buried targets. I also understand that the fund
provided within this bill for B2 bomber inte-
gration efforts is also intended for non-nuclear
earth penetrators.

Last month, the National Academy of
Sciences concluded that the use of a nuclear
"bunker buster" would cause massive civilian
casualties. If the Senate approves it, assuming we can
overcome serious design problems and as-
suming we can live with the consequences of
putting U.S. troops in danger from radioactive
fallout if we ever used an RNEP or a similar
weapon.

In the past, Utahns suffering from cancer as
a result of radioactive fallout exposure had to
wait to receive compensation because federal
funds ran out. It’s wrong to spend precious
dollars on unusable fantasy weapons that our
military doesn’t seem to need or want.

We live in an era when terrorism and na-
tional security concerns dominate the political
landscape, as well they should. We should
focus limited funding dollars on usable war-
heads that can actually make a difference in
combating our enemies.

I have always been a strong supporter of
the military and I’m well aware of the uncon-
ventional war we face against terrorists. How-
ever, the threats we face as a nation provide
the best reason for Congress to fund only the
best usable weaponry to support American
soldiers.

Many of my colleagues in the House recog-
nize the importance of this issue and they
share my concerns about competing efforts in
the Senate to fund RNEP. I hope that during
conference negotiations on this bill, the con-
feres maintain this language.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO SUS-
PEND THE DUTY ON CERTAIN
EDUCATIONAL TOYS AND DE-
VICES

HON. WALLY HERGER
OP CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, June 22, 2005

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to
introduce a bill to suspend the duty on elec-
tronic educational toys for children. This duty
is, in fact, an educational tax on the con-
sumer.

At a time when we as policymakers are fo-
cusing on ways to enhance education for our
children, it is important to aggressively pro-
mote tools that are valuable in teaching funda-
mental skills. Penalizing the consumer for buy-
ing educational toys is contrary to the coun-
try’s educational goals.

Currently, computers and toys enter the
United States duty free. But electronic educa-
tional toys have a duty. This duty is inevi-
tably passed on to the consumer. We do not
want to create a situation where a consumer
may be less inclined to buy an educational toy
versus a regular toy, which has not had to ab-
sorb the cost of the duty.

The company leading the fight to elimi-
rate the tax on electronic educational toys is a
California company, LeapFrog Enterprises, Inc. LeapFrog is an innovative company and a
leading developer of educational products, cur-
cently employing 1,000 people in my state.
I hope my colleagues will join me in this ef-
fort to end an unwise tax on education.
restriction on American farmers and allow them to grow industrial hemp in accord with State law.

Industrial hemp is a crop that was grown legally throughout the United States for most of our Nation's history. In fact, during World War II, the Federal government actively encouraged American farmers to grow industrial hemp to help the war effort. The Department of Agriculture even produced a film "Hemp for Victory" encouraging the plant's cultivation.

In recent years, the hemp plant has been put to many popular uses in foods and in industry. Grocery stores sell hemp seeds and oil as well as food products containing oil and seeds from the hemp plant. Industrial hemp is also included in consumer products such as paper, clothes, cosmetics, and carpet. One of the more innovative recent uses of industrial hemp is in the door frames of about 1.5 million cars. Hemp has even been used in alternative automobile fuels.

It is unfortunate that the Federal government has stood in the way of American farmers, including many who are struggling to make ends meet, competing in the global industrial hemp market. Indeed, the founders of our Nation, some of whom grew hemp, would surely find that Federal restrictions on farmers growing a safe and profitable crop on their own land are inconsistent with the constitutional guarantee of a limited, restrained Federal government. Therefore, I urge my colleagues to stand up for American farmers and cosponsor the Industrial Hemp Farming Act.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored and pleased to recognize the Town of Phelps on this historic day. One hundred years is a very special accomplishment, and on behalf of the residents of Wisconsin's 8th Congressional District, and the U.S. Congress, we say congratulations.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROB SIMMONS
OF CONNECTICUT
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, June 22, 2005

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, I was regrettably delayed in my return to Washington, DC from an official visit to Kings Bay, Georgia and was unable to be on the House Floor for roll call votes 274 to 282.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 274, an amendment offered by Mr. ROYCE; "yea" on rollcall 275, an amendment offered by Mr. FENTENBERRY; "yea" on rollcall 276, an amendment offered by Mr. FLAKE; "yea" on rollcall 277, an amendment offered by Mr. CHABOT and Mr. LANTOS; "yea" on rollcall 278, an amendment offered by Mr. PENCE; "nay" on rollcall 279, an amendment offered by Mr. GOHMERT; "nay" on rollcall 280, an amendment offered by Mr. STEARNS; "yea" on rollcall 281, the Lantos/Shays substitute; and "yea" on rollcall 282, final passage on H.R. 2745.

COMMENDING MARILYN GERACE FOR RECEIVING THE MORGAN GRADUATE AWARD

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, June 22, 2005

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the exemplary educational achievement of Marilyn Gerace, a resident of the Chautauqua County town of Jamestown, upon the occasion of receiving the Morgan Graduate Award.

Ms. Gerace, a Professor of Criminal Justice at Jamestown Community College was awarded the Morgan Graduate Award upon graduation from Buffalo State College with a Master's degree. This award is presented to the top master's degree student in the field of Criminal Justice. This student must demonstrate integrity, academic excellence and community service.

Not only is Ms. Gerace an excellent student but she is also very active in her community. She has served as the Ellict town justice since 1992 and also as the secretary/treasurer of the Chautauqua County Magistrates Association since 1993. Marilyn is also a member of the Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet board of directors, the county and states magistrate associations, the Chautauqua County Integrated Domestic Violence Court Team, and Jamestown Community College's adjunct faculty task force.

In addition to receiving the Morgan Graduate Award, Ms. Gerace also was presented with the President's Award for Excellence from Jamestown Community College.

Ms. Gerace has excelled both in the classroom and also in her community and I am proud, Mr. Speaker, to have an opportunity to honor her today.

THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE RE-ELECTION OF TAIWAN PRESIDENT CHEN SHUI-BIAN

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN
OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, June 22, 2005

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, one year ago Chen Shui-bian was re-elected as President of Taiwan. The election was evidence that Taiwan is a vibrant democracy in an area of the world where totalitarianism is still the rule for the vast majority of the people in East Asia.

I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the one year anniversary of President Chen's re-election, to offer my congratulations to the people of Taiwan and to reflect on the current state of affairs on Taiwan and across the Taiwan straits with China.

Earlier this year China passed its anti-secession law, codifying the use of force if Taiwan moves toward independence. At the moment, there is a heated debate on Taiwan regarding the recent visits of Taiwan's two opposition leaders to China. This debate is further evidence of the strength of Taiwan's democracy. President Chen and other opponents of reunification have been steadfast in demanding that the people of Taiwan must be safeguarded. I am confident President Chen will not waiver on his longstanding position of protecting Taiwan.

Mr. Speaker, Americans treasure our affiliations and relations with Taiwan just as we admire Taiwan's political and economic achievements of the last two decades. Taiwan today is a beacon of democracy and an island of prosperity to many developing countries in East Asia and throughout the world.

The Taiwanese people, as Americans know, strongly value their democratic way of life and their independence. It is vital that no action be taken which would compromise these long cherished principles which were developed after decades of hard work. I also applaud President Chen for pointing out the critical differences between democratic Taiwan and autocratic China and the importance of conducting direct talks by elected leaders in Taiwan and China.

Mr. Speaker, while we do not know when the leader of Taiwan and the leader of China will have direct talks, I believe it is critical for China to immediately withdraw its missiles which are deployed on the other side of the Taiwan Strait and establish stable mechanisms for cross-strait interaction. These actions will go a long way toward reaching a permanent peace and creating sustainable development in the Taiwan Strait.

IN HONOR OF THE TOWN OF PHELPS

HON. MARK GREEN
OF WISCONSIN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, June 22, 2005

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, today I'd like to recognize the Town of Phelps, which this year celebrates 100th anniversary. Phelps is located within the Nicolet National Forest, and is home to some of the most forested and beautiful parts of the State.

Charles Hackley, William Phelps and John Bonnell, three loggers, founded the Town of Phelps in 1905. Their hard work set the standard high for residents, and these days the town can pride itself on a strong work ethic, a love of rural living, and a strong commitment to maintaining their heritage.

The Town of Phelps is no exception. It is a town with a strong history and a bright future. In fact, during World War II, the Federal government actively encouraged American farmers to grow industrial hemp to help the war effort. The Department of Agriculture even produced a film "Hemp for Victory" encouraging the plant's cultivation.

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