

during times of disaster recovery. I believe this legislation will embrace that priority and make certain that this problem will not be encountered during future disasters.

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LEGISLATION ALLOWING INTER-  
STATE SHIPMENT OF  
UNPASTEURIZED MILK

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**HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 5, 2007*

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce legislation that allows the transportation and sale in interstate commerce of unpasteurized milk and milk products, as long as the milk both originates from and is shipped to States that allow the sale of unpasteurized milk and milk products. This legislation removes an unconstitutional restraint on farmers who wish to sell unpasteurized milk and milk products, and people who wish to consume unpasteurized milk and milk products.

My office has heard from numerous people who would like to purchase unpasteurized milk. Many of these people have done their own research and come to the conclusion that unpasteurized milk is healthier than pasteurized milk. These Americans have the right to consume these products without having the Federal Government second-guess their judgment about what products best promote health. If there are legitimate concerns about the safety of unpasteurized milk, those concerns should be addressed at the State and local level.

I urge my colleagues to join me in promoting consumers' rights, the original intent of the Constitution, and federalism by cosponsoring my legislation to allow the interstate sale of unpasteurized milk and milk products.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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**HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 5, 2007*

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, on October 31, 2007, I missed the following rollcall votes because I was attending to personal family matters in my District: rollcall vote No. 1024, the McCrery substitute amendment to H.R. 3920, the Trade and Globalization Act; rollcall vote No. 1025, passage of H.R. 3920, the Trade and Globalization Act; and rollcall vote No. 1026, the motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3043, the Fiscal Year 2008 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill.

If present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall Nos. 1024 and 1026 and "aye" on rollcall No. 1025.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOSEPH A. SOPKO, M.D. UPON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE SAINT VINCENT CHARITY HOSPITAL'S SAINT LUKE SOCIETY

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**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 5, 2007*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Joseph A. Sopko, M.D., upon his induction into St. Vincent Charity Hospital's St. Luke Society, for his contributions to pulmonary health education, residency program leadership, and for his community involvement, including his leadership and activism regarding tobacco use prevention.

Dr. Sopko has been a member of the medical staff at St. Vincent Charity Hospital for nearly 20 years. He earned his medical degree at Tufts University and completed his residency and fellowship training at the University of Iowa Hospitals. Dr. Sopko has held several significant roles at St. Vincent Charity Hospital, including: Medical Director of Pulmonary Services; Director of the Medical Intensive Care Unit; and educator within the Hospital's medical residency program. Moreover, Dr. Sopko played a critical role in establishing one of the first hospital-wide blood conservation programs in the nation—the Regional Center for Blood Conservation. For his service to students in the residency program, he was awarded the 2007 Teacher of the Year Award, given by the St. Vincent Charity Hospital Internal Medicine Program.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Dr. Joseph A. Sopko, upon his induction into the Saint Luke Society. Dr. Sopko's medical expertise, caring demeanor and strong sense of volunteerism brings strength to St. Vincent's Hospital and superior health care for countless individuals throughout our community.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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**HON. PHIL ENGLISH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 5, 2007*

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 1032, the Motion to Recommit with Instructions on H.R. 2262, the Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2007. I was delayed due to a meeting with constituents.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

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HONORING THE MEMORY OF  
RALPH P. HARR

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**HON. DAVID DAVIS**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 5, 2007*

Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ralph

Harr of Bristol, Tennessee who passed away November 2, 2007.

Mr. Harr was born April 4, 1926 to the late William and Addie Cowan Harr, and he was a lifelong resident of Sullivan County. Ralph graduated from Blountville High School and attended King College. He served our great Nation in the U.S. Army.

Ralph was an established businessman. He co-owned and operated Bristol Auto Auction for over 48 years.

Mr. Harr was a dedicated public servant. He served from 1952 until 2001 as the Clerk and Master of Sullivan County Chancery Court. Ralph served as County Commissioner for 30 years and was a member of the influential Budget Committee and the Sullivan Partnership Network. It was evident to anyone who knew him, he cared for Sullivan County in a fashion that is difficult to find.

As a devoted family man, he will be missed by his wife of 43 years, Marjorie Willis Han, son Jon Paul, daughter Jackie, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and so many friends.

Madam Speaker, I ask that the House join me this evening in honoring Ralph Harr for his service to this great Nation, commitment to making life better for those around him, and love for his family and friends. We have lost a tireless leader in the First District, he will be greatly missed.

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TRIBUTE TO DEREK WETSCH

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**HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 5, 2007*

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend congratulations to Derek Wetsch, who received the highest rank in boy scouting; attaining the rank of Eagle Scout at his court of honor ceremony on November 4, 2007. He is a member of Troop 88, sponsored by First United Methodist Church in Elkins, West Virginia.

Derek took on quite an undertaking for his Eagle Scout project. As diligent student and member of the Elkins High Fighting Tiger Marching Band, he saw the need for a new sound system at the football stadium and improvement of its grounds. Thanks to his fundraising efforts, Wimer Field at Elkins High School has a new state-of-the-art sound system, which he installed himself.

Derek attended Elkins High School where he graduated in the top 10 percent of his class. A leader in his class, Derek was student body president, president of the band council, and a member of the National Honor Society. He remains an active volunteer with Boy Scouts of America.

Derek is a freshman at West Virginia University where he is a member of the Pride of West Virginia, Mountaineer Marching Band. He is majoring in Exercise Physiology and plans to attend dental school after his undergraduate studies.

I am proud to recognize Derek Wetsch for achieving the high honor of the Eagle Scout. West Virginia is fortunate to have him as a leader and I look forward to hearing about his future accomplishments.