

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SALUTE TO HURRICANE VOLUNTEER MARC OBERLIN OF SAVE-A-LOT

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute those individuals and organizations that opened their hearts and dedicated both financial and emotional support to the evacuees of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. All of the States along the gulf coast have endured terrible hardships during this hurricane season, and I know that the generosity of North Texans played a vital role in bringing some peace into their lives.

Today, I want to specifically thank one man, his store and his donation. Marc Oberlin, from Save-A-Lot donated \$5,572 worth of various food and supplies for volunteers during hurricane Katrina.

Save-A-Lot is one of the Nation's leading extreme value, limited assortment grocery chains, operating value-oriented stores in all types of neighborhoods—urban, rural and suburban. Today the company's annual system-wide retail sales exceed \$4 billion and are expected to grow as the company expands its store network.

I stand here today to sincerely thank Marc Oberlin for his donation. It is people like him that I am proud to call a fellow Texan. Through his contribution, he not only stands as a devoted and giving American citizen, but he serves as an inspiration to others.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. LEON LYNCH

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and honor that I congratulate Mr. Leon Lynch on his retirement from the position as United Steel Workers of America Vice President of Human Affairs. Leon has spent nearly 40 years dedicating his life to the interests of the USWA and many social and political organizations throughout the country. His career at the USWA has allowed him the opportunity to touch the lives of numerous people. In honor of his gracious service to the USWA, there will be a celebration of his accomplishments on Friday, October 28, 2005, at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary, IN.

Leon Lynch has accomplished many visionary goals throughout his career. Leon joined USWA Local 1011 in 1956 at the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company Mill in East Chicago, Indiana. He has served on many local committees and was President of the YS&T Federal Credit Union. In 1968 Leon was named a staff representative and an International Represent-

ative in 1973. In 1994, he was appointed by President Bill Clinton to the Advisory Council on Unemployment Compensation. In 1995, Leon was elected to the AFL-CIO Executive Council, and in December of 2000, President Clinton appointed Leon to the Air Traffic Service Board of the Federal Aviation Administration.

Not only has Leon had many positive accomplishments throughout his career at the USWA, he has also actively contributed to his community through participation in various programs aimed at improving opportunities for people. Leon is a member of the executive committee of the Democratic National Committee, Chairman of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, President of the Workers Defense League, a board member of the National Endowment for Democracy, and a member of the Labor Roundtable of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators.

Leon has served six terms as the USWA's International Vice President for Human Affairs. He was appointed to that post when it was created by the USWA's 18th Constitutional Convention in 1976. As Vice President, he oversees the USWA's civil rights and human rights efforts. He chairs the Container Industry Conference and handles the negotiations for Rexam, Crown Cork & Seal, and Silgan Containers. He also chairs the Public Employees Conference, International Constitution Committee, and the Steelworkers Health and Welfare Fund.

Leon's family and friends should be proud of his efforts, as his leadership has served as a beacon of hope throughout the country. Leon's longstanding commitment to improving the quality of life for Steelworkers is truly inspirational and should be commended. Our community has certainly been rewarded by the true service, uncompromising dedication and loyalty displayed by Leon Lynch.

Mr. Speaker, Leon Lynch has given his time and efforts selflessly to the members of the USWA throughout his years of service. He has taught every member of the USWA the true meaning of service. I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. Leon Lynch for his outstanding contributions. I am proud to commend him for his lifetime of service and dedication.

HONORING GINGER ARMSTRONG

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ginger Armstrong of Tuolumne County, California for her tireless service and contributions to her community. At the end of the month of October, Ms. Armstrong will retire from her position as an Advocacy Consultant with the Tuolumne County Alliance for Resources and the Environment (TuCARE). An

event to celebrate Ms. Armstrong's professional accomplishments and contributions will occur on October 27, 2005 in Sonora, California.

A native of New Mexico, Ginger Armstrong moved to Tuolumne County in 1971, where she taught in the Tuolumne County public school system for over 20 years. After teaching in the public school system, Ms. Armstrong became the Education Coordinator for TuCARE, an organization established to advise the public on conservation practices and the utilization of our natural resources.

In the late 1990's, Ginger earned the position of Executive Director of TuCARE, where she demonstrated exemplary leadership on issues concerning the long term viability of natural resources and conservation of public and private lands.

Together with her husband Jim, the Armstrong's own and operate Jim Armstrong Logging. In addition to the logging operation, the Armstrong's own Snowy Peaks Christmas Tree Farm and plan to operate a strawberry and blueberry farm.

Ginger and her husband Jim have two children, Matt and Haley.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Ginger Armstrong for her years of service to Tuolumne County and dedication to natural resource issues. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Ginger many years of continued success.

HONORING CRESCENT ELEMENTARY FOR BECOMING A BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I honor Crescent Elementary School in Raleigh County, West Virginia for their remarkable academic achievements. Next month, Crescent will receive the highest national honor in education as a No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School. Out of 738 schools in West Virginia, Crescent is one of just three to receive the award, and one of only 295 in the United States.

Crescent Elementary School qualifies for this award because the school has dramatically improved student performance on the State assessment test. In light of the fact that 62 percent of Crescent's 284 students, are of low socioeconomic background, this accomplishment is even more commendable. On the State assessment test, the entire school tested in the 80th percentile in math and reading. Another great achievement for the school is a 98 percent attendance rate during the 2004-2005 school year.

At the November ceremony to honor the 2005 No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon Schools, United States Assistant Secretary of Education, Kevin F. Sullivan, will recognize

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each recipient and award the representative with a plaque. Receiving the award for Crescent Elementary School will be Principal Danny Pettry, along with speech teacher Stephanie Anderson and first-grade teachers Mary Haynes and Pat Hudson. I am very proud of the many achievements this school has made in its pursuit to educate the future leaders of this country. Having an educational institution such as Crescent in my State and my district is something in which to take pride.

ESSAY ON THE PLEDGE

HON. MARK R. KENNEDY

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit for the RECORD, the text of an essay by Katelin Richter of Watertown, Minnesota, as published in the Minneapolis Star-Tribune on October 3, 2005.

Of course the pledge is still relevant. How does a trait such as loyalty cease to be relevant? How do liberty and justice for all cease to be relevant? How does God cease to be relevant? Just because our America is a little different than our Founding Fathers' America doesn't mean that the core values that built this Nation have changed. Deep down, we are still the same, members of the greatest democracy on Earth, where liberty and justice are truly for all.

We have to remember, when pledging, that our great Nation is not totally infallible, and will never be. We can only try our hardest, with the powers we have, to make our Nation live up to the pledge. Americans will constantly work to see this goal.

RECOGNIZING THE NEW MEXICO HOMETOWN HEROES COMMITTEE

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the New Mexico Hometown Heroes committee and the remarkable work it has done to find and mark the gravesites of recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor. Mr. Paul Layer Jr., who has served as this organization's president and his team of volunteers worked for many years on this project. They spent hundreds of hours researching archived records, excavating historical battle sites, and exploring cemeteries. As a result, our soldiers have a resting place that acknowledges the extraordinary deeds that they accomplished during their lifetimes.

The actions taken by Mr. Layer and the New Mexico Hometown Heroes Committee will allow generations of New Mexicans to remember the courage these soldiers showed on the battlefield.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Layer and the other members of the New Mexico Hometown Heroes Committee for their efforts.

CONGRATULATING JORDAN HUNT

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Jordan Hunt for receiving the Gold Medal of Achievement in Royal Rangers.

Royal Rangers is an achievement program of the Assemblies of God which utilizes an outdoor theme to teach positive character, responsibility, leadership, citizenship and service to God, men and country. The Gold Medal of Achievement is the highest achievement that can be earned in the Royal Ranger Program.

Mr. Hunt is a freshman at Marcus High School in Flower Mound, Texas. His achievement represents many years of diligent work completing merits, camping and nature skills, leadership training camps, memorization, essays and service projects. A special service honoring Mr. Hunt's accomplishment is planned for November 27, 2005 at Grace Community Assembly of God in Flower Mound, Texas.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Mr. Jordan Hunt on receiving the Gold Medal of Achievement. His hard work and dedication to excellence warrants the highest achievement given by the Royal Rangers Program.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. RICHARD KRAHE

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and honor that I congratulate Mr. Richard Krahe on his retirement from the Town of Schererville. Dick has spent nearly 50 years dedicating his life to the interests of the residents of Schererville, Indiana. His career has allowed him the opportunity to touch the lives of numerous people. In honor of his gracious service to the community, there will be a celebration of his accomplishments on November 3, 2005.

Dick Krahe has accomplished many visionary goals throughout his career. Dick was born in Chicago, Illinois and entered the United States Army in 1943, where his first mission was D-Day 1944. Dick was awarded the Croix De Guerre-with Star, which was the highest decoration a soldier could earn from French President Charles De Gaulle. He also received a number of U.S. awards for his service in the European, African, and Middle Eastern theaters. Dick felt tremendous pride for his country, and he was willing to endanger his own life to protect the lives of his fellow Americans. His courage and heroism will always be remembered, and his sacrifice will forever live in the hearts and minds of those for whom he battled.

After the War, Dick resumed his career with Inland Steel. He moved to Schererville, Indiana in 1954, and he became involved with the community in 1964. He served as an elected member of the Town Board and was Town Board President in 1970, 1971, and 1979. In 1982, Dick retired from his position as a General Foreman with Inland Steel. In 1989, he

came out of full-time retirement from Inland Steel to fill many positions with the Town of Schererville. He served as Chairman of the Schererville Planning Commission, a member of the Police Commission, President of the Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Corn Roast, a member of the Chamber's Economic Development Commission, and a member of the Quad Town Economic Commission. In 1998, Dick became the Schererville Town Manager.

While Dick has dedicated considerable time and energy to his work, he has always made an extra effort to give back to the community. Dick has been an active member of the Schererville Lions Club for over 42 years, and he was named President of the Lions in 1973 and 1986. Some other of his involvements include the Parade Picnic Committee and the St. Michael Church Council. The Rotary Club of Schererville also presented Dick with their 2004 Outstanding Citizen Award.

His work has been improving his community for over forty years. Though Dick is dedicated to his career and the community of Schererville, he has never limited his time and love for his family. Dick and his wife, Eleanor, have been happily married for thirty years.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. Richard Krahe for his outstanding devotion to Indiana's First Congressional District. His unselfish and lifelong dedication to those in need is worthy of the highest commendation, and I am proud to represent him in Congress.

HONORING THE GEMPERLE FAMILY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Gemperle Family of Turlock, California upon receiving the 2005 Distinguished Citizens Award from The Greater Yosemite Council, Boy Scouts of America. The family will be honored on Wednesday, October 26, 2005 at The Greater Yosemite Council, Boy Scouts of America 2005 Distinguished Citizens Award Dinner in Modesto, California.

As a leader in the egg production business in the Turlock area since the 1950's, the Gemperle Family has transformed a small family business into an industry-leading, technology driven company. In addition to the great successes achieved in business, the Gemperle Family has distinguished itself through its leadership and generosity to many communities throughout California's Central Valley.

Ernie T. Gemperle, the family patriarch, has served in many positions, including President, on his local Boy Scouts of America Executive Board. For over 35 years, the Gemperle Family has hosted an annual fundraising event to benefit the Boy Scouts of America. Moreover, the Gemperle Family has earned a well deserved reputation for supporting numerous causes, including Catholic Charities, California State University-Stanislaus, and the arts.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Gemperle Family upon receiving the 2005 Distinguished

Citizens Award from The Greater Yosemite Council, Boy Scouts of America. I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating and thanking the Gemperle Family for their leadership and tremendous generosity.

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH
ANNIVERSARY OF AKAL SECURITY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am proud today to congratulate Akal Security, the second largest U.S.-based security guard company, on its twenty-fifth anniversary. Since 1980, Akal Security has grown from just a handful of earnest entrepreneurs to almost 15,000 employees in 48 States and around the world.

Today, the company provides 80 percent of guards for the Department of Justice's Marshals Service and, through a subsidiary, 80 percent of cleared American guards for embassy construction. Akal's employees work in several Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention centers, airports and military installations; Federal Protective Service operations; and local government and commercial properties.

Although the tremendous growth of this company is important, I am also impressed by the unique inspiration of its founders and their continued record of hiring disabled veterans.

Gurutej Khalsa and Daya Khalsa, the founders of Akal Security, incorporate the practices of Sikh Dharma into their day-to-day business lives. They describe Sikh Dharma as a peaceful, monotheistic religion brought to the West from India by Yogi Bhajan, who was only the fourth religious leader to receive a joint resolution of recognition from Congress.

Akal Security also has a distinguished history of hiring veterans of law enforcement and the military, including many decorated heroes and even a few U.S. Marshals. These veterans are patriotic, experienced, and committed to their jobs. This year, Akal Security received the Large Employer of the Year Award from the Disabled American Veterans organization for the company's continued commitment to serving disabled Veterans.

Today, I am pleased to congratulate Akal Security on its remarkable record of accomplishment over the past 25 years.

ANNOUNCING PASSING OF
FORMER CONGRESSMEN ED ROYBAL
AND BOB BADHAM

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, a dear friend, a great man and the father of one of our colleagues, former Congressman Ed Roybal, passed away.

Ed was a man of tremendous passion and compassion. He saw no limits, only possibilities. He was a trailblazer for the Hispanic community who aimed high without fear of failure.

Ed moved to Los Angeles when he was a child, and he became as much a part of the city as it became part of him. Upon returning from service in World War Two, Ed became director of health education for the Los Angeles County Tuberculosis and Health Association. Healthcare and the well-being of his fellow citizens would be a hallmark of Ed's long career of public service.

When Ed was elected to the first of his nearly 30 years in Congress in 1962, he was only the second Hispanic-American to represent California. While Ed was at the center of issues facing Los Angeles, he was a strong advocate for the region and all of California.

Ed's sincerity and heartfelt speeches on the floor of this body are legendary, and so was his decency. The attention and care he devoted to his constituents, he also paid to his colleagues.

Through Ed's example, we learned patience, kindness and generosity. He was unfailingly gracious, determined and effective, all at once.

His legacy is found in the successes of his constituents who were inspired by his example. His legacy is found in community programs in Los Angeles. And his legacy is found right here in the Capitol.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Ed's daughter, Congresswoman LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD, as she carries on his example of public service, and also with the entire Roybal family.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FEDERAL
DISASTER PROFITEERING PRE-
VENTION ACT OF 2005

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the "Federal Disaster Profiteering Prevention Act of 2005," legislation that imposes tough new criminal and civil penalties on would-be profiteers who intentionally overcharge the Federal Government for the provision of goods or services tendered in response to a presidentially declared major disaster or emergency. I am joined by Representatives EMANUEL, DEFazio, GRIJALVA, HINCHEY, KILPATRICK, SERRANO, MCDERMOTT, MALONEY and SANDERS.

One need not look beyond the ongoing reconstruction efforts in Iraq and the current controversy surrounding Halliburton to understand the need for such legislation. To date, Halliburton has been accused of overcharging the Federal Government by more than \$1.4 billion in "questionable" and "unsupported" reconstruction costs. Nearly two-thirds of these costs have been characterized as "questionable" because, according to government auditors, they are "unreasonable in amount" and "exceed that which would be incurred by a prudent person." Such costs include, but are in no way limited to, \$617,000 in overpriced and double-billed soft drinks; \$152,000 in movie rental charges; \$1.5 million in excessive tailoring and seamstress charges; and over \$560,000 in unnecessary heavy equipment charges.

The "Federal Disaster Profiteering Prevention Act of 2005" is designed to prevent such

acts from occurring in the future. It achieves this objective by cracking down on anyone who, in a matter involving a contract with the Federal Government, develops a "scheme or artifice to defraud the United States." The civil penalties associated with a violation of this prohibition are the greater of \$1 million dollars or triple the gross profits or received proceeds.

The potential for additional future abuse of the Federal contracting and procurement process is quite clear. According to recent press reports, FEMA and the Army Corps of Engineers already have awarded at least seven no-bid contracts to several politically well connected firms, including Halliburton. For example, Kellogg, Brown & Root, a subsidiary of Halliburton, is currently repairing damaged naval facilities under a \$500 million Defense Department contract. Additionally, no-bid housing contracts have been awarded to the Fluor Corp, a major Republican Party donor, and to the Shaw Group, a client of the lobbying and consulting firm run by friend of the president and former FEMA chief Joe Allbaugh. With such large sums being spent in this manner, it's more important than ever that we send a clear message that we will not tolerate the overcharging of our government during times of federal emergencies.

I am hopeful that Congress can move quickly to enact this worthwhile and timely legislation.

CONGRATULATING LUCAS
FLEMMING

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Lucas Flemming for receiving the Gold Medal of Achievement in Royal Rangers.

Royal Rangers is an achievement program of the Assemblies of God which utilizes an outdoor theme to teach positive character, responsibility, leadership, citizenship and service to God, men and country. The Gold Medal of Achievement is the highest achievement that can be earned in the Royal Ranger Program.

Mr. Flemming is a senior at Flower Mound High School in Flower Mound, Texas. His achievement represents many years of diligent work completing merits, camping and nature skills, leadership training camps, memorization, essays and service projects. A special service honoring Mr. Hunt's accomplishment is planned for November 27, 2005 at Grace Community Assembly of God in Flower Mound, Texas.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Mr. Lucas Flemming on receiving the Gold Medal of Achievement. His hard work and dedication to excellence warrants the highest achievement given by the Royal Rangers Program.

HONORING EDWARD CONNER

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Edward Conner, a young

man from Falmouth, Kentucky, who has shown a tremendous appreciation for the service of many veterans in Kentucky through his involvement with volunteer activities honoring the Men and Women who served in our Armed Forces.

Edward, or "Eddie"—as his friends call him, is an honorary member of American Legion Post 109 and despite his young age of 15, is actively involved with organizing annual Veterans Day events in Pendleton County.

Eddie often volunteers his time at the Legion Post—performing a variety of services and speaks to children at area schools about his work with veterans.

Being a Member of the American Legion, I thoroughly appreciate Eddie's hard work and commend him on volunteering his time in support of veterans everywhere.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN ZUTAVERN OF
ABILENE, KANSAS

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize John Zutavern of Abilene, Kansas and congratulate him for receiving the 2005 Excellence in Local Government award from the League of Kansas Municipalities. I commend him for his excellence in leadership and passion for helping citizens of Abilene and the State of Kansas.

John's love for his community and his home-State is visible to everyone around him. He has been a diligent ambassador for Abilene and promotes the virtues of the city wherever he goes. He always welcomes guests with a warm greeting and hearty handshake. People like John are the ones who give small towns their good name.

John is involved in many community and civic groups, and his influence extends to all areas of the community. John has served the citizens of Abilene as a member of the City Commission since 1991, serving as Mayor on two different occasions. He is responsive to citizens and is known for being unafraid to take on new challenges. Forward thinking and innovativeness are also characteristics that John possesses, both of which help him in his leadership roles.

John's influence also extends to a statewide level. He was appointed Chairman of the Governor's Advisory Committee for Children and Families where he served from 1996 to 2000. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Kansas Health Institute. John has also served the League of Kansas Municipalities and is considered "the go-to guy" on the Governing Body. He has served with the League since 1994, taking on the responsibility of Vice President, President, and Chair of the Executive Director search committee.

I am pleased that John's hard work and dedication has not gone unnoticed by the people of Kansas. Tonight, I extend my congratulations to John for being the 2005 Excellence in Local Government Award recipient, an honor he well deserves. Thank you for your dedication to serving the people of Abilene and the people of Kansas.

TRIBUTE TO MS. AMALIA V.
BETANZOS

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to a woman of great integrity and character. Ms. Amalia V. Betanzos has decided to retire from the Wildcat Service Corporation after 27 years of dedicated leadership. Tonight, she will be honored for her service in the city of New York.

Born and raised in the South Bronx, Amalia is a graduate of New York University and has extensive experience in the public and private not-for-profit sectors. She has served in a variety of positions in the administrations of several New York Mayors. As Commissioner of the Youth Services Agency she helped to shape the destinies of more than half a million New York youth and gained a reputation for being an outstanding administrator with an untiring capacity to meet new challenges. As Executive Secretary to Mayor John Lindsay she was in charge of programs for the poor and the physically and mentally handicapped. As Commissioner of Relocation and Management services in the Housing and Development Administration, Amalia was directly in charge of coordinating relocation services to families in conjunction with the City's Urban Renewal programs and emergency housing.

Amalia's extensive experience in city government provided her with the breadth of knowledge necessary to lead an organization such as Wildcat Service Corporation. Founded in 1972, Wildcat's mission is to bring the chronically unemployed, for example, ex-offenders, public assistance recipients, former alcohol and substance abusers, high school dropouts, youth involved with the criminal justice system and persons with limited English language proficiency, into the regular labor force, thus breaking their cycle of poverty, addiction and crime. Under Amalia's strong leadership Wildcat changed the lives of countless New Yorkers, providing them and their families with a new lease on life.

Mr. Speaker, it is rare to find individuals who are willing to dedicate their entire lives to uplifting others. Amalia V. Betanzos is indeed one of these special people. She has literally improved the lives of thousands of individuals. Her efforts to empower society's most vulnerable citizens will not only change their destinies but also the destinies of generations to come. Surely that is the mark of a great career.

For her unyielding service and untiring spirit, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to a dear friend, Ms. Amalia V. Betanzos.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
ALVA "TED" BONDA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Alva "Ted" Bonda, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-

grandfather, brother, WWII Veteran, and dear friend and mentor to many, including me. Mr. Bonda's life was framed by tenacity, integrity and heart, and although he will be greatly missed, he deeply touched the lives of everyone he knew.

Mr. Bonda will forever be remembered as a true renaissance man who possessed a high intellect, love for education and keen business savvy. He was born and raised in Cleveland and graduated from Glenville High School. He worked as a shoe store clerk and parking lot attendant before serving in the U.S. Army during WWII. Following the war, Mr. Bonda teamed up with childhood friend, Senator Howard Metzenbaum, to form their joint venture, APCOA Inc., which evolved into the world's largest parking lot company.

Though an extremely successful businessman, Mr. Bonda's unwavering dedication remained focused on his family and the Cleveland community. Together, Mr. Bonda and the late Marie C. Bonda raised their three children, Penny, Joel and Tom. Mr. Bonda's faith in the City of Cleveland and love for its people was just as steadfast. When it was largely feared that the Cleveland Indians could be whisked away to another town, Mr. Bonda stepped up to the plate and convinced more than 50 Cleveland business owners to purchase the team. As the Team President, he consistently dismissed out-of-towners looking to buy the team because they would not promise to keep the club in Cleveland. Most significantly, Mr. Bonda contributed to sports history and civil rights history by hiring Frank Robinson as the first African American Manager in the Major Leagues.

After retiring from business, Mr. Bonda renewed his commitment as a proponent of education. As a member of the Cleveland School Board during the 1980s, Mr. Bonda led the successful effort in persuading voters to support the first operating levy in many years. In 1984, he was appointed by then Governor Richard Celeste to the Ohio Board of Regents, where he served as Chairman from 1998 to 1991. Mr. Bonda was also a trustee with Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass. In 1995, Cleveland State University's College of Urban Affairs awarded Mr. Bonda an honorary Doctorate degree.

A staunch and active Democrat, Mr. Bonda's wisdom and advice was consistently sought after by political hopefuls. His leadership infused significant energy and results into the momentum of numerous local and national campaigns, including those of President Jimmy Carter, presidential candidate George McGovern, Senator Howard Metzenbaum, Ohio Governor Richard Celeste, and my own congressional campaigns.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Alva "Ted" Bonda. I offer my deepest condolences to his daughter Penny, sons Joel and Tom, daughter-in-law, Jodi; his grandchildren; great grandchildren; extended family and many friends.

Mr. Bonda left this world with a legacy that will forever shine hope and light upon his family, friends and upon our entire Cleveland community. His joy for life, caring heart and concern for the people of Cleveland defined his life and resounds every spring with the first at bat; and will live on in the hearts of all he who knew and loved well, today, and for all time.

SALUTE TO HURRICANE
VOLUNTEERS AT DFW AIRPORT

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Today, I want to specifically thank the DFW Airport and their donation during Hurricane Katrina. Jeffrey Fegan, the CEO of DFW, and Ken Capps, the Vice President of Public Affairs, sent six DFW firefighters to relieve others at the New Orleans Airport. These firefighters were Adrian Garcia, Darren Himes, Jacob Evens, Terry Cole, Dan White and Sullivan McNulty.

I stand here today to sincerely thank the DFW Airport for their hard work and help during the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. It is people like them that I am proud to call fellow Texans. Through their contribution, they not only stand as devoted and giving American citizens, but they serve as an inspiration to others.

PROTECTION OF LAWFUL
COMMERCE IN ARMS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I voted against S. 397, the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act. After careful consideration off the bill and its impact on the citizens of North Carolina and the United States, I determined that it would unacceptably infringe on their constitutional right to legal redress in our Nation's courts, as well as subvert North Carolina law, which already prohibits frivolous lawsuits against the firearms industry.

Although I voted in favor of similar legislation in the 108th Congress, S. 397 is a much different bill. This bill extends unprecedented immunity to many groups beyond federally licensed firearms dealers and manufacturers, and it sets the bar of proof so high as to prohibit meritorious suits against unscrupulous dealers and manufacturers. This bill allows the firearms industry to put profits ahead of safety; under this bill manufacturers do not have to ensure that the dealers and wholesalers to whom they sell weapons are acting in good faith and within the parameters of the law. Law-abiding gun owners do not want more gun control laws. What we need is more vigorous enforcement of the gun laws that are already on the books.

As a lifelong gun owner, I take seriously my commitment to upholding the Constitution and our Second Amendment right to bear arms. I am also committed to the right of individuals to freedom and safety, as well as their day in court, and this bill would subvert those rights.

IN TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF
BROTHER DELOCH

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Mr. Brother Deloch, a constituent of mine and well-beloved and respected husband of 75 years, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and uncle. I was saddened to recently learn of his passing on Friday evening, October 14, at the age of 97.

Mr. Deloch was born January 20, 1908 in Macon, Mississippi to the late Mr. Israel and Mrs. Cora (Grey) Deloch. After the death of his father, Brother Deloch, along with his mother and siblings, moved to Kinloch, Missouri. During the late 1920's Brother Deloch met Emma Lou Dailey and on January 22, 1930 they were joined in holy matrimony. He remained faithfully married his whole life; Brother and Emma Lou had nine children together. Brother and Emma Lou were together as husband and wife for 75 years, Mr. Speaker.

Soon after getting married and making it through the great depression, Brother Deloch worked for several years installing and repairing motors as an employee of the French, Gerleman Electric Company. From there, he became a clerk for the Missouri Kansas Texas (MKT, Katy) Railroad Company and later for the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company. He retired in 1973 and moved to Mulberry Grove, Illinois where he played a vital role in developing the infrastructure of the Royal Lakes Sub-Division. A little over a decade and a half later he returned to St. Louis where he served the pastor and the church family of Bostick Temple Church of God in Christ. He also worked in the Church Pantry and kept up his active and faithful service to the church and his community until his health began to fail earlier this year.

Brother Deloch leaves behind Emma Lou, his lovely wife of 75 years, four sons and three daughters: Marvell Aaron; Mozell Jr; Frederick Douglas; Walter James; Anetta Bernice Carter; and Annabelle Ireland of Flint, Michigan, and Anita Louise Hyshaw of St. Louis. He also leaves behind fourteen marvelous grandchildren, and twenty-four wonderful great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask those assembled here today to pay tribute to Brother Deloch and celebrate his long life, his faithful and loving marriage of seven and half decades, and the family and friends who remember him with great affection.

IN HONOR OF MORRIS HABITAT
FOR HUMANITY OF NEW JERSEY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Morris Habitat for Humanity of New Jersey, a vibrant organization I am proud to represent. On October 29, 2005 the Board of Directors celebrates its Twentieth Anniversary.

Through both volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Morris Habitat for Humanity builds and rehabilitates houses in partnership with families in need. Hundreds of volunteers and partner families have allowed Morris Habitat for Humanity to provide affordable homeownership opportunities to low income families. There is no profit added to the sale price of the home and mortgage payments are returned to a revolving fund that is used to build more houses.

Morris Habitat for Humanity was formed in 1985 when a group of local residents traveled to New York City to hear former President Jimmy Carter and Millard Fuller, the founder of Habitat for Humanity International, speak at the first Jimmy Carter Work Project. The group returned and incorporated Morris Habitat for Humanity as a charitable nonprofit that same year, attaining, affiliate status in 1986.

Since its formation, Morris Habitat for Humanity has completed 26 homes in seven municipalities throughout the 11th Congressional District. The hard work and efforts donated by private corporations, non-profit organizations, local governing officials, schools, and citizens with whom Morris Habitat has built partnerships have contributed to the benefit of more than 110 individuals of which 70 are children.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the members of Morris Habitat for Humanity on the celebration of its 20 years of service to the Morris County area. Special praise is due to their dedicated staff and active volunteers who work cooperatively to provide affordable housing to families in need.

IN HONOR OF DR. I. KING JORDAN
ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. I. King Jordan upon his retirement as president of Gallaudet University on December 31, 2006. Dr. Jordan is an accomplished, respected leader and someone I consider a personal friend.

Dr. Jordan became the Nation's first deaf university president when appointed in 1988 and the first deaf president to preside over Gallaudet University. During his tenure there he has proven to be an able, caring leader propelling the university forward as well as becoming a strong advocate for deaf students on the Federal level.

Among his accomplishments, he led the university's first ever capital campaign, raising nearly \$40 million, which supported the construction of the state-of-the-art Student Academic Center and contributed to the extraordinary increase in the university's endowment, which paved the way for an increase in scholarships and more academic programs. He also established a fellows program to provide support for deaf college graduates to complete their terminal degrees and become faculty members.

Dr. Jordan was not only a strong advocate for the Gallaudet community, but for individuals with disabilities across this Nation. Another proud accomplishment of Dr. Jordan's is the work he did to assist with the passage of

the Americans with Disabilities Act, ADA, in 1990. He was a lead witness in support of the ADA during a joint session of Congress and delivered significant testimony in Congress and across the country during the deliberations of this bill.

Before coming to Gallaudet Dr. Jordan's life was filled with many other accomplishments. A native of Glen Riddle, PA, a small town near Philadelphia, Dr. Jordan earned a B.A. in psychology from Gallaudet University and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Psychology from the University of Tennessee.

Upon receiving his doctorate, Dr. Jordan joined the faculty of Gallaudet's Department of Psychology. Before his appointment as President, Dr. Jordan served as Chair of Gallaudet's Psychology Department and as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. He has been a research fellow at Donaldson's School for the Deaf in Edinburgh, Scotland, and an exchange scholar at Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland.

Dr. Jordan holds 11 honorary degrees and is the recipient of numerous awards, among them: the Presidential Citizen's Medal, presented by Bill Clinton in 2001; the Washingtonian of the Year Award; the James L. Fisher Award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, CASE; the Larry Stewart Award from the American Psychological Association and the Distinguished Leadership Award from the National Association for Community Leadership. President George H.W. Bush appointed Dr. Jordan vice chair of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, PCEPD, in 1990, and President Clinton reappointed Dr. Jordan to that role in 1993. In the summer of 2005, Dr. Jordan was presented the George Bush Medal for the Empowerment of People with Disabilities from President George H.W. Bush.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Dr. Jordan much happiness in his retirement as he looks forward to traveling with his wife Lynda and spending more time with his family. His compassion and service will be greatly missed. I am proud to have had a chance to work with him these past years.

SALUTE TO HURRICANE
VOLUNTEERS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. BURGESS, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute those individuals and organizations that opened their hearts and dedicated both financial and emotional support to the evacuees of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. All of the States along the gulf coast have endured terrible hardships during this hurricane season, and I know that the generosity of North Texans played a vital role in bringing some peace into their lives.

Today, I want to specifically thank one woman, her organization and her donation. Bonnie Gardner, from Friends of the Library in Fort Worth, donated various books for all ages to Hurricane Katrina victims.

Friends of the Fort Worth Library is a non-profit membership organization which exists to improve the quality of life in the community by providing advocacy, funding, and volunteer

services to the Library. The organization also serves as a conduit for organizations and corporations which are restricted from making donations directly to government entities.

I stand here today to sincerely thank Bonnie Gardner for her donation. It is people like her that I am proud to call a fellow Texan. Through her contribution, she not only stands as a devoted and giving American citizen, but she serves as an inspiration to others.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JEANETTE
CANTRELL RUDY

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, Tennesseans have long been known for giving back more to their community than they take. Jeannette Cantrell Rudy exemplifies our State's proud tradition of contributing to the betterment of both community and country.

This year as Jeanette celebrates her 78th birthday, we should take a moment to recognize her good works and thank her for enriching our lives.

In 1985, Jeanette helped create and fund the Dan Rudy Cancer Center at Saint Thomas Hospital in honor of her husband. With her sisters' help, she honored her parents by founding the Felix A. and Edna L. Cantrell Endowment Fund. The fund has given nurses the opportunity to continue their education at Saint Thomas Hospital. As a former nurse, Jeanette knows just how important nurses are to our quality of life.

It's clear that Jeanette's work has had a tremendous impact on the lives of people across our State. Her life is a testament to the power each of us have to help others.

The list of Jeanette's achievements and interests is a long one. She's a sportswoman, a member of several boards including those serving the Nashville Zoo and Cumberland University. She's even written a book, *A Bend in the Cumberland*, chronicling the history of her longtime home community in the Pennington Bend area.

It's impossible to capture the many friendships and contributions Jeanette has been responsible for over the years, but we owe her a debt of gratitude for choosing to live in and serve our community. All our best to Jeannette and her family on her 78th birthday.

REGARDING THE INTRODUCTION
OF LEAD LABELING ACT LEGISLATION

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. I rise today to introduce an important piece of legislation designed to strengthen our existing laws regarding lead in consumer products.

Currently, we have laws that pertain to lead-containing paint and its many applications. The laws are explicit and focus mainly on the paint used in public housing around the United States. In the last three decades we have

seen the rate of lead poisoning plummet and than plateau. These laws, though effective, are specific only to paint. We must do more to protect our consumers.

That is why I am introducing the Lead Labeling Act of 2005 today, to direct the Consumer Products Safety Commission to establish regulations to require the labeling of dishware products sold in the United States that may contain hazardous amount of lead within them. Labeling these products will help consumers identify products that are potentially hazardous to their children through a simple labeling process.

Mr. Speaker, there are many products imported every year and these imports are a vital part of our economy, but because they are manufactured outside the United States, they are not subject to the same stringent regulations that our products must meet. This is a concern, because many of the products that we eat out of, drink out of, and cook with are made of materials that contain levels of lead that we do not normally ingest. These products can release these leads into our foods and our water and the affects can be very damaging, especially to the development of our children.

According to the National Institute of Health, lead, even in very low levels, can have damaging effects on our children. The Center for Disease Control states that approximately 310,000 U.S. children aged 1-5 years have blood lead levels greater than the CDC recommended level of 10 micrograms of lead per deciliter of blood. Also, lead can affect every system in our bodies. It has been linked to learning disabilities, behavioral problems, and, when our bodies are exposed to very high levels, lead causes seizures, coma, and even death.

Lead in our products is a concern in our households. Labeling products containing lead will help ease these concerns and allow consumers to make more informed decisions. I urge my colleagues in the House to support this legislation for the health of American consumers.

TRIBUTE TO VETERANS

HON. BEN CHANDLER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. CHANDLER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to pay tribute to the veterans of this country. November 11, 2005 is Veteran's Day. On this day, there will be ceremonies across our Nation honoring the service and sacrifice of the men and women who have served in our armed forces. In honor of these heroes, there will be a ceremony at the VA Medical Center on Leestown Road in Lexington, KY.

Kentuckians have always been willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Currently, there are more than 370,000 veterans who call Kentucky home. These men and women have inspired our citizens for generations. As our men and women continue to return home from battle in Iraq and Afghanistan, we must honor their service and pay tribute to those who served before them.

Armistice Day, the original name of Veteran's Day, was established on the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, which

ended the first World War. The men and women who sacrificed and served during WWI were honored and remembered, in hopes that their service would be the last time American soldiers were called upon for such duties. Regrettably, our men and women continue to answer the call. Fortunately, our VA Medical Centers continue to provide the care that our veterans so desperately need.

It is the spirit of those who work at these centers, the spirit of the American people and the will of the American armed forces that keep this country strong. Veteran's Day should serve as a reminder to every American that our armed forces, both of past and present, are made up of individuals of great courage, character and honor.

It is our duty to ensure that our children and grandchildren never forget our country's finest heroes and always know their sacrifice. We must take the time to pay tribute to our fallen heroes, not just on Veteran's Day, but every day. Their sacrifices and those of our military families are freedom's foundation. Without the brave efforts of all the soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines and their families, our country would not stand so boldly, shine so brightly and live so freely.

The United States has attained its position of strength and prosperity thanks to the dedication of our veterans and our armed forces. No other group of Americans has stood stronger and braver for our democracy than our troops and veterans. We must always celebrate, honor and remember these courageous and faithful men and women.

SALUTE TO HURRICANE VOLUNTEERS AT JPS HEALTH NETWORK

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute those individuals and organizations that opened their hearts and dedicated both financial and emotional support to the evacuees of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. All of the States along the gulf coast have endured terrible hardships during this hurricane season, and I know that the generosity of North Texans played a vital role in bringing some peace into their lives.

Today, I want to specifically thank one company and their donation. JPS Health Network registered 1011 Hurricane Katrina evacuees and admitted 230 to the hospital for radiology, lab work, or other services.

Committed to improving the health of families and individuals in Tarrant County, JPS Health Network includes John Peter Smith Hospital, the JPS Institute for Health Career Development, a network of community-based health centers, home care and psychiatric services at Trinity Springs Pavilion.

I stand here today to sincerely thank JPS for their help and donation. It is people like them that I am proud to call fellow Texans. Through their contribution, they not only stand as devoted and giving American citizens, but they serve as an inspiration to others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, October 25, 2005, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall votes on that day.

Had I been present I would have voted the following: "yea" on rollcall vote number 536, the American Spirit Fraud Prevention Act, and "yea" on rollcall vote number 537, Recognizing the 40th anniversary of the White House Fellows Program.

HONORING SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS PARISH OF WESTERN SPRINGS, ILLINOIS, AS THEY CELEBRATE THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARISH

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Catholic Community of Saint John of the Cross of Western Springs, Illinois on celebrating their 45th Anniversary of the parish.

St. John of the Cross was created in May 1960 with the appointment of Rev. William J. Bennett. In September of 1961 the one million dollar building was completed, which included the living quarters for the parish priests, the worship space, and the classroom space for 600 students. The parish was built on 5.5 acres of land but over the years through fundraising, the parish doubled to the present size of 11 acres.

In 1980, Father Bennett retired, and Rev. Joseph McDonnell became the second pastor of the parish. The parish began to expand through various programs such as religious education, liturgical ministries, and other social organizations. Additional space was then needed to accommodate for the growing number of organizations within the parish, so in 1988, Father McDonnell and the Parish Council agreed to construct a Parish Center. This Parish Center included space for daily worship, private prayer, the day school, religious education, parish meetings, staff offices, choir rehearsal and many more activities.

After 16 years as pastor, Father McDonnell retired in August of 1996 from the parish. Reverend Richard Hynes, the current pastor, was appointed by Cardinal Bernardin to succeed Father McDonnell. Father Hynes has been committed to spreading the awareness of the Catholic tradition to the parish community.

It is quite obvious that over the 45 years of Saint John of the Cross, the parish community has grown stronger through their worship, formation, and charity.

It is my honor to recognize Saint John of the Cross of Western Springs, Illinois on celebrating 45 years of service to spreading the Catholic faith throughout the community.

H.R. 3824, THE THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES RECOVERY ACT

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support for Threatened and Endangered Species Recovery Act, TESRA. This legislation is needed to make important changes to the Endangered Species Act, ESA, which, after 30 years of implementation, has been unable to return endangered species to healthy and sustainable populations and has caused turmoil for landowners and local communities across the country, especially in my district in California.

As you know, recent U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, FWS, studies indicate that ESA has successfully recovered less than 1 percent of species listed in the original law. Frankly, this is far from being an exemplary model of effective legislation.

TESRA offers a new emphasis on recovery, which will require the identification of lands important to the conservation and resurgence of species. The bill provides numerous tools to promote preservation on private lands without further increasing the size of the federal estate.

TESRA also lists specific difference to distinguish between endangered and threatened species. TESRA requires rules, which will regulate that threatened species be disseminated on a case by case basis rather than by some overarching rule for all threatened species. By these requirements, TESRA provides a flexibility that can be central to effectively promoting conservation.

I would like to commend Chairman POMBO for his efforts in this legislation and would like to express my full support for the underlying bill.

HONORING MR. CHARLES O. WRIGHT FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE OAKLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, the duty of promoting, developing and preserving the economic environment and quality of life of a community is a personal contribution to the democracy that has made America the great country it is today. Leaders are looked upon for advice, ideas and stability to sustain the growth and security of our communities.

In recognition of the outstanding dedication and personal leadership to a community, I am pleased to extend my warmest commendation to Mr. Charles O. Wright for his services to the Oakland Chamber of Commerce in Oakland, New Jersey.

For the last 25 years, businesses as well as prospective college students in Oakland, NJ have flourished on his behalf. In 1981, Mr. Wright was selected to join the Chamber's Board of Directors. Soon after, he served as

Vice President and Treasurer. In 1984, as President of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, he established the Chamber Scholarship, benefiting students of the community. His respected leadership qualities resulted in his Chairmanship of four Standing Committees: Scholarship, Membership, Election and Technology.

Mr. Wright has enjoyed a career focused on providing service and intellect to the Borough of Oakland, NJ. The community will thrive for years to come because of his leadership and dedication to society.

It is therefore with great honor that I offer my sincerest appreciation and congratulations to Mr. Charles O. Wright for his committed service to the Oakland Chamber of Commerce and I wish him a future filled with continued success.

LOBBYISTS REPRESENTING
REPRESSIVE REGIMES

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I submit for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD an article from Harper's Magazine titled "Spin Doctors without borders: how one Washington lobbyist administers to dictatorships."

Robert Cabelly, managing director of C/R International, was recently hired to represent the Government of Sudan. As disturbing as this is, the Harper's article below reveals the lengths that lobbyists will go to represent some of Africa's most repressive regimes.

The U.S. Congress has not forgotten that genocide is still taking place in Sudan. The administration should not allow an American citizen to represent a government guilty of genocide. I call on the State Department to immediately revoke the waiver allowing this lobbying to continue.

[From Harper's Magazine, Mar. 1, 2004]

SPIN DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS: HOW ONE
WASHINGTON LOBBYIST ADMINISTERS TO DIC-
TATORSHIP

(By Elisabeth Eaves)

Lobbyists in Washington, D.C., don't just serve such U.S. interests as the oil industry and the tobacco corporations; they also solicit work from foreign governments. In an extreme, though not uncommon scenario, Americans, many of them former diplomats and public servants, make their fortunes by advancing the interests of dictatorships against those of their own nation. Take Robert Cabelly, managing director of the lobbying and P.R. firm C/R International, who last August signed a contract with the small African nation of Equatorial Guinea. Cabelly has every reason to expect that he will succeed in preventing any sanctions the U.S. Congress might wish to impose on Equatorial Guinea and in other ways shaping American policy to the liking of this repressive regime.

Equatorial Guinea, governed by President Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, might seem like a public-relations problem. In 2002 more than 150 of the president's political opponents were arrested for allegedly plotting a coup. Blindfolded for long periods, some of the prisoners were hung in positions designed to break their bones, and at least two died. A democracy only in name (the president "won" 97 percent of the vote in 2002),

Equatorial Guinea did little to improve its human-rights record in 2003, during which a journalist was detained for reporting rumors of a coup, an outspoken pastor was arrested without charges, and an opposition-party member was moved to solitary confinement, chained to a wall, and denied badly needed medical care. But Washington, as well as ExxonMobil and ChevronTexaco, now has an interest in trade with Equatorial Guinea: oil was discovered offshore there in 1995, making it the third largest petroleum producer in Africa.

Cabelly's firm, C/R International, may have won its contract with Equatorial Guinea because of its service to African nations with even more oil. In 1995, after Sani Abacha, then dictator of Nigeria, executed nine prominent political activists, members of the U.S. House and Senate introduced bills laying the groundwork for an international oil embargo. Africa's top oil producer fought back by hiring nine U.S. lobbying and P.R. firms, including C/R (to which Base Petroleum, owned by Abachals son, paid an estimated \$1 million). The bills died, and only trifling penalties against the regime—limiting sales of military equipment and restricting visas for senior officials—were enacted. From 1996 to 2002, C/R received \$6 million from Angola. In 2001 the United States gave Angola \$2.8 million in military assistance, a marked increase from \$0 in the previous three years and a total of \$200,000 between 1962 and 1997. While C/R served Angola, the government's troops beat and raped civilians, and killed suspected rebel sympathizers.

Because of its sudden oil wealth, Equatorial Guinea has the world's fastest-growing economy, but the nation qualifies as "stable" only in that President Obiang has ruled since 1979, when he overthrew and executed his even more despotic uncle. While most of its citizens earn about \$1 a day, President Obiang neglects infrastructure and misappropriates oil revenue in favor of lavish personal expenditures. (He recently paid \$2.6 million in cash for a mansion near Washington, D.C.) As the United States tries to reduce its dependence on the Middle East, African oil has taken on greater geopolitical significance. Because of work by C/R and others, Washington will likely continue to ignore the fact that Africa's oil producers are ruled by dictatorships that continually violate human rights.

For Cabelly, daily contact with U.S. officials includes talking to old colleagues from his years at the State, Department, where he helped to negotiate the 1994 peace agreement between Angola and its UNITA rebels. Many lobbyists have worked previously in public service: in 1997, Burma hired Jefferson Waterman International, a firm run by former assistant secretary of state far international narcotics Ann Wrobleksi in an unsuccessful attempt to end U.S. trade sanctions. (Since 1997, Burma has been one of the top two producers of opium in the world.) With his connections, Cabelly may urge the Bush Administration to grant Equatorial Guinea preferential trade status and will likely lobby the State Department to issue MPRI, a Virginia-based military contractor, the license it has been seeking to train the Equatoguinean military. His work for the country began on a promising note: in October, two months after the deal between Equatorial Guinea and C/R, the U.S. embassy in Malabo reopened after being shuttered for eight years.

C/R's fee of \$300,000 is a small price to pay for favorable U.S. policy. In 2002, payments to the lobbyists and P.R. firms registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act—a total of \$408 million—covered a range of projects, from touting Caribbean beaches to

urging the removal of sanctions against pariah nations. Oil-industry insiders and excited energy experts have nicknamed Equatorial Guinea "the Kuwait of Africa" for its tiny population (500,000) and its vast oil reserves (1.1 billion barrels). Perhaps Cabelly will be so successful as to further the parallel. In 1990 and 1991, Citizens for a Free Kuwait, funded by the emir's government, paid Hill & Knowlton a record \$10.8 million over six months to create a media and lobbying campaign widely credited with convincing the U.S. public that its soldiers should defend the tiny, distant monarchy. As long as the dictatorship in Equatorial Guinea finds lobbyists to take its oil money, it has every reason to expect preferential trade policies, if not, one day, U.S. troops to defend it.

ANNOUNCING PASSING OF
FORMER CONGRESSMEN ED ROY-
BAL AND BOB BADHAM

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, our Nation lost a public servant who demonstrated conscience and commitment. The Honorable Edward Ross Roybal was a pioneer and a fighter for the disadvantaged. As a Mexican-American man in 1930s and 40s in Los Angeles, he personally experienced brutality because of his color. He fought that racism with political activism. As a city council member, activist, and 30 year Congressman in this great House, he broke barrier after barrier.

But it wasn't enough for him to break barriers simply by his presence in American political life, which was remarkable in its own right. He worked to actively pave the way for those behind him, never losing passion for giving voice to the voiceless.

He co-founded the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, dedicated to voicing and advancing, issues affecting Hispanics in the United States.

He founded the National Association of Latino Elected Officials, which empowers Latinos nationwide to participate in the democratic process.

He remained active in California politics, mentoring the next generation of young leaders.

Congressman Roybal was more than an asset to the Hispanic Community. He was an asset to the American community. In these chambers, he was a role model to us all. He voted his conscience and stuck to his principles. And America is better off because of him.

I offer heartfelt condolences to my colleague and friend, the Honorable LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD, and I join the Nation in mourning this great man.

HONORING AMERICA'S FALLEN
HEROES

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to somberly note the 2,000th death of an

American servicemember in Iraq. Having reached this unwelcome milestone, I realize that the important number, however, is and remains, one. Each loss of a servicemember in Iraq is a loss to one unit, to one family, to one mother and one father and it is a loss we all suffer together as one Nation. Each loss represents the supreme sacrifice of one more American hero, a hero that now stands forever alongside the American heroes who gave their lives in forging this great Nation in the war of independence, that preserved our Union in the Civil War, that defeated the fascists and the Nazis in World War II and that fought communism in Korea and Vietnam. Among these men and women we honor today are four from my community in Guam. These four fallen heroes are a reflection of our island's patriotism, valor and sacrifice. I mark this new milestone with great sadness but take comfort in knowing that another generation of Americans, included among them another generation of Guam's sons and daughters, has answered the call of duty to protect freedom and the American way of life. We owe a deep gratitude to these fallen men and women and to their families. May God bless them and may God bless our country.

THE INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND WORKS OF WELLINGTON MARA

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of fellow Fordham University alumnus Wellington Timothy Mara, who succumbed to cancer yesterday at the age of 89. To football fans in the New York/New Jersey Metropolitan Area, Mara is synonymous with our beloved New York Giants, and has been for decades.

Born in New York City on August 14, 1916, Mara was introduced to professional football in 1925, when his father purchased the rights to establish a team in New York. It was that year that Mara had his first job with the Giants, as a ball boy. He would later recount a story from that inaugural season of overhearing head coach Robert Folwell telling his team to "give them hell out there." It was at that moment that 9-year-old Mara realized what a tough game football must be, and fell in love with the game forever.

In 1930, Timothy Mara, Wellington's father, gave the team to his two sons, Jack, 22, and Wellington, who was just 14. He became the youngest owner in the league.

In the late 1930's, Wellington Mara attended Fordham University. By now an avid football fan, Mara befriended many of the university's football players. At that time, Fordham was a formidable national powerhouse, at one point winning 25 straight games. It was here Mara befriended legendary player, coach and fellow NFL Hall of Famer Vince Lombardi.

Upon graduation in 1937, Mara joined the New York Giants operation full-time. With his brother in charge of the business, Wellington Mara soon took control of the player personnel decisions. In this role he drafted or traded for some of the all time great NFL players. He in-

tegrated the Giants at a time when much of the league remained all-white. He drafted running back Frank Gifford and Roosevelt Brown and traded for quarterback Y.A. Tittle, all future Hall of Famers. He was the architect of the dominant Giants teams of 1958-1963 when they appeared in five NFL championship games, winning one championship. The first of these championship appearances in 1958 is known as "the greatest game ever played," against the Baltimore Colts, the NFL's first ever sudden death overtime in a championship game.

During World War II Mara joined the United States Navy. He served honorably in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters, earning the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

In the early 1960's, Jack and Wellington Mara agreed to give up lucrative television revenue and allow it to be equally split among all NFL teams. As the owners of the most valuable team in the league at the time, their decision to put the good of the entire league above their self-interest set the league on a path to the enormous prosperity it is enjoying today.

When the Giants hit lean times during the 1970's, Mara placed most of the blame on himself. To respond he hired George Young as General Manager, who then was the architect of the dominant Giants' teams of the late 1980's. These teams won Super Bowl XXI (1987) and Super Bowl XXV (1991). Young won five NFL Executive of the Year awards in his 19 seasons with the Giants.

All told, in Mara's 81 years with the Giants, they appeared in 26 postseasons, won 16 division championships and six NFL titles. Those six championships represent the third most of any franchise, behind only the Green Bay Packers and the Chicago Bears.

In addition to his service to the Giants, Mara also worked hard for the league as a whole to ensure collective prosperity. He served on the league's Competition Committee, the Hall of Fame Committee, and the Executive Committee, including a term as chairman from 1971-1977. He has been widely lauded by his fellow owners for his invaluable service to the league.

In 1971-72, Fordham University inducted Mara into their Athletic Hall of Fame. Mara has continued his close ties to the university throughout his life, and in 2002 he was honored at the Fordham Founder's dinner, the university's highest honor.

In 1997 Mara was inducted into the National Football League Hall of Fame, an honor he reluctantly accepted. He was a strong advocate of leaving the Hall of Fame for just players and coaches, insisting it was they, and not owners, who made the game great.

Wellington Mara served his community as a member of the board of the Giants Foundation, a charitable organization founded by the New York Giants involved with providing financial and social support for disadvantaged youth in the New York/New Jersey Metropolitan Area.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer my deepest condolences to his wife of 61 years Ann, his 11 children and 40 grandchildren.

Today I am proud to have introduced a House Resolution honoring the life and work of Wellington Timothy Mara. I respectfully urge that all my colleagues join me in paying our respects, and offer their support for this resolution.

EULOGY FOR KENNY SWYGERT

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow I will be attending the funeral of Kenny Swygert, beloved husband of my long-time staff assistant and friend, Brenda. I submit to the record the remarks I will be making at the service.

At times such as this we find that words can never adequately provide a true expression of the sympathy we feel, and words seem so unlikely to provide comfort, but we gathered here this morning to show Brenda and her family that we are grieving with you over the loss of your beloved Kenny.

Having known Kenny from the time Brenda met him, and remembering that it was in my first Congressional office that they met due to the matchmaking efforts of brother Pat, I have always felt partly responsible for the success of their marriage, and, Brenda, you two found such happiness together that I came to believe that your marriage was one of the best things I have ever been a part of.

Over the years Brenda and Kenny have defined a good marriage for me and for all who know them, so we know how difficult this loss will be for you, Brenda, and how difficult it will be for you to be without your life partner.

Please know that your many friends, and all of those whose lives you and Kenny have touched over the years, are with you in spirit at this time of sorrow and that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

I believe that it is often the case that those who work with someone on a daily basis have a very good opportunity to know of the quality of a marriage. It is on a daily basis that one has, particularly in a small Congressional office, to see what the people with whom you work are experiencing in their lives away from the office. With Brenda, I could tell that she was married to a man who supported her and enabled her to devote herself to the demands of a Congressional career as well as give of herself to friends and family as generously as she has over the years.

And give of herself Brenda has, so much so that I knew Kenny must be a wonderfully supportive husband to tolerate her missing so many evenings at home while she was working late with me. I have benefited so much over the years from Brenda's professionalism and dedication that I haven't thought enough of thanking Kenny for allowing her to be as devoted as she is.

When Brenda was sick a couple of years we were able to see the kind of love and support that Kenny provided and how his prayers and his strength and determination that she survive was a force that encouraged and sustained Brenda in her fight to breathe and restore her health. We all worried about the illness that threatened her life and the capacity of her doctors and medicine to overcome it, but we had absolutely no worry about Brenda's will to live and her fighting spirit and that she was not alone because Kenny was there fighting with her.

Brenda, I hope that you and your family will be comforted at this time by the memories of the many good times you shared and by the knowledge that you were able to care for and comfort him at the end of his life, at his side

as he was with you. By being with him as he passed you truly fulfilled your wedding vow "until death do us part."

I once heard a Pastor of a younger congregation, who counseled many couples before marriage and continue in touch with them through a Married Couples club in the church, tell the story of the death of an elderly male member of cancer and saw at his bedside at the moment of his death his wife beside him holding his hands, mopping his brow, and giving him comfort. He said to the young people that evening that he knew there were many good ways for a marriage to begin, but there was no better way for a marriage to end.

I know, however, that what is important to you and your family at this time is that Kenny has been taken from you. May God give you the strength and courage at this time of sorrow to help you bear your burden of grief, and may He strengthen your faith in the resurrection promised by Jesus to provide hope of reunion in Heaven.

IN RECOGNITION OF BREAST
CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the brave survivors of this disease. The statistics for breast cancer are staggering. One out of every eight women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime, and 1 out of every 229 women in their 30s will be affected by the disease at some point in their lives. The unfortunate truth behind these numbers is that there is a limited amount of information available on women under 35 with breast cancer. The general sentiment is that women in their 20s and 30s are too young to contract the illness, but the reality is that women of this age are not immune.

Four young women have shared their stories of survival with each other as part of a support group called Nordie's at Noon, and they recently published a book of the same name documenting their stories. These women were in the first stages of their lives when they were diagnosed with breast cancer, and their stories, although different, are bound together by a common challenge. These courageous women are Patti Balwanz, Kim Carlos, Jennifer Johnson, and Jana Peters.

Patti Balwanz fought a long and brave battle against breast cancer. She was diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 24, while working as an IT consultant. Her cancer metastasized to her bones, lungs and liver, but she used her experience to educate women about the disease. Patti stayed active in breast cancer awareness outlets during her treatment by serving as a Board Officer of the Ribbons of Pink Foundation and being honored with the foundation's "You Are an Inspiration" award. Patti also continued her education by receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree from Southwest Missouri State University and remaining active in the Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority. Until her death in 2003, Patti continued to educate women about breast cancer while bravely facing her own fight.

Kim Carlos was diagnosed with breast cancer during the planning of her son's second birthday party. After three years of extensive treatment including eight rounds of chemotherapy, a mastectomy with breast reconstruction, and treatments for lymphedema, Kim is now cancer-free. Currently Kim serves as President of the Board for the Greater Kansas City Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, and she was recently selected to serve on the Komen National Public Policy Council. Kim is also a member of the American Cancer Society State Advocacy Committee. She has been honored by Lifetime Television and SELF Magazine for her efforts in educating women about breast cancer. Kim now focuses on advocacy full-time with her business, K.C. Consulting, where her focus is governmental and public relations and grassroots advocacy.

While five months pregnant with her first child, Jennifer Johnson was diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 27. Her treatment involved chemotherapy and a mastectomy during her pregnancy. Jennifer completed her final chemotherapy treatment in 2000, and the next day delivered a healthy baby boy, Parker Matthew. Three years later, Jennifer had a daughter, Emma Grace, and she has been cancer-free for six years. Jennifer is active in several breast cancer advocacy groups including the American Cancer Society, the Susan G. Komen Association, the Ribbons of Pink Foundation, and the Pregnant with Cancer organization.

Jana Peters was 27 and engaged to be married when she received her breast cancer diagnosis. She has undergone several treatments since then including a mastectomy and chemotherapy. In 1999 Jana founded the Ribbons of Pink Foundation, a non-profit organization with the goal of promoting breast health and serving as a support for young breast cancer survivors. She is a member of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, and she is a volunteer for several breast cancer organizations and events. Jana continues her career in the clinical research industry in San Francisco, where she resides with her husband Chris.

We celebrate these courageous women who have battled breast cancer and those who continue their fight against this illness. Breast cancer survivors and supporters gather to raise awareness and encourage the access of information for breast cancer in young women. Thank you to Patti, Kim, Jennifer and Jana for sharing their stories of bravery and determination.

THE 9/11 COMMISSION FINAL
REPORT ONE YEAR LATER

HON. CYNTHIA MCKINNEY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to enter the following into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

THE 9/11 COMMISSION REPORT ONE YEAR
LATER

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Opening Remarks

Rep. CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: Last year, we got the final report, an extensive, prosaically impressive report, but as some of us sat down to read it, the errors and omissions immediately jumped out at us. How was it that it took over an hour after the first transponder went off before planes were scrambled to meet the threat, all of them too late? What happened to those reports that surfaced within months of September 11th stating that seven or more of the alleged hijackers had come forward and claimed they were victims of stolen identities and were alive and well, living in Saudi Arabia, Morocco,

and Tunisia? Why did the Commission choose not even to address this? What about Osama bin Laden and his role in the Mujahedin backed by the CIA in the 1980s to fight the Soviets? The Commission didn't go there . . . We cannot afford to shy away from inconvenient truths. Many of you may find what you hear today to be inconvenient information. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said the ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but times of challenge and controversy. I encourage you to engage with the issues that are raised. If you don't agree or don't like what you hear, challenge it. I believe that we should take in what every reasonable person has to say, to inform our decisions, because that is the best way to find the truth. In our pursuit of the truth, I encourage you to emulate the courage and the determination of the September 11th families in their struggle to know what really happened.

9/11 Families Report

Ms. LORIE VAN AUKEN: A thorough and definitive investigation by the Commission . . . would have subpoenaed for the information it required and examined the plethora of information that other citizens and groups responsibly provided. . . . it would have reported all of its findings with its redactions blacked out and submitted to the American people. In essence, the Commission could have produced a final product where the resulting conclusions and recommendations could be trusted. Instead, at the end of the day, what we got were some statements that truly insulted the intelligence of the American people, violated our loved ones' memories, and might end up hurting us one day soon.

One such statement was that 9/11 was a failure of imagination: a failure of whose imagination? What exactly does that mean? When you have a CIA Director with his hair on fire, a system blinking red, 52 FAA warnings, an August 6, 2001 PDB entitled "Bin Laden Determined to Strike in the United States," leads on several 9/11 hijackers . . . warnings from many foreign governments, a Phoenix memo, warning of Islamic extremists taking flying lessons, the arrest of would-be terrorists Zacarias Moussaoui, facts imparted to one agent, Agent Frasca, at the RFU of the FBI, 9/11 was truly a failure, all right, but I would certainly not call it a failure of imagination. Another outrageous statement made at the time of the release of the 9/11 final report that got a fair amount of media coverage was the one "Everyone's to blame, therefore, no one's to blame." The problem with that assumption is that it creates a no fault Government, and a no fault Government does nothing to ensure that things will be different or better in the future. When you hold people accountable, it serves as a deterrent for those that would repeat that same behavior in the future. For the record, I would like to see that assumption restated to read "Everyone's to blame, therefore, everyone's to blame." In fact, the fact that there has been no accountability for the failures that led to the deaths of almost 3,000 people is truly unconscionable and irresponsible on the part of all of our nation's leaders. The tools of democracy available to the citizens of America to address these issues are incredibly limited. We asked for an independent commission to investigate 9/11 because that was the only tool that we, as American citizens, had access to, and hoped that our leaders, the members of Congress and the American public, would ensure its validity and that its ensuing recommendations would make us all safer, as safe as we could reasonably expect to be in the event of another attack. Sadly, as Americans, we have all been let down.

Behind the 9/11 Commission: Flaws in the Process

Mr. JOHN JUDGE: This Commission's report is not a rush to judgment. It's rather a rush to exoneration. It fails to really hold people to accountability . . . By approaching the whole matter as an intelligence failure in the report, it obscured the evidence that what was normally a standard operating procedure in the period prior to 9/11 fell apart, apparently, in the months around and on that day. It led to them pursuing leads and suspects, basically accepting earlier reports without doing further follow up, blaming certain suspects, even though the evidence is we don't yet clearly know who the suspects were that got onto the plane, and that's because several people have come forward saying that their identity was stolen, basically, by these people. We are left with a story that comes from people that we can't get to, and we are left with a story that perhaps is giving us the wrong direction in terms of how we are looking. Until we open up the report and until we can look at the actual evidence and compare it, and begin to actually investigate further on many of the areas that the Commission ignored, then we have a report that doesn't eventually serve the mandate that this Commission was required to take care of, looking at the truth of terrorist acts upon the United States.

Mr. MELVIN GOODMAN: The most important individual to me, other than a commissioner, was the staff director, Philip Zelikow. His conflicts of interest were so great that you do have to wonder why this individual was appointed to head this important staff of over 80 people. He had very strong ties to the George Herbert Walker Bush Administration. Very strong personal and political and policy ties to Condoleezza Rice. More importantly, Philip Zelikow was running the case study program at Harvard which took millions of dollars from the Central Intelligence Agency over a ten year period to write case studies on the CIA, to establish a record that was essentially untrue with the facts about the work of the CIA. Of course, the classic case study that Philip Zelikow chaired, along with Ernest May, who was his patron at the Harvard Kennedy School, was the case on the Soviet Union, how the CIA got it right. You know, the politics of getting it right. Of course, as we all know, one of the greatest disasters of politicization of intelligence that occurred even before the Iraq war was over the politicization of intelligence on the Soviet Union. Who did Philip Zelikow bring into the staff structure as a team leader on his staff? None other than Douglas MacEachin, who was serving a tour up at the Harvard Kennedy School. Who was Douglas MacEachin? Douglas MacEachin was the head of the Soviet analysis job during the 1980s . . . responsible for most of the politicization of intelligence. Here you have Philip Zelikow from Harvard and the case study program, and Douglas MacEachin, as a team leader on Zelikow's staff, making serious decisions about the need for change within the intelligence community.

Omissions and Errors in the Commission's Final Report

Mr. PAUL THOMPSON: The 9/11 Commission claims it wasn't until 9:20 when Indianapolis communicated with the FAA command center and notified them that Flight 77 was missing, and then the information started to get out to other command centers, but still, NORAD wasn't notified. We are talking over half an hour later, the plane has been missing, still no one notifies NORAD, until finally 9:34, three minutes before the plane crashes, and then it was only mentioned inadvertently in passing when talked about with something else.

In order for this to be true, the 9/11 Commission is making the claim essentially that the Indianapolis flight control center and the local FAA center that they contacted were in complete lack of contact with the outside world during this time, that they were unaware, unlike the tens of millions of people who had been watching CNN, that there was an ongoing crisis, that planes had crashed into the World Trade Center, two planes. They are saying that all the way until 9:20, there has been over half an hour now where this has been the breaking news, that nobody in this entire Indianapolis flight control center or the FAA center had any idea that any of this had been happening.

We know that just isn't true. In fact, there was one news report saying that other centers such as theirs had been notified of the crisis long before the first plane even crashed into the World Trade Center. What we see is an account coming from the 9/11 Commission that in my opinion is just frankly impossible.

Mr. JOHN NEWMAN: An FBI team working with cell phone numbers provided by Indian intelligence uncovered a new smoking gun. They learned that the chief of the ISI, Mahmood Ahmed, had ordered Saeed Sheikh to send \$100,000 of the kidnapping ransom to Mohamed Atta a month before the 9/11 attacks. This ugly detail emerged when the FBI team ran traces on Saeed Sheikh's cell phone number beginning in July; the ISI chief's number was among the regular people that Saeed Sheikh communicated with. On October 7th, President Musharraf sacked Ahmed for this notorious act. This story was widely covered in the press around the world, not covered here in the United States . . . It's hard to imagine a revelation more damaging than the fact that Pakistan's intelligence service and most powerful Army commanders were behind the 9/11 attacks and the paymaster, a known terrorist who had been able to carry out his mission because the U.S. and U.K. had set aside justice for his crimes . . . that a sovereign government and supposed ally was so directly involved in the 9/11 atrocity must have stunned and deeply embarrassed the American Administration . . . The story of Saeed Sheikh and the generals are only lightly covered in western media, and only one American newspaper, the Wall Street Journal, carried it on October 10th.

The 9/11 Commission report which carries Mustafa al-Hawsawi as the paymaster and Sheikh Saeed as the al-Qaeda CFO, has dodged the issue, and does not say if the two are the same or not. Thus, technically, even if the Commission staff knew the truth, they have not told a bald lie. The Administration officials speak on terms of anonymity and were told that the Justice Department had pressed the National Security Council to have Saeed Sheikh extradited. One might be justified in asking the question why would the National Security Council have to be pressed to extradite a murderer of U.S. citizens? By late February [2002], the issue was moot. Pearl was murdered, and Musharraf swore he would personally hang him [for Pearl's murder] before turning him over to the Americans, unlike Khalid Shaikh Mohammed and Ramzi bin al-Shibh, whom he did turn over. Of course, they had not been western penetrators of al-Qaeda . . . We can no longer say we are protecting sources and methods about a story known to the rest of this planet. We are now mocked for our ignorance about this story, and even members of Britain's Parliament poke fun at us. It is long past time to come clean about Saeed Sheikh.

9/11 in Historical Perspective: Flawed Assumptions

Ms. LORETTA NAPOLIONE: . . . we need to implement a forward looking anti-terrorist policy, one which predicts the enemy's next move. . . . a forward looking anti terrorist financing policy should look at the situation in Congo, isolated as a potential area where terrorist financing could take place. In order to prevent that, it should dismantle this business of smuggling gold . . . Of course, a forward looking approach in the fight against terrorism will require the full participation of the private sector, and a multilateral policy. One country alone, not even if it is the United States, can actually fight this war on terror alone. Among other things, this policy, if implemented, will then cut the link between crime and terror. Terror will not any longer be a very profitable partner for crime. Breaking the link between crime and terror would already be a step forward, which you have not yet made.

Ms. ANNE NORTON: Neoconservative foreign policy centers on a fear of world government and the international institutions that might lead to it, most notably, the United Nations, a rejection of multilateralism, and as they say, above all, the ability to distinguish friends from enemies. . . . Europeans regard neoconservatism with special skepticism, and they do so, as you might have already realized, because they know its progenitors all too well, the desire for the combination of traditional values, the desire for an expansion of executive power, the ambition to create a new world order, and the identification of a providential enemy are all parts of a very familiar past, the shadows of German national socialism and 19th Century European empires fall very heavily on the neo conservative project. As the Administration responded to 9/11, this influence became increasingly evident.

Mr. PETER DALE SCOTT: The 9/11 report describes Ali Mohamed as "a former Egyptian Army officer who had moved to the United States in the mid 1980s, enlisted in the U.S. Army, and became an instructor at Ft. Bragg, as well as helping to plan the bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Kenya." In fact, Ali Mohamed was a very important al Qaeda agent who, as the 9/11 Commission was told, "trained most of the al Qaeda's top leadership, including persons who would later carry out the 1993 World Trade Center bombing." Ali Mohamed clearly enjoyed U.S. protection. In 1993, he was detained by the RCMP in Canada, and a single phone call to the United States secured his release. This enabled him to play a role in the same year in planning the bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Kenya in 1998. Eventually, he was allowed to plea bargain and receive a secret sentence. We don't know what the sentence is . . . The amazing thing, although he was named as a conspirator in that bombing, he was not an indicted conspirator, which itself is evidence of something going on behind the scene. Congress should determine the true relationship of the U.S. Government to Ali Mohamed, who was close to Bin Laden and above all, al Zawahiri, who has been called the main player in 9/11. This is very important, I think, whereas the report focuses almost uniquely on Khalid Shaikh Mohammed and Ramzi bin Al Shibh. Many other sources independently say the main figure and the top brains in al Qaeda was al Zawahiri, who Ali Mohamed was clearly close to.

Mr. NAFEEZ AHMED: In April 1991, according to a classified U.S. intelligence report, then head of Saudi Intelligence Services, Prince Turki al Faisal, struck a secret deal with Bin Laden, despite his being under house arrest for his opposition to the presence of U.S. soldiers. Under this deal, al-

though the regime would publicly disown him, Bin Laden was permitted to leave Saudi Arabia with his funding and supporters. Moreover, the regime would continue to fund his activities on the condition that he does not target the Saudi kingdom himself. Posner's accounts of a secret agreement between Bin Laden and Saudi intelligence is significant because he argues this was known to U.S. intelligence, this wasn't something that we didn't know. Levivier also interviewed a CIA analyst about the role of the Mujahedin. This CIA agent said "The policy of guiding the evolution of Islam and of helping them against our adversaries worked marvelously well in Afghanistan against the Red army. The same doctrines can still be used to destabilize what remains of Russian power, and especially to counter the Chinese influence in Central Asia." When I read this, I was quite surprised. Could this really be possible?

Stuff it to say in conclusion, this is a phenomenon I have discovered to be paraded throughout many regions in the Middle East and Central Asia. It is a very worrying phenomenon. It fundamentally challenges the whole paradigm of the war on terror. If we are allying ourselves in some manner with al Qaeda in this rather direct way, how can we fight a war and win? It just doesn't make any sense.

Foreign Policy: Immediate Response and Recommendations

Mr. WAYNE SMITH: The 9/11 Commission report says that the United States should engage its friends to develop a common coalition approach toward the detention and humane treatment of captured terrorists. New principles might draw upon Article 3 of the Geneva Conventions on the law of armed conflict. That article was specifically designed for those cases in which the usual laws of war did not apply. In other words, these cases in which our Government tells us the Geneva Conventions don't apply. The minimum standards are generally accepted throughout the world as customary international law. What does Article 3 call for? Well, among other things, it prohibits outrages . . . upon personal dignity, in particular, humiliating and degrading treatment. All these practices of stripping the prisoners naked, putting women's underwear or perhaps even men's underwear on their heads, is degrading treatment. It is prohibited by international law. . . . I'm not ageless, but I have lived a long time, and I don't remember ever having been ashamed of what we were doing to foreign prisoners. In World War II, we treated prisoners well, let's say soldiers. Even German spies arrested in the United States were not treated in a degrading manner . . . This is not an intelligent way to proceed in our struggle against terrorism. We ought to get back to full respect for international law, and fully humane treatment of all prisoners, without any exception.

Mr. ROBERT MCILVAINE: I had an unbelievable opportunity to go to Bogota. I haven't flown since 9/11. Not that I'm necessarily afraid, but I just won't fly. I've learned too much about the shoe bomber. I'm just not going to leave the country. Bogota, they have an international conference on violence and terrorism, and they called me to speak down there. I decided to do it. There were probably about 2,000 people in the auditorium, the first two rows were all victims. 13 year olds with legs missing. Burn victims. I had dinner with one burn victim, 75 percent of her body, an African/Colombian. She lost her three children and her husband. I said, I feel sorry for myself sometimes. That woman could sit there and laugh with me, because you have a bond with people who have suf-

fered. That is what we have to think about. It's the civilians, the 25,000 civilians in Iraq that have died, and 500,000 people in Iraq that have died in the 1990s. What is this foreign policy that we have? We talk about Pax Americana. In Latin, does that not mean American peace? Have we perpetrated peace in this world? Have we, since 1945? I think not.

Domestic Policy: Immediate Response and Recommendations

Ms. ELAINE CASSEL: Four years since September 11th, almost four years, and one year since the 9/11 Commission's report, critical infrastructures and resources are unprotected, and protections are unplanned, as far as I know. Co-Chair of the panel, Lee Hamilton, mentioned that this morning in a press briefing. He was very frustrated by that, and he mentioned these are difficult tasks to take on. Yes . . . it's hard to try to assess the risk to our critical infrastructure and to intervene and prevention . . . It's easy to open a file on demonstrators against the Administration's policies and conduct surveillance on the ACLU and Greenpeace, as the Washington Post reported last week. I seriously doubt that the ACLU and Greenpeace are terrorist organizations. In fact, if they were, the Government would have shut them down. Why are we paying the FBI's counterterrorism unit to amass thousands of files on these organizations and individuals?

Mr. C. WILLIAM MICHAELS: I still do not think the case has been made that civil liberties of any sort must be compromised so we can get to the bottom of what terrorist conspiracies may or may not be operating within the United States. All of this plus the scope and approach of the 9/11 Commission recommendations, which deal with everything from the FBI, passports, driver's licenses, airline passengers, brings me to the final points. And that is the effect we may be seeing as these varied parallel developments, including, of course, the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, the situation in military commissions in Camp Delta, Guantanamo Bay, which continue to unfold as we dispense with the legal preliminaries, and U.S. citizens held as enemy combatants, come to a single point, which should be considered as we continue with this national debate as what might be on the horizon at that point. Here they are, 12 common characteristics of a national security state:

1. Visible increase in uniformed security personnel.
2. Lack of civil accountability for the actions of law enforcement and security personnel.
3. Reduced role of the judiciary and executive treatment of suspects.
4. Secrecy of ruling authority and momentum of the threat.
5. Media in the service of the state.
6. Public and national resources called to service against security threat.
7. Patriotism moving to nationalism.
8. Lack of critical response by religious denominations.
9. War time mentality and permanent war economy.
10. Targeted individuals or groups.
11. Direct attack against dissent.
12. Increased surveillance of citizenry.

Intelligence Reform: Immediate Response and Recommendations

Mr. DAVID MACMICHAEL: The quote I want to give you is from a book written by a very interesting man, now deceased, Arthur Macy Cox, who was George Kennan's principal assistant when George Kennan, post World War II, was head of the State Department's Planning Office . . . His book is called *The Myths of National Security, the Peril of Secret Government* . . . published by Beacon Press in 1975:

"The drafters of the Constitution provided us with an ingenious system of Government based on machinery to check and balance the use of power, but they did not anticipate the problem of secret Government, nor has that problem been dealt with in subsequent constitutional amendments. Despite a lack of safeguards, a large consensus of the American public since World War II, has granted to succeeding presidents extraordinary secret powers to protect the security of the nation. The people felt that in matters of national survival, the President should be given total trust. He should be allowed to make decisions in secret to protect our national security, but democracy and secrecy are incompatible and it has now become clear that secret powers should never have been delegated without guarantees of accountability to the people's representatives in the Congress."

Mr. JOHN NUTTER: As I listened to David, I was struck by the various documents that I've read in my scholarship, documents like the Tower Commission report on Iran Contra, the Church Committee, the Pike Committee, and its recommendations, the Taylor Committee, which some of you may recognize as the postmortem on the Bay of Pigs . . . One could very easily take the recommendations from any of those reports, cut and paste them into the 9/11 Commission, and you wouldn't be able to tell the difference.

Closing Remarks

Rep. CYNTHIA MCKINNEY: I would just like to say after we have heard all of the testimony that has been presented to us today, there is one thing that is very clear, and that is that we must know what our Government is doing in our name. The American people have to inform themselves, despite the failure of the corporate press, to investigate the information in the public domain that provides answers to our questions. Today is a very special day because we have brought truth to Capitol Hill.

INCREASING THE AUTHORIZED PERIOD OF STAY FOR THE GUAM VISA WAIVER PROGRAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, today I have introduced legislation to increase the period of authorized stay for the Guam Visa Waiver Program to mirror the period of authorized stay established in law for the nationwide Visa Waiver Program. I have introduced this bill at the request of both the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor of Guam.

The Guam Visa Waiver Program was authorized by the Omnibus Territories Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-396). This program was established to largely complement the nationwide Visa Waiver Program, which was permanently authorized by Congress in 2000 (Public Law 106-396), and to strengthen economic and cultural ties with nations in East Asia and the Pacific Rim.

Today there are currently 27 countries participating in the nationwide Visa Waiver Program, while an additional ten countries are authorized to participate in the Guam Visa Waiver Program. These ten countries, admitted into the program as participants through the State Department rulemaking process, are as follows: Brunei, Indonesia, the Republic of

Korea, Malaysia, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Taiwan, the possessions of the United Kingdom, Vanuatu and Western Samoa.

Under current law, nonimmigrant visitors arriving in the United States, including Guam, through the nationwide Visa Waiver Program are permitted entry for business or pleasure for a period not to exceed 90 days. However, nonimmigrant visitors arriving in Guam from any of the ten countries currently participating in the Guam Visa Waiver Program are permitted entry for business or pleasure for a period not to exceed 15 days. The bill I have introduced today would increase the period authorized for stay in Guam under the Guam Visa Waiver Program from 15 days to 90 days, a period equal in length to that established in law for the nationwide Visa Waiver Program.

I believe that establishing consistency in the authorized periods of stay under both programs will improve the administration of the Guam Visa Waiver Program. Additionally, extending the period of authorized stay for the Guam Visa Waiver Program could potentially boost tourism for Guam.

Tourism is a key sector of Guam's economy, and the Guam Visa Waiver Program has been central to increased international travel to Guam since its implementation in 1998. I believe this program can be strengthened with an increased authorized period of stay.

This bill has been co-sponsored by the Chairman and the Ranking Member of the House Small Business Committee, Mr. MANZULLO and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, respectively. Their support is especially appreciated given the fact that this bill will support many small businesses in Guam which are a part of the visitor industry. Additionally, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. BURTON, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, and Mr. FARR are original co-sponsors of this bill. I look forward to building more support for this bill in the 109th Congress and to working with the leadership of the House Judiciary Committee on this issue.

CONGRATULATING THE CHICAGO WHITE SOX ON WINNING THE WORLD SERIES

HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the players, owners and staff of the Chicago White Sox on their tremendous victory in the 2005 World Series. Loyal White Sox fans across Illinois have been waiting 88 long years for this moment and it is every bit as satisfying as any of us could imagine.

Not many picked the Chicago White Sox to win the World Championship when the season started. After all, they had not won a playoff game in more than a decade, they did not have a group of high-priced superstars on their roster, and they are from the city of Chicago—which had not even seen a World Series game in nearly half a century. But this team never stopped believing in itself and quickly showed the experts and the Nation that championships are won through tireless effort, consistent teamwork, and a spirit that says anything is possible.

History will record that the 2005 Chicago White Sox marched through the season with a 99-63 record, the best in the American League. It will further show that this team went on to dominate in the postseason with an 11-1 record that included an unimaginable World Series sweep. But no historic record can convey the excitement this team created in a city desperate for a baseball championship, or the joy felt in the hearts of White Sox fans everywhere. And it certainly cannot capture the pride felt throughout our state in having this tremendous group of young men represent us in the World Series.

It is my honor to congratulate owner Jerry Reinsdorf, General Manager Kenny Williams, Manager Ozzie Guillen and the White Sox players for this extraordinary accomplishment. From the first day of this season, you have conducted yourself with class on and off the field and truly exemplified what it means to be a champion. In the process, you have set a standard of excellence for others to follow and provided cherished memories that so many dreamed of, but feared impossible.

HONORING MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM E. POTTS FOR FAITHFUL SERVICE TO STATE AND NATION

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, during a ceremony on November 11, 2005 in Columbia, Tennessee, the late Major General William E. Potts will be recognized for his service to his state and nation. The Veteran's Plaza on the grounds of the Maury County Courthouse will be named the Major General William E. Potts Veterans Memorial Plaza, with a plaque placed as a permanent memorial to his memory.

General Potts was born December 9, 1935 in Nashville. He later moved to Columbia with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Madden Potts. General Potts graduated from Columbia Central High School and Vanderbilt University. Having played football in high school and college he helped his Commodores defeat Auburn in the 1955 Gator Bowl.

Upon graduation from Vanderbilt in 1958, General Potts was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He studied Turkish at the Army's language school and graduated from both the Command and General Staff College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He also earned a master's degree in public administration from Middle Tennessee State University.

General Potts was company commander of the 801st Maintenance Battalion, 101st Airborne Division, served as an adviser in Vietnam and Army Attaché in Ankara, Turkey, and battalion commander of the 702nd Maintenance Battalion, Second Infantry Division in Korea. After being assigned to the Pentagon he was made Deputy Commanding General for research and development, Army Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville before assuming command of the Army's Ordnance Center and School at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

General Potts passed away February 29, 2004 at Walter Reed Army Hospital, and was

buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery.

In attendance for the November 11th ceremony will be General Potts's wife, Peggy; his sons, Colonel Gary Potts, who is currently serving in Afghanistan, Neil Potts, a former Army Captain, Airborne Ranger, Special Forces, now a restaurateur in Dallas, and their respective families. The General's only surviving sibling, Irene Morris of Columbia, will also be in attendance.

The ceremony will include color guards from the Vanderbilt University Army Reserve Officer Training Corps, the Tennessee State Guard, Spring Hill Junior Army ROTC and the Columbia Central Junior Navy ROTC.

TRINITY RAILWAY EXPRESS—
SALUTE TO HURRICANE VOLUNTEERS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute those individuals and organizations that opened their hearts and dedicated both financial and emotional support to the evacuees of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. All of the states along the Gulf Coast have endured terrible hardships during this hurricane season, and I know that the generosity of North Texans played a vital role in bringing some peace into their lives.

Today, I want to specifically thank one company and their donation. Trinity Railway Express helped senior citizens and other residents of the Houston-Galveston area flee from Hurricane Rita. They donated their time and equipment when it was most needed.

TRE is a service provided jointly by Dallas Area Rapid Transit and the Fort Worth Transportation Authority and it links downtown Fort Worth, downtown Dallas and DFW Airport.

I stand here today to sincerely thank Trinity Railway Express for their help and donation. It is people like them that I am proud to call fellow Texans. Through their contribution, they not only stand as devoted and giving American citizens, but they serve as an inspiration to others.

HONORING THE MONASTERY OF
THE GLORIOUS CROSS AS THEY
CELEBRATE THEIR 50TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to join the Benedictines of Jesus Crucified of the Monastery of the Glorious Cross as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary—a milestone for this community of nineteen.

Seventy-five years ago, Father Maurice Gaucheron, a priest on the staff of the Basilica of Montmatre in Paris and Suzanne Wrotnowska, the future Mother Marie des Deouleurs, began plans to open the doors of monastic life to women who, though interested

in pursuing this path, were unable to do so due to their fragile health. From the very beginning, the Monastery of the Holy Cross formed on the Rule of Saint Benedictine which emphasizes a listening heart, obedience, silence, and humility. In 1930, during a Mass celebrated in the crypt of Montmatre, Mother Marie des Douleurs and the first sisters were consecrated and their journey began.

The Monastery of the Glorious Cross in Branford, Connecticut was established just fifty years ago and is the only order of the Benedictines of Jesus Crucified in the United States. Houses of worship play a critical role in all of our communities. It is to these walls that so many turn in times of their greatest need. The Congregation at the Monastery of the Glorious Cross has always opened its doors to those in need of spiritual guidance and comfort. The public is welcomed to celebrate their daily Mass, the community sponsors a monthly day of recollection, and they also provide Mass cards and spiritual bouquets. It has been through their generosity and compassion that the Monastery of the Glorious Cross has become a local treasure. Every community should be so fortunate.

Today, as they celebrate their Golden Jubilee, the Sisters of the Monastery of the Glorious Cross will reflect on their own history as well as all that they have given to our community. It is my great pleasure to join Sister Mary Agatha, the Superior of the community, and all of the sisters of the Monastery of the Glorious Cross as they celebrate this very special occasion. I am honored to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to them for all of their good work.

HONORING MR. FRANK D. LINN, SR
ON HIS 50TH ANNIVERSARY AS
SANTA CLAUS

HON. TIM HOLDEN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. HOLDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Frank D. Linn, Sr. of Lower Swatara Township, Middletown, Pennsylvania as he celebrates fifty years of selfless and heartfelt service to the children and families of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania as Santa Claus.

Mr. Linn has given of his time and effort making thousands of children happy as "The Jolly Old Man with the Beard" since 1955. Acting as Santa in a shopping center and at private home parties, he also spreads the spirit of the holidays making visits and toy deliveries to around seventy-five homes at Christmastime.

A graduate of Central Dauphin High School, Mr. Linn has been employed with the House of Representatives, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the past forty-three years serving as Specialist in Intergovernmental Affairs to the Speaker of the House for Speaker Matthew J. Ryan and currently Speaker John M. Perzel. He has also devoted his time to the Lower Swatara Lions Club and the Middletown Area Red Cross as well as multiple local athletic teams, boy scouts troops, and fire companies.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to be able to recognize a man who has been committed to bringing joy to the people of my district for fifty

years. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Frank D. Linn, Sr. on fifty years of devoted service as our local Santa Claus and thank him for the many contributions he has made toward the well being of the citizens of Pennsylvania.

TRIBUTE TO STATE
REPRESENTATIVE TOMMY CARTER

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD), CRAMER JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Alabama State Representative Tommy Carter. Representative Carter has represented Limestone County in the Alabama State Legislature for thirty-six years. He plans to retire from public service at the conclusion of his current legislative term in 2006.

I consider it a privilege to have worked with Representative Carter on a wide variety of issues facing Limestone County. He has done a great deal to help further the quality of life for all individuals in our community.

During his many years of service in the State Legislature, Representative Carter was elected by his peers to numerous legislative leadership positions. Most notably, he served as the Chairman of the House Rules Committee for over twelve years. Representative Carter currently serves on the Education Finance and Appropriations Committee and the Agriculture and Forestry Committee.

Mr. Speaker, Representative Carter is well respected throughout our local community and the entire State of Alabama. He is a past recipient of the Athens Limestone County Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award and was the Conservationist of the Year Award winner in 1978. Representative Carter is also a former Scout Master and member of the Alabama National Guard.

After he steps down from the Alabama State Legislature, he will continue to serve on the Board of Directors for Community Bank and Athens State University Foundation Board.

Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, October 27th, the North Alabama community gathered to honor and celebrate all of Representative Carter's achievements. I rise today, to join in their celebration and to thank Representative Carter for his many years of dedicated service.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JEANETTE
CANTRELL RUDY—HEALTHCARE
PHILANTHROPIST

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the birthday of a dear friend and a distinguished member of the Nashville community, Mrs. Jeanette Cantrell Rudy. Mrs. Rudy is a generous philanthropist, an accomplished sportswoman and a true friend to many in Tennessee and across the nation. She celebrates her 78th birthday on October 27th, 2005.

When you look at everything Jeanette has accomplished in a mere 78 years, it is clear she is a woman of fierce commitment, incomparable energy and true generosity. As someone fortunate to have worked with Jeanette on various community initiatives, I can tell you there is no one you would rather have on your team when you launch a new project.

Born October 27th, 1927 in Sheffield, Alabama, Jeanette enrolled in the Saint Thomas Hospital School of Nursing in Nashville following high school graduation. She received her nursing degree in 1948. That occasion changed her life—along with the fact that she also met her future husband, Mr. Daniel Clees Rudy, about this time.

Daniel Clees Rudy, cofounder of the Rudy's Farm Sausage Company, and Jeanette married on February 20th, 1949. The Rudys made their home in the Pennington Bend area on the Cumberland River until Mr. Rudy's death in 1984.

Jeanette served her community as a public health nurse for seven years. But that was just the beginning to her commitment to better health care for all of Nashville. In memory of her late husband, Jeanette helped to establish and fund the Dan Rudy Cancer Center at Saint Thomas Hospital in 1985. Also in 1985, Jeanette and her sisters, founded the Felix A. and Edna L. Cantrell Endowment Fund in honor of their parents. This special endowment has helped a host of nurses reach their educational goals and advance in the nursing field. A long-time supporter of the nursing program at Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tennessee, Jeanette was recognized for her efforts with an honorary doctorate of humanities from Cumberland University in 1990.

In addition to her commitment to public service, Jeanette is a passionate hobbyist. She has assembled the finest privately held collection of State and Federal duck stamps, including the very first stamp issued in 1934. Jeanette served as a judge of the Federal duck stamp competition in Washington, D.C. in 1992. In 1996, the Smithsonian Institution established, in her honor, the Jeanette Cantrell Rudy Duck Stamp Gallery at the National Postal Museum.

Jeanette's energy and zest for life do not stop there. An avid sportswoman, she held the title of Ladies State Trapshooting Champion for nine years, was named to the women's all-American trap team twice, and has been an ardent hunter and angler since 1949 over much of North America. Jeanette has also spent endless hours helping many organizations and educational institutions in Middle Tennessee. She served on the boards of Cumberland University, the Saint Thomas Hospital Auxiliary, the Saint Thomas Foundation and the Nashville Zoo, and she is a major supporter of the Nashville Police and Fire Department and the National Police Memorial in Washington, DC.

She is the recipient of the 1992 Seton Medal for her service to patients of Saint Thomas Hospital. She authored a book, "A Bend in the Cumberland," which traces the history of the Pennington Bend area, where, for many years, her husband and his brother operated the Rudy's Farm Sausage Company. And, now, as a Commissioner of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency since 2001, Jeanette is dedicated to raising funds for projects that will help preserve, conserve and enhance Tennessee's population of fish and wildlife.

Jeanette's devotion to public service and her long-standing advocacy for nursing are truly remarkable. I thank this spirited American for her unwavering compassion and desire to make life more positive for others in her community.

Today, I join my distinguished colleagues—Representatives BART GORDON and JOHN TANNER—and all Tennesseans in congratulating and extending our warmest and best wishes to Jeanette Cantrell Rudy for a happy 78th birthday. Jeanette, may you have many more rewarding and life-enriching experiences ahead.

WILDERNESS CHALLENGE

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, October 8, 2005 46 teams of active-duty men and women from military installations around the U.S. converged in West Virginia's Gauley and New River Gorge to compete in the sixth annual "Wilderness Challenge." I am proud to have such an event in West Virginia that allows our armed forces the chance to display their skills of physical endurance and of course, bragging rights. There is not a better place to host the Wilderness Challenge than the New River Gorge National Park. It has superb overlooks, historic scenery, rugged Appalachian trails and peaceful valley flats, not to mention the world class whitewater. Rafting the waters is no easy task, as one could imagine by the names of some of our rapids such as "Big Nasty", "Even Nastier" and "Heaven's Doors," just to name a few.

The Challenge begins with a 20-mile mountain bike race which precedes a half-mile swim on the Lower Gauley River, and ends with each team tackling a 13-mile stretch of Class III to V whitewater. The next day the competitors start with a run, paddle a section of the New River in inflatable rubber kayaks called "duckies," and finish with a 14-mile hike that entails the steep slopes of the New River Canyon. The whole event is sponsored by a whitewater outfitter Class VI River Runners, which supplies the event with the rafts and equipment used in the outdoor extreme sports match.

It is really a pleasure for me to see such a group of well trained, highly motivated soldiers compete. I know that there is friendly competition between the branches of service and West Virginians as well as all Americans hold them all in the highest regard.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, due to an excused absence, I missed 3 rollcall votes on the night of Tuesday October 25, 2005. I would like to enter into the record how I would have voted if I had been able to attend the session:

On H.R. 3675, the American Spirit Fraud Prevention Act, I would have voted "yea."

On H. Con. Res. 269, a resolution recognizing the 40th anniversary of the White House Fellows Program, I would have voted "yea."

On H.R. 3256, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3038 West Liberty Avenue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the "Congressman James Grove Fulton Memorial Post Office Building," I would have voted "yea."

CONGRATULATIONS FOR ABINGTON

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. SCHWARTZ of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, as the proud congressional representative of Abington Township, a township that was recently named one of the 100 best communities for young people by America's Promise—the Alliance for Youth.

The Alliance for Youth and its Founding Chairman, General Colin Powell, launched this first-ever national competition to pay tribute to the communities working to empower and advance our Nation's youth. And, there is no doubt that Abington Township worked hard to earn this honorable distinction.

I have had the privilege of representing Abington; first from my seat in the Pennsylvania State Senate and now as a member of Congress. Over the years, I have seen first-hand the community's unity, especially when it comes to advancing the lives of its young people.

Together, Abington's school district, police department, community organizations, businesses, and residents have worked hand-in-hand to create an environment that embraces its young residents. They've established the Abington Community Taskforce, which is comprised of parents, caregivers, religious and civic leaders and has launched programs to teach effective parenting skills, create tolerance and respect, and promote community safety. They've successfully established cooperative agreements between the school district and police department, including an anti-drug program and joint fundraising challenges. And, they've created the Community Partnership of Youth and Adults to mobilize community spirit and participation.

Abington was included on the America's Promise list because it has demonstrated true public leadership with regard to the needs of children. And, we in Congress must make sure to encourage and support these kinds of grassroots, community-based efforts, like that in Abington, because they play an important role in ensuring that our young people have the strength of character and tools necessary to succeed.

Mr. Speaker, I couldn't be prouder of Abington for the outstanding work it has done on behalf of young people, and I look forward to working too with area officials to make sure our neighborhood remains a safe and caring environment.

So again, congratulations to Abington on their selection as one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People. Keep up the good work!

TRIBUTE TO ROSA PARKS

SPEECH OF

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, in February of 1913, an extraordinary lady was born and 42 years later she refused to give her seat up on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama. Her actions had an extraordinarily positive impact on America and on focusing Americans' attention on the fact that they were, as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., said, not fulfilling our Nation's promise of equality and justice. And so we note the passing of Rosa Parks at the age of 92. She made an extraordinary contribution, not just to our country, but to the concept of equality and dignity of human beings around the world.

Rosa Parks was a civil rights icon and a national treasure. Her simple, dignified act nearly half a century ago—defiance of a racist law that denied her humanity—helped galvanize the civil rights movement and delivered a moral body blow to segregationist laws that stain our Nation's history.

Ms. Parks' life is a testament to the truth that one person with courage and an unshakable will can change a Nation and begin to right wrongs. Her legacy will endure not only through her personal acts of courage and strength, but also through the thousands of activists who were inspired by her.

Ms. Parks risked everything, including her life, for a cause that she knew in her heart was right. We are a better Nation today as the result of her courage and vision. And, we should honor her memory by continuing the fight for equality, decency and basic human rights.

HIAWTHI WILLIAMS—SALUTE TO HURRICANE VOLUNTEERS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute those individuals and organizations that opened their hearts and dedicated both financial and emotional support to evacuees of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. All of the States along the gulf coast have endured terrible hardships during this hurricane season, and I know that the generosity of North Texans played a vital role in bringing some peace into their lives.

Today, I want to specifically thank one man, his company and his donation. Hiawthi Williams, the owner of Williams Chicken donated 200 pieces of chicken for volunteers during hurricane Katrina.

Williams Chicken was first opened in 1987 and has rapidly grown since. Today, with over 50 stores in operation, the company continues to grow. Notwithstanding the market research, the chain admits the real secret to the company's success is staying true to their philosophy, "To Serve, Grow and Give Back to the Community."

I stand here today to sincerely thank Hiawthi Williams for his donation. It is people like him

that I am proud to call a fellow Texan. Through his contribution, he not only stands as a devoted and giving American citizen, but he serves as an inspiration to others.

HONORING HERMAN WOLF FOR HIS LIFETIME OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to the remarkable life and legacy of a dear friend, Herman Wolf. In a career that spanned eight decades, his influence on State and national politics garnered him a respected reputation with Democrats and Republicans alike. At the age of 93, Herman passed away this past week, marking the end of an era in Connecticut politics.

A gifted public relations guru and a talented political strategist, Herman spent a lifetime working to improve the quality of life for all people. His dedication and commitment to social justice never wavered—in fact he never stopped, working up until the time of his passing. Herman was an activist, advocate and leader who provided a strong voice to those most in need.

In his earliest years in Connecticut, Herman was best known as a top advisor to Governors Abe Ribicoff, John Dempsey, and Ella T. Grasso. He served as an executive aide to then Governor Ribicoff and was an integral part of his successful election to the United States Senate. In addition to his involvement with local campaigns, Herman was also an advisor to State and National Democratic Party Chairman John Bailey. Working with some of our State's most powerful modern political leaders, Herman helped to shape decades of public policy.

In addition to his role as a political strategist, Herman also ran a successful public relations firm, Herman Wolf Associates. He represented over 100 clients including prominent labor unions like the AFL-CIO, businesses such as United Technologies and Guinness Stout, and non-profit organizations such as the Ford Foundation, the NAACP, and the American Shakespeare Festival. Herman would later become executive vice-president of the Design Science Institute of Washington, DC, a group dedicated to furthering the work of inventor and philosopher R. Buckminster Fuller. Local projects also received the attention of Herman. He was involved with a number of projects in the Bridgeport area including several at Action for Bridgeport Community Development where he had been working up until the time of his passing.

For Herman, his work was about more than promoting an agenda. He had deep convictions and indisputable integrity. His work reflected his strong belief in leveling the playing field for all Americans. He firmly believed that the government had a responsibility to provide for our most vulnerable citizens and ensure that their needs received the same attention as those more fortunate. Herman's energy, enthusiasm, and excitement not only made him a success but inspired others to greatness as well. He left an indelible mark on our communities, the State of Connecticut, and our

Nation—a legacy that will undoubtedly be remembered by history.

I extend my deepest sympathies to his wife, Monica; his children, David, Bill, Fay, and Louise; and their families. Herman Wolf was an extraordinary individual with a unique dedication to public service that touched the lives of many. Though he will be missed, his legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. N. RAO CHAVA

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. N. Rao Chava of Montgomery, Alabama. Dr. Chava is a highly accomplished medical doctor and administrator, and will soon be retiring as Director of the Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System hospital in Macon County.

In 1974, Dr. Chava began his career with the Department of Veterans Affairs as an internal medicine resident. As a naturalized United States citizen, he has devoted himself to VA Medical Centers in both West Virginia and Alabama. Dr. Chava was certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and received a Certificate for Added Qualifications in Geriatric Medicine. He is also a Fellow for the American College of Physicians and a member of the American Geriatrics Society, the American College of Physician Executives, and the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Our nation's veterans deserve the highest quality care available, and I know Dr. Chava has spent much of his career caring for their needs. He will be missed. I congratulate Dr. Chava for his many accomplishments over the years, and wish him all the best in his retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF HISPANIC LEADERS AND IN COMMEMORATION OF HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives in commemoration of Hispanic Heritage month to recognize and celebrate the outstanding achievements of remarkable leaders of the Hispanic community. I am honored to acknowledge the wonderful contributions of Margarita Rosa Esq., Frances Lucerna, Dr. Maria Montes, Elizabeth C. Yeampierre and Rev. Jorge L. Roa, Jr. These individuals have been a true inspiration, working tirelessly to better the lives of New Yorkers and the Hispanic community by making a positive impact in our community.

Through devotion and commitment, these enthusiastic role models have excelled in their strong community service and diligent work to improve the quality of life in many disenfranchised neighborhoods, encouraging

the next generation of Latino leaders. A living example of this arduous dedication is Ms. Margarita Rosa who is the Executive Director of Grand Street Settlement, a New York based community organization whose primary vision is to improve the lives of those less fortunate or disadvantaged by encouraging self-determination through learning advocacy, support and community building.

Margarita has been a steadfast, passionate advocate of human rights, as the first Hispanic woman to be appointed to the New York State Commission on Human Rights in the early 1990's. Working at the local government level gave her the unique perspective of understanding how public policy affects diverse communities. Margarita's accomplishments have been plentiful—being honored for her eager public service dedication, she received a prestigious teaching fellowship award, and is currently an active member of several Boards of Directors for organizations such as the Public Interest Law Foundation at New York University (NYU) Law School, the New York Civil Liberties Union, and the Lower Union East Side Family Union. These endeavors are a mere representation of Margarita's achievements and willingness to continue empowering those in need.

Another notable and distinguished leader has been an energetic force and true pioneer in the world of cultural and performing arts. Ms. Frances Lucerna founded the Williamsburg Arts and Cultural Council for Youth, a community performing and visual arts program for youngsters. She later became the co-founder and Executive Director of El Puente Academy for Peace and Justice, a Brooklyn youth-based community development organization nurturing leadership for peace and social justice. Frances' leadership and artistic vision motivated her to develop one of the most comprehensive Latino arts and cultural center, which provide young students with the opportunity to express themselves artistically.

As a strong advocate for education and a loving artist, Frances has broken barriers by channeling the talent and skill of thousands of youngsters into a bright path and a hopeful future for many within the community. As a visionary with an artistic soul, Frances has achieved many high recognitions highlighting her efforts, such as the 1998 Heinz Award for the Human Condition, and being appointed to the Advisory Committee to the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities, and the Community School Task Force for the White House Conference on Character Building for a Democratic, Civil Society. She has also served on the Boards of Directors of the Arts Center of the Brooklyn Academy of Music and the Community Youth Development Guide Team of the National Network for Youth.

Among the list of remarkable thinkers impacting higher education is Dr. Maria Montes Morales, Vice-President and Dean of Academic Affairs at Boricua College. Dr. Montes Morales understood the critical value of education and how peoples' lives could be transformed. She lived and realized the educational injustices faced by Latinos, which allowed her to make a difference and change the traditional college learning environment. Her vision and commitment to educate and empower Latinos in New York City motivated her to help establish the first Boricua College campus in Williamsburg, Brooklyn which opened in 1974.

This was a tremendous achievement for the community, especially since many of the Wil-

liamsburg residents were Spanish speaking and interested in furthering their education at an institution that was culturally sensitive, community based, competitive and accessible. Since its creation, thousands of students have graduated from this Boricua College campus, with many remaining in the community and providing professional human services.

Maria's contribution to higher education for all students, especially Latinos, is highly commendable. Her leadership at Boricua College successfully promotes student learning through active participation in meaningful and planned service experiences in the community that are directly related to course content. With a humanistic approach, such as a sense of civic responsibility, self-awareness, and commitment to the community, Dr. Montes Morales makes Boricua College an outstanding and unique higher learning institution in New York City.

Mr. Speaker, I am also proud to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by recognizing the great efforts of Mrs. Elizabeth C. Yeampierre, Executive Director of the United Puerto Rican Organization of Sunset Park (UPROSE), Brooklyn's oldest Latino community-based organization. Under Elizabeth's leadership, UPROSE has become the frontier organization on multiracial environmental justice issues impacting the community. Its "Youth Justice" program has set the path to several victories advocating on behalf of low-income and minority communities that are environmentally overburdened.

Elizabeth's dedication and endeavors at UPROSE have included promoting youth, family and community empowerment, and creating awareness for environmental issues impacting the living conditions of residents in Sunset Park. Her accomplishments range from successfully leading UPROSE in opposition to the Sunset Energy Fleet 520—a power plant proposal to place two power plants in the area—to campaigning against the placement of a sewage sludge treatment plant in Sunset Park, and advocating the prevention of child lead paint poisoning.

Elizabeth has also created an effective "Youth Justice" program which provides young environmental activists across the country with opportunities to promote environmental issues. As a result, these young leaders were able to organize the first environmental justice conference in Sunset Park. The outstanding work and contributions of UPROSE under Elizabeth's leadership has had a valuable impact on the residents of Sunset Park.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to commend and acknowledge the highly regarded work of Reverend Jorge L. Roa, Jr. a native of Brooklyn and a devoted pastor who committed his life to God, and assisting those most in need, including youngsters and the Hispanic community. Rev. Roa has been a true inspiration who has excelled in promoting youth programs within his church, "the Missionary Christian Church," in Manhattan where he preaches and is very pro-active on social and justice issues.

Rev. Roa has touched many lives by helping his community seek spiritual guidance and a path, collaborating in missionary projects such as rebuilding churches, and collecting donations for relief efforts for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. He has been a humanitarian champion in this country and abroad,

taking part in missions providing food, water, medicine and other resources to impoverished communities throughout different countries, including Latin America and Africa.

Rev. Roa, is also the program director of a radio and TV show known as "En sus Pasos" or "In Your Steps," which is transmitted in Manhattan. He is also the author of a renowned book, "Una Luz de Dios, La Historia de la Iglesia Cristiana Misionera," "A light of God, the History of the Christian Missionary Church." Rev. Roa's true vocations have enlightened the community and changed the lives of many youngsters throughout his 24 years of ministry. His excellence in leadership and service is laudable for Latinos and residents of the Manhattan community and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor for me to rise today and recognize these wonderful Hispanic leaders who I firmly believe possess key elements that strengthen our culture, community and nation. In commemoration of Hispanic Heritage Month, it is essential and truly important to emphasize the life-time commitment these remarkable persons have demonstrated in breaking down stereotypes about Latinos, and empowering the Hispanic American community.

TRIBUTE TO REV. DR. HENRY
MCGILL, JR.

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to pay tribute today to the extraordinary pastor of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church of Marion, South Carolina. For more than 40 years of dedicated service and compassionate leadership, Reverend Dr. Henry McGill, Jr. has served his parishioners and community with great respect and dignity. He has spent decades reaching out to those in need of strengthened faith and fellowship.

Reverend McGill grew up the son of a deacon and quickly incorporated strong values and understanding of others in his everyday life. His education started in a one-room schoolhouse in Lake City, South Carolina. He went on from that meager beginning to achieve degrees in social studies and divinity at Morris College in Sumter, South Carolina. He heard and heeded the call to the ministry at an early age and focused his life on the teachings of peace and cooperation among all people. Reverend McGill's expertise on theology has also earned him positions among some of the most prestigious public service boards, as well as university and ministerial committees. He continues to be a devout advocate of the church in sharing his thoughts on fairness and finding the good in every person. Because of his widely-honored achievements in academia and religious education the Manhattan School of Theology in New York awarded him an honorary degree.

A successful businessman, Reverend McGill owned the funeral home founded by his father-in-law, Henry L. Jackson, for many years. He has since passed the family business, Jackson & McGill Funeral Home Service, to the third generation of owners.

I am pleased to join the parishioners of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church and so many other

grateful members of the community in thanking Reverend McGill for always searching to find what is best for his church, his community and his state. He continues to respond to the needs of the less fortunate and putting education at the forefront of his message. His saying, "Everyone is someone special," embodies his considerate and personal nature.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in paying tribute to Reverend Dr. Henry McGill, Jr. He is special to the people of his church and community, and I wish him good luck and Godspeed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was unavoidably detained yesterday, October 26, 2005, due to a death in my family. As a result I missed rollcall votes Nos. 539 through 547. Had I been present I would have No. 541 "no"; rollcall No. 542 "no"; rollcall No. 543 "no"; rollcall No. 544 "no"; rollcall No. 545 "no"; rollcall No. 546 "aye"; rollcall No. 547 "aye."

RECOGNIZING FORMER STATE REPRESENTATIVE JOE BATTISTO AS HE RECEIVES THE FIRST LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM THE MONROE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, DEMOCRATS

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to former Pennsylvania State Representative Joe Battisto, of Monroe County, on the occasion of receiving the first annual Lifetime Achievement Award from the Monroe County Democrats.

Joe Battisto distinguished himself during 18 years of public service in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives following a career as public school teacher and chairman of the language arts department of the Pocono Mountain School District.

Despite moving to the realm of public service, Joe was well known for maintaining his connection with the youth in his community and frequently served as mentor for young people who were behaviorally troubled.

Prior to being elected to the State House of Representatives, Joe served in the public arena first as a borough councilman in the Borough of Mount Pocono, rising to become the council president. He also served as mayor of Mount Pocono Borough.

Joe Battisto subsequently was a driving force in the formation of the Pocono Mountain Library and in the construction of a municipal sewage system.

He founded the Monroe County Litter Control and Beautification Task Force.

During his nearly 2 decades of service in the State House of Representatives, he served on the Education and Appropriations

Committees and rose to become chairman of the Transportation Committee.

While serving as a State Representative, Joe launched the reconstruction of the Pocono Mountains Welcome Center, led the efforts to build the badly needed Marshalls Creek Bypass, and ensured the environmental cleanup of major industrial and disposal sites in Monroe County.

He also obtained funding for an open space trail system and for highway safety and signalization projects. He fought to preserve rights of way for possible future rail service to major metropolitan destinations.

In addition, he obtained funding for street lights in downtown Stroudsburg and streetscaping work in the Delaware Water Gap.

Joe Battisto was the first lawmaker to receive the prestigious East Stroudsburg University's "Legislative Fellow" award created to establish a stronger bond between the university and elected state officials. The award was especially meaningful to Joe because he graduated from ESU in 1956.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Joe Battisto on this auspicious occasion. The quality of life in Monroe County, Pennsylvania, has been made far better due to the achievements of Joe Battisto and others like him. His integrity and commitment to his community serve as wonderful examples of what it means to be a true public servant.

DAVIS MOORE—SALUTE TO HURRICANE VOLUNTEERS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute those individuals and organizations that opened their hearts and dedicated both financial and emotional support to the evacuees of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. All of the States along the Gulf Coast have endured terrible hardships during this hurricane season, and I know that the generosity of North Texans played a vital role in bringing some peace into their lives.

Today, I want to specifically thank one man, his office and his donation. Davis Moore, a dentist in Euless, donated 150 adult toothbrushes, 50 children toothbrushes, 150 tubes of toothpaste and floss for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

I stand here today to sincerely thank Davis Moore for his donation. It is people like him that I am proud to call a fellow Texan. Through his contribution, he not only stands as a devoted and giving American citizen, but he serves as an inspiration to others.

OXI DAY SPEECH

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join the Hellenic-Americans and Philhellenes in my district and throughout the country in celebrating "OXI Day (No Day)," which falls on the

28th of October. This year marks the 65th anniversary of a very important day in Hellenic history, the day on which brave Greek patriots said "NO" to fascism, "NO" to injustice, and "NO" to slavery.

For those individuals who lived through that momentous period and their descendants, many of whom live in the 14th Congressional District of New York, "OXI Day" is more than a memory: it is the embodiment of Hellenism and its highest ideals.

On October 28, 1940, a terrifying sound went up throughout all Greek cities and towns, the sound of sirens and klaxons announcing the invasion of Greece by the Nazis. Walls that before had echoed only with the tolling of church bells now reverberated with the din of alarms.

At a time when Europe was descending into the inferno of another world war, the people of Greece did not panic. Men went calmly to their closets and retrieved their military uniforms and weapons. Women went about their necessary tasks, and the children assisted as they were able. With level-headed determination and steadfast resolve, the citizenry of Greece mobilized against the coming invaders and delivered their resounding "NO!" to the Axis aggressors.

On OXI Day, the people of Greece chose the harder path, the path of resistance. If they had opened their gates to the invaders, much bloodshed and many deprivations might have been avoided. That brave generation of Hellenes, refused to submit to oppression, even at the cost of their homes, their land, and their lives. They chose to fight and even to die so that their children and the children of other nations might live in liberty. Theirs was an act of self-sacrifice that clearly proclaimed the humanitarian ideals of their Orthodox Christian faith and their ethnic heritage.

Demonstrating poise under pressure, the heroes of that period fought against tyranny and delayed the Axis onslaught in the Balkan Peninsula. The Greek nation which said "OXI" contributed to the eventual downfall of the Fascist powers in Europe.

This year the Hellenic community is celebrating another great moment in their history, having successfully hosted a magnificent and peaceful Olympics at a time when terrorism imperils every public gathering. The smallest nation to ever host the Olympics, Greeks once again showed that they always rise to the occasion.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting the heroes of OXI Day. In their brave words and deeds we see all of the highest virtues of Hellenic heritage: passion for justice, courage at a time of trial, unity in the midst of conflict, and willingness to sacrifice one's life for the good of others. On this day, we thank Greece for saying "OXI."

CONGRATULATIONS TO CARY CRANE

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Cary Crane—the recipient of the 2005 Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Award. Mr. Crane and his company, Apple &

Eve, have for years been generous enough to provide juice beverage products to the nation's less fortunate through Rock and Wrap It Up! Inc., a nonprofit, nonpartisan hunger relief organization Bill helped to found.

Mr. Crane has been a true public servant in supplying nutritious food to those in need. He is the Cofounder and Executive Vice President of Apple & Eve, LLC a manufacturer of premium fruit juices, which donates heavily to Rock and Wrap It Up! to further their cause. This is just one area of service and philanthropy in Mr. Crane's life. He is also involved with many other charitable organizations, such as the Education Assistance Corporation, the American Diabetes Association, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Through his efforts, Mr. Crane is helping to advance the vision of my husband, Bill Emerson, for domestic food aid programs when he worked to pass the Good Samaritan Food Act, a law protecting these donations from liability. Bill's hopes for hunger relief in America were very high when he worked to make Rock and Wrap It Up! possible in 1990. Following in his dream, Mr. Crane is an ideal recipient of the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Award.

Rock and Wrap It Up! is a volunteer hunger relief charity, which has fed over 20 million since its inception. With over 4,000 volunteers in 500 cities across America, its dedicated supporters recover food in schools, colleges, music concerts, sporting events, and political and corporate functions. Rock and Wrap It Up! was adopted by resolution in 2003 by the United States Conference of Mayors to teach its successful strategies to cities to fill America's food pipeline to feed the indigent.

Cary Crane and Apple & Eve are a major reason the program continues to gain notoriety and grow. They are proof that our commitment to feed America's hungry can always use new initiative and better ideas. As long as there are men, women, and children who need the helping hand of other Americans, we are glad that there are gentlemen like Mr. Crane.

Thank you for your kind service to our nation, Mr. Crane. Congratulations on earning the 2005 Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Award. Best of luck to you as you continue your noble work helping to improve the lives of the less fortunate in our great nation.

IN MEMORY OF DONALD STATHOS

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, this week we mark the passing of a unique and important figure in Oregon politics and civic life. Donald Stathos was a small-business man, state legislator, and a creative and vibrant force in our community. He was best-known as the father of Oregon's Bike Bill in 1971 which created an allocation for cycling, long before the cycling craze hit this country. The bill was a typical act of foresight on behalf of an extraordinary man which led to our states leadership in promoting cycling for all ages.

Mr. Stathos was a creative legislator not bound by narrow ideology or partisan interests. When there was a rash of campus and other violence and bombings during his career he had the courage to sponsor legislation

dealing with the control of explosives and as a result had his office firebombed. Either a right-wing extremist or a printing error left his information out of the voting pamphlet in the state's most populous county. Had this not happened he might well have gone on to a statewide elected office; however, the man was not defined by the offices he held but rather by his beliefs.

Donald Stathos' zest for life and his friendship will be sorely missed.

HONORING PHYLLIS CIMINELLO UPON HER NINE YEARS OF VOL- UNTEERING FOR THE FOSTER GRANDPARENTS PROGRAM

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exemplary community service of Phyllis Ciminello, a resident of Chautauqua County, Village of Fredonia, in recognition of her nine years of volunteering for the Foster Grandparent Program.

Ms. Ciminello works every day helping children to increase motivation, academic skills, daily living skills, and positive behaviors. Ms. Ciminello has served with the FGP since 1996 and is a vocal fan of this program. She is also involved with the Head Start program, where she volunteers in a Head Start classroom at Connections North in Dunkirk.

Ms. Ciminello has donated countless hours towards improving her community. She is hard working, and dedicated. Her leadership and generosity sets an example for us all. That is why, Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor her today.

FREEDOM FOR JORGE LUIS GONZÁLEZ TANQUERO

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about Jorge Luis González Tanquero, a political prisoner in totalitarian Cuba.

Mr. González Tanquero is a courageous pro-democracy activist and president of the Carlos Manuel de Cespedes Independence Movement. His pro-democracy activities have helped the world to learn the facts about the nightmare that is the Castro regime. Unfortunately, those who believe in truth are targeted by the tyrant's machinery of repression.

On March 19, 2003, as part of Castro's condemnable crackdown on peaceful pro-democracy activists, Mr. González Tanquero was arrested. In a sham trial, he was sentenced to 12 years in the totalitarian gulag.

Mr. González Tanquero is currently languishing in the abhorrent gulag because of his belief in liberty for the Cuban people. According to CubaNet, Mr. González Tanquero's family has been harassed and threatened by the dictatorship's thugs. His wife, Marlene González, said that she had been threatened by the dictatorship's organized mobs and that her neighbors have been warned not to let their children play with her daughter Melisa.

Mr. González Tanquero is an excellent example of the heroism of the Cuban people. No matter how intense the repression, no matter how horrifically brutal the consequences of a dignified struggle for liberty, no matter how often their families are harassed and threatened, the totalitarian gulags are full of men and women of all backgrounds and ages who represent the best of the Cuban nation.

Mr. Speaker, it is as inconceivable as it is unacceptable that, in the 21st Century and only 90 miles from our shore, brave men and women are locked in dungeons because they believe that all people have basic human rights. It is a profound embarrassment for mankind that the world stands by in silence and acquiescence while political prisoners are systematically tortured because of their belief in freedom, democracy, human rights and the rule of law. My Colleagues, we must demand the immediate and unconditional release of Jorge Luis González Tanquero and every political prisoner in totalitarian Cuba.

KRISTI CHRISTIANSON—SALUTE TO HURRICANE VOLUNTEERS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Today, I want to specifically thank one woman, her company and her donation. Kristi Christianson, from Town Place Suites by Marriott donated a case of shampoo for victims during hurricane Katrina.

Town Place Suites by Marriott is an extended stay hotel that takes pride in their friendly staff and neighborhood feel. Helping hurricane victims is certainly a good demonstration of the friendly staff.

I stand here today to sincerely thank Kristi Christianson for her donation. It is people like her that I am proud to call a fellow Texan. Through her contribution, she not only stands as a devoted and giving American citizen, but she serves as an inspiration to others.

FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE REFORM ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1461) to reform the regulation of certain housing-related Government-sponsored enterprises, and for other purposes:

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Mr. Chairman, it is with some reluctance I rise now in

opposition to H.R. 1461, the Federal Housing Finance Reform Act. In its amended form, the legislation no longer puts the best interest of our Nation at heart, but instead holds a precious resource hostage for the sake of partisan politics.

The provision restricting non-profit organizations, and their affiliates, from using their own funds to engage in non-partisan voter registration or get-out-the-vote activities if they want to apply for the much-needed affordable housing funds is entirely inappropriate. The inaptness is compounded by the fact that the language still allows for-profit institutions to engage in voter advocacy, even conducted in a partisan, biased manner. If the threat of misuse of these funds is so apparent as to warrant this amendment, why would we only restrict charitable organizations and not those whose fundamental goal is to swell business profits?

It is extremely apparent that the leadership's priorities are backwards. Congress should be encouraging election activities promoting good citizenship conducted by unbiased, non-profit organizations, not restricting the types of aid these groups are allowed to provide. To add insult to injury, the new provision imposes a new burden of requiring these groups to list housing assistance as their "primary purpose" if they want to apply for funds. The effect of this constraint will be to reduce the diversity of assistance that will be available.

With such a growing need for affordable housing, and for competent groups capable of connecting people with the already scarce resources, I cannot imagine why my colleagues would want to handicap these organizations from providing assistance to our Nation's most vulnerable populations. It is for these reasons I cannot support this otherwise sound and reasonable measure to improve the regulation of our Nation's largest source of mortgages. I urge my colleagues to vote no on H.R. 1461.

IN HONOR OF OFFICER DAVID
PERRY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Police Officer David Perry for his service to our community. Mr. Perry has dedicated his life to protecting his country as well as his community, and for that I am grateful.

David Perry heroically served in the United States Marine Corps from 1983 to 1989. His service included a meritorious promotion to Corporal and assignment to the Marine Security Guard Detachment in Calcutta, India. While serving in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, he was promoted to Sergeant and honorably discharged from active duty on January 6, 1989. He has maintained Reserve status while serving as a Patrol Officer in the City of Santa Cruz. Furthermore, Mr. Perry had dedicated his time to serving the city as a Field Training Officer and is a member of the Santa Cruz Police Department Honor Guard.

Mr. Perry is known for his allegiance to the enforcement of law, the prevention of crime, and his deep sense of community. Respectfully, David Perry has volunteered to return to active duty with the United States Marine

Corps. He will be deployed to Iraq in January of 2006. Mr. Perry's voluntary service is truly appreciated and highly valued.

Mr. Speaker, the service of local members of the community is an asset to this Nation, and I applaud Mr. Perry's contributions. We all look forward to the safe return of Officer Perry, and wish him well in his service in Iraq. Mr. Perry is an outstanding member of the community, and his dedication is appreciated.

FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE
REFORM ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill. (H.R. 1461) to reform the regulation of certain housing-related Government-sponsored enterprises, and for other purposes:

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Chairman, I supported Chairman OXLEY'S Manager's Amendment to H.R. 1461, the Federal Housing Finance Reform Act of 2005, because it maintains progress on several key issues Congress has been working on this session. I was pleased to see that the manager's amendment gave the victims of Hurricane Katrina priority in receiving grants from the Affordable Housing Fund for the first two years after its inception. I continue to urge my colleagues to look for ways to ease the burden of recovery that currently rests on the taxpayers. I also support the sunset provision of this amendment so that a future Congress can revisit this issue and again evaluate the needs of affordable housing recipients. Finally, I would like to express my full support for the ability of non-profit organizations to compete for the funds created by H.R. 1461.

I agree that there must be full oversight of the groups receiving grants from the Affordable Trust Fund, and that no dollars from the fund may be used for lobbying, travel, or election activities. However, I do have concerns that some of the language included in the manager's amendment was overly broad. Some have argued that the amendment may prohibit groups like Catholic Charities, Lutheran Services in America, and Habitat for Humanity from receiving Affordable Trust Fund grants. I would strongly urge House conferees to revisit and narrow the language included in this amendment so that these organizations, along with other well-meaning non-profit groups, can access the funds and grow their affordable housing programs.

IN HONOR OF FIRE CHIEF KERRY
SHERIDAN

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Fire Chief Kerry Sheridan of the Troy Fire Protection District in Shorewood, Illinois. On Saturday, Sheridan will celebrate 45 years

of service as the Fire Chief with the local volunteer fire protection district:

Since first being elected in 1960 to the Fire Chief position, Sheridan has seen major changes from not only the size and scope of the fire protection district, but also advances in technology and equipment. In 1960, his equipment consisted of a used 1929 REO Speedwagon and a dispatch that was a phone call to the Chief to sound the siren. Now, the department consists of multiple engines, an enhanced 911 dispatch center and the protection district has grown to over 18,000 residents compared to the 800 residents in 1960.

Within Sheridan's impressive 45 years of services, the Chief has provided a classroom in the Joliet Junior College to teach fire services, started one of the first cadet programs in Illinois and organized an Ambulance service that recruits and trains new EMT's every year. Chief Sheridan is still actively serving on the Joliet Junior College Fire Science Advisory Board which he has served on since 1974 and is very involved with the local government.

The most impressive part of his service as a volunteer for the fire department is that he achieved all of these great accomplishments while being a full time employee with Illinois Bell Telephone and now AT&T.

With 45 years of dedication to his township and the safety of its residents, Kerry Sheridan provides an example to all of what they can do to better their community. When we hear young children having aspirations of becoming firemen when they grow up, we should all point to the example Kerry Sheridan has set.

A TRIBUTE TO ROGER MILLIKEN

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a true American patriot who has maintained a reputation as a protector of American manufacturing—Mr. Roger Milliken. Roger recently celebrated his 90th birthday and, not to the surprise of many, continues to faithfully sit at the helm of Milliken & Company, one of the largest and most successful textile and chemical manufacturing companies in the world.

On the special occasion of his 90th birthday, I feel it prudent to ensure that my colleagues in the House are made aware of Roger's immeasurable commitment to the protection and development of our domestic manufacturing base. Roger has long deflected the enticements of outsourcing and importation, believing the divestment of American industry in foreign markets is not conducive to economic growth and detrimental to our nation's productivity and ingenuity.

Roger's personal success can be credited to his entrepreneurial spirit and his strong work ethic, both professionally and academically. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Yale University in 1937 and was named President of Deering Milliken in less than ten years. Under Roger's leadership, Deering Milliken officially became known as Milliken & Company and gained its status as a nationally recognized textile manufacturer. He served as President of Milliken & Company until 1988, when he was named Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, the title which he continues to hold today.

Roger maintains an inclusive relationship with his employees and each Milliken associate is encouraged to share their thoughts on how quality and excellence can be achieved. As a matter of fact, much of Milliken & Company's success can be attributed to its network of faithful employees who tirelessly strive for nothing less than perfection.

Mr. Speaker, President Ronald Reagan once said, "My goal is to keep America the premier job-creating nation on Earth and we must unleash the full power of entrepreneurship. We can make our land that of the future, offering unlimited opportunity to all Americans who dare to live for their dreams." We are fortunate to have individuals like Roger Milliken, who never relent in their quest to foster and protect American industry, and believe the industrial climate envisioned by President Reagan is achievable.

Roger is recognized as someone who takes pride in the craftsmanship of the American workforce and fights for the preservation of those jobs. In an interview with the Wall Street Journal in 1995, Roger said, "I'm going to keep on doing what I'm doing. I'm going to die in the saddle, fighting for American manufacturing supremacy." While this statement is certainly indicative of Roger's tenacity and entrepreneurial ambition, it more importantly demonstrates the elements of selflessness and confidence that need to be revived within our industrial community. Roger's desire for American manufacturing supremacy is not unrealistic and one in which I believe we can achieve.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Roger Milliken's contribution and commitment to American industry and manufacturing. In celebration of his 90th birthday, I wish him many more years of good health and happiness.

JERRY AND SHIRLEY MCCORMICK—SALUTE TO HURRICANE VOLUNTEERS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute those individuals and organizations that opened their hearts and dedicated both financial and emotional support to the evacuees of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. All of the states along the Gulf Coast have endured terrible hardships during this hurricane season, and I know that the generosity of North Texans played a vital role in bringing some peace into their lives.

Today, I want to specifically thank one family, their company and their donation. Jerry and Shirley McCormick, from Texas Manhole Company donated a refrigerator and dinner for 100 volunteers during hurricane Katrina.

I stand here today to sincerely thank Jerry and Shirley McCormick for their donation. It is people like them that I am proud to call fellow Texans. Through their contribution, they not only stand as a devoted and giving American citizens, but they serve as an inspiration to others.

TRIBUTE TO LANCE CORPORAL BRIAN PARRELLO

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Lance Corporal Brian Parrello, a heroic young man from my district who died while bravely serving his country in Iraq. I am proud that this week we will name the United States Post Office in his hometown of West Milford, New Jersey after Brian, the very post office where his father has spent many years working for the Postal Service.

On January 1 of this year, Lance Cpl. Brian P. Parrella, 19, of West Milford, N.J. was killed in Al Anbar Province, Iraq as a result of hostile fire. Lance Cpl. Parrello was assigned to Small Craft Company, Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C. Parrella was attached to a Marine Swift Boat unit that patrolled the Tigris and Euphrates rivers.

A resident of West Milford, New Jersey, Parrello attended West Milford High School where he was a member of both the football and hockey teams. Following high school, he was so deeply affected by the attack on the World Trade Center and Pentagon that he proudly enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. His teachers, coaches and peers have called him a real leader and a role model, someone who always gave 150 percent, and a person who led by example with a big heart.

This loss causes us to reflect on the bravery demonstrated by our men and women in uniform as they carry out their obligations in the face of danger. When their Nation called them to duty to preserve freedom and the security of our neighbors, they answered without hesitation.

Mr. Speaker, it is my sincere privilege to recognize the life of a proud soldier and heroic representative of the State of New Jersey. Lance Cpl. Brian P. Parrella was an honorable defender of liberty and he deserves our gratitude and respect.

I am pleased that we could recognize Brian's sacrifice in this manner and I hope that years from now the citizens of West Milford can remember the courage and sacrifice of this brave young man. We will continue to keep Brian's family and the families of all our men and women serving around the world in our thoughts and prayers.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, on vote No. 535 regarding a Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 2744—the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006—my vote was recorded in a manner inconsistent with my intent. Let the RECORD show that my vote should have been recorded as "nay" not "yea."

REMEMBERING DON F. GILBERT

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. BOYD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to enter into the RECORD my comments on the life of a great Floridian from my district who passed away recently.

Born on December 26, 1930, in Peekskill, New York, Don F. Gilbert gave tirelessly of himself to his family and community. A veteran of the Korean Conflict, Don served in the United States Marine Corps from 1951–1952.

Following his tour in the Corps, Don attended Texas Western College, now the University of Texas at El Paso. During that time, he worked for the FBI and later began a career in court reporting.

Throughout his professional career, Don had many interests and was active in the Masonic Order, Job's Daughters and the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. After his service in Korea, Don joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary, where he helped organize Flotilla 12 and served as its commander.

Don passed away at his home in Tallahassee, Florida, on August 28, 2005, and is survived by his children and wife, Gwen, whom he shared 49 years of marriage.

TRIBUTE TO ROSA PARKS

SPEECH OF

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Ms. Rosa Parks who died on October 24, 2005 at the age of 92.

In 1955, Rosa Parks was a seamstress, housekeeper and volunteer at the local NAACP chapter in Montgomery, Alabama. One winter evening, the 42-year-old was riding a city bus home after a long day of work. Rather than give up her seat to a white person, she chose to be arrested, setting off a 381-day boycott of the bus system organized by a young Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Her simple act of defiance was an important catalyst in the Civil Rights Movement. She was arrested and later found guilty by a local court of violating segregation, but her case eventually went to the U.S. Supreme Court which overturned the Jim Crow-era laws.

Many civil rights pioneers would fight against injustice, helping advance genuine equality among citizens. Yet Rosa Parks was unique; a true American icon who embodied the notion that one person can make a difference, that a snowball can turn into an avalanche. She was the anonymous victim of discrimination whose fame quickly spread; a woman of profound inner-strength and deep conviction who selflessly volunteered herself for the greater cause of liberty. Her bravery galvanized thousands to use non-violent means to move Congress to pass landmark civil rights and voting rights legislation.

Two years ago, I joined a civil rights pilgrimage to Selma, Montgomery and Birmingham, Alabama. Led by Representative JOHN LEWIS and the Faith in Politics Institute, the pilgrimage took Members of the House and Senate

to the sites of many of the civil rights struggles of the 1950s and 1960s. It was an unforgettable experience. All of the Members of Congress felt as I did, how lucky we were to visit these sites: the Edmund Pettus Bridge, the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Church, the 16th Street Baptist Church, the Civil Rights Institute and the Rosa Parks Museum, with some of the activists who led the movement. To see these places through their eyes, to hear them describe what it was like when the very church we were sitting in was under siege by an angry mob of segregationists, to witness tears come down their cheeks as they thought of where they had been and where we were standing.

As we reflected on the moving events of the pilgrimage, the Members of Congress—many like me, too young to remember well the civil rights movement—kept asking ourselves two questions: What would I have done? Would I have been an activist, or, like so many Americans, simply indifferent? And what about today? What is the contemporary relevance of the civil rights movement?

The more we pondered what we would have done, black or white, had we been born into 1960's Alabama, and the more we asked ourselves about what we could do to advance the civil rights movement today, the more I began to realize that the two questions were really interconnected.

The best window into what we would have done, the best insight into what might have been, can be gleaned from what we do in the future. While America today provides all of its citizens with more opportunities and better protects those most vulnerable, too many still face vestiges of bigotry. We can look to the Civil Rights Movement to inspire us to build a greater and more just society, but we must learn from the example set by Rosa Parks that each of us must take an affirmative step to ensure that our country remains faithful to the ideals of its founding. If we dedicate ourselves to the cause of racial justice, arm ourselves with an appreciation of history, and commit ourselves to the provision of equal opportunity to all, we will stand on the frontier of the new civil rights movement. And that would be the most fitting pilgrimage of all.

THE DEATH OF RICHARD PENN
KEMBLE

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, all too seldom we are blessed with a person of extraordinary talent, vision and blinding commitment to social justice who devotes his entire life—selflessly and completely—to the public interest, and to spreading the values of his nation all across the planet. Penn Kemble, who died October 15th after a fierce year long struggle with brain cancer, was that rare kind of American.

Penn devoted his life to ideas. He fought with passion for what he believed, and he sometimes fought alone. He was a college socialist who battled against the Stalinists who led the Soviet Union; a hardliner on defense and foreign policy issues who came to become a leader in the fight to negotiate an end to the war in Vietnam. He was a Scoop Jack-

son Democrat, a Hubert Humphrey Democrat, a Bill Clinton Democrat—always a Democrat working within our Party to make it more committed to social and economic justice and more committed to a strong and realistic national security policy. Some talked change—Penn caused it: a civil rights leader who put his life on the line fighting for racial equality, but confident enough in himself and his values to lead the fight against racial quotas; an internationalist who was not afraid to confront and challenge what he perceived to be dangerous isolationism within his Party. Through the difficult decades of the 1970s and 1980s, some chose to cut and run when they did not have their way. Penn Kemble chose to stay and fight. No one fought harder and with more conviction.

And nothing exemplified his commitment to values, to ideas and to the strength of the American experience more than his work as Deputy Director and Acting Director of the United States Information Agency, where he created and executed the brilliant and unique international CIVITAS program to promote civil society and civic education around the world. Like so many things that Penn developed, he created CIVITAS to break out of the worn mold of traditional West-to-East assistance in democracy building by replacing it with an innovative participatory network to develop civil society and free markets in emerging democracies through civic education and grass roots civic participation. CIVITAS was thinking “outside the box.” It was, in the words of one of its Russian participants, “a unique possibility to see the full context of what we can do to support democracy, in concrete terms, now and in the future.” CIVITAS is an international dialogue, not a monologue by the U.S.

Penn's vision can best be summarized in his own words. In Prague, in 1995, Penn Kemble said that “today there is an emerging recognition that what we usually think of as the civic realm and the economic realm are interlinked, and that when one is strong the other is generally strong, and that when one is weak or broken the other is in danger, too . . . One thing we surely have neglected is education. Education is the principal means for transmitting and strengthening the values and understandings—the subjective element, the culture—on which the institutions of all societies rest. Perhaps democratic society more than any other depends on the quality of its education.”

At USIA Penn Kemble saw that our embassies and public diplomacy posts abroad would work with local NGOs to foster civic education as a transformative element to grow democracy from the grass roots. He understood that a truly international movement for civic education could take an issue and give it life, a place on the international agenda of the community of democratic nations—whether it was human rights, sensible environment policies, or equal protection, treatment and opportunity for women in modern society. He internationalized national issues. He was nobly committed to the globalization of social democracy.

Participants in the most recent gathering of the CIVITAS consortium in Amman, Jordan in June 2005, were struck with the realization that the group that Penn Kemble first convened in Prague 10 years before was still at it, plugging away in the trenches to build support for teaching democracy in schools and building a culture of democracy from the bottom up.

Robert F. Kennedy once said that “the future does not belong to those who are content with today, apathetic toward common problems and their fellow man alike, timid and fearful in the face of new ideas and bold projects. Rather it will belong to those who can blend vision, reason and courage in a personal commitment to the ideals and great enterprises of American Society.”

That future—the future of the universal dream of social justice that should be the dream of all people everywhere—belongs to Penn Kemble. The very definition of CIVITAS is Penn's legacy: “the concepts and values of citizenship that impart shared responsibility, common purpose and a sense of community among citizens.” He will be missed, but the power of his ideas makes him immortal. Time, justice and the forces of history are on Penn's side.

AMERICAN INGENUITY AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleagues Representative BEN CARDIN of the Third Congressional District of Maryland and Representative STENY HOYER of the Fifth Congressional District of Maryland today to bring to our colleagues' attention an excellent article that appeared in the Inside Annapolis Magazine this month about a family business in Galesville, MD. The business, Smith Brothers, Inc., is an excellent example of American ingenuity and entrepreneurship. We are proud to know Kenneth Smith and his son Jeff Smith and would like to congratulate them on the recent acknowledgement of their value to the community. America needs more people like the Smiths, who have a can-do attitude and are willing to work hard to excel. We have attached a copy of the article, which explains some of the history of the company and family and how their attitude has helped them in business and life.

SMITH BROTHERS: BUILDING ON A FIRM
FOUNDATION

(By Kathy Bergren Smith)

When the makers of the upcoming romantic comedy starring Matthew MacConaughy and Sarah Jessica Parker came to Maryland scouting locations and resources, one of their first stops was in the quiet village of Galesville; just south of Annapolis. The film includes multiple scenes of frolicking dolphins and the marine coordinators needed a way to transport the radio-controlled “stand-ins” as well as millions of dollars worth of camera and sound equipment around the Bay. They found what they were looking for at Smith Brothers, an eighty-seven-year-old family business that provides tugboat and barge services for customers as diverse as Paramount Pictures, the Lincoln Tunnel and the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant. The company's extensive fleet of charter equipment is the largest between Baltimore and Norfolk. Marine contractors rent Smith Brothers equipment to build piers and bulkheads, dredge channels and shoot off fireworks. The story of how Smith Brothers became the “one stop shop” for tugs, barges, cranes, anchors and chains goes back . . . way back . . . and is best told by the company's president, Kenneth Smith, the last of the Smith Brothers.

“Our family had been here in Galesville for several generations when my older brothers began the business in 1918,” says Smith. Indeed, an occupancy notice dated 1952 is tacked to the bulletin board in the office on Tenthouse Creek, notes that the premises has been legal since 1862. Back then, the Smiths, like most of their neighbors in southern Anne Arundel County, were oystermen. But they were also entrepreneurs, operating a lime kiln which reduced the oyster shells into fertilizer for other major industry of the area, farming. In 1916, the eldest of the seven Smith Brothers, J. Edward “Eddy” and Nelson began to freight oysters by truck to Washington’s dandies.

“Eddy and Nelson made a great team,” recalls the much younger Kenneth, who is now ninety. He and his older sister Agnes, are the only siblings of the original nine that remain. Agnes, a former post-mistress in Galesville, at 101 still serves as a social and historical center for the community. Kenneth comes to work each day and remains active in the business.

“After World War I, when Eddy came home, he and Nelson and Captain Oscar Hartge began to build docks around the river, that is how they got started,” says Kenneth Smith. As the city dwellers from Washington began to take drives in their new automobiles, the face of bay country began to change. Boarding houses and marinas were built to accommodate the new tourist trade and summer homes with docks sprang up along the West River. Pile driving overtook oystering as the Smiths’ primary occupation. Captain Oscar Hartge, a member of a family whose name is synonymous with yachting on the Bay, sold his portion of the business to his friends, the Smiths, for \$1 to take a position as captain aboard a private yacht. Ultimately, six of the seven brothers and one close friend, Robert Leatherbury, became Smith Brothers, Inc. The brothers were very hard-working and quickly built a reputation as high quality contractors. Throughout the 20’s and 30’s taking meager salaries and putting every spare cent into the business, the brothers grew the company. World War II took Kenneth and many of the workers overseas, but when they returned, the business began to thrive. Crews worked on the land as well as the water, building bridges for the Baltimore Beltway (695), the West Virginia Turnpike and up and down the Eastern Shore.

Many Annapolis waterfront landmarks were built on the firm foundation of Smith Brothers. A railway at Trumpy’s was installed by Carroll Smith who forged a long-lasting relationship with the fabled boat builder. On the city dock, pilings under the Marriott were driven by Carroll’s crew alongside other larger contractors. Bulkheading was built near what is now Fawcett’s by the brothers. Kenneth remembers the unusual payment scheme developed for that project.

“That land was owned by Bert Spriggs (a car dealer) and when we finished up the bulkhead, one of my brothers said to him, “Say, how about instead of paying us with a check we just pick out some new cars?” and darned if he didn’t go along with that,” says Kenneth chuckling at the thought. “Who would go along with that today?”

Today, there is a quiet dignity—to Kenneth Smith as he recalls the old times. He is a man who has spent well over half a century both as a crack crane operator and a respected businessman. Kenneth bought out his brothers one by one and today he and his son, Jeff, have moved the company in a new direction.

“Competition for the type of bridge building and pile driving we always did got very stiff in the late 80’s,” says Jeff Smith. He

and his father made the tough decision to stop bidding and let the crews go. “We had no alternative at the time,” he says.

There were also creative ways of dealing with overdue bills that would not fly today . . . like the time that the owner of a large vacation home in south county balked at paying for a pier built by Nelson and his crew. Before taking the rig back to Galesville, Nelson confronted the owner about payment. When the owner refused to pay, Nelson gave the signal to the crane operator to crank up the pile driver. He then positioned the crane to begin tearing out the pier. Kenneth cannot control his laughter as he recalls the man “running down the pier waving a check!”

Instead of doing the contracting themselves, Kenneth and Jeff began to rent equipment to other contractors. Their six-acre construction yard in Galesville has gradually become a “rent it” center for those engaged in heavy construction. Jeff and his father have built an inventory of barges and tugboats and cranes, plus the intangible asset of Kenneth’s vast experience.

The tug and barge fleet has grown in size and scope and the Smith Brothers’ red and white colors can be found from New York to Florida. Around the Bay, the newest addition to the fleet is the Megalodon, a 50’ tugboat named for the prehistoric shark that roamed the local waters. Megalodon was the product of the latest Galesville collaboration between the Smiths and Hartges. Capt. Oscar Hartge’s grandson, Preston, is the operations manager at Smith Brothers. When the company decided it was time to build a new tug, Preston took the project on with vigor.

“It has come full circle here, our families have both been part of the maritime history of this county and Jeff and I are both committed to continuing our legacy,” says Hartge.

Kenneth is moving into a supporting role at the yard, and he too is pleased to see the company continuing to thrive.

“You know, very few family businesses survive, all too often the hard work of one generation is squandered on young people, but the Smith Brothers philosophy has always been to work hard and not to ask anyone to do something you would not be willing to yourself. I see that same quality today here at the yard when Jeff and Preston are out there together arguing, it reminds me of the old days when the brothers would cuss and fuss and then go out and have dinner together.”

REMEMBERING ROSA PARKS

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, when Mrs. Rosa Parks, “mother of the civil rights movement” died last Monday at the age of 92, she left America an inspiring legacy—a vision that can transform this country if we have the wisdom and courage to grasp it as our own.

December 1 will mark the 50th anniversary of that bus ride in Montgomery when Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat to a white man, as then required by the laws of segregation.

“I felt that I had a right to be treated as any other passenger,” Mrs. Parks recalled in 1992. “We had endured that kind of treatment too long.”

Rosa Parks was jailed and fined for defying the Jim Crow laws—a principled act of human dignity and determination that sounded an alarm that carried far beyond her home of Montgomery, Alabama.

Rosa Parks’ action was the genesis of the Civil Rights Movement. Without Rosa Parks’ heroic act of principle, there would have been no Montgomery bus boycott in 1955. A minister named the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., may not have been thrust upon the national stage.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Parks, one woman—one demure, diminutive and determined woman altered American history. It is important that we all remember that one person can make a difference during the difficult and dangerous times that we now must face and overcome.

President Clinton affirmed the truth of this proposition when he presented Rosa Parks with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1996. The Congress concurred in 1999, when I was proud to join my colleagues in awarding her the Congressional Gold Medal—America’s highest civilian honor.

Mr. Speaker, these honors were well-deserved. Yet, a desire for public acclaim was not the foremost objective in Rosa Parks’ mind.

“I am leaving this legacy to all of you,” she declared during a 1988 celebration in her honor, “. . . to bring peace, justice, equality, love and a fulfillment of what our lives should be.”

“Without vision, the people will perish,” she continued, quoting Scripture, “and without courage and inspiration, dreams will die—the dreams of freedom and peace.”

Rosa Parks was pleading with us to stand up for what is right when we are faced with the challenges to our shared humanity that, all too often, confront us in our daily lives.

To win these struggles, it is readily apparent that we first must address the issue of the continuing disparities that plague our national progress.

Consider the findings of the National Urban League’s “State of Black America for 2005,” the annual report that so graphically contrasts the health, education and general welfare of African Americans in relationship to the majority Caucasian population of this country.

Fifty years after Rosa Parks boarded that Montgomery bus, African Americans still are twice as likely to die before our time—reflecting the unequal treatment that African Americans receive from this nation’s disparate system of health care.

African American unemployment rates remain twice those of White Americans. Our average net worth is ten times less, and our rate of home ownership (a critical component of wealth creation in this country) still lags far behind.

Inexperienced teachers are twice as likely to be teaching our children in minority schools.

We need not belabor the connection between these harsh facts of everyday life for Americans of color and the reality that our voting rights continue to be disproportionately attacked and denied.

For any nation that proclaims “liberty and justice for all,” there is something fundamentally wrong with these pictures.

Mr. Speaker, if we are to advance Rosa Parks’ vision of justice, equality and opportunity, we must remain vigilant in creating a color-blind level playing field for all Americans.

That would be America's way of keeping alive the legacy of the great Rosa Lee Parks.

I thank my friend and Mrs. Parks' friend, Rep. JOHN CONYERS, for leading this effort to honor this exceptional American heroine. I extend my sincerest condolences to her family and loved ones.

REGISTERING OPPOSITION TO H.R.
1461

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to register my opposition to H.R. 1461. Yesterday, while rushing between two Committee markups I inadvertently voted in favor of H.R. 1461. I intended to vote against it.

While I supported the underlying premise of the bill, its aims of helping new homebuyers were hijacked by right-wing extremists who inserted language into the bill that will restrict non-profit organizations that apply for Federal housing grants from engaging in nonpartisan voter registration. That provision is undemocratic and completely misplaced.

I would like to associate myself with the remarks of Rep. BARNEY FRANK of Massachusetts. As the senior Democrat on the House Financial Services Committee, he was originally a supporter of the bill. But, like me, he could not look the other way and support one aspect of the bill while ignoring other noxious provisions that are unjustified.

Rep. FRANK said yesterday that, "The restrictive language being put forward, which would say no faith-based group could participate, has never been debated in this committee. . . . It was brought up in a private session between the Republican Study Committee and the then-majority leader [DELAY]. That is not an appropriate forum to be the only place where we discuss things."

I regret the error that has occurred but wish the RECORD to clearly reflect my views on this bill. If given the opportunity again, I would vote to defeat H.R. 1461 in its present form.

CONDEMNING THE INTOLERANT
AND INAPPROPRIATE STATE-
MENT BY IRANIAN PRESIDENT
MAHMOUD AHMADINEJAD

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn the venomous words spewed by Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad towards one of America's closest allies and a true companion in the War on Terrorism, Israel.

Yesterday's statement by President Ahmadinejad confirms his country's station among the most radical and dangerous in the world. It is the sort of hate espoused by Mr. Ahmadinejad, cheered unwittingly by a crowd of impressionable children, that breeds new terrorists among Islamic youth. Israel has been a unwavering companion of the United

States. America must stand behind them as they face such invective, and we must remain as steadfastly committed to Israel's defense and independence.

As the process moves forward to promote peace between Israel and their Arab neighbors, this declaration by the Iranian leader potentially takes us two steps backwards.

I call on any citizen of Iran who is peaceful and freedom loving, to reject the sentiments of their close-minded and hateful leader.

I urge the State of Israel to trust that when the rhetorical smoke of their enemies clears, the United States will, as always, be standing strong as a proud ally.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. WAYNE
GILES

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today in recognition of the achievements of Dr. Wayne Giles, Chancellor Emeritus of the Metropolitan Community Colleges (MCC) in the Greater Kansas City area. Dr. Giles retired as Chancellor on June 30, 2005 after 22 years of distinguished service to MCC and our community. He served as Vice-Chancellor for Educational Services for the first ten years and the past twelve as Chancellor. He has been a tireless advocate for urban education and has implemented programs that have brought national recognition to the Community College system. For this reason and many more, I rise today to honor and celebrate his achievements.

Wayne Giles' tenure with the Metropolitan Community Colleges has been fruitful for the bi-state area, the State of Missouri, and our entire Nation. Dr. Giles has overseen the establishment of two new campuses during his tenure, bringing the total to five community colleges in a system that serves approximately 43,000 students each year. The Longview campus was the first community college in the United States to be recognized as a College of the Year by Time Magazine and the Princeton Review. The Business and Technology College is the first community college in the country to earn ISO 9002 certification, which places it within a select group of companies and organizations worldwide that have achieved this quality standard.

Dr. Giles has brought many innovative enhancements to MCC, most recently with the development of writing intensive and diversity courses as part of the general education learning requirements. To best serve MCC's increasingly diverse population, he initiated a faculty internship program, which will be featured at this year's American Association of Community Colleges national conference. This program has significantly increased the number of MCC faculty of color in the last two years.

Wayne Giles has served on numerous committees, including: Member of the Presidents Advisory Council, NCATC from 2000 to present—a national network of resources that advocates and promotes the use of technology that enhances economic and workforce development programs and services; Member from 1993 to present, and President in 1994

of RC-2000—a national organization of presidents and chancellors of urban community colleges; Member of the Missouri Training and Employment Council from 2001 to present; Member from 2001 to present of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education Resource Group for Postsecondary Technical Education; and as a Member of the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education Advisory Committee from 1990 to present, serving as Chair in 1998.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in expressing our heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Wayne Giles, not only for his unwavering effort to educate youth and adults in the Greater Kansas City area, but also for his courage in bringing about diversity in education and providing a vehicle for workforce training to our citizens. I urge my colleagues to please join me, in congratulating Wayne on his retirement as Chancellor of the Metropolitan Community Colleges, and in celebrating his invaluable contributions and sacrifices to provide educational and employment opportunities to constituents of the Fifth Congressional District of Missouri and throughout our region.

TRIBUTE TO AMBASSADOR
TERRENCE R. TODMAN

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a distinguished Virgin Islander and American, Ambassador Terrence R. Todman, on the occasion of his being honored by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today. Ambassador Todman, one of the U.S. Virgin Islands best-known international figures was chosen for two years by the Organization of American States to represent the OAS their efforts to promote dialogue among political and social elements in Haiti as a prelude to the holding of elections there later this year.

Ambassador Todman was born on St. Thomas on March 13, 1926. He was raised, along with his thirteen brothers and sisters, by his mother Rachel Callwood. He retired from the U.S. Senior Foreign Service in 1993 with the title of Career Ambassador. In 41 years of diplomatic service, his postings included service as Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs and as U.S. Ambassador to Argentina, Denmark, Spain, Costa Rica, Guinea and the Republic of Chad.

He serves on the board of directors of several organizations including the National Endowment for Democracy, a private not-for-profit entity created in 1983 to strengthen democratic institutions around the world through non-governmental efforts. He is a former trustee of the University of the Virgin Islands.

He is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Presidential Distinguished Service and Meritorious Service Awards, the National Public Service Award and the State Department's Superior Service Honor Award. He has also been decorated by the governments of Denmark, Spain, Chad, and the Virgin Islands.

Ambassador Todman is a graduate of Inter-American University in Puerto Rico and of Syracuse University. He has been awarded several honorary doctoral degrees. Before joining

the Department of State, he served in the U.S. Army as a commissioned officer in post-war Japan. He has been inducted into the Hall of Fame of the U.S. Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. On behalf of the people of the Virgin Islands who I am privileged to present, I extend heartfelt congratulations to Ambassador and Mrs. Todman.

ON THE PASSING OF DR. JOHN
LONG

HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great sorrow to mourn the loss of one of Pasco County's finest citizens and public servants, Dr. John Long. While on a hunting trip with his wife Marsha in Montana, John unexpectedly passed away from an apparent heart attack on October 26. He was 59 years old.

Born in Wauchula, Florida, John dedicated his life to serving the residents of Pasco County and improving the quality of education that its students received. His passion and reputation would lead him to serve as a state representative and eventually to be appointed as the County's Superintendent of Schools, a position he held until his retirement last year.

John's career in public service began shortly after he completed his masters degree and doctorate in education at the University of South Florida. John seized the opportunity to work for the Pasco County School District and during heightened tension in the District in 1976, he was hired as the County's Director of Personnel. Known as a problem-solver, John quickly garnered respect and trust from the teacher's union and ironed out their labor grievances. His ability to compromise and find the middle ground would follow him throughout his career.

In 1986, John ran successfully for a seat in the Florida House of Representatives. He quickly rose to prominence within the Democratic Party and was poised to become the Speaker of the Florida House. However, another institution took precedence: his family. John retired from state politics to spend more time at home with Marsha and his two daughters, Jennifer and Jessica. Soon after stepping down, the late Governor Lawton Chiles appointed John as Pasco County Schools Superintendent in 1995.

After winning a second term in 2000, John was named Florida's Superintendent of the Year by the Florida Association of District School Superintendents, a distinction he greatly cherished. John also facilitated the enactment of the Penny for Pasco program in March 2004, which he considered one of his proudest accomplishments.

Mr. Speaker, too often in this extremely partisan business, we lose sight of the things that really matter. John looked past party politics. He placed his family ahead of his promising political career. He was a breath of fresh air in an occupation that can suffocate integrity. I am truly saddened by the loss of John, and my thoughts and prayers are with the Long family. May God bless them as they remember this great man.

ON THE LOSS OF AMERICAN LIVES
IN IRAQ

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, this week, the U.S. Department of Defense acknowledged that the number of U.S. military deaths in Iraq has reached 2,000. Sadly, Californians represented the majority of these deaths, with 215 falling victim in the conflict. I, along with all other Americans, mourn the loss of these brave American patriots and insist that we all continue to support those courageous men and women who bear the burden of this military action in Iraq.

As we pause to remember the 2,000 patriots who gave their lives and console the families they left behind, we must demand that the remainder of our troops begin their journey home. This unfounded war began with the false belief that Iraq was in possession of weapons of mass destruction and has continued under a shortsighted and flawed military strategy. While the Administration chooses to "stay the course" and insists that there is significant progress in Iraq, the insurgency continues unabated and too many of our soldiers are returning to their families as only a memory. Others return with emotional and physical wounds that may never heal.

Let this week's grim milestone not slip away without a renewed demand that the President provide to the American public, as well as the U.S. soldiers in Iraq, a clear strategy for success. Only through the creation of a coherent and realistic plan can this Administration begin to stem the loss of American life.

INTRODUCING THE "ELIMINATION
OF BARRIERS FOR KATRINA VICTIMS ACT"

HON. ROBERT C. SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleagues, Congressman CONYERS of MI, Congressman RANGEL of NY, Congressman THOMPSON of MS, Congressman JEFFERSON of LA, Congressman FRANK of MA, Congresswoman JACKSON-LEE of TX, Congressman PAUL of TX, Congresswoman JOHNSON of TX, Congresswoman LEE of CA, Congressman HASTINGS of FL and Congressman AL GREEN of TX in introducing the "Elimination of Barriers for Katrina Victims Act". We are pleased to be joined by a coalition of almost 100 national, state and local organizations who have expressed their support for the legislation, such as the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry, American College of Mental Health Administration, Drug Policy Alliance Network, League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), NAACP, NAADAC—The Association for Addiction Professionals, National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, and the National Urban League, and the list is growing as word of the legislation gets out.

Millions of Americans were displaced from their homes due to Hurricane Katrina and Hur-

ricane Rita and hundreds of thousands have not been able to return and may never be able to do so. Having lost their homes, their communities, their jobs and other support systems, most have required emergency food, clothing, shelter, medical, or monetary assistance. According to FEMA reports, an estimated 2.1 million Americans have already applied for federal aid. Unfortunately, many of these individuals and their families are in desperate need, but, due to a prior drug conviction, will not be able to receive certain federal assistance available to other victims in need. While it is impossible to know for sure how many families will be denied public assistance because of drug convictions, it is likely in the tens of thousands.

More than 1.5 million Americans are arrested for drug offenses every year. Several federal laws disqualify those with felony convictions to receive certain federal benefits. A recent GAO report commissioned by myself and Congressman RUSH of IL reveals that these disqualifications are having a huge impact on receipt of federal benefits for which those with prior drug convictions would otherwise receive. For example, an estimated 41,000 students were denied college assistance during the 2003/2004 academic year because of drug conviction.

While the GAO was only able to collect data from 15 public housing agencies, out of more than 3,000, those 15 agencies denied housing to almost 1,500 families because of past drug violations in 2003 alone. That indicates that there are thousands of families and tens of thousands of individuals unable to receive housing benefits because a family member has a drug conviction.

The drug conviction ban on eligibility for federal benefits also applies to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or the TANF program. TANF eligibility applies to families with minor children. One study reflected that almost 25 percent of drug offenders released from prison in 2001 were eligible for TANF benefits, but were permanently barred from receiving it due to their state's application of the federal ban for a drug conviction. While some states do not apply the federal ban completely, other states, such as Alabama, Mississippi, Texas and Virginia, where many of the displaced families are staying, have fully applied the ban.

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita have inflicted suffering on millions of people. The suffering will fall even harder on victims denied aid because of past drug offenses. Parents who have lost everything and are struggling to feed themselves and their family will be denied TANF and food stamps; students who have lost their school, tuition, fees, room and board, but could continue their education in another school willing to accept them, or who were in school elsewhere when their parents lost the ability to continue paying for their education, will be denied student loans; and entire families that have lost everything in the disasters will be denied housing—all due to the federal bans for a past drug conviction.

The "Elimination of Barriers for Katrina Victims Act" applies only to past drug offenses, some of which were many years ago, and suspends the disqualification for only a 3-year period. This temporary adjustment period in federal disqualifications would allow families affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita a chance to put their lives back together through

the same means as other victims who suddenly lost their homes and livelihood through no fault of their own. Therefore, we are introducing this bill today and urge our colleagues to quickly enact it into law to assist families who are otherwise hopelessly destitute because of the disasters and the impact of a drug conviction.

HONORING DOROTHY MARION
PETE

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Dorothy Marion Pete of Oakland, California. Dorothy was a beloved mother, wife, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, friend, and leader in our community. She passed away on October 10, 2005 at her home in Oakland at the age of 91.

A longtime East Bay Area resident, Dorothy was known throughout her life for her devotion to her family, her church, and her community. She was born in Berkeley, California on February 28, 1914 as the ninth of thirteen children to Virginia (Jennie) Parker and Thomas Reid, Sr. After graduating from Berkeley High School, she worked as the office secretary at the then segregated West Oakland Linden Street Branch of the YWCA. She later integrated the downtown Oakland YWCA, serving first as a stenographer before becoming the administrative assistant to Executive Director Helen Grant.

In addition to the changes she affected at the local YWCA, Dorothy had an immense impact on the local faith community by integrating the staff of the Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church in Oakland. An active member, Dorothy also taught Sunday school and served as president of the American Baptist Women's Group.

Dorothy's bright and giving spirit shaped her actions not only in the context of these institutions, but in every aspect of her life. She was known by all for her boundless generosity toward those who were close to her and also toward those she was meeting for the first time. Dorothy was especially committed to providing aid and comfort to those in need, initiating many food drives at her church and giving away blankets, quilts and dolls that she created by hand or with her sewing machine.

A bright light to many, Dorothy's role was especially profound in the lives of her loved ones. She was happily married for many years to her husband Herman Rideau Pete, who hailed originally from Crowley, Louisiana but spent most of his life in the Bay Area. Though sadly Herman preceded her in death, he and Dorothy spent many happy years together and raised three sons, Gregory, Dennis, and Geoffrey, who is a business owner and community activist in Oakland. Her guidance and unconditional support has given them the strength they have needed to confront and conquer life's challenges, and will continue to sustain them as they, along with their families, continue to celebrate her life in the years to come.

Dorothy's family and friends have come together during this time to honor, remember and cherish not only her life, but the way that she touched the lives of so many others. On

behalf of the California's 9th U.S. Congressional District, I am proud to add my voice to the countless others who have united in thanks, appreciation, and joy to remember this very special woman and wonderful friend, Mrs. Dorothy Marion Pete.

CONDEMNING COMMENTS BY
IRAN'S PRESIDENT

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the new president of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, told 4,000 headline students in Tehran that "Israel must be wiped off the map." Mr. Ahmadinejad's address was the highlight, if you want to call it that, of a forum called "The World Without Zionism," that also saw chants of "Death to America" and "Death to Israel." The Iranian President also attacked other Muslim nations for making peace with Israel and claimed that terrorist attacks by Palestinians could destroy the Jewish state.

I completely and utterly condemn the comments by Iran's president. Peace will only come to the Middle East when all parties recognize Israel's right to exist and completely renounce support for terrorism. Unfortunately, Iran's new government is turning its back on peaceful coexistence and appears bent on confrontation with Israel, the United States, and the world community. Iran also continues to bankroll terrorists, like those who killed five innocent Israelis on Wednesday. Mr. Speaker, the world must unite to denounce the hate speech of Iran's president in the strongest terms possible.

Tomorrow, Catholics, Jews, Muslims, and people of other faiths will come together to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Nostra Aetate, the Catholic Church's landmark document that called for respect for other faiths, particularly Islam and Judaism. And four months ago, the three great Abrahamic religions came together to mourn the death of the great spiritual leader, Pope John Paul II. Because of their nations' alphabetical proximity, the then-presidents of Israel and Iran sat next to each other and even shook hands. But it seems the spirit of interfaith harmony, sadly, lasted little longer than the services for the Pope.

Mr. Speaker, as long as Iran's president continues to rage hatefully against Israel and the West, there will be no peace in the Middle East. The world community will not tolerate these comments by Iran's president, and I condemn them as strongly as I can.

NEW URGENCY REQUIRED TO
STOP VIOLENCE IN SUDAN

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I am alarmed and worried about recent reports coming out of Sudan describing deteriorating political conditions and an increase of violence. The world's governments, including the

United States have moved too slowly to resolve the conflict in Sudan. And now, despite a negotiated ceasefire, we have received numerous reports of renewed killings and abductions, including attacks on aid workers and African Union peacekeepers.

The escalating violence is threatening humanitarian support for millions of people as international aid workers, increasingly find themselves the target of violence. Last month, a squad supported by Sudanese government helicopters attacked a camp for displaced civilians in Darfur, killing 35. Days later, in West Darfur, an Arab rebel group abducted 18 African peacekeepers. Last week, two African Union peacekeeping soldiers were killed in an ambush along with two civilian contractors. Three other African peacekeepers were wounded during the same raid.

The Bush Administration's slow response offers little hope for success and sets no deadline for resolution. We must adopt a new approach that recognizes the urgency of the situation on the ground.

If the ceasefire is to successfully progress toward a fully implemented peace agreement, the U.S. will need to play a more active role in increasing the influence and capabilities of the African Union troops. Currently there are 6,000 peacekeepers working to secure an area the size of Texas and containing a population approaching two million. By honoring its pledge to provide \$50 million as part of the FY06 Foreign Operations bill for equipment and supplies, the Administration would do much to assist the efforts of the African Union.

The U.S. should also work aggressively with the AU on expanding the mandate of the African Union peacekeepers. After more than a year, peacekeeping troops are still confused about their role in the region and about their enforcement powers. While AU troops have been able to protect civilians in some instances, their mandate does not expressly include this important responsibility. As a result, their ability to protect civilians from violence has been extremely limited and varies from one contingent to the next.

Finally, the Bush Administration should pressure the Sudanese government to fully implement the Comprehensive Peace Agreement. That means the commissions and boards mandated by the peace agreement to oversee such contentious, but essential issues as petroleum production and military operations must be established.

Sudan has been the focus of organized armed conflict for 20 of the last 21 years. Given that the Administration in Khartoum has demonstrated only token commitment to the goal of establishing a lasting peace, only the active, aggressive engagement of the United States will make it possible for the Sudanese people to one day be able to return safely to their homes.

REGARDING DR. C. DELORES
TUCKER

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, it is never easy to lose an esteemed friend and colleague such as Dr. C. Delores Tucker. A valiant warrior in the fight for freedom and equality, she

selfishly committed herself to the work of serving others.

Dr. C. Delores Tucker was the first African American woman in the nation to serve as the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Secretary of State. During this time, she instituted the first Commission on the Status of Women in Pennsylvania. In her term, Dr. Tucker was responsible for the governor's appointment of more women and African Americans to judgeships and commissions in the history of the Commonwealth. She also led the effort to make Pennsylvania one of the first states to pass the Equal Rights Amendment. As Chief of Elections of Pennsylvania, she was a leader in instituting a voter registration by mail and reducing the voting age from 21 to 18 years of age.

Dr. Tucker was founder and president of the Bethune-DuBois Institute, Inc., which she established in 1991 to aid African American youth through scholarships and educational programs. Dr. Tucker launched and served as the publisher of the renowned publication, *Vital Issues: The Journal of African American Speeches*. This endeavor caught the attention of then Congressman William H. Gray and was submitted into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Dr. Tucker has received awards from numerous organizations and institutions including the NAACP, the Philadelphia Urban League, the Salvation Army, Lincoln University, the National Association for Equal Opportunity, Higher Education, Women for Good Government, the Alliance of Black Women Attorneys, the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, the Opportunities Industrialization Center, B'nai B'rith, the National Newspaper Publishers Association, the Feminist Majority Foundation, Berean Institute, and the National Association for Sickle Cell Disease. Dr. Tucker was also selected as a *People* magazine 1996 Yearbook Honoree and was featured in the inaugural issue of John F. Kennedy, Jr.'s *George* magazine for her crusade against gangster/porno rap. In addition, she has been acknowledged for her deep concern for children by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton in the book "It Takes a Village." The National Women's Political Caucus and *Redbook* Magazine also named Dr. Tucker as the woman best qualified to be ambassador to the United Nations.

Her tireless and passionate pursuits have generated many discussions over the concerns of equality and justice. Her efforts will never be lost in the hearts of those she touched and the world she labored to change. Our hearts are bowed in reverence of her memory. Please join me in honoring the legacy that is C. Delores Tucker.

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AWARENESS MONTH

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the millions of Americans whose lives have been touched by domestic violence. October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and we must continue to raise awareness and address the

problem of violence that still affects so many American families. One out of every four American women will experience violence by an intimate partner at some point in her life, and one out of every six women will be raped during her lifetime. Domestic violence crosses ethnic, racial, age, national origin, sexual orientation, religious, and socio-economic lines. Although great strides have been made toward breaking the cycle of violence, much work remains to be done.

During the past decade, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) of 1994 and 2000 have provided tremendous protections and support for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. VAWA funding has provided law enforcement agencies, the judicial system, rape crisis centers, and domestic violence shelters with the expertise and services they need to do the work of prevention and protection of those affected by violence. Both the House and the Senate have passed bills reauthorizing VAWA, which will provide important prevention initiatives that have the potential to keep millions of women and children safe.

As both chambers meet to work out differences in the respective pieces of legislation, I encourage the Committee to retain the Senate provision that addresses the needs of girls in the juvenile justice system and correct flaws in the bills, such as improving the immigrant provisions and restoring the funding stream for communities of color, including key health, housing, and economic security provisions.

I am particularly concerned about violence against women of color. In Santa Clara County, of the women killed in domestic-violence related homicides between 1993 and 1997, 7 percent were African Americans, 31 percent were Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders, 22 percent were Hispanic/Latino, and 35 percent were White. Asian American and Pacific Islander women had the highest rates of domestic-violence related homicides when compared to their proportion of the population. The Congressional Hispanic, Black and Asian Pacific American Caucuses ("Congressional Tri-Caucus") continue to work together to address issues that disproportionately affect people of color. Last month, the National Organization of Sisters of Color Ending Sexual Assault, in collaboration with the Congressional Tri-Caucus, held an educational briefing about the needs of victims of color and the importance of culturally-specific messaging that ultimately provides a more comprehensive response to addressing domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence in racial and ethnic communities.

The needs of immigrant women are also important to consider. Although VAWA 1994 and 2000 made significant progress in reducing violence against immigrant women, many women and children who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, or trafficking are still being deported. Others remain economically trapped by abusers or traffickers in life-threatening environments. I am a co-sponsor of H.R. 3188, the Immigration Victims of Violence Protection Act, which would stop the deportation of immigrant victims of violence, extend immigration relief to all victims of family violence, and guarantee economic security for immigrant victims and their children.

Domestic violence is not solely a woman's issue—it is also a health, social, economic,

and criminal justice issue, and must be addressed on multiple levels. We must all do our part to prevent and address violence in our homes, in our communities, and in our society in order to build a safe and healthy nation.

TRIBUTE TO ROSA PARKS

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to address this chamber in honor of a civil rights hero, Rosa Parks. Mrs. Parks passed away on Monday evening but her legacy will continue to inspire us all. Her story is not just a civil rights story it is an American story. I am pleased to honor her here today and as a co-sponsor of legislation that recognizes her courageous contributions to our nation.

On December 1, 1955 in Montgomery, Alabama, Mrs. Parks was riding the bus home from work. On that December evening Rosa Parks was asked, along with other African-Americans, to give up her seat to a white passenger. Mrs. Parks was the only one that refused to do so and she was subsequently arrested and fined. Her actions that day put the civil rights movement into motion and changed the direction of our nation. Her arrest inspired a young minister named Martin Luther King, Jr. to organize a boycott of the city's buses. The 381 day boycott eventually led to a Supreme Court ruling that struck down the Montgomery ordinance and outlawed racial segregation on public transportation.

Rosa Parks was a humble woman who never wanted recognition, only equality. She continued to fight for equality through her local NAACP chapter. Her mother always told her to take advantage of opportunities no matter how few they are. She heeded that advice and seized opportunities and also provided a multitude of opportunities for others. Mrs. Parks will be remembered not only for her actions but for her courage. She did what so many others yearned to do. Her story catapulted the civil rights movement to the national stage and inspired many others to join the fight to end segregation.

Later in her life, Rosa Parks co-founded an organization for young people, the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute, which enables youth to pursue educational opportunities, registers them to vote, and works toward racial peace. Mrs. Parks also hosted a special program organized through the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute called Pathways to Freedom. This student program gives tours across the country that follows the Underground Railroad and highlights the events that spearheaded the civil rights movement. In 1996, President Clinton honored Rosa Parks with the presidential Medal of Freedom and in 1999, she received the Congressional Gold Medal.

Although parts of our history are marred with inequality, discrimination, and hate, it is also filled with individual courage, perseverance, and hope. We must learn from it so that we can continue to progress as a nation. We must never forget our history and we must never forget Rosa Parks.