to renew their commitment
to, and understanding of, our Constitution, par-
ticularly in light of crisissituatedness: where
Americans have been attacked on our own
soil by terrorists who do not recognize the rule
of human law.

HONORING DAN WILFORD
HON. KEN BENTSEN
OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to
pay tribute to Mr. Dan S. Wilford on the occa-
sion of his retirement as president of Memorial
Hermann Healthcare System, based in Hous-
ton, Texas. Mr. Wilford has served as Chief Executive Officer of
Memorial Hermann, with 11 hospitals in the
greater Houston area, an outpatient center,
two nursing homes, a wellness center, a re-
tirement community and a network of affiliates
throughout southern Texas. Under his leader-
ship, Memorial Hermann has become the larg-
est non-profit health care system in Texas and
among the largest in the country.

As a member of University of Mississippi’s
class of 1962, Mr. Wilford was inducted into
the University’s Alumni Hall of Fame in 1995.
He earned his Master’s Degree in Hospital Ad-
ministration at Washington University in St.
Louis in 1966 and completed his residency in
hospital administration at Hillcrest Medical
Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Prior to his arrival
at Memorial Hermann, Mr. Wilford served in
various administrative capacities for 20 years.
He was associated with Hillcrest Medical Cen-
ter in Tulsa for 10 years in addition to serving
as president of North Mississippi Health Serv-
ces in Tupelo, Mississippi from 1974 to 1984.

Mr. Wilford has proudly served on the board
of directors of many professional organiza-
tions. He is active in Voluntary Hospitals of
America, Texas Hospital Association, Amer-
ican Hospital Association, Hospital Research
and Development Institute, American College
of Healthcare Executives, Greater Houston
Partnership, Houston Area and Fort Bend
County Chambers of Commerce, United Way
of the Texas Gulf Coast and First United
Methodist Church of Sugar Land, Texas.
Through his commitment to these organiza-
tions, Mr. Wilford has set himself apart as a
leader and activist in the health care commu-
nity.

His dedication to the health care profession
has lead many acclaimed institutions to recog-
nize Mr. Wilford’s achievements. In 1995, he
was the recipient of the Washington University
Health Administration Program Distinguished
Alumnus Award, received an honorary Doc-
torate of Laws degree from Houston Baptist
University and was named Business Leader of
the Year in Fort Bend County, Texas. Two
years later, he received the American College
of Healthcare Executives Gold Medal Award
and was posthumously awarded the C. Collier
Award by the Texas Hospital Association.

In addition to his many professional
achievements and honors, Mr. Wilford is a re-
tired National Football League official who has
actively participated in sports throughout his
life.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Wilford has established a
legacy by building a health care system with
a strong commitment to spiritual values and
community-focused care. With his retirement
from Memorial Hermann, Mr. Wilford cel-
brates the conclusion of a stellar 40-year ca-
reer in hospital management and I congratu-
late him on his unwavering commitment to
health care and inspirational leadership.

HONORING DR. NOEL SMITH OF
WACO, TEXAS, A TRUE UNSUNG
HERO

HON. CHET EDWARDS
OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to
honor a great Texan, Dr. Noel Smith of Waco,
who had the vision for an independent public
television station in Central Texas. Earning a
Ph.D. in Distance Learning from Texas A&M
University, Dr. Smith rose to become the Chair
of the Telecommunications Department at
Central Texas College in Waco, where he ef-
effectively used his talents as teacher, mentor,
and counselor to improve the lives of many
Texans.

It was at Central Texas College that Dr. Smith
came actively involved in his lifelong commit-
tment to KCTF Television. In its early days
after a long stand-alone station, KCTF experi-
enced more problems than shining moments.
But in 1994, when its owners withdrew support
for the station, Dr. Smith rallied a committed
group of Waco citizens who convinced the
Chancellor and Trustees of Central Texas Col-
lege to sell them the license.

Once Dr. Smith’s group bought the license,
the hard work began. It was as though every-
one at the station was performing on a high
wire without a net. Yet somehow, Dr. Smith
stayed faithful to the vision of creating a com-
munity public television station and, thank-fully, his vision became a reality. Brazos
Valley Public Broadcasting, as it was now called,
was born. KCTF would eventually become KWBU,
and KWBU would expand to include public
radio. Dr. Smith articulated his vision in the
KWBU Mission Statement:

“KWBU shall serve as an essential lifelong
resource providing quality public television
and radio programs and services for the enrich-
mnt of the lives of the residents of McLennan
County.”

Mr. Speaker, Not many ideas make it from
vision to reality. But this one has because
Dr. Smith has worked tirelessly to ensure
that public television in Central Texas
achieves that mission.

In his professional life, Dr. Noel Smith has
held many national positions of leadership
that have contributed to the growth of public
broadcasting. He served with distinction on
the board of directors of the Southern Educa-
tional Communications Association, now the
National Educational Telecommunications
Association, and he was a member of the PBS
Board of Directors. He has used his leader-
ship responsibilities to effectively represent the interests of small market licensees.

During the course of his career, Dr. Smith
has accomplished a tremendous amount of