affected area and the rest of the country de-
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spending money.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL AP-
PROPRIATIONS ACT TO MEET IM-
MEDIATE NEEDS ARISING FROM 
THE CONSEQUENCES OF HUR-
RICANE KATRINA, 2005

SPREECH OF
HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS
OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, September 2, 2005

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, today I stand in full support of H.R. 3645 to provide financial relief to the millions of those affected by Hurri-
cane Katrina. My prayers go out to the victims and their families. Despite a massive search and rescue effort to locate victims of Hurricane Katrina, many still remain in harm's way while scores of others attempt to piece together what is left of their lives. As such, we are faced with the difficult task of determining the at-
tention and resources in order to rescue those still in danger; providing comfort to those with-
out food, clean water, or shelter; and pre-
venting further devastation from disease. This funding will provide the Federal Emergency Management Agency with the money to get started on immediate disaster assist-
ance.

However, this is just the beginning of our fi-
nancial commitment to the people of these ravaged areas. The $10 billion will give our emergency responders the means to save and help rebuild lives in the short-term, but the long-term funding situation is uncertain and daunting. It is too early to estimate the final cost of rescue operations or the huge task of caring for the victims of this enor-

ous catastrophe. The inadequate planning and coordination of the federal government failed the people of the Gulf Region. The inade-
quate response to this disaster demonstrated to me that we have learned the lessons of September 11, 2001, and we are ill-prepared to deal with a major national disaster whether it be a natural or man-made.

I am determined to play whatever role I can in changing our Federal response system so that this type of gross negligence does not happen again. I am also determined to ensure that the sacrifice made by the brave heroes who served in the Gulf Region is not in vain. The United States Coast Guard, many of whom recently returned or are soon being deployed to Iraq, who sacrificed their precious time with family and loved ones to help those in need and return order to a city in chaos.

America has faced many challenges in its history and Hurricane Katrina will be written as one of its greatest. Yet once again, this great country will meet and overcome this latest challenge and will triumph in the face of ad-
versity. This great Nation of ours will once again show the world its courage, conviction and will to overcome.

EVERGREEN TROOP 361
HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, September 8, 2005

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Troop 361 of the Mission Amigos District from the San Gabriel Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America. On October 22nd, Troop 361 will celebrate its 50th anni-
versary.

Troop 361 was founded with twelve boys in 1955 by members of the Evergreen Baptist Church in Los Angeles. Since 1955, Troop 361 has enjoyed the excellent sponsorship of the Evergreen Baptist Church. The Church, and Troop 361, subsequently moved to the City of Rosemead, and the Troop transferred to the Mission Amigos District of the San Ga-

briel Valley Council. With its beautiful moun-
tains and proximity to the ocean, the San Ga-

briel Valley is the ideal place for boys to learn the scouting ways, as one of the mainstays of the Boy Scouts program is participation in a wide array of outdoor activities.

Over the years, Troop 361 has grown and thrived. Hundreds of scouts have passed through the ranks of Troop 361, and it is a fur-
ther testament to the strong leadership and high caliber of young men that over 80 scouts in Troop have earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Today, Troop 361 is proud to have 55 outstanding scouts under the leadership of Ted Sakamoto, a Scoutmaster who has dedicated thousands of hours to en-
suring that Troop 361 remains strong and suc-
cessful.

Troop 361 is an integral part of the proud tradition of the Boy Scouts of America. The Boy Scouts of America develop and nurture in our youth a strong sense of character, leader-

ship, and respect. Boy Scouts are well-rounded,

resourceful, and responsible, and Troop 361 exemplifies all of these qualities.

I am proud to congratulate Troop 361 on the occasion of its 50th anniversary, and I ask all
Members of Congress to join me in honoring this Troop for its dedication to scouting and for helping boys become upstanding young men.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, September 8, 2005

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, September 7, 2005, I was unavoidably absent due to a previously scheduled engagement.

Had I been present and voting, I would have voted as follows:

(1) Rollcall No. 464. On H. Res. 427, relating to the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001, "yes."
(2) Rollcall No. 463. On H. Res. 428, expressing the sincere gratitude of the House of Representatives to the foreign individuals, organizations, and governments that have offered material assistance and other forms of support to those who have been affected by Hurricane Katrina, "yes."
(3) Rollcall No. 462. On H.R. 3668, the Student Grant Hurricane and Disaster Relief Act, "yes."
(4) Rollcall No. 461. On H.R. 3669, to temporarily increase the borrowing authority of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for carrying out the national flood insurance program, "yes."
(6) Rollcall No. 459. On H. RES. 426, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, "no."
(7) Rollcall No. 458. On H. RES. 426, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, "no."

RECOGNIZING REVEREND C. DALE EDWARDS OF THE O’FALLON ASSEMBLY OF GOD, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PASTORAL SERVICE

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, September 8, 2005

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Reverend C. Dale Edwards, of the O’Fallon Assembly of God, in O’Fallon, Illinois, on the occasion of his 50th Anniversary of pastoral service.

C. Dale Edwards was born in New City, Illinois, a community just southeast of the State Capitol of Springfield. During his early years on the farm and later, when the family moved to the nearby town of Edinburg, his mother always made sure the family faithfully attended the Gospel Tabernacle in Edinburg. During those early days at the Gospel Tabernacle, Reverend Edwards first realized his calling and his passion for ministry.

An accident in an elevator shaft left Reverend Edwards with a badly damaged foot that looked as if it was going to require amputa-

tion. Through the intervention of a family friend, Reverend Edwards attended a revival meeting where his foot was healed. This experience, coupled with his preaching at the Gospel Tabernacle, spurred Reverend Edwards to apply to North Central Bible College in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

While at NCBC, Reverend Edwards became youth pastor in Hopkins, Minnesota in 1955, thus beginning the 50 years of pastoral ministry that we commemorate today.

After building congregations in Minnesota, South Dakota and Rock Island, Illinois, Reverend Edwards became the Senior Pastor of First Assembly of God in Granite City, Illinois where he served from 1974 through 1991. For the next six years, Reverend Edwards served as the Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the Illinois District Assemblies of God, where he oversaw the credentialing of all Assembly of God ministers in Illinois. In this capacity, he also served as chairman of the Illinois District 75th Anniversary Celebration.

Reverend Edwards and his wife, Dottie, currently reside in O’Fallon, Illinois where they serve as Senior Pastor at O’Fallon Assembly of God. Reverend Edwards and Dottie have four children, all serving the Lord.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation to Reverend Edwards for his 50 years of dedicated ministry and to wish him the very best in the future.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERVENTIONAL PAIN PHYSICIANS (ASIPP)

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.
OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, September 8, 2005

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, earlier this summer the National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting (NASPER) Act of 2005 was approved by both houses of Congress and signed into law by President Bush. I rise today to recognize the important contributions of Dr. Laxmaiah Manchikanti and the American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians (ASIPP) in accomplishing this important achievement.

Dr. Manchikanti is a physician of Indian origin who has practiced medicine in Paducah, Kentucky for the last 25 years. He is a well-known and well-respected physician with interests in many aspects of medicine, both in patient care, as well as academics.

Dr. Manchikanti is a recognized leader in the circles of interventional pain management. Apart from his interest in the clinical practice of anesthesiology and interventional pain management, he is also proficient in administrative medicine, patient advocacy, the economics of healthcare, medical ethics and various other aspects of the profession. He is an avid clinical researcher with numerous publications in peer-reviewed journals with original contributions.

Dr. Manchikanti currently serves as Chief Executive Officer of the American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians. With over 3,400 members, ASIPP is the largest organization in the country that represents physicians involved in trying to alleviate the intractable pain experienced by millions of Americans. Because of their professional involvement with pain medicine many ASIPP members have a vested interest in solving the problem of prescription drug abuse and diversion.

Mr. Speaker, one of the fastest growing areas of drug abuse in our nation today is the diversion of prescription drugs. According to the National Institute of Health Institute on Drug Abuse, approximately 9 million Americans are misusers of prescription drugs. Furthermore, in 2001 the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, found statistically significant increases between 2000 and 2001 in the use of multiple drugs including non-medical use of pain relievers and tranquilizers.

Prescription drug abuse is an issue that transcends societal boundaries, and affects all areas of our nation and all income levels. In an effort to prevent prescription drug abuse the NASPER Act establishes a federal system for electronic prescription databanks, which a doctor could access to determine what, if any, medication their patient should be given.

From the very beginning, Dr. Manchikanti and his colleagues at ASIPP have played a crucial role in the development of the NASPER Act. Thanks to their active involvement and insightful guidance, we were able to craft a thoughtful policy that will give physicians, pharmacists, and law enforcement agents the tools necessary to curb prescription drug abuse.

Mr. Speaker, next week ASIPP will hold its 7th annual legislative session in Washington. I would like to welcome ASIPP to our nation’s capital, and offer my gratitude for all of their efforts over the past several years. Thanks to the hard work of Dr. Manchikanti and all of his colleagues, the NASPER Act has finally become law and we can begin to address this very serious public health concern.

I must emphasize that this is only the beginning. There is still a lot of important work left to be done in terms of implementing and enforcing this new law. I am looking forward carrying my partnership with Dr. Manchikanti and ASIPP forward, as we continue to work together to help eliminate prescription drug abuse.

REGARDING H.R. 3673, MAKING FURTHER EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO MEET IMMEDIATE NEEDS ARISING FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF HURRICANE KATRINA

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, September 8, 2005

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this bill because of the grave and immediate need that exists. As a representative of Houston, Texas, where over 190,000 Katrina evacuees reside, I can say from first hand knowledge that this is truly only a first step forward toward what is necessary and emergent. This measure is an initial investment—a down payment—for a long-term relief package—that unfortunately has not yet been codified.

Here we are, nine days after Hurricane Katrina devastated parts of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. I want to thank Congressmen JEFFERSON and THOMPSON, who