

on to college. Over 45 percent of Holy Family High School students receive tuition scholarships from the parish, allowing them to take advantage of the excellent educational opportunities provided by the school.

The Holy Family parish has been served by many distinguished and dedicated pastors throughout its history. From 1975 to 1995, the community was served by Monsignor Arthur J. Lirette who has also acted as Chaplain for the Glendale Police Department, State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, and Episcopal Vicar of the San Fernando Region. Since 1995, Father Joseph P. Shea has served as head pastor of Holy Family, following a six-year stint as the Director of the Office of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

To celebrate the occasion of its centennial, the Holy Family parish has undertaken a mission of spiritual and physical renewal. The theme of the anniversary celebration is "Jubilee," in honor of an ancient Judeo-Christian tradition, in which all people cooperate to restore the world to its original state of justice, equality and beauty. Jubilee years mark a time of renewal, fellowship, and forgiveness. The Holy Family parish will be participating in a series of spiritual retreats, as well as renovating its church building, in honor of this tradition.

I am proud to recognize the centennial celebration of the Holy Family Catholic Community in Glendale, California, and I ask all Members to join me today in honoring this parish.

APPLING COUNTY, GEORGIA,
RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S 14
AND UNDER BOYS ALL-STAR
BASEBALL TEAM—STATE CHAM-
PIONS

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2006

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, the Appling County, GA Recreation Department's 14 and Under Junior Boys All-Star team (Hunter Williams, Tate Carter, Joseph Livingston, Colby Griffin, Michael Norris, Todd Hagen, Kyle Hardwick, Ryne Powers, Tyler Avera, Zack Griffis, Ryan Taylor, Cale Turner, Scott Fariss, Kasey Kersey, Coach Jeff Williams, Coach Jay Powers) traveled to Fitzgerald, GA on July 12th to participate in the 2006 BGPA Junior Boys Class "C" State Tournament.

The 4-day tournament was a double elimination tournament. The first game, Appling had to play Union County from District 7. Appling jumped on them quickly and "Run-rulled" them in five innings, with a 9 to 0 final score. That moved Appling on to play Thursday against Adel-Cook County from District 3. Appling played the whole game behind until the bottom of the seventh inning, when it tied the game up and forced it into extra innings. In the eighth inning, Appling scored one run to end the game. That moved Appling on to play for the undefeated game against Bowdon County from District 4 on Friday morning.

Bowdon beat Appling in 2005 for the championship, but this time would be a different story. The game began with Appling scoring 1 run in the top of the first inning. Neither team scored in the second inning, and in the third inning, Appling scored 1 and held Bowdon scoreless. In the fourth inning, neither team

scored, so after four innings the score was 2 to 0 in favor of Appling. In the top of the fifth inning, Appling scored three runs and when Bowdon got up to bat, they scored four runs, making the score 5 to 4. The sixth inning went scoreless, and then Bowdon scored 1 run in the seventh inning to tie the game. The Bowdon team had the bases loaded with no outs, but Appling County fought on and kept them from scoring another run. The game went into extra innings, and in the top of the eighth inning, Appling scored 3 runs. Bowdon then came in to bat in the bottom of the eighth and went scoreless—making Appling the State Champions! It was an enjoyable tournament and the Appling County Recreation Department is very proud of the team.

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TRIBUTE TO LEE COLLEGE

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2006

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, residents of Chambers County and Baytown, in my Congressional district, who currently lack high-speed internet access, will soon be able to obtain an extremely reliable high-speed internet service comparably priced to DSL. This is due to the efforts of a consortium consisting of Lee College, Chambers County, Chambers Liberty Counties Navigation District, East Chambers Independent School District, and Trinity Bay Conservation District.

The consortium began working on the project in 2000, after the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund board authorized Community Network Grants in order to fund internet access for underserved areas. Lee College applied for a \$500,000 grant on behalf of the consortium. The consortium was one of the few groups that were awarded the full grant of \$550,000—the amount applied for plus a 10% match by the consortium.

Among the technical challenges facing the consortium was constructing four 150-foot towers, wiring ten buildings, and coordinating with the governmental agencies involved. Once those challenges were resolved, the consortium faced the challenge of finding a company to maintain the system. Fortunately, the consortium was able to contract with TeleShare Communications Services.

TeleShare was looking for opportunities to expand, and, according to Mark Ocker, Tele-Share's president, ". . . the opportunity to use an existing network by partnering with Chambers County and Lee College came up, and it proved to be a great match for both TeleShare and the consortium."

I am pleased to take this opportunity to extend my congratulations and thanks to Lee College and all the members of the consortium for their efforts to improve the lives of the residents of Chambers County and Baytown.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MOBILE WORKFORCE STATE INCOME TAX FAIRNESS AND SIMPLIFICATION ACT OF 2006

HON. CHRIS CANNON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2006

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Mobile Workforce State Income Tax Fairness and Simplification Act of 2006. The issues addressed by this legislation impact many thousands of individuals and businesses every year in our country. My purpose in introducing this bill is to begin a discussion on these important issues.

In today's economy, many individuals are required to travel outside of their state of residence to engage in business. Most of these trips are for a brief duration as the employee works in a non-resident state for a short time and then returns to his/her state of residence. Despite the brief presence these individuals may have in non-resident states, many states impose a personal income tax on individuals and a corresponding withholding obligation on employers. States currently have widely inconsistent standards for such individuals to file non-resident personal income tax returns, and inconsistent requirements for employers to withhold income taxes on these employees.

Concerns have been raised that the vast majority of individuals are not aware of these varied state filing requirements. Concerns have also been raised that many employers do not have payroll systems that track employee travel and are consequently required to incur extraordinary and inappropriate expenses to attempt to comply with these various withholding requirements.

A uniform, fair and easily administrable law to address these issues, including appropriate de minimis rules would appear to ensure that the correct amount of income tax is paid without placing an undue burden on individuals or employers. Any solution to these issues would continue to provide full taxation of an individual's wages in a resident state to the extent the resident state determines to impose an income tax on its residents.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ENHANCED OPTIONS FOR RURAL HEALTH CARE ACT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2006

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, September 21, I introduced the Enhanced Options for Health Care Act (H.R. 6154). This legislation allows critical access hospitals to use beds designated for critical access use, but currently not being used for that purpose, for assisted living services financed by private payments.

This bill will help improve the financial status of small rural hospitals and extend the health care options available to people living in rural areas without increasing federal expenditures. Currently, fear that rural hospitals will lose critical access status if beds designated for critical access are used for another purpose is

causing rural hospitals to allow beds not needed for a critical access purpose to remain unused. This deprives rural hospitals of a much-needed revenue stream and deprives residents of rural areas of access to needed health care services.

My colleagues may be interested to know that the idea for this bill comes from Marcella Henke, an administrator of Jackson County Hospital, a critical access hospital in my congressional district. Ms. Henke conceived of this idea as a way to meet the increasing demand for assisted living services in rural areas and provide hospitals with a profitable way use beds not being used for critical access purposes. I urge my colleagues to embrace this practical way of strengthening rural health care without increasing federal expenditures by cosponsoring the Enhanced Options for Rural Health Care Act (H.R. 6154).

ON THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF
SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2006

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Ms. Leslie Blair and the hundreds of other individuals from Massachusetts who lost loved ones on September 11, 2001. This September 11th, I attended an event at the Massachusetts State House with Ms. Blair and other families who lost loved ones on September 11, 2001 to commemorate and celebrate their lives. The day of remembrance and reflection was filled with heart wrenching testimonials of loss, powerful tributes to inspirational courage, and life affirming stories of love and family. Ms. Blair's testimonial about her sister, Susan Leigh Blair, was truly moving.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include Ms. Blair's remarks in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Good morning. My name is Leslie Blair. My sister Susan Leigh Blair was one of the beautiful faces you just saw in that extraordinarily moving tribute video. Sue was killed on September 11, 2001, as she went about her normal routine on an exceptionally beautiful Tuesday in the South Tower of the World Trade Center.

That video is such a moving tribute to the beautiful souls we lost on horrible and hateful day. Now I have seen a lot of beautiful memorials to the tragedy of September 11, but in static, granite ways, they tend to honor the memory of a day where nearly 3000 vibrant individuals died. This video montage honors the lives, not the deaths, of our loved ones. In those faces, we see the joy of today. And in those eyes, we see the promise for tomorrow, a tomorrow that never came, and a promise that could not be fulfilled.

My son, Nicolas is three. He and I watched this video together, and he asked me what it was. Looking at the smiles, the celebrations, the graduations and weddings, the sun and the sea, the embraces, the families, he looked at all of these lives, and he said, "It's too much." And as you and I know too well, the loss of one is too much. This video memorializes the loss, not just of individuals, but their lives, their promises, their hopes and their joy, and it's just too much.

I was asked to speak today about the value of one life and what one life means—how powerful and impactful one life can be. And like you, I know what I have lost because Susan isn't here. But magnify that loss by all of the families and friends and factor in thousands of coworkers and clients from a today five years ago, and then somehow add in the tomorrows that will never come, and I mean, our country, our world has truly suffered an amazing blow by not having them here. What have we lost as a society because just one of these beautiful smiling faces is no longer here? That is a big question. Let me tell you how I tried to answer it.

I started off by reading recent commentary by some of today's most intelligent economists, authors, politicians, sociologists. Surely the war on terror, the unease and unrest, the social upheaval can somehow be related to our loss. But that didn't seem to answer my question very well. So I turned to the great philosophers and thinkers from a world before 9/11 to see how they had answered that question. The meaning of life—very academic and metaphysical, but, in fact, not very helpful in answering my question.

Then, I looked through my copy of the Portraits of 9/11 book—a consolidation of many of the NY Times obituaries. Certainly we lost smart, successful people in the prime years of their contributions to the world. We lost bankers, investment brokers, insurance executives, servicemen and women, rescue workers, flight crew, corporate management, consultants, technicians, hockey scouts. To lose the brightest, most productive individuals in a society certainly has an economic impact, a social impact. But that didn't seem to answer the question either.

Then I looked my copy of We Remember, a compilation of tributes from Mass 9/11 Fund members, from us. There I found the heart wrenching loss of children, spouses, siblings, parents, friends, and more photos of life and love. I tried, but I couldn't read it cover to cover. So I flipped around. I landed on Capt. John Ogonowski's tribute, and in there, John's family included a poem by Bessie Anderson Stanley. In 1904, Bessie entered a magazine contest and won \$250—so maybe not a great thinker of her time, but her definition of success started to get at what we lost.

He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much; who has enjoyed the trust of pure women, the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it, whether an improved poppy, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul; who has always looked for the best in others and given them the best he had; whose life was an inspiration; whose memory a benediction.

And I read the rest of John's pages, and I read Ann's pages, and Ace's pages, and Fred's pages, and Betty's pages, and Robin's pages, and it was easier to read more and more pages of these beautiful people whose lives, by Mrs. Stanley's definition were clearly successful. Their lives inspired others and their memories have been a blessing to those who loved them.

And I read the little booklet in front where I found pages of scholarships and funds, awards, forums, lectures, and music. These beautiful souls, through the inspiration and blessing of their living, of having been here and made a mark, these people are still con-

tributing to society today. They are no longer corporate executives or technicians or bankers, or hockey scouts but through their memory and in honor of their lives, we are able to perpetuate their success.

My sister's scholarship rewards teachers so that her passionate commitment to children and her unfulfilled dream of teaching can live on. Mark Bavis' foundation provides college funding and leadership training. Todd Hill's scholarship awards sportsmanship and perseverance. The list goes on. Surely the promise of Susan and Mark and Todd has not died.

So at this point in my research, I abandoned my original question, because inspired by these individuals and how much they were loved and how unique they were and how their promises could be fulfilled, I think I found a more important question. If we, as individuals, incorporate the spirit of our loved ones, their vibrancy, their vitality, their potential, their love, can we not change the world? Can we not increase the potential we had before 9/11 by carrying the potential of our loved ones in our hearts and in our lives and in our own successes?

We all know, too well, the devastating impact of a few evil individuals. But we, as individuals, can and are counteracting that evil impact. In honor of those vibrant successful lives, we can make a more significant impact on society, in our communities, our schools, our businesses, by our own individual actions.

And I think back to that video, the smiles of a today that has passed and the hope for a tomorrow that will never come. And I remember the success described by Mrs. Stanley. Surely our loved ones left a mark on the world in their own right. And we, by loving them and remembering them, make their mark deeper. And we, by doing that, make our own mark. Honoring the characteristics that we loved about them and carrying those characteristics into our today's, do we not carry our loved ones into the future? We have the opportunity today to continue their success. And despite our loss, or maybe because of it, we have the opportunity to live our individual lives successfully, as if tomorrow may never come. Individually, yes, together certainly, we can leave the world better than we found it, as they did. And we can give their promise for tomorrow, through our own promise, to those who love us.

SENIOR CITIZENS DEMAND AFFORDABLE DRUG COVERAGE ON DONUT HOLE DAY

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2006

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of last Friday, September 22, "Donut Hole" Day. Donut Hole Day was not a happy day but a marker to remind policymakers about the problems that the Part D plan is imposing on America's seniors and people with disabilities this year.

September 22 was the day when the average person with Medicare fell into the Part D donut hole—a black hole of coverage for those whose annual drug costs fall between \$2,250 and \$5,100. The donut hole is a \$2,850 gap in coverage when people with private Part D plans continue to pay insurance