

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### INTRODUCING EASTERN NEW MEXICO RURAL WATER SYSTEM AUTHORIZATION ACT

**HON. TOM UDALL**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Madam Speaker, today I am very pleased to introduce a bill that will authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to help communities in eastern New Mexico develop the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System, ENMRWS. A companion to this bill is being introduced today in the Senate by my colleagues Senator BINGAMAN and Senator DOMENICI. There has long been a recognized need for a reliable and safe supply of potable water for eastern New Mexico. After years of drought and ever-increasing population growth, this water supply project is now absolutely critical for the continued economic well-being of Curry, Roosevelt, and Quay counties in eastern New Mexico.

The Entrada and the Southern High Plains, or Ogallala, aquifers currently provide 100 percent of the municipal and industrial water supplies and the vast majority of agricultural water for communities in these east-central New Mexico counties. However, both the quantity and quality of these ground water reserves have declined severely in recent decades. Despite voluntary conservation efforts and improvements in agricultural water-use efficiencies, these ground water supplies will not sustain current use levels in as little as 12 years, and may be functionally depleted within 25 years.

The water supply project authorized by this legislation builds upon more than 40 years of research, planning, and design. In 1959, after recognizing the water supply problems in eastern New Mexico, the New Mexico Legislature and Interstate Stream passed an Act authorizing the State Engineer to construct a dam on the Canadian River, thus establishing the the Reservoir. Since 1966, numerous congressionally-authorized studies have investigated the feasibility of a project that would utilize the Ute Reservoir as a reliable water supply for communities in eastern New Mexico. Finally, in the late 1990s, several communities, concerned about the increasingly urgent need, came together to begin planning for the development of a regional water system.

The Eastern New Mexico Rural Water Supply Authority, consisting of nine communities in the Curry, Roosevelt and Quay counties of eastern New Mexico, was formed in 2001 to oversee the development of the ENMRWS. This authority has expeditiously and effectively finalized the studies and planning necessary to move forward with this project.

Madam Speaker, as you can see from this brief history, the citizens of eastern New Mexico have both proven the critical need and completed the necessary steps to form the basis for a project of this magnitude. This project is not new, and the need for water is

becoming increasingly more urgent. In fact, I introduced this bill with my New Mexico Colleagues in the Senate in both the 108th and 109th Congresses. In the 108th Congress the Senate Subcommittee on Water and Power in the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources held a hearing on the bill, which I understand brought out some very positive support and feedback. Since that time, the need for this project has only become greater and support for the venture has continued to increase in the local communities and State government.

Without this project, it is clear that this important region will suffer economically. We cannot stand by and watch vibrant communities dissolve into western ghost towns, especially when solutions exist. I sincerely hope my colleagues will support this legislation and help provide a positive, long-term solution to a pressing water need in the rural West. This legislation represents the important next step toward addressing the overarching issue of water in the and West.

### EXPRESSING SENSE OF HOUSE REGARDING CREATION OF REFUGEE POPULATION

SPEECH OF

**HON. DAN BURTON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 1, 2008*

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, on April 1st, the House of Representatives approved an important piece of legislation, H. Res. 185, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the creation of refugee populations in the Middle East, North Africa, and the Persian Gulf region. I was proud to support the passage of this legislation because it recognized all those who have suffered during this long-standing conflict. For the first time in my memory, the House of Representatives has gone on record to say that the refugee population in the Middle East is not simply comprised of Palestinians, it is also the 850,000 Jews who have been displaced from Arab countries since the declaration of the State of Israel in 1948. The U.S.-led roadmap to peace specifically calls for an "agreed, just, fair, and realistic solution to the refugee issue;" and in my opinion, and in the unanimous and united opinion of this House, that means Jewish and non-Jewish refugees alike.

Throughout my tenure in the United States Congress, I have seen the U.S. act as a stalwart champion of human rights, and I have seen this House stand up and voice concerns about the treatment of refugees and minorities, as well as concerns on violations of basic human rights throughout the Middle East and elsewhere. As the U.S. continues to play a pivotal role in seeking an end to the Arab-Israeli conflict in the Middle East, I urge my colleagues to continue to speak out and re-

mind the world that we must not overlook the Jewish refugee problem in our enthusiasm for peace.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to further this important effort.

### DEDICATION OF THE KATHLEEN SAVAGE BROWNING MINIATURES COLLECTION

**HON. GEOFF DAVIS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, on April 8, 2008, a new educational collection will be unveiled and celebrated at the Kentucky Gateway Museum Center in Maysville, Kentucky.

Chicago's Art Institute and England's Queen Mary's Dolls' House are among the few places in the world where visitors can enjoy expansive collections of miniature buildings and artifacts and Maysville's Kentucky Gateway Museum Center now joins these distinguished institutions. The 3,300 square foot Miniatures Gallery at the Kentucky Gateway Museum Center is now home to an unrivaled collection of thousands of 1/12 scale miniatures thanks to a generous donation from Maysville native and resident Kaye Browning. The collection features historic buildings, homes and monuments, including the ancestral home of Lady Diana Spencer, the Fleece Inn in England and the Cox Building in Maysville.

This collection has been a passion of Ms. Browning's for over thirty years. Her donation to the Kentucky Gateway Museum Center represents a substantial investment in the community and is certain to bring many visitors, both young and old, to Maysville to experience this world-class collection and gallery. I thank Ms. Browning for her incredible gift to the museum and for her tremendous dedication to Maysville and the entire region. I want to thank Lou Browning, her husband and partner in this endeavor and the staff and supporters of the Kentucky Gateway Museum Center who have made it a leader in telling the story of our Commonwealth.

### THE INFANT CRIB SAFETY ACT

**HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Infant Crib Safety Act.

I originally introduced this legislation in 1999 at the request of the Danny Foundation, a national nonprofit organization established after the tragic death of Danny Lineweaver of Alamo, Calif. At the age of 23 months, Danny was injured while trying to climb out of his

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crib. He caught his shirt on a decorative knob on the corner post of his crib and hanged himself. Though his mother was able to perform CPR the moment she found him, Danny lived in a semi-comatose state for nine years and died in 1993.

But Danny Lineweaver's parents are by no means the only ones to face this heart-breaking and preventable tragedy. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, CPSC, more than 12,300 infants and children are hospitalized—and more than 40 children die—each year as a result of injuries from unsafe cribs. These children include Amaya Jade Dummer, a 2-month-old who died of asphyxiation when she was caught in the gap between the crib railing and the side of her crib, and Garrett Davis, a 4-month-old who died at his grandparents' home when he became wedged between an added mattress and the vinyl side of his mesh crib.

Madam Speaker, cribs are the only juvenile products manufactured expressly for leaving children unattended, and the design and construction of cribs must ensure that parents can have confidence that a crib is a safe place to leave an infant. Existing CPSC mandatory standards, as well as voluntary crib safety guidelines, have been effective in addressing most safety hazards associated with new cribs. The CPSC estimates that these standards prevent hundreds of deaths annually. However, these standards and guidelines apply only to new cribs, not to the sale or commercial use of second-hand and hand-me-down cribs. Secondhand cribs, many of which predate stringent federal safety standards and have been subsequently recalled, are responsible for the majority of crib-related infant injuries and deaths.

Used cribs can have any number of dangerous features. Missing or broken parts, excessive width between slats, poorly fitting crib sheets, inadequate mattress support, and faulty latches that do not prevent unintentional crib collapse all pose serious risks to infant safety. Nearly 4 million infants are born in the United States each year, but it is estimated that only 1 to 2 million new cribs are sold. This means that millions of infants are being placed in potentially unsafe used cribs. Secondhand cribs can persist for years in the secondary market in thrift and resale stores. Many hotels and motels continue to use second hand cribs that do not meet current safety standards established by CPSC.

In 2007 alone, more than 1.5 million cribs were recalled. It is vital to ensure that these potentially dangerous products are removed from the stream of commerce. Twelve States, including my home State of California, have already adopted legislation that would make it illegal to manufacture or sell a crib that does not meet current safety standards. But children in every State deserve this basic protection.

The Infant Crib Safety Act will save lives, and give peace of mind to the millions of parents who place their infants in cribs every single day.

This legislation will accomplish four main objectives to keep our children and infants safe. First, it will bar crib makers from manufacturing, and commercial users from selling, products that do not meet the most up-to-date safety standards, including voluntary industry standards. As a result, it will keep structurally unsound, lead-containing, and otherwise un-

safe cribs out of the stream of commerce. Second, it will prohibit the use of unsafe secondhand cribs in hotels, motels, and inns. Third, it requires the Consumer Product Safety Commission to update its standards by including new rules on crib durability. Many cribs are not built to withstand the stresses that active toddlers place on them, rendering older, used cribs even less safe for infants. Durability standards will assure safe usage over time, as well as quickly identify failures in design or hardware that could lead to a hazardous crib.

And finally, the bill requires new cribs to feature labels warning against the use of potentially dangerous soft bedding, to remind parents of the risk of infant suffocation from the use of pillows, blankets, and stuffed animals.

Madam Speaker, this measure was approved by the Senate last month as part of comprehensive consumer product safety legislation, and I applaud my colleague from California, Senator FEINSTEIN, who worked to ensure its passage. Now is the time for the House to act on this vital provision.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING COACH JILL YODER FOR COACHING THE HILAND HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM TO WINNING THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Coach Jill Yoder showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and

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Whereas, Coach Yoder has been a role model for sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Coach Jill Yoder for leading the Hiland High School Girls' Basketball Team to winning the Girls' Division IV State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and leadership she has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 Basketball season.

**KELSIE HUTCHINSON**

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kelsie Hutchinson who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award. Kelsie Hutchinson is a senior at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kelsie Hutchinson is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard

work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Kelsie Hutchinson for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication she has shown in her high school career to her college career and future accomplishments.

COMMEMORATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SPEECH OF

**HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 1, 2008*

Ms. CLARKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to enter into the RECORD my heartfelt support for H. Res. 1061, commemorating the 40th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. April 4, 1968 was a tragic day for America and the world. We lost a visionary leader whose conviction that all men and women are created equal, be brought to fruition in our time. Today I will not mourn, but celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King.

Although we have come a long way in remedying the social injustices of our country's history, we must continue to be engaged in a dialogue of racial and economic equality, and for the peace that Dr. King gave his life for. He fought for peace here in America, and he fought for peace for all around the world.

America is currently engaged in a war that has taken the lives of over 4,000 U.S. soldiers and tens of thousands of Iraqis. The uncanny similarities that the war in Iraq has with the Vietnam war must lead us to adhere to Dr. King's message of nonviolence. Dr. King spoke out against the Vietnam war even when his colleagues questioned his wisdom.

On April 4, 1967, a year to the day of his death, Dr. King addressed his colleagues at a meeting of Clergy and Laity Concerned at the Riverside Church in New York City. His speech that day was entitled Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence. His message was poignant then and speaks directly to us today.

Dr. King stated, "Somehow this madness must cease. We must stop now. I speak as a child of God and brother to the suffering poor of Vietnam. I speak for those whose land is being laid waste, whose homes are being destroyed, whose culture is being subverted. I speak for the poor of America who are paying the double price of smashed hopes at home and death and corruption in Vietnam. I speak as a citizen of the world, for the world as it stands aghast at the path we have taken. I speak as an American to the leaders of my own nation. The great initiative in this war is ours. The initiative to stop it must be ours."

In order for us to continue Dr. King's legacy of peace and justice, we must take a stand to end the illegal and unjust war in Iraq. Today I reaffirm my commitment to ending this war and continuing the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

HONORING BOB KUSSE, FORMER  
PENNSYLVANIA STATE SENATOR

**HON. PHIL ENGLISH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of former Pennsylvania State Senator and personal friend, Bob Kusse who passed this February. Bob Kusse was born in Rochester, New York in 1918, and attended the Universities of Rochester and Buffalo. Despite his New York roots however, this man dedicated the rest of his adult life to serving the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Bob Kusse served in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives from 1972 to 1977. He was elected to the State Senate in a special election in May 1977. I had the great pleasure of working for Senator Kusse from 1981 until the Senator's retirement in 1984.

Senator Kusse was one of the toughest, most principled voices in the Pennsylvania State Senate. He was a remarkable advocate of improving the state's transportation system as well as the state's business climate. He was a committed conservative who was always ready to make tough decisions and make Pennsylvania attractive for new job creation.

Senator Kusse presided at a critical time and over efforts to rebuild the states' roads and bridges, expand its turnpike and put its mass transit systems on a sound footing. As a top fiscal conservative, he was a uniquely credible spokesman to join with Transportation Secretary Larsen and push for much needed revenues to fix Pennsylvania's transportation system.

Senator Kusse brought a rare integrity and wonderful outspokenness to the House, and later, the Senate. Bob Kusse was a self-made man who loved his community and his family, and had a marvelous love of learning that culminated in his seeking his Bachelor's degree, in his seventies, at Edinboro University after his retirement from the Pennsylvania State Senate. He was wonderful mentor and a truly marvelous public servant.

I hope my colleagues will join me in commemorating the life of Senator Bob Kusse.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF MR.  
ROBERT ZERKLE

**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the distinguished career and extensive community involvement of Mr. Robert Zerkle of Mascoutah, Illinois.

Bob served in the Mascoutah School District for 38 years, as a math teacher, Business Manager and Assistant Superintendent, before retiring in 2001.

Even after his retirement from the Mascoutah School District, Bob has continued to be a staunch advocate of Impact Aid, the federal program which provides assistance to local school districts that have been impacted

by the presence of federal property, such as the impact Scott Air Force Base has had on the Mascoutah School District in the Congressional district I represent. He has received several awards commending his efforts, including the 2008 Friends of the National Association of Federally Impact Schools Award and the Globe Award recognizing his career working on behalf of Impact Aid.

Madam Speaker, as the Representative for Scott Air Force Base, I have witnessed first hand how important the Impact Aid program is to our region and our students. Not only does it provide school districts such as Mascoutah with essential funding otherwise unavailable, it assures the men and women of our fighting forces that their children will receive a great education while they are keeping America safe and secure.

The tireless efforts of individuals like Bob Zerkle are an example of how one individual's dedication to a cause can have a lifetime effect on a community. Bob's wealth of experience and overwhelming devotion will no doubt be missed among his colleagues and his students.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation to Bob Zerkle for his years of dedicated service in support of Impact Aid and the students of the Mascoutah School district. I wish Bob the very best in the future.

CONGRATULATING THE CHATEAUGAY  
BULLDOGS UPON WINNING  
THE 2008 NEW YORK STATE BOYS  
CLASS D CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. JOHN M. McHUGH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Chateaugay Central School District's Bulldogs upon winning the 2008 New York State Boys Basketball Class D Championship. I am proud to represent the community of Chateaugay, New York, and this team, which won not only Chateaugay's first state basketball championship but also the first boys state basketball championship won by a Section X team.

On March 15, 2008, the Chateaugay Bulldogs won the New York State Class D Championship when they defeated the North Star Christian Academy Knights by a score of 52 to 41. In that game, the Bulldogs were in control from the opening tip and never fell behind. Brad Dumont lead the Bulldogs' balanced scoring attack with 16 points and six assists in the championship game and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. In addition, the Bulldogs' Zach Peck, who was named to the Class D All Tournament team, contributed 10 points and 10 rebounds while Drew Boyea added 12 points in the final contest. Of note, the Bulldogs' Jordan Rankin was awarded the Tournament's Sportsmanship Award.

The Chateaugay Bulldogs completed the 2008 season with a record of 24 and 1. They were coached by Ron Boyea and assistant coaches Steve Lang, Jason LaPlante, and Mike Martin. Other team members were Tyler Beach, Andy Cook, Andrew Gadway, Ryan Helm, Jordan Henderson, Cody Hesseltine,

Blake Parmater, Brad Spinner, Cory Spoor and Dylan White.

Madam Speaker, I am proud of this team and their accomplishments. Accordingly, I ask my colleagues to join with me in congratulating them.

INTRODUCING THE RESTORING  
THE PARTNERSHIP FOR COUNTY  
HEALTH CARE COSTS ACT

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker. I rise today with my colleagues Representatives RUSH HOLT and MICHAEL BURGESS introduced bi-partisan legislation today which will restore the federal-local partnership in covering medical expenses for incarcerated individuals before they are adjudicated.

The Restoring the Partnership for County Health Care Costs Act of 2008 ensures that individuals currently receiving Medicaid, Medicare, or Social Security Insurance (SSI) will continue to receive those benefits until they are tried and convicted and that local governments will not be forced to cover the medical expenses of individuals who have not yet been convicted of any wrongdoing.

A person incarcerated in a county jail or juvenile detention facility in almost all states is ineligible to receive Medicare, Medicaid, or SSI benefits once they enter the facility. Under current law, however, the suspension of benefits occurs prior to the issuance of formal charges or conviction. As a result, local governments (usually county governments) are responsible for not only meeting and paying for the mandate that all individuals who are inmates of public institutions be provided with health care, but also for the days, weeks, months, and even years leading up to an actual conviction. If a person is found innocent, the reinstatement of federal benefits—benefits which should not have been taken away in the first place—can takes months, while the local government continues to be responsible for covering the non-reimbursable costs associated with providing the federally-mandated health care to these individuals. The cost assessed to counties, although not exact, is in the hundreds of millions nationwide.

The bipartisan Restoring the Partnership for County Health Care Costs Act of 2008 addresses this issue prohibiting the Federal Government from stripping individuals of their Medicare, Medicaid, and SSI benefits prior to actually being convicted and reaffirming the federal-local partnership in meeting this mandate.

Madam Speaker, stripping people of their federal benefits before they have been convicted of anything is a direct contradiction of the basic presumption of innocence which is the foundation of the American criminal justice system. And for the Federal Government to stick local governments with the tab for this contradictory policy is just plain wrong.

The Federal and local governments are partners in ensuring that all of our residents have medical coverage. Neither partner should be bearing an unfair burden in meeting this mandate.

Our bipartisan legislation is a common sense solution to this continuing problem, and

I urge my colleagues to support its expeditious passage.

HONORING KATHRYN GUSTAFSON

**HON. JIM McDERMOTT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, on the occasion of the honoring of her lifetime achievement, one of Seattle's great historic organizations, the Rainier Club, the People of the State of Washington would like to hold up as a national inspiration the special record of one of our State, Nation, and world's most notable landscape architects, the distinguished and virtually peerless Kathryn Gustafson.

I have supported and honored the arts as a unique vehicle for personal growth and community enrichment. Landscape architecture in particular has the capacity to elevate the daily experiences of people from all walks of life while promoting harmony and balance between people and nature.

Ms. Kathryn Gustafson's significant contributions to the discipline of landscape architecture are as impressive as they are vast in geography, style, theme and dimensions ranging from 1 acre to 150 acres.

As the BBC noted in a 2002 article, Ms. Gustafson's work "is about harmony between the land and the mind, body and soul, she says, and harmony between the site's past and how it can be adapted for the future."

My home city of Seattle has been the beneficiary of her fine touch with projects such as Seattle's City Hall Plaza and the McCaw Hall Opera House.

From Seattle to London and Paris to Beirut, Kathryn Gustafson's work in designing landscapes for complex, high-use spaces has enriched the lives of countless people. A sampling of her works include The Square of Human Rights in Evry, France; the Square Rachmaninov in Paris; the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fountain in Hyde Park, London; the Museum of Art at the University of Michigan; and countless others.

While Ms. Gustafson's awards are too numerous to list, she has been honored with the prestigious 2007 National Heritage of the 20th Century Award, bestowed by the French Minister of Culture; the 2003 Design Merit Award of the American Society of Landscape Architects for her work on the Arthur Ross Terrace at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City; and in 2001 the esteemed Chrysler Design Award, which is described by Chrysler as honoring the "achievements of individuals who have consistently championed seminal works of architecture and design, and significantly influenced modern American culture."

But perhaps the most enduring honor of all is to lay claim to the translation of one's talents and vision into works that lift the spirits of millions of world citizens each and every day, and for decades and perhaps centuries to come.

We in Washington's Seventh Congressional District give thanks to Kathryn Gustafson for her unique abilities and for sharing them with so many of her fellow citizens in the public sphere. We are proud to have such a distinguished architect among us.

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KRISTEN VASQUEZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kristen Vasquez who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award. Kristen Vasquez is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

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EXPRESSING SENSE OF HOUSE REGARDING CREATION OF REFUGEE POPULATION

SPEECH OF

**HON. KEITH ELLISON**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 1, 2008*

Mr. ELLISON. Madam Speaker, this week the House passed House Resolution 185, which expresses the sense of the House regarding the existence of refugee populations

in the Middle East, North Africa, and the Persian Gulf region. In addition to the international concern about Palestinian refugees, this resolution calls attention to the injustices suffered by Jews and other ethnic groups that have lived as minorities in the region. I fully support this resolution's call for recognition of the rights of former Jewish, Christian, and other refugees from Arab countries.

While much of the resolution is important and sets forth historically accurate information, the final paragraph of the resolving clause conditions resolution of "all refugees displaced from Arab countries." I share the goal of resolving all refugee issues in the Middle East, but I do not believe it is likely that they can be resolved through the Annapolis process or some future Israeli-Palestinian negotiating process. In my view, imposing such a condition will likely doom Annapolis and any subsequent good-faith effort to follow the roadmap to a permanent two-state solution first laid out in 2003. I certainly hope that all Middle Eastern refugee issues can and will be resolved, including refugees of the Jewish, Christian, Muslim and other minority faiths, but I cannot support linking the resolution of all Middle Eastern refugee issues to the resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. It's not fair to Israelis or to Palestinians to tie the resolution of their conflict to a global resolution of all Middle Eastern refugee issues.

I also disagree with the way the U.S. Congress, by passing this measure, has imposed new stipulations for any agreement, which effectively ties the hands of the Israeli and Palestinian negotiators.

These negotiators already have enough roadblocks to dismantle; the last thing that they need is the U.S.

Congress trying to prescribe a certain method or outcome on a difficult issue in the negotiations, which is the refugee issue. Many of my colleagues and I believe the Annapolis negotiations have not gone as well as we hoped, but they are still—for the moment—moving forward. Rather than trying to impose a particular outcome on refugee issues, the Congress should express its support of the process and encourage the parties to work toward resolution of the issues they have already agreed are most essential.

Again, I favor reducing the impediments to a final resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Instead, this week's resolution raises a new roadblock to the implementation of the roadmap. I urge all parties to support the peace process as they carefully balance the interests of all refugees. Let's support the negotiations, move the panics to final status, and work towards of vision of peace.

TRIBUTE TO 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MRS. BESSIE (DAVIS) WYNN

**HON. CORRINE BROWN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs. Bessie (Davis) Wynn, a poet, born April 5, 1908 in Carr, Florida.

Mrs. Wynn is the daughter and second child of James Stephen Davis II and Annie Elizabeth Ware Davis. As a child she went to

school at St. Paul AME Church in Blountstown, Florida since there were no other school systems available to Black children there. She first started doing poetry as a child when she noticed that the other children were not doing well with their Easter speech. She prayed to God to give her the power to help them, so she memorized all their speeches so that if they forgot a word she would be able to tell them. This was the beginning of a calling that has expanded for most her life. Her first poem she recited was "I'm Methodist bred and Methodist born, and when I die I'll be Methodist gone." As she learned poems she would mix other things in them to give them more flare. She moved to Pensacola when she was a teen to work and help out at home, but had to return to help take care of her siblings when her mother died.

In 1925 she married Reverend Samuel Wynn and had four children, one son, Samuel Jr. (deceased), and three daughters, Mary Catherine, Annie Laura, and Jimmie Ola. She lived in different places because her husband was a minister and settled down in Blountstown where she has lived in the same house for more than 70 years. In her younger days she made and sold jewelry as well as working in the lunch room at Mayhaw School. She was a den mother for FHA and made the basketball uniforms for the first girl's team at Mayhaw. She was elected as queen of St. Paul AME Church and won the talent competition in the Golden Girls contest held in Blountstown.

She worked for almost 40 years for the Hollinger family where she was forced to retire after out-living her employers. She was in her 80s at the time of her retirement. She also took in laundry and was a seamstress as well.

Mrs. Wynn is best known for her poetry and recitations, which she has performed along the eastern seaboard, including New York, and in Bermuda. She is now a great-great grandmother and still continues to delight audiences with her recitations and her quick wit and entertaining personality. I am privileged to honor the life of this centenarian and life long Floridian. Happy Birthday Mrs. Wynn and best wishes.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF LEO KOLLIGIAN

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleagues from California, Congressman DENNIS CARDOZA, Congressman GEORGE RADANOVICH, and Congressman DEVIN NUNES to pay tribute to the life of Leo Kolligian of Fresno, California, who recently passed away at 90 years of age. Mr. Kolligian was an ambitious man who made lasting, positive impacts on California's Central Valley. He leaves behind a loving family including his wife June, his son Lee Jay, a daughter-in-law Maria and his three grandchildren Tyler, Kyle, and Kate.

Leo was born in Fresno in August of 1917. After graduating from Fresno State, Leo spent time in Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law in order to obtain his Juris Doctorate. Leo soon began serving as the United States Deputy At-

torney General in Sacramento, before venturing into the development industry throughout Fresno, Merced, and Madera counties where his impressive work is still appreciated today. In 1985, Leo was appointed to the University of California Board of Regents by the Governor of California. Leo was then elected Chairman of the Board, wherein he was a driving force in the establishment of the University of California, Merced—the Valley's only UC campus.

While achieving numerous successes and accolades for his service, Leo still found time to dedicate to the Boalt Hall Law School Board of Trustees, the American Cancer Society, the Saint Agnes Medical Center Board of Trustees, and the Fresno Metropolitan Museum. Leo earned a reputation as a passionate advocate for education and a supporter of many worthwhile charitable organizations. The legacy of his support for education is forever preserved on the University of California Merced campus with the establishment of the Leo S. Kolligian Library. Despite his many contributions and accomplishments, Leo remained a humble, grateful man who never forgot the values for which he stood—hard work, honesty and integrity.

It goes without saying that Leo Kolligian had a strong positive influence on the region. His lifelong commitment to the betterment of the entire San Joaquin Valley will forever live in the lives of the people he so graciously touched. We are honored and humbled to join his family in celebrating the life of this amazing man who will never be forgotten.

HOMESCHOOLING IS A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, homeschooling has been a major part of this Nation's history since its founding. In fact, when the Constitution was written nearly everyone was homeschooled. Many of our country's greatest leaders received quality education at home including: George Washington, Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, General George S. Patton, Abraham Lincoln, Benjamin Franklin, John Quincy Adams, Patrick Henry, James Madison, Davy Crockett, and General Douglas MacArthur.

From 1620 until the mid-1800s, most parents in America taught their children to read at home. Students would then attend university systems that were operated by religious leaders. Education was voluntary and yet literacy rates in colonial America were significantly higher than they are today.

Across the United States today more than 2.1 million children are homeschooled. Studies have confirmed that children who are educated at home consistently score higher on achievement tests and college entrance exams than non-homeschooled children. These graduates then go on to act as responsible parents and citizens in the workplace and the home.

Now judges on the California appellate court, want to overturn not only hundreds of years of tradition, but the United States Constitution by denying parents their constitu-

tionally protected right to homeschool their children. According to the California court, parents who homeschool their children ought to be fined or sent to jail.

Who do these judges think they are?

Apparently, they don't believe they have a responsibility to uphold the Constitution of the United States. If they did they would have known that the Supreme Court has already addressed the fundamental and constitutional rights of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their children and they have found in favor of parents.

In *Wisconsin v. Yoder*, decided in 1972, the Supreme Court issued a ruling in favor of Amish parents who wanted to remove their children from public school after the 8th grade because it violated their religious beliefs. The Court held that the compulsory attendance law unduly burdened the free exercise clause in the First Amendment of the Constitution.

In *Pierce v. Society of Sisters*, decided in 1925, the Supreme Court invalidated legislation that required parents to send their children to public schools. The Court found that the law unreasonably interfered with the liberty of parents and guardians to direct the upbringing and education of their children.

Again in *Meyer v. State of Nebraska*, decided in 1923, the Supreme Court struck down a law that prohibited parents from letting their children learn a foreign language before the 8th grade. The Court held that the liberty guaranteed in the 14th Amendment protected the rights of parents to control the education of their own children.

In accordance with the Constitution, Supreme Court case law clearly supports the fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their children.

It's about time for the judges out in California to pick up the U.S. Constitution, look at Supreme Court case precedent, and issue a new ruling that is consistent with the freedoms this country was founded on.

And that's just the way it is.

TRIBUTE TO 2008 JOHNSON COUNTY MOVERS AND SHAKERS AWARD WINNERS

**HON. DENNIS MOORE**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to note an important event in the Third Congressional District of Kansas. On April 28, 2008, the Volunteer Center of Johnson County in Overland Park, KS, will honor outstanding youth volunteers. Eighty young people have been nominated by school personnel and nonprofit organizations for their dedication and service to the community. Youth volunteerism continues to grow and be a strong force in Johnson County. These 104 young people exemplify the true meaning of volunteerism and giving back to their community. It is my honor to recognize each student volunteer and their schools by listing them in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Ben Ackerman, Blue Valley North, Leawood; Molly Allison-Gallimore, Home School, Spring Hill; Miriah Anderson, Olathe Northwest, Olathe; Sydney Ayers, Barstow, Leawood; Amir Bachelani, Olathe Northwest, Olathe;

Elizabeth Baldwin, Blue Valley High School, Stilwell; Leah Barber, Westridge Middle School, Shawnee Mission; Derek Bradshaw, Frontier Trail Jr. High, Olathe; Kristina Buchanan, Shawnee Mission Northwest, Shawnee Mission; Alexx Burnside, Prairie Trail Jr. High, Olathe.

Julie Bywater, Pleasant Ridge Middle School, Olathe; Sally Carmichael, Shawnee Mission West, Lenexa; Jasmine Carr, Westridge Middle School, Lenexa; Kristy Carter, Olathe North, Olathe; Abigail Catron, Notre Dame de Sion, Leawood; Carter Clause, Rockhurst, Leawood; Bryce Cooke, Olathe South, Olathe; Bradley Cooper, Olathe Northwest, Lenexa; Daniel Cooper, Olathe Northwest, Lenexa; Daniel Cooper, Olathe Northwest, Lenexa.

Steven Cooper, Olathe Northwest, Lenexa; Jacob Doles, Prairie Trail Jr. High, Olathe; Kathryn Duroe, Olathe Northwest, Olathe; Allison Ens, Prairie Trail Jr. High, Olathe; Rindy Fairchild, Midland Adventist Academy, Shawnee; Amber Fedor, Olathe Northwest, Lenexa; Emily Ann Ferbezar, Shawnee Mission Northwest, Shawnee Mission; Stephen Fowler, Shawnee Mission East, Shawnee Mission; Evan Gage, Blue Valley Northwest, Overland Park; Christy Garren, Westridge Middle School, Overland Park.

Jennifer Garren, Shawnee Mission West, Overland Park; Kevin Garrett, Shawnee Mission West, Lenexa; Michael Garrett, Shawnee Mission West, Lenexa; Finley Gates, Shawnee Mission East, Fairway; Victoria Gaughan, Olathe South, Olathe; Enaam Gettino, Shawnee Mission West, Shawnee Mission; Caroline Godfrey, Blue Valley North, Leawood; Jenna Gottschalk, Shawnee Mission West, Shawnee Mission; Jonathan Gregory, Maranatha Academy, Lenexa.

Lauren Gregory, Home School, Lenexa; Cameron Gunter, Chisholm Trail Jr. High, Olathe; Eileen Hail, Blue Valley West, Olathe; Stephanie Haynes, Olathe South, Olathe; Vienesse Homan, Prairie Trail Jr. High, Olathe; Lauren Hoobler, Olathe North, Olathe; Tyler Howard, Prairie Trail Jr. High, Olathe; Lisa Imgrund, Shawnee Mission Northwest, Shawnee Mission; Katie Kelter, Prairie Trail Jr. High, Olathe; Chris Kennedy, Prairie Trail Jr. High, Lenexa.

Jadhken Kerr, Olathe South, Olathe; Nicole Knapp, Shawnee Mission West, Shawnee Mission; Rachel Knapp, Westridge Middle School, Shawnee Mission; J. Paul Knightly, Olathe Northwest, Olathe; Laura Knowles, Shawnee Mission West, Overland Park; Allison Kohn, Blue Valley High School, Overland Park; Connor Lambert, Prairie Trail Jr. High, Lenexa; Angela Lee, Prairie Trail Jr. High, Olathe; Garrett Leiker, Prairie Trail Jr. High, Lenexa.

Terrell Mace, Shawnee Mission Northwest, Shawnee; Clara Malone, Shawnee Mission Northwest, Shawnee; Kathryn Martin, Westridge Middle School, Shawnee Mission; Annie McBee, Shawnee Mission East, Leawood; Caleb McKay, Westridge Middle School, Shawnee Mission; Molly Miller, Olathe South, Olathe; Ashley Murry, St. Thomas Aquinas, Olathe; Paige Nawalany, Shawnee Mission Northwest, Shawnee Mission; Jack Nelson, Prairie Trail Jr. High, Olathe; Derek O'Grady, Shawnee Mission East, Prairie Village; Addie Orpin, Bishop Miege, Roeland Park.

Nisha Patel, Prairie Trail Jr. High, Olathe; Kristine Plankers, Olathe South, Olathe; Justin Pohl, Blue Valley Northwest, Overland Park; Ryan Pohl, Oxford Middle School, Overland Park; Lindsey Pollock, Prairie Trail Jr. High, Olathe; Justin Prelogar, Blue Valley High School, Overland Park; Jamie Purcell, Prairie Trail Jr. High, Olathe; Rebecca Queen, Pembroke Hill, Shawnee Mission.

Kristen Ramsdale, Prairie Trail Jr. High, Olathe; Kelly Regan, Blue Valley West, Overland Park; Rebecca Renteria, Santa Fe Trail Jr. High, Olathe; Bryce Reynolds, Olathe Northwest, Olathe; Cassie Rhodes, Spring Hill High School, Spring Hill; Rachael Riedel, Westridge Middle School, Shawnee Mission; Peter Rogers, Olathe North, Olathe; Laura Lynn Schneller, Bishop Miege, Shawnee; Justin Scott, Shawnee Mission West, Shawnee Mission; Hannah See, Home School, Merriam; Ryan Shelton, Shawnee Mission Northwest, Shawnee.

Cassie Slocum, Shawnee Mission Northwest, Shawnee Mission; Megan Smith, Westridge Middle School, Lenexa; Jennifer Sommerfeld, Shawnee Mission Northwest, Shawnee Mission; Joe Stack, Prairie Trail Jr. High, Lenexa; Jessica Storm, Shawnee Mission West, Overland Park; Rebeka Stowe, Olathe Northwest, Olathe; Maggie Stubbs, Olathe North, Olathe; Anna Sturman, Olathe South, Olathe.

Michelle Sudac, Mill Valley, Shawnee; Marissa Titus, Shawnee Mission East, Prairie Village; Cody Tousey, Olathe South, Olathe; Ashley Vaughan, Olathe Northwest, Olathe; Monica Vezendan, Olathe South, Olathe; Sarah Wacker, Home School, Merriam; Austin Walter, Bishop Miege, Shawnee; Russell Walter, Bishop Miege, Shawnee; Matt Wedel, Blue Valley West, Overland Park.

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LUIS LARIOS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Luis Larios who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award. Luis Larios is a senior at Arvada High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Luis Larios is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Luis Larios for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication he has shown in his high school career to his college career and future accomplishments.

COMMENDING JOSEPH P. ANDERSON ON HIS RETIREMENT FOR A LIFETIME OF COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. PASTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize the success of a man from my home state of Arizona—Joseph P. Anderson—who is retiring after devoting his professional life to helping our state's less fortunate and most vulnerable people.

Joe is a third-generation Arizonan raised in Prescott. His father, Novian Anderson, was an Army major and then an Arizona Department of Economic Security employee. His mother, Martha Anderson, was a school teacher. He credits these two hard working individuals with instilling in him a strong work ethic and sense of community. Those solid roots, which included a strong religious upbringing, gave him a base for everything he needed to know about life—work hard, live by the Golden Rule, be loyal to your friends, and never forget to give back to the community that nurtured you.

After graduating from Arizona State University, Joe embarked on a 17-year career with the Arizona State Government. While working for the Arizona Department of Administration, Joe's superb organizational and analytical skills were recognized by Governor Bruce Babbitt, who had the wisdom to couple them with the talents of Dr. Donald F. Schaller in a bold move to address the state's failing Medicaid system. Together, they rebuilt Arizona's pioneering health plan for the poor and created a successful new prototype of managed care that cut costs while providing high quality health care. It proved to be so effective, it has been emulated in whole or in part by most other states.

In 1986, Joe and "Doc" formed a partnership with P.J. Davis and started the consulting firm of Schaller Anderson. Working as a team, they established an acclaimed long-term care program and developed managed health plans for low income persons in seven states, while also working on Medicaid programs in two other states. Schaller Anderson became such a success that it was purchased by Aetna to serve as its Medicaid arm with Joe remaining as chairman of the Schaller Anderson Board.

Staying loyal to his parents' values, Joe always made time for worthy causes. Never one to scrimp on donating time, energy and money, he also encouraged his employees to contribute to charitable causes as well. His efforts were instrumental to the good work done by such groups as the Central Arizona Shelter Services, the Cesar Chavez School, a City of Phoenix smoke alarm distribution program that aided low-income households, and the Monsignor Edward J. Ryle Fund. Not surprisingly, these tireless efforts resulted in his being awarded with a number of prestigious commendations citing his service and leadership.

Clearly, Joe's indomitable belief in the importance of giving and participating has served both him and the State of Arizona very well. So, even in retirement, we expect Joe will continue to be guided by the strong sense of responsibility he gained from his parents and we look forward to his remaining active in making Arizona a better place to live for those in need.

BLAME CONGRESS FOR THE HIGH  
PRICE OF OIL**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, gasoline prices are soaring. The problem rests on the well-known principle of supply and demand. Our domestic energy supply cannot meet our demand. The solution is to increase our supply by exploring domestic energy sources and allowing drilling in ANWAR.

The problem is even worse when you consider that as more countries industrialize, especially India and China, there will be more demand for the same amount of oil. The result? Even higher gas prices.

While it is easy to point fingers and blame American oil companies, the real culprit is Congress. Congress is responsible because it decided to subsidize special interest groups, energy companies which may produce expensive and unreliable energy someday. Congress placed our future in the hands of unproven energy sources.

Instead of supporting those companies that provide our energy today, Congress punished them with high taxes. But Congress was sure to exempt Venezuelan oil company, CITGO, from these high taxes.

Gas companies have reported record profits in recent years, but these profits resulted in record high tax collection. Two months ago, Exxon-Mobil announced record profits of \$40.7 billion, but they paid nearly \$30 billion in taxes. Their high profits are due to the increasing demand for oil by American and global consumers. And this demand isn't going to change. Also these profits go to shareholders—the thousands of Americans that own stock in oil companies. By punishing oil companies, Congress is hurting the average American who owns a little stock in oil companies.

The United States is the only industrial power in the world that does not take advantage of its own energy resources. We must drill in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and the Outer Continental Shelf. Our gas prices will fall if we are able to increase our domestic supply of oil.

Federal government restrictions are burdening the American consumer and private business. These restrictions have put a halt on building new oil refineries. In fact, it's been 32 years since the last US oil refinery was built in Garyville, Louisiana. These unnecessary restrictions and taxes are driving companies to move off shore where restrictions and taxes are less.

Congress must lift the unnecessary regulations on off-shore drilling. If Congress doesn't lift these restrictions, the American consumer will continue paying high prices for gas and the United States will remain dependent on 3rd world nations and Dictator Chavez.

And that's just the way it is.

TRIBUTE TO BILLIE JEAN  
OSBORNE**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, the reason our region in Kentucky moves forward is because people stand up to be counted. They have passion for their community, believe in others, and have a can-do spirit to get things done. They radiate optimism wherever they go and spread it to others, and it catches fire in the communities in which they live. These people are priceless—their passion makes them natural leaders.

One such person is Billie Jean Osborne. Because of her, young people in eastern Kentucky learned something that is as vitally important as it is elusive—self-confidence. The Kentucky Opry Junior Pros, who range in age from elementary school to college-aged students, perform live shows for up to 1000 people throughout the year. She gives them a musical education and they put that on display for the whole community.

She did more than give young kids self-confidence. Billie Jean is the driving force that led to the creation of the Mountain Arts Center in which they perform. Because of this facility, grandparents, parents, friends and neighbors can see the talents of these young performers.

Billie Jean approached many people about building this center in 1992. She talked to anyone who would listen about this idea and many said "this is great; call us when you're ready." It turns out she was ready, and made a lot of us ready as well and we got it built 5 years later. Communities large and small need a focal point. Whether it is the St. Louis arch or the Washington Monument, these landmarks define communities by the history and heritage they represent.

In this region that heritage involves country, bluegrass and gospel where folks learned to play guitars, banjos and sing from their parents and grandparents. But for many smaller communities there isn't such a landmark or even a place nearby large enough where very many people can congregate. Thanks to Billie Jean we have both. It is the Mountain Art Center, or simply "the MAC" and it is the pride of Prestonsburg.

Her life experience led to the establishment of the Kentucky Opry nearly 20 years ago for older musicians. Many Junior Opry members later go on to join the Kentucky Opry. A school teacher for 30 years, Billie Jean still provides area schools with supplemental music education programs. She educates thousands of children with private music lessons, plays the organ at her Church, where she's been a member for nearly half a century, and started a music education program at the MAC at no cost to the students.

She will be honored at the MAC on April 12. Her students spanning generations, current and former members of the Kentucky Opry and Jr. Opry and people throughout the region will be there. They will be there because Billie Jean Osborne showed us how to take what is in us and put it on a stage.

I am proud to know her and pay tribute to her in the United States Congress.

ON THE PASSING OF HARRY  
McDONALD**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to recognize the passing of Harry Ryan "Mack" McDonald, Jr. Mack was a patriot who over the course of many years put his country before himself.

Born on August 8, 1928. in Pensacola in my district in northwest Florida, Mack enjoyed an extensive career with both the United States Navy and Army. Over two decades of service saw him rise from his first enlistment to the rank of first sergeant and later retire at the rank of captain. Through those years he defended our Nation's liberty in World War II, the Korean war, and the Vietnam war. Mack's bravery in combat earned him, among other honors, both the Bronze Star Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge.

After his retirement, Mack returned to northwest Florida. the area of the country where he had grown up and still wanted to call home. After building a house in the city of Crestview, Mack wanted to continue to be engaged with our Armed Forces and joined the Disabled American Veterans, DAV, Crestview Chapter 57. His love of service to his country showed in his involvement with DAV, and he served in many positions. Mack went on to become a chapter commander, a district commander, and a State commander. This is no small task given the number of veterans that choose to call the State of Florida their home.

From 1997 to 1998, Mack served as the national commander for the Disabled American Veterans. There is no doubt that Mack was the right man for this monumental job. He served as the main advocate for over a million veterans throughout the nation. In this position, Mack traveled the Nation learning the needs of disabled veterans and came before Congress and the Department of Veterans Affairs to explain and press for improved services for those veterans.

My condolences go out to Mack's wife Merallyn, their family, and all others who mourn the loss of this great servant to our Nation. America is a better, safer place because of him and those many others who served in our Armed Forces. He loved his country and his family deeply, and his loss will have a vast impact on many.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is with no small amount of sorrow that I tell of the passing of Mack McDonald from this world, and his family is in my thoughts and prayers.

## TRIBUTE TO COACH CREAM

**HON. BARON P. HILL**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, on April 2, 2008, Tom Cream was named the 28th head basketball coach at Indiana University. I wish to congratulate Coach Cream and welcome him to Indiana's 9th Congressional District.

Coach Crean comes to Indiana University from Marquette University. At Marquette, Coach Crean led the Golden Eagles to five NCAA Tournament appearances and a Final Four berth in 2003. Coach Crean also consistently graduated his players. Marquette's graduation rate was often ranked in the Top Ten amongst major NCAA conferences.

Indiana's 9th Congressional District is in the heart of Hoosier Hysteria. Tiny Milan High School defeated Muncie Central High School in 1954, creating inspiration for one of the greatest sports movies of all time, "Hoosiers." Many young men and women grow up dreaming of walking into Assembly Hall in Bloomington and playing for the Hoosiers.

Coach Crean is ready to embody and embrace the tradition that is Indiana basketball. From the five national championship banners that hang in Assembly Hall to the famous candy striped warm-up pants, Indiana University is steeped in basketball tradition. When asked why he left Marquette, Coach Crean simply responded, "It's Indiana, and that's the bottom line." Coach Crean understands the tradition.

Again, congratulations to Coach Crean. I know Hoosier fans across the 9th District are looking forward to seeing him on the sidelines.

#### GEORGIA AND UKRAINE NATO MEMBERSHIP

SPEECH OF

**HON. DAVID DREIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 1, 2008*

Mr. DREIER. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution, which expresses the sense of Congress that Ukraine and Georgia should enter the NATO Membership Action Plan (MAP) as soon as possible. I visited Ukraine just two weeks ago, and the visit was an opportunity to witness the country at a unique time. Many will say that it is a country divided, but I believe it is simply a country experiencing the growing pains of blossoming democracy. The process has often been ugly and chaotic—like democracy itself. But Ukrainians are committed to democracy and to a place in Europe. They want a modern country that plays a constructive role in the international community.

But while they are universally committed to achieving a place in Europe, the Ukrainian people are still deeply ambivalent on the issue of NATO because they have not yet had the opportunity for an open discussion, or education on the matter free from propaganda. The issue has successfully been cast by its detractors as one of antagonism toward the East. This is, of course, utterly false.

The MAP process is critical because it presents an opportunity to allow all factions of Ukrainian society to get a complete picture of what NATO membership means. Of course Ukraine should not join NATO until the country stands as one on the issue. But it will never reach consensus without education and honest debate. That's what MAP is all about, and why it is so important for Ukraine to begin that process at the upcoming NATO summit in Bucharest, Romania.

We all want to see Ukraine in NATO one day. We want to see Ukraine solidify its demo-

cratic tradition, strengthen its institutions, modernize its defense systems, grow its economy and play an important and constructive role in both the West and the East. The name "Ukraine" itself means "borderland." It has the opportunity to be a bridge between Europe and Asia, and NATO can only be strengthened by such a key player. But NATO membership cannot be undertaken prematurely, and the time will never be right without the work that is done via the MAP process.

Georgia still has a long way to go as well before it is ready for NATO membership. But its people are committed to beginning down this path, and we should not deny them the opportunity to formally begin the process at Bucharest. Like Ukraine, Georgia experienced a democratic "color" revolution, and has since had to deal with the great challenges of implementing the goals and ideals of that revolution. They have also experienced growing pains, and have learned that the day-to-day work of building a democracy is not easy. But the Georgian people remain utterly committed to this work. They are working to ensure that critical institutions, including defense and security institutions, are strong, transparent and democratically governed.

Both Georgia and Ukraine must solidify their gains and begin the MAP process. The road to NATO membership is often long and challenging, and no one would benefit—not the U.S., not NATO, nor the region—from delaying the start of this process.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE POISON CENTER SUPPORT, ENHANCEMENT AND AWARENESS ACT OF 2008 (H.R. 5669)

**HON. LEE TERRY**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. TERRY. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleague, Congressman TOWNS (NY-10) on the introduction of the Poison Center Support, Enhancement, and Awareness Act of 2008 which provides the necessary funding to operate poison control centers across the country.

First, I want to thank Mr. TOWNS for his leadership on this issue. As a fellow member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, and a member of the Health Subcommittee, his expertise and experience with public health matters is much appreciated.

Poison Control Centers throughout the United States play a critical role in saving lives, especially of children. Poisoning is the second leading form of unintentional death in the United States and an estimated 60 percent of those exposures are experienced by children under the age of 6 who are exposed to toxins in their home. Commonly ingested items found in the home include cleaning supplies, cosmetics, and pesticides.

Poison centers are manned by medical professionals 24 hours a day. Toxicologists at these centers have access to a computerized information retrieval system with over 800,000 products. These professionals are then able to assess poison risk, advise treatment and/or triage patients, recommend treatment or refer them to appropriate medical facilities.

The Nebraska Regional Poison Center, established in 1957, serves Nebraska, Wyoming,

American Samoa, and Federated States of Micronesia and provides 24-hour emergency and information hotline services. Last year alone, they received 40,129 calls and provided guidance and helped diagnose victims of accidental poisonings. Approximately 75 percent of calls to the Nebraska Regional Poison Center were able to be treated safely at home. In 2007, the Nebraska Regional Poison Center estimates that its services saved patients about \$22 million in healthcare costs. Poison control centers save money by eliminating or reducing the number of unnecessary trips to emergency departments.

Madam Speaker, this bill provides the funding needed to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program to provide assistance for poison prevention. This legislation not only saves lives, but it saves millions of dollars a year in unnecessary costs. I urge my colleagues to support this bill and have it considered on the House floor.

NICOLE SANCHEZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nicole Sanchez who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award. Nicole Sanchez is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Nicole Sanchez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Nicole Sanchez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

HONORING CLIFTON CONRAD CURRY III

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Clifton Conrad Curry III, who was taken from us on March 1, 2008, at just 20 years of age.

Trey, as he was known, was a young man who greatly enjoyed life and loved the people that crossed his path. It has been said that he never met a person that he did not like, and, in turn, everyone loved him. His kindness toward others, compassion, and bear hugs for close friends and family will not soon be forgotten.

Trey attended Hillsborough Community College and Tallahassee Community College. He was a 2006 graduate of Newsome High

School and a 2003 graduate of Brandon Academy. He was a member of both the Junior Varsity and Varsity football teams as a freshman at Tampa Catholic High School and played many seasons of South Brandon Little League Baseball. Trey was an avid Florida State University fan who enjoyed golfing with Coach Bobby Bowden and attending home football games with family. He was an outdoorsman who loved fishing, hunting, snow skiing, and golfing.

Madam Speaker, my heart aches for Trey's family. He leaves behind his parents, Terry and Cliff, his brother and sister, Colton and Mary Beth, and many other family and friends who loved him and will forever miss this most remarkable young man. May God bless the Curry family. We shall never forget Trey.

RECOGNIZING CARLENE H. ANDERSON, 2008 WALTON COUNTY RECIPIENT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today in recognition of Carlene H. Anderson, the 2008 Walton County recipient of the Superintendent's Award for Volunteer Community Involvement.

Ms. Anderson has amplified education in the Walton County area, expanding it beyond the classroom and into the community. By building partnerships with the Walton County Chamber of Commerce, local businesses, and various other community organizations, Ms. Anderson has fused a significant relationship that enforces the role of education in the community. Her recent collaboration with the Florida Chautauqua Assembly brought the Hall of Presidents to Walton County. The event was an immense success, drawing national attention and acclaim. More importantly, however, the success of the event proved the importance of education within the community.

Ms. Anderson's shrewdness and exceptional leadership capabilities have enhanced the learning opportunities for the students she overlooks and enriched the community with educational outlets. She is especially involved in the volunteer programs coordinated by the schools in Walton County and is a strong supporter of community involvement. This endorsement has resulted in multiple accolades including the Golden and Silver School Award.

Volunteers play a vital role in the physiology of the classroom. Their presence eases the responsibilities of the teacher and their assistance provides extra services for students who otherwise would not receive extended aide. Ms. Anderson's foresight and devotion to Walton County schools enabled her to recognize the importance of volunteers and their outstanding contributions to the schools. Such discernment has benefited the entire community which prospers from the student's academic success. Ms. Anderson's accomplishments have distinguished her as one of the great people in Northwest Florida. Walton County is greatly indebted to her service and is honored to have her as one of their own.

Madam Speaker. on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize Superintendent Carlene H. Anderson on this outstanding achievement and for her exemplary service in the Walton County School District.

IN HONOR OF GLENN DORFMAN'S SERVICE TO HOMETOWN MINNESOTANS

**HON. MICHELE BACHMANN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Glenn Dorfman, who recently retired from the Minnesota Association of REALTORS. Having served as the association's Chief Operating Officer for 25 years, his genuine dedication, endless passion, tireless work ethic, and commitment to his community absolutely embody the finest of America's bedrock principles.

Many would tremble at the thought of being responsible for a 26,000 member trade association, but those who have worked with Glenn know he succeeded beyond all expectations. Glenn's colleagues have characterized him as having the unique ability to make complex concepts more understandable; and his ability to help and work with others has directly contributed to his success.

Maybe that's why a 1992 Star Tribune article referred to him as "a major player in shaping state tax policy," and why in the spring of 1995, a Star Tribune survey of Minnesota Legislators recognized Glenn as one of "The Top Eight Most Influential Lobbyists" in Minnesota.

Although Glenn has achieved so much in this line of work, some of his most significant achievements took place earlier in his career. Among those accomplishments, Glenn taught literature and mathematics to 7th & 8th graders in Kentucky, he was a college educator in Duluth, he served as Chief Executive Officer of a Catholic Charities Human Services Agency in Wisconsin, and he even held elective office.

Most recently, he was named the recipient of the 2005 21st Century Leadership Award from Minnesota Legal Aid. This honor recognized Glenn for the countless hours of pro bono work he has done for over 15 years to provide legal assistance to the poorest Minnesotans. A native of New York, Glenn has had a colorful and wide ranging career.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to rise today to celebrate Glenn Dorfman's extraordinary and noble career of service. His passion, commitment and enthusiasm for his work truly provide inspiration for us all. I stand today and join his family, friends, and colleagues in wishing him nothing but a fulfilled and blessed retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. ROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I would like to state for the record my position on the following votes I missed on March 31st and April 1st, 2008.

On Monday, March 30, 2008 and Tuesday, April 1, 2008, I was unable to be present in the Capitol due to a family emergency and thus missed rollcall votes Nos. 147 through 152. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

On rollcall vote No. 147, on H.R. 3352, the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act Amendments of 2008, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 148, on H.R. 2675, the HALE Scouts Act, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 149, on H. Con. Res. 302, a resolution supporting the observance of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 150, on H. Con. Res. 310, a resolution expressing support for a national day of remembrance for Harriet Ross Tubman, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 151, on H. Res. 1005, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Borderline Personality Disorder Awareness Month, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 152, on H. Res. 1021, a resolution supporting the goals, ideals, and history of National Women's History Month, I would have voted "aye."

CONGRESSWOMAN NITA M. LOWEY STATEMENT ON H.R. 5501 TOM LANTOS AND HENRY J. HYDE UNITED STATES GLOBAL LEADERSHIP AGAINST HIV/AIDS, TUBERCULOSIS, AND MALARIA REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 2, 2008*

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Chairman, I rise today to urge my colleagues to vote in favor of H.R. 5501, the Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde U.S. Global Leadership against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Reauthorization Act.

Over the past five years two major initiatives have been created to combat HIV/AIDS and TB: the Global Fund and the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPPAR). These initiatives have provided over \$18 billion and exceeded the President's target of \$15 billion by more than \$3 billion. As we seek to reauthorize this program today, I commend the target of \$50 billion over the next five years for these critical programs. This funding will allow us to prevent 12 million new HIV infections, provide treatment for 3 million people living with HIV/AIDS, treat 450,000 children and provide care for 12 million individuals, including 5 million orphans and vulnerable children. This funding will reduce tuberculosis deaths and disease burden by half, the primary cause of death for those living with HIV/AIDS.

Five years ago, only 50,000 people living with HIV/AIDS were receiving antiretroviral treatment. Today with American leadership, almost 2 million people are receiving treatment. Clearly, we are making a difference.

With this next phase, we need to devote more resources to strengthen the capacity of nations to meet their own health challenges. If any of these interventions are to be sustainable in the long term, it requires that developing countries be able to shoulder more of

the responsibility for the health of their populations. I am pleased that this bill invests more in health infrastructure and the training of healthcare professionals. In addition, I am pleased that the bill recognizes the important role played by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria in empowering countries to address their own health problems.

The HIV/AIDS pandemic has ravaged the world, especially the African continent, and shows no signs of slowing down. While U.S.-funded HIV/AIDS prevention programs reached 57 million people last year alone, new infections are on the rise. It is essential that we renew our focus on prevention efforts, including key work on preventing mother-to-child transmission. Additionally, we must provide the flexibility to respond to the needs of the communities served including through the removal of the abstinence earmark in this bill, which I applaud.

While I believe this bill represents the strong bipartisan commitment of Congress to combating these epidemics, I am disappointed that the bill took a step backwards in the struggle for poor women to receive access to critical family planning services. A provision in the bill could be interpreted to limit, for the first time and contrary to current practice, the types of family planning programs that would be eligible for PEPFAR funding. I understand this was not the intent of the Committee and hope that this issue can be addressed during conference.

I commend Congressman BERMAN and Congresswoman ROS-LEHTINEN for crafting a bipartisan bill that will save millions of lives. It truly honors the legacy of our great colleagues, Congressman LANTOS and Congressman HYDE.

I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this critical legislation.

#### WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

### HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, in December 2007, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution declaring April 2 as the annual World Autism Awareness Day (WARD). Autism is only the third disorder to be recognized in this manner by the UN, showing the pervasive nature of autism and its ever-increasing effect on millions of people worldwide. As the Founder and Co-Chair of the Congressional Children's Health Care Caucus, I recognize the destructive force that is autism and I am proud to recognize Worldwide Autism Awareness Day in order to raise awareness of this life-altering and little known disorder.

Last year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced that autism now afflicts one in every 150 American children and nearly one in 94 boys. These numbers are extremely disconcerting, especially when coupled with the fact that we know little about the root causes of autism.

By raising public awareness of autism, hopefully more money will be allocated to research and develop cures and treatments. I am leading an effort to increase the funding

for the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Increasing NIH funding offers the best hope we have to finding cures and treatments for diseases and disorders like autism. Collectively, we must commit every available resource to all research in order to enhance the quality of life for many, and it is my hope that raising awareness of this disorder will lead to new resources to combat it.

More children will be diagnosed with autism this year than with diabetes, cancer, and AIDS combined and autism is the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the world. While currently there is no medical detection or cure for autism, early diagnosis and intervention shows much promise. With increased support for autism awareness, together we will offer hope in an area that desperately needs it. And finally Madam Speaker, I would encourage my colleagues to join us in this fight, to fund NIH medical research and bring hope to children and their families.

CONGRATULATING ENVIRONMENTALIST ROSA "CISSIE" DURANDO FOR BEING NAMED A STATE OF FLORIDA POINT OF LIGHT

### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rosa "Cissie" Durando, a legendary environmentalist in Palm Beach County, Florida.

I have known "Cissie" Durando since coming to Congress in 1993. As an officer in the Audubon Society and on her own, Rosa has been actively dedicated to the preservation of our environment for nearly 50 years. Her knowledge of all things ecological, her honesty, diligence and determination combine to make her an invaluable resource to everyone concerned about protecting our water, air and land and the flora and fauna with which we cohabit our planet.

Over the course of her life, Rosa has accrued awards too numerous to mention. Now, her work has been recognized again by Florida Governor Charlie Crist, who has named her a "Point of Light" during Environmental Awareness Month.

I am pleased to join Governor Crist, Rosa's family, friends and huge numbers of admirers in celebrating her much deserved award, and I look forward to her continued contributions to the education of our citizens and the health of our planet.

RECOGNIZING THE EFRAIN ANTHONY MARRERO FOUNDATION

### HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the efforts of the Efrain Anthony Marrero Foundation.

Over the last three years, the House Oversight Committee has held numerous hearings into the impact of steroid abuse. We've

learned of widespread abuse, not just by professional athletes, but by millions of teenage boys and girls, and we've learned of the terrible health impacts of this abuse.

We've heard from many experts who are doing the hard work necessary to reduce this epidemic of steroid abuse. And we've heard the tragic personal stories of families that have been affected by this problem.

Frank and Brenda Marrero are the parents of Efrain Marrero. Almost four years ago, their son Efrain, a promising high school athlete, committed suicide following steroid abuse.

The Marreros grieved. And they also acted, starting the Efrain Anthony Marrero Foundation to tell their story and to educate teenagers about the dangers of steroid abuse.

Representing their foundation, and keeping alive the memory of their son, the Marreros have traveled the country, speaking to parents, teachers, coaches, and teenagers at hundreds of workshops. Their simple message—and the power of their tragic personal story and their ability to persevere—have educated thousands of parents and children about the health impacts of steroid abuse.

I want to thank the Marreros for their efforts. The foundation's motto—FAST—Fighting Against Steroids Together—is a reminder of the need for constant vigilance by coaches, teachers, parents, and public officials to solve this public health problem.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the ongoing work of Frank and Brenda Marrero, and the Efrain Anthony Marrero Foundation, to reduce steroid abuse.

#### FISA AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

### HON. JEFF FLAKE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 14, 2008*

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, I voted against H.R. 3773, the FISA Amendments Act of 2008, which was approved by the House of Representatives on March 14, 2008. I believe that this bill was a good compromise between the RESTORE Act approved by the House on November 15, 2007 and the version of the legislation approved by the Senate on February 12, 2008. However, I opposed the version of H.R. 3773 considered in March, because it failed to include immunity for the telecommunications companies that cooperated with the administration's request to assist in intelligence collection.

I disagree with the President's decision to bypass congressional authority in authorizing such surveillance. However, I believe that the telecommunications companies were put in a difficult position and acted in a good-faith interest of national security when they cooperated with the administration's request. If Congress fails to grant them immunity, the consequences would be far-reaching.

Without immunity, the pending lawsuits against the telecom companies will carry on for years and saddle the telecoms with millions of dollars in legal fees—fees that will, in turn, be passed onto consumers.

There will be scenarios in the future when cooperation between the private sector and the Federal Government will be necessary. These situations will likely be met with distrust

and extreme hesitance on the part of private companies because we failed to come to their defense in this matter. This could be detrimental to U.S. security.

Instead of immunity, the FISA Amendments Act would allow the telecoms to defend themselves in court by lifting current restrictions and allowing classified information to be introduced as a part of their defense. This may or may not be sufficient to prove the innocence of the telecoms, but the introduction of this information would set a dangerous precedent. Over the objections of the President, highly classified information would be handed over to judges and lawyers who are unlikely to possess the appropriate and necessary security clearances. This would almost certainly make the introduction of such classified evidence in future proceedings easier, and could severely compromise our ability to collect and conduct future intelligence activities.

The initial House-approved FISA reform legislation, the RESTORE Act, did not contain any immunity provisions. I supported it with the expectation that we would consider immunity during a conference with the Senate. We voted instead on the FISA Amendments Act, which I believe is a good bill that represents a careful compromise. Immunity is critical and, because H.R. 3773 has no immunity provisions, I voted against its passage.

**SHEYLINN WORK**

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Sheylinn Work who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award. Sheylinn Work is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Sheylinn Work is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Sheylinn Work for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE 200TH BIRTHDAY OF KNOX COUNTY OHIO**

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 2, 2008*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Knox County, Ohio celebrated its 200th birthday on March 1, 2008 with great joy; and

Whereas, they will reflect on the past 200 years with fondness and celebrate; and

Whereas, the residents of Knox County have positively contributed to the history of America from the Civil War to the Industrial Revolution to today's society; and

Whereas, Knox County will reminisce on a lifetime full of memories and look forward to many more: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That along with my friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I wish Knox County, Ohio a happy 200th birthday.

**JAMES C. DUDDY**

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise today to recognize the outstanding service and leadership of James C. Duddy on the occasion of his retirement after more than 50 years of service to the Kansas City, Missouri, Fire Department.

James began his career as a firefighter in 1955, and rose to Assistant Chief Fire Marshal. Over the years, James has earned many awards including Firefighter of the Year and the Medal of Honor.

James has also been instrumental in assisting several other organizations. He has assisted the Secret Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms on several occasions, and served as President of the Kansas City Arson Task Force for many years.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in commending James C. Duddy for his dedicated service to ensuring the safety of the people of Kansas City, Missouri. I know James' colleagues, family and friends join with me in thanking him for his commitment to others and wishing him happiness and good health in his retirement.

**A TRIBUTE TO BEVERLY WHITE**

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Beverly White of Altadena, California. Every March we celebrate Women's History Month in recognition of the contributions and the sacrifices made by our Nation's women. Accordingly it is my privilege to highlight Ms. White as a woman whose extraordinary efforts are vital to my district.

Beverly is well known in southern California for her current role as the co-anchor of the "Today in L.A." weekend edition and as a long-time reporter on the popular 11 p.m. Channel 4 News. She focuses in particular on the live coverage necessitated by local natural disasters such as regional wildfires and the Northridge earthquake.

Armed with a degree in broadcast journalism from the University of Texas at Austin, Beverly first set out on her multi-State career at KGEN-TV, NBC, in Temple/Waco and KENS-TV, CBS, in San Antonio. In the late 1980s, she moved to Cincinnati and became

the anchor of the top-rated morning newscast. There Beverly reported on the tumultuous saga of Pete Rose, as well as on the 1988 Democratic and Republican presidential conventions.

As a reporter for WTVJ in Miami, Beverly covered several stories on international affairs concerning Haiti and Cuba, as well as the rape trial of William Kennedy Smith. Exemplifying her specialty in live coverage, she was on the team that won a 1992 Peabody Award for their outstanding coverage of Hurricane Andrew.

Southern Californians encounter Beverly in the field in other ways as well. She is a past president of the Black Journalists Association of Southern California and is a member of the national affiliate, the National Association of Black Journalists. In addition to her professional leadership roles, Beverly supports community causes by hosting myriad annual awards functions, from YWCA's "Women of Excellence" event to Los Angeles Neighborhood Housing Service's luncheon.

As an icon of local journalism and a selfless volunteer, Beverly's dedication to the Altadena community is an invaluable addition to the legacy of Women's History Month. With gratitude and admiration, I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Ms. Beverly White.

**APPLAUDING THE RISE IN REMITTANCES SENT TO THE CARIBBEAN AS CRUCIAL TO THE AREA'S DEVELOPMENT**

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to note the significant role remittances play in the economies of the Caribbean and to applaud their record-setting increases, as described in the New York CARIB News article, "Remittances to Caribbean Reach Record High of \$8 Billion in 2007." That money, sent on behalf of family and friends living abroad, represents a considerable—and pivotal—portion of the region's GDP. These funds go a long way in contributing to the area's development and provide aid for its people to better afford food, shelter, clothing, and medicine.

This boost is a remarkable and laudable sign of global support for our neighbors to the south. Jamaica, Haiti, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, Suriname and Belize have particularly benefitted from it, receiving each a record amount. It is my hope that the region continues to see an influx of these funds from supporters worldwide who care intimately about the progress of the Caribbean.

**REMITTANCES TO CARIBBEAN REACH RECORD HIGH OF \$8 BILLION IN 2007**

The amounts typically range from \$200 to \$300 at each time.

Still, in 2007, they amounted to a whopping \$8.1 billion to the Caribbean, accounting in some cases to at least a third of the economies of nations in the region which receive funds from nationals in North America, Europe and elsewhere. At least \$5 billion of those funds went to Caricom states, particularly Jamaica, Haiti, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, Suriname and Belize.

In its annual report on remittances to Caribbean and Latin American nations in 2007, the Inter-American Development Bank's Multilateral Investment Fund stated that Jamaicans, Haitians, Guyanese, Trinidadians, Surinamese and Belizeans in that order sent a record amount of funds to their relatives and close friends last year.

And while the MIF didn't cite a specific sum for Barbados, the United Nations and the World Bank had previously estimated that Bajans abroad had sent more than \$140 million to their country.

Overall, remittances to the Caribbean and Latin America rose by seven per cent in 2007 over the figure for 2006, the first year for which there wasn't a double digit increase stated the Fund.

The importance of the remittances, the MIF explained, could be seen in "the significant contribution to the region's economy. For instance, Jamaicans remitted \$1.9 billion to relatives, accounting for 18% if country's gross domestic product while Haitians' \$1.8 billion in remittances represented 35% of the GDP. Guyana's was by far the largest single contributor to the GDP. The \$424 million may have been about 16 per cent if Jamaicans' flow but the money was 43% of the economy.

The smallest contribution was the \$125 million repatriated to Trinidad and Tobago. It represented one per cent of the economy while in Suriname's case, the \$115 million was 5%.

The Dominican Republic was the largest single recipient of remittances in the larger Caribbean region, receiving \$3.1 billion.

Belize's receipts of \$105 million were the equivalent of 8% of the GDP.

A closer look at the figures for 2007 and prior years showed that remittances to:

Jamaica rose from \$983 million in 2001 to almost \$1.5 billion in 2004.

Haiti, they skyrocketed from less than \$900 million in 2001 to just under \$1 billion in 2005, rising to last year's record level of 1.5 billion.

Guyana are considered a "crucial source of income."

The Caribbean and Latin America as a whole reached \$66.5 billion, about seven per cent more than in 2006.

Mexico amounted to almost \$24 billion, and was virtually unchanged, rising barely by one percent. Apparently Mexicans "appear to be less inclined to send money home, citing concerns about stricter enforcement of immigration laws and a slowing economy in the United States," the MIF reported.

Brazil, totaled \$7 billion, a decline of 4%. The reason: "increasing opportunities at home and a strengthening local currency, the "Real," has appreciated 14 percent against the dollar over the past 12 months.

The various countries pay for "basic expenses such as food, shelter, clothing and medicines but some of them are saved.

The region, about 75 percent of them "come from the United States, Spain and Japan."

Jamaica, the Dominica Republic, Guyana, Haiti and Trinidad and Tobago have risen every year since the beginning of the 21st century.

STATEMENT OF THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I am pleased today to honor the 60th anniversary of

the state of Israel and to honor the people and accomplishments of this great nation.

From its inception in 1948, Israel has had a long and painful struggle to sustain itself. On May 14, 1948, the United States was the first Nation to extend its formal recognition of Israel as a state, and our two states have since maintained a strong relationship through shared values and interests. Israel has a great deal to be proud of. It has built itself into a strong democracy with an advanced industrial, market economy in one of the most volatile regions of the world. While facing many challenges, it places a great emphasis on quality of life and leads the region in regards to education, democratic participation, and having a free press. The United States and Israel have had a strong relationship throughout their history, sharing these values. Our own country has benefited from Israel's prosperous economy, and in 1985, Israel and the United States concluded a free trade agreement. Israel's Silicon Wadi, an area comparable to the U.S.'s Silicon Valley, is one of the most robust telecommunications and technology industry areas in the world. As testament to this fact, important American companies have research and development facilities located there.

As we honor Israel's accomplishments, we also recognize the continued security threats the country faces from terrorist organizations and aggressive neighbors. Innocent Israelis are attacked with rockets and suicide bombings while belligerent leaders of other nations call for nothing short of Israel's destruction. The American people and Congress have consistently condemned these attacks on our friends. In the most recent example—rocket attacks from Gaza—the House passed a resolution strongly condemning these attacks, as well as the organizations and states supporting them. We have also provided aid for Israel's defense and for the security of the Middle East and will continue to support Israel's right to defend itself. While the challenges remain, the Israeli people have endured and persevered throughout history, and they will continue to do so, and the United States will remain a stalwart ally.

Madam Speaker, I again congratulate the people of Israel on this historic anniversary and wish them a peaceful and prosperous future.

A TRIBUTE TO LISSA LAYNG REYNOLDS

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Lissa Layng Reynolds of South Pasadena, California. Every March we celebrate Women's History Month in recognition of the contributions and the sacrifices made by our Nation's women. Accordingly, it is my privilege to highlight Mrs. Reynolds as a woman whose extraordinary efforts are vital to my district.

Lissa is a professional theater, film, and television actress whose interaction with her community goes far beyond the stage and screen. As the president of the California Performing Arts Centre and co-artistic director of the award-winning Fremont Centre Theatre in

South Pasadena, Lissa will celebrate the theatre's 10th anniversary this year. She shares the milestone with her husband, James, who also serves as the theatre's co-artistic director and can be seen on NBC's "Days of Our Lives" as Commissioner Abe Carver. Together they have produced and co-produced over 30 plays during the Fremont Centre Theatre's decade of existence. Lissa and her family have lived in South Pasadena for over 20 years. Her son, Jed Reynolds, graduated from South Pasadena schools and now coaches the high school junior varsity basketball team. Jed is also pursuing a career as an actor and is currently starring in the Fremont Centre Theatre's hit show "Ravensridge."

In addition to the Fremont Centre Theatre, Lissa and James own and operate Classes Unlimited, an adult learning center, and Big Men Stuff, a clothing company that uses slogans to combat domestic abuse. The Reynolds' were selected as two of the most influential people in Pasadena by Pasadena Weekly and they received the Gold Crown Award from the Pasadena Arts Council for supporting local arts education and development.

Giving back to the community is a priority for Lissa. Her busy schedule is packed equally with volunteer, fundraising, and professional efforts. Examples include the Haven House Women's Shelter in Pasadena, the Pasadena Humane Society, the Foothill YMCA, and the South Pasadena Police Department. For many years Lissa has joined her husband on USO handshake and educational tours for the troops and for their families. To encourage students to become active in the arts, the pair frequently directs local elementary school productions of Shakespeare and hosts an annual charity celebrity basketball tournament to benefit South Pasadena schools. For her continued philanthropic efforts Lissa has been honored by numerous organizations, including Women at Work, the South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, and the Tournament of Roses Association.

Lissa's stage is her community; rather than focus on herself, she works to make South Pasadena the star. Her selfless service to the South Pasadena community is an invaluable addition to the legacy of Women's History Month. With gratitude and admiration, I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Mrs. Lissa Layng Reynolds.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING COACH MICHELLE MISHLER FOR COACHING THE HILAND HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM TO WINNING THE GIRLS' DIVISION IV STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker: Whereas, Coach Michelle Mishler showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, Michelle Mishler was a leader and mentor for the Hiland High School Girls' Basketball Team; and

Whereas, Coach Mishler has been a role model for sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Coach Michelle Mishler for leading the Hiland High School Girls' Basketball Team to winning the Girls' Division IV State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and leadership she has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 Basketball season.

ASSESSING THE BURDEN AFRICAN AMERICANS FACE IN A SLOWING ECONOMY—AND WHAT CONGRESS HAS DONE TO ALLEVIATE IT

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to underscore the unfortunate financial squeeze many African American families will face as a result of the slumping economy. African American families and other families of color will suffer the most from a recession because they are disproportionately poor and do not have the safety net enjoyed by others. They carry a significant and disproportionate share of the burden, victim to an economic downturn that will harm working- and middle-class Americans most—unless we offer fresh and bold solutions to cultivate an economy that works for us all. Not just the wealthy. Not just the politically connected. But us all.

The “New Direction” Congress has been swift in addressing this need. The stimulus package will provide much-needed tax relief to the tune of \$600 per individual, \$1,200 per married couple, and an additional \$300 per child. But it doesn't stop there. It goes on to protect the least among us, committing \$32 billion for those 35 million families who work tirelessly but do not earn enough to pay income taxes and guaranteeing rebates to seniors on Social Security, disabled veterans, and military widows. The package is estimated to create more than 500,000 jobs before the end of this year, of particular good news to African Americans, whose unemployment rate climbed from 8 percent in the fall to 9.2 percent just a few months afterwards.

A second phase of increases in the minimum wage will take effect this July, not a moment too soon for those two million African Americans who benefit from the hike, and the 1.1 million more African Americans now living in poverty since President Bush took office. Our work on behalf of small businesses has strengthened the 1.2 million of them owned by African Americans, with revenues eclipsing \$88 billion. That work has resulted in tax cuts for small business of \$4 million over the next 10 years, increasing their share of Federal contracts, and lowering their cost of financing. And in response to the subprime mortgage crisis—the result of bad lending practices that saddled African Americans and Hispanics two times as much as Whites with high-cost subprime loans—we've passed legislation providing some mortgage debt tax relief, cracking down on predatory lending, and expanding affordable loan opportunities.

As Americans endure the hardships of a sputtering economy, it is incumbent upon the

people's Government to get us through it and steer us back to the path of prosperity. We have been responsive—and so shall we remain—to the needs of those communities most harshly hit in times of economic calamity, and as a unified people, looking after our own, we will get through this stronger and far more prosperous.

TWIN OAKS ESTATE

**HON. BILL SALI**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. SALI. Madam Speaker, atop a hill on Woodley Road in northwest Washington, DC is a 26-room mansion known as the Twin Oaks estate, which served as the official residence of nine ambassadors from the Republic of China between 1937 and 1978. During its heyday, the Twin Oaks estate welcomed to its 17.6-acre compound countless American dignitaries and friends in the local Chinese community, to meet with ROC ambassadors and representatives and chart a course of friendship and cooperation between our two nations. Among the more prominent guests to visit the estate were U.S. Secretaries of State, Senators and Congressmen and U.S. military leaders including General Dwight D. Eisenhower and General George Marshall. Distinguished visitors from Taiwan to the estate included Madame Chiang Kai-shek and the future Republic of China Presidents: Mr. Chiang Ching-kuo, Mr. Lee Teng-hui and Mr. Chen Shui-bian.

The Twin Oaks estate also played a role in the termination of official ties between the United States and the Republic of China, Taiwan, in the winter of 1978. During those uncertain days and weeks, ownership of the Twin Oaks estate was transferred to an American private organization; later returning to the ownership of the Taiwan government in 1982. Since then, the Twin Oaks estate has again become a popular spot in Washington, DC, hosting many social functions each year, at which Washingtonians continue to admire the estate's gorgeous peony gardens, its Georgian Revival architecture, and its priceless Ch'ing dynasty antiques.

The Twin Oaks estate was built in 1888 by the family of Mr. Gardiner Greene Hubbard, founder of the National Geographic Society. In celebrating this historic site's 120 year history we also celebrate the enactment of the Taiwan Relations Act, which protects the Republic of China's legal ownership of the estate. May the Twin Oaks estate remain a symbol of United States-Taiwan friendship in our Nation's Capital for the next 120 years.

HONORING PASTOR HOWARD-JOHN WESLEY

**HON. RICHARD E. NEAL**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, it is an honor and privilege for me to celebrate the success of Pastor Howard-John Wesley. Pastor Wesley has accomplished a

great deal in his 10 years at St. John's Congregational Church. Increasing the membership from 40 to over 3,000 is a very impressive feat. It may be his impressive sermons that continue to bring people from all walks of life to this church. Or perhaps it is his willingness and ability to help people who need his guidance. Either way, he consistently gathers thousands of people every week to celebrate together and follow in Gods path.

Pastor Wesley has brought Baptist influences to one of the oldest African American churches in the State, which tended to be very traditional and affluent. This uneasy path certainly came with a great deal of opposition. Nevertheless, he continued to encourage all citizens of the community to join his congregation as he stressed the need to closely follow the teachings of the bible.

While thousands gather at St. Johns to hear Pastor Wesley, he has also brought his powerful influence and Gods word into the community. He is on several boards in Springfield and has established several ministries within the church to deal with specific needs in education, youth, and the elderly. He welcomes many students from local colleges who consistently attend his services. He also influenced former residents of the York Street and Ludlow jail systems to become “Ministers In Training”. These accomplishments truly highlight his desire to give back and help those throughout the community.

I would like to close by thanking you for allowing me to speak on this wonderful occasion. I am so grateful to be able to honor this tremendous man, who has given almost 20 years proclaiming Gods word. His service to the church and the community has not gone unnoticed. Although today marks the end of his time here in Springfield, he will continue to touch others through his eloquent sermons and teachings at Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, VA. Congratulations, good luck, and thank you for all you have done for this community.

A TRIBUTE TO ANGELINA LEVY

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Angelina Levy of Temple City, California. Every March we celebrate Women's History Month in recognition of the contributions and the sacrifices made by our Nation's women. Accordingly it is my privilege to highlight Ms. Levy as a woman whose extraordinary efforts are vital to my district.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, Angelina Levy began her career in fashion when she graduated from the Fashion Institute of Technology in 1954. After 20 years of experience in the New York fashion industry, she moved her family to California but was unable to find programs that catered to her son's special developmental needs. In response to the void, Angie established the School of Fashion and Design for the Developmentally Disabled in 1984 and embarked on a remarkable legacy of community service and leadership.

Angie's School of Fashion and Design for the Developmentally Disabled works to provide students with tools to become self-sufficient and to boost self-esteem. It proves that

the skills necessary for sewing and crafts can also be used to improve the learning and the concentration skills of those who are developmentally disabled. In addition to sewing, dressmaking, and tailoring, the groundbreaking facility provides daily instruction via their "Healthy Living Skills" program, where students learn about food shopping, cooking, and computing, using the resources of the local community. At any given time there are over 40 students who range from young adults to seniors, and each emerges with enhanced social skills needed to integrate in today's complicated world.

In addition to her work with the School of Fashion and Design for the Developmentally Disabled, Angie is a past president of the United Commercial Travelers of America, the East Los Angeles Regional Center, and Civitan International. She has volunteered with the Special Olympics and the San Gabriel Civic Theater Group, as well as served on the Presidential Task Force on the Employment of Adults with Disabilities, PTFEAD, and its related U.S. Congressional Advisory Board. Angie is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars Distinguished Service Award and the 2004 Soroptimist International Woman of the Year. It is little wonder that Angie's peers are proud to call her a "marvel."

Angie's selfless service to the Temple City community is an invaluable addition to the legacy of Women's History Month. With gratitude and admiration, I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Ms. Angelina Levy.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING  
HILAND HIGH SCHOOL FOR  
THEIR SUPPORT OF THE HILAND  
HIGH SCHOOL'S GIRLS' BASKET-  
BALL TEAM

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Hiland High School has displayed incredible dedication to creating well-rounded students; and

Whereas, the Hiland High School has been supportive of their athletes; and

Whereas, the Hiland High School has broadened the abilities and skills of their athletes in the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, the Hiland High School has always promoted sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That along with their friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate the Hiland High School on supporting their girls' basketball team in winning the Girls' Division IV State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous amount of support they have given to their athletes.

EXPRESSING THE BENEFIT OF  
EDUCATING PEOPLE ABOUT THE  
NEGATIVE HISTORY AND IMPACT  
OF THE N-WORD

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my full support and recognition of the efforts made by Council Member Leroy Comrie, with cosponsors Abolish The N-Word Project Inc. and the Universal Circus, to organize the second annual Black History Month Essay Contest, which essay theme was: "Why The N-Word Should Never Be Used?"

In New York City, freedom of speech is granted depending on which word you use, but do not dare let the "n-word" slip to your comrades. The "n-word" has been around for nearly as long as language itself. According to Merriam-Webster, the origin comes from the "neger" modification, and the French "nègre," and the Spanish "negro." However, within the English language, the n-word was used to depict blacks during the slave trade. Blacks subsequently embraced a more palatable form, "negro." This with the end of slavery and imposition of the Jim Crow was altered as a sign of disrespect and contempt. Today, some "mainstream" hip-hop recording artists slide the n-word into their albums. And when they clamor their way up the Billboard pop charts everyone listens, including the New York City Council.

The abolish the N-Word Project Inc. has many worldwide supporters, with a mailing list of 27,000 people and 13 million hits on their Web site. Some critics state that focusing on a word will not solve the multitude of problems that exist within the black community. I support the council member's initiative; after all it has developed critical thinking wither and conversation about the use of the word is appropriate.

The initiative of the council member's n-word essay contest educated young people about the negative history and impact of the n-word. Educating our society and making us conscious is important, because we need to begin to work with our children to have them understand the history and cultural meaning of a word that should only be used with such understanding.

RECOGNIZING THE OAKTON HIGH  
SCHOOL UPON ITS 40-YEAR ANNI-  
VERSARY

**HON. TOM DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Oakton High School as it prepares to celebrate its 40th anniversary.

Oakton High School was the first high school established in the Providence District of Fairfax County. Originally founded in 1911, the school was located above the Sutton Store in Oakton, Virginia. In 1914, it relocated to a two-story building on Chain Bridge and Blake Lane, recognized today as "Old Oakton High

School." Oakton initially taught 1- and 2-year courses, but by 1922 it had become a 4-year state accredited institution. Since then, Oakton High School has committed itself to lofty standards of academic and extracurricular excellence. The school provided the first indoor basketball court in all of Fairfax County, and in 1935 it graduated 235 students, a great academic accomplishment for the time period. As the Oakton area began to change from a rural community to a suburb of Washington, D.C., the growth in population required the construction of larger facilities. In 1967, Oakton High School was relocated to its current site on Sutton Road.

Today, Oakton High School remains a distinguished and greatly lauded school in all aspects from sports to the arts to academics. In past years, U.S. News and World Report and Newsweek magazines have ranked Oakton High school one of the top 100 schools in the Nation. This year, Governor Kaine recognized Oakton High School with the 2008 Governor's Award of Excellence. Additionally, the school has won multiple State championships in men's and women's lacrosse, cross country, baseball, football, golf, and gymnastics. In the arts, the Virginia High School League has honored the band program multiple years in a row, and Oakton's One Act Play won the State championship in 1992.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I would like to thank the Oakton High School faculty and staff for the immeasurable contributions that they have made to the community by shaping today's youth and tomorrow's future. I congratulate the high school on its successes over the last 40 years and I wish it more successful years in the future. I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding this outstanding and distinguished institution.

HONORING TERRY C. WICKS, CRNA,  
MHS, PRESIDENT OF THE AMER-  
ICAN ASSOCIATION OF NURSE  
ANESTHETISTS

**HON. PATRICK T. MCHENRY**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. MCHENRY. Madam Speaker, today I pay tribute to Terry Wicks, CRNA, MHS, of Rutherford College, North Carolina, in my congressional district. Mr. Wicks, my constituent, recently completed his 2006-2007 term as the national president of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA).

Having celebrated its 76th Anniversary, the AANA is a professional organization that represents more than 36,000 practicing Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) nationwide.

Originally from the state of Iowa, Mr. Wicks received his education in the art and science of Nurse Anesthesia while serving as an officer in the United States Army. His anesthesia training took him to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, for the first phase of his education, and then to Fitzsimmons Army Medical Center in Aurora, Colorado. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa. In addition, Mr. Wicks also holds a Master of Health Sciences (MHS) degree from Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth, Texas. Previously serving

as Director of the Anesthesia Department at Catawba Valley Medical Center in Hickory, NC, before taking over as National President of the AANA, Mr. Wicks continues his work as a Staff Anesthetist helping provide anesthesia services to residents of the Unifour, a geographic area encompassing Burke, Catawba, Alexander, and Caldwell counties in the western foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, whose population has grown to over 350,000 people.

Mr. Wicks has held numerous leadership positions in the AANA as Regional Director, Vice-President, and President-elect before becoming the National President of the AANA in 2006. In addition, he has served terms as President, President-Elect, and Vice-President, for the North Carolina Association of Nurse Anesthetists (NCANA).

Adding to his professional accomplishments, Mr. Wicks has been recognized for speaking on anesthesia-related topics over the years. He has taken his experience and knowledge from the workplace and AANA leadership roles to lecture on political and academic anesthesia-related topics before different professional groups.

Madam Speaker, I rise to ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing my constituent, the outgoing President of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Mr. Terry Wicks, CRNA, MHS, for his notable career and outstanding achievements.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING GREGG VAN VOLKINBURG FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION II STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Gregg Van Volkinburg showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, Gregg Van Volkinburg was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Gregg Van Volkinburg always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Gregg Van Volkinburg on winning the Boys' Division II State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 basketball season.

A TRIBUTE TO VALARIE GOMEZ

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2008

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Valarie Gomez of San Gabriel, California. Every March we celebrate Women's History Month in recognition of the contributions and the sacrifices made by our nation's women. Accordingly it is my privilege to

highlight Ms. Gomez as a woman whose extraordinary efforts are vital to my district.

Valarie Gomez was born and raised in the San Gabriel Valley and attended both Marymount College in Rancho Palos Verdes and Loyola Marymount University. There she tackled the formidable combination of double majors in English and Business Administration, as well as double minors in Philosophy and Religious Studies. She and her husband Carlos have three children, including two daughters and one son.

Valarie and Carlos first immersed themselves in the local community by opening Bob's Old Fashioned Freeze in 1983. Children and adults alike would flock to the establishment for the ice cream, the sandwiches, and the friendly owners who helped neighborhood children learn the value of hard work and of a supportive mentor. It was at that time that Valarie learned the importance of showing youth their true potential. Her sweet-toothed patrons have since become responsible community leaders and still keep in touch.

After owning and operating the family business for several years, Valarie turned her attention to community outreach. She rose to Executive Director of Children's Ministries at San Gabriel Union Church and Christian School, founded its After-School Day Care program, served as the Executive Director of the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce, and led the Gabrielino High School Career Partners program. Valarie is also the 2-time past President and current member of the San Gabriel Rotary, is a volunteer for various Kiwanis and Asian Youth Center events, and is a member of the San Gabriel Coordinating Council and the Parks & Recreation Commission.

The 25-year San Gabriel resident recently became the CEO of the West San Gabriel Valley YMCA after only 17 months with the organization. She showed an enterprising attitude from the start and approached challenges with optimism and energy, leading to a doubling in profit compared to the previous year, newly rebuilt community relations, and the largest Service Club department in the nation. It is no wonder, then, that Valarie's generosity, approachability, and efficiency are so highly respected in the San Gabriel community.

Armed with a passion to "make memories that last a lifetime," Valarie is dedicated to empowering others to succeed. Her selfless service to the San Gabriel community is an invaluable addition to the legacy of Women's History Month. With gratitude and admiration, I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Ms. Valarie Gomez.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR A NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR HARRIET ROSS TUBMAN

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the House Congress Resolution 310. Resolution 310 proposes a national day of remembrance for Harriet Ross Tubman, a fearless champion for civil rights.

Harriet Ross Tubman was a pioneer to say the least. For the better part of a decade, Tubman made over 13 trips South to escort more than 300 hundred slaves to freedom. With no regard to her own well being, she sacrificed her own safety, so that countless other slaves could have the opportunity to realize and experience freedom, a right supposedly enshrined in our Constitution. Tubman was not merely a woman of steadfast conviction, principle and determination, but a hero and savior to those people who often had no hope. I am deeply humbled and inspired by her courage and bravery in the face of remarkable adversity.

Harriet Tubman was a woman of unyielding principle, unparalleled courage and sheer grit. Therefore, I stand here today advocating House Congress Resolution 310 supporting the creation of a national day of remembrance for Harriet Tubman, a woman that inspires us all to stand and fight for freedom.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING CHILLICOTHE HIGH SCHOOL FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE CHILICOTHE HIGH SCHOOL'S BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Chillicothe High School has displayed incredible dedication to creating well-rounded students; and

Whereas, the Chillicothe High School has been supportive of their athletes; and

Whereas, the Chillicothe High School has broadened the abilities and skills of their athletes in the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, the Chillicothe High School has always promoted sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That along with their friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate the Chillicothe High School on supporting their boys' basketball team in winning the Boys' Division II State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous amount of support they have given to their athletes.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF MR. ROBERT ZERKLE

**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 4, 2008

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the distinguished career and extensive community involvement of Mr. Robert Zerkle of Mascoutah, Illinois.

Bob served in the Mascoutah School District for 38 years, as a math teacher, business manager and assistant superintendent, before retiring in 2001.

Even after his retirement from the Mascoutah School District, Bob has continued to be a staunch advocate of Impact Aid, the Federal program which provides assistance to

local school districts that have been impacted by the presence of Federal property, such as the impact Scott Air Force Base has had on the Mascoutah School District in the congressional district I represent. He has received several awards commending his efforts, including the 2008 Friends of the National Association of Federally Impact Schools Award and the Globe Award recognizing his career working on behalf of Impact Aid.

Madam Speaker, as the Representative for Scott Air Force Base, I have witnessed first hand how important the Impact Aid program is to our region and our students. Not only does it provide school districts such as Mascoutah with essential funding otherwise unavailable, it assures the men and women of our fighting forces that their children will receive a great education while they are keeping America safe and secure.

The tireless efforts of individuals like Bob Zerkle are an example of how one individual's dedication to a cause can have a lifetime effect on a community. Bob's wealth of experience and overwhelming devotion will no doubt be missed among his colleagues and his students.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation to Bob Zerkle for his years of dedicated service in support of Impact Aid and the students of the Mascoutah School District. I wish Bob the very best in the future.

HONORING THE CITY OF  
PETALUMA ON ITS SESQUICENTENNIAL

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise with particular pleasure today to honor the sesquicentennial of my hometown of Petaluma, California, which has not only a special place in my heart, but a unique place in history over the past 150 years.

My political career began in Petaluma when I was elected to the city council. I raised my four children in this picturesque town with its lovely rural surroundings, and now they are raising their children here. It is a warm and friendly place to call home, and despite its growing population, people still walk down the streets and smile and wave and greet each other by first name.

Petaluma's recent history evolved from its position at the head of a tidal estuary. This location made it a natural shipping center for moving goods from fertile Sonoma County down to San Francisco in the years before the Golden Gate Bridge was built. Consequently, it prospered through the 19th century. But what put Petaluma on the map and made it famous in the early 20th century was the 1875 invention of the chick incubator by local farmers, Isaac Dias and Lyman Byce.

According to local historian and former newspaper editor Katie Watts, the incubator and Petaluma's mild climate made it a natural spot for raising chickens. On the advice of a public relations whiz, Bert Kerrigan, town leaders capitalized on this speciality, dubbing Petaluma "The World's Egg Basket."

What's more, in 1918, Kerrigan prevailed on Congress to create a National Egg Day, August 13, 1918, with Petaluma as the epicenter.

Everything became related to eggs—instead of receiving the keys to the city, esteemed visitors were inaugurated into the Order of the Cluck Clucks and given a bouquet, not of flowers, but of dressed chickens. The town colors were even yellow and white. And while parades in other cities featured floats carrying a contingent of young ladies in prom dresses, in Petaluma, they wore chicken costumes and handed out eggs.

The scheme worked and Petaluma became the wealthiest city of its size in the country.

"Civic pride was enormous," Watts says. "Showplace homes were built, many of which are still standing."

The egg business slowly faded in the 1930s and 40s, and after waterway shipping was replaced by truck transport, Petaluma drifted into a sleepy decline. Watts explains that "Attempts to modernize in the 1950s and 60s were mostly short-circuited by the fact the city determined not to tear down fine old buildings and replace them with parking lots and corrugated plastic."

Although chickens gave way to the cows and sheep that now dot the green hills around the city, Petaluma remains connected to its rural heritage by supporting a growing farmstead cheese industry.

But Petaluma is also firmly in the 21st century. Having been at the heart of Telecom Valley during the dotcom boom, it attracted tech and bio-tech companies, with many continuing to move here, drawn by the fertile business climate.

Petaluma's civic pride extends to the care of its citizens—there is a model homeless shelter and a noted housing program for the economically disadvantaged. Current environmental policies reflect the city's pioneering work in the first slow-growth ordinances in the U.S. Protecting the environment remains a priority for Petalumans. For example, in 1983, students from Petaluma's Casa Grande High School founded United Anglers with the mission of bringing Adobe Creek back to life. Since then, they have raised more than half a million dollars and built a state-of-the-art fish hatchery, the only one nationwide on a high school campus. Their program has served as a worldwide model for ecology and watershed reclamation.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to represent the people of Petaluma, and I ask that you join me in congratulating them on their accomplishments of the past 150 years and wishing them the best for the future.

A TRIBUTE TO FRANCES A. MOORE

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Frances A. Moore of Alhambra, California. Every March we celebrate Women's History Month in recognition of the contributions and the sacrifices made by our Nation's women. Accordingly it is my privilege to highlight Ms. Moore as a woman whose extraordinary efforts are vital to my district.

A review of Frances' personal and professional activities reveals a life-long commitment to community involvement. Raised in Monterey Park, Frances is a native of the San Gabriel Valley. She is a product of our public schools

and local colleges, earning degrees from East Los Angeles College, California State University at Los Angeles, and the University of Redlands. Frances has devoted her forty-five year professional career to the City Clerk's Office of the great City of Alhambra and has served as its beloved City Clerk since 1986.

As Alhambra's City Clerk, Frances is well-respected among her peers for her remarkable efficiency, her unparalleled depth of knowledge, and her professional dedication. By streamlining the city's legislative and record management procedures, she saved valuable time and public funding. Frances is also a member of several professional organizations such as the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, the City Clerks' Association of California, the City Clerks' Association of Southern California, and the Los Angeles Paralegal Federation.

In addition to her responsibilities as the City Clerk, Frances established the self-sustaining Public Arts Gallery in the lobby of Alhambra City Hall. The gallery promotes local artists' work by providing a forum for creative recognition, distribution, and sales. A commission on each artwork sold helps cover the gallery's operating expenses without reliance on public funds. For her efforts, Frances earned the Helen Putnam Award for Excellence from the League of California Cities.

Frances' star shines brightly among local, regional, and national philanthropic realms as well. A member of Rotary International since 1992, she has served as its Assistant Governor and as the President of the Alhambra Rotary Club. She is also a former member and past President of Soroptimist International of Alhambra, San Marino, and San Gabriel. Frances is a dedicated supporter of the West San Gabriel Valley YMCA and chaired the YMCA Capital Fund Campaign. She is a lifetime member of both the Alhambra Historical Society and the Alhambra Day Nursery Auxiliary.

With no professional or charitable stone left unturned, Frances' selfless dedication to the Alhambra community is an invaluable addition to the legacy of Women's History Month. With gratitude and admiration, I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Ms. Frances A. Moore.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS IN RECOGNIZING AND HONORING EARL LLOYD

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my full support of the resolution recognizing and honoring Earl Lloyd for breaking the color barrier and becoming the first African-American to play in the National Basketball Association fifty eight years ago.

Earl Lloyd was born in Alexandria, Virginia on April 3, 1928. With a height of 6 ft 5 in and 225 lbs. Lloyd first developed his passion for basketball in the city of Alexandria's segregated Parker-Gray High School, where he started on the school team. He went on to play basketball at West Virginia College and then was drafted to play for the NBA in 1950.

On October 31, 1950, he became the first African-American to play in a NBA game, against the Rochester Royals. Lloyd played five hundred and sixty NBA games and won a championship before retiring in 1960. In the midst of his career he proudly put his professional career on hold and served in the Army for two years before returning to the game. In 2003 he was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and in his home town, Alexandria, a basketball court at T.C. Williams was named in his honor.

Earl Lloyd played for the love of the sport of basketball and not to make history, but his entry into the NBA meant a lot during segregation.

I am proud to honor Earl Lloyd for his career achievements as the first. He opened the doors for several famous basketball players, such as Michael Jordan, Scotty Pippen, Charles Barkley, etc. He truly blazed new trails for African-American athletes who today grace the professional game in significant numbers, constituting the great majority of the best players in the NBA.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING COACH GARY KELLOUGH FOR COACHING THE CHILlicothe HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM TO WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION II STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Coach Gary Kellough showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, Gary Kellough was a leader and mentor for the Chillicothe High School Boys' Basketball Team; and

Whereas, Coach Kellough has been a role model for sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Coach Gary Kellough for leading the Chillicothe High School Boys' Basketball Team to winning the Boys' Division II State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and leadership he has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 Basketball season.

COMMENDING H-E-B

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend H-E-B, one of the largest grocery store markets in Texas and in my congressional district, for embarking upon a remarkable energy initiative to power their stores using wind power by signing onto Windtricity, a renewable energy option provided by CPS Energy. Windtricity allows H-E-B to utilize electricity generated by wind turbines in West Texas. This new endeavor by one of Texas'

leading corporate citizens demonstrates the commitment of H-E-B to building sustainable communities and leading others in environmental initiatives in communities across Texas.

Wind energy is the world's fastest growing energy source and is also one of the oldest forms of renewable energy. Wind turbines are an increasingly popular method of generating electricity with very little environmental impact. Many wind farms are built in geographical areas conducive to prevailing winds such as in the Panhandle and western parts of Texas.

I applaud H-E-B for joining in this remarkable partnership with Windtricity that shows a great commitment to safeguarding the environment for future generations of Texans in our communities. I thank you for this time.

A TRIBUTE TO DORIS LAU

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Doris Lau of Monterey Park, California. Every March we celebrate Women's History Month in recognition of the contributions and the sacrifices made by our Nation's women. Accordingly, it is my privilege to highlight Ms. Lau as a woman whose extraordinary efforts are vital to my district.

Doris Lau's remarkable journey began when her parents left China and settled in Chile. Born in Iquique, the capital of the country's northernmost region, Doris worked in the fields alongside her family as a small child. Through hard work, dedication, and sacrifice the family built a neighborhood bakery and grocery store business; however, they eventually fled to the United States due to political unrest. In Los Angeles they began once again to rebuild their lives. Doris's supplemental income from working in garment district factories helped to purchase their first home in Monterey Park.

Doris progressed from sewing four buttons per penny to attending Los Angeles City College. She then went on to major in Business Administration and Law at Cal State Los Angeles and advanced from clerical to paralegal positions at various law firms.

Inspired by her personal history, Doris has become an integral member of the Monterey Park volunteer community since moving there in 1985. She supports intercultural exchange in her role as a Trustee of the city's Bruggemeyer Library, the Secretary for the city's Commission for Art & Culture, and as the chair of the local Artisan Fairs. Her other leadership positions include serving as a Board Member, Southern Regional Representative, and Membership Chair of the California Association of Library Trustees & Commissioners (CALTAC) and as the VP, Legislative Coordinator, and Membership Chair of the National Treasury Employee Union (NTEU) for her local, Chapter 103.

Doris's fluency in both Chinese and Spanish embodies the cultural diversity of Southern California and of our Nation's proud history. Her outreach is similarly inclusive: she is a Board Member of the Committee for Special Emphasis Programs, which includes national heritage awareness months, and she volunteers for the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO).

In the past, Doris has led several organizations in which she remains an active member, including serving as President and Lieutenant Governor of Los Angeles Monterey Park Optimist, President of the Monterey Park Homeowners and Renters Association, Treasurer and Secretary of the Eastside Democratic Club, and President and Treasurer of Santa in York Hill, an annual community holiday event for low-income families.

Ever since she arrived on U.S. soil, Doris has devoted her time and energy beyond her own needs; she works for the benefit of the surrounding community as a whole. Her selfless service is an invaluable addition to the legacy of Women's History Month. With gratitude and admiration, I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Ms. Doris Lau.

EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER THE NEED TO IMPROVE THE GLOBAL SITUATION OF WOMEN

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss the editorial, "Women's Month, A Time to Reflect" which appeared in this week's edition of the New York Carib News.

The editorial, in recognition of March being international women's month, discusses the current situation of women in the United States, Canada, Africa, the Caribbean, Asia, Europe and Latin America. The standing of women in the global community has drastically improved, but is sadly far from the lofty goals outlined by the United Nations Millennium Goals. Today, women have achieved new highs, as women now outnumber men in those who pursue tertiary education. Similarly, women continue to outlive their male counterparts and a record number of women are pursuing leadership roles in politics. Yet, the struggle is far from over as women still remain largely underrepresented in politics and leadership roles in religious institutions. Women still comprise the largest community affected by domestic violence, human trafficking and poverty.

As a result of the continued disparity in equality among men and women, I urge Americans to remain informed on the situation by reading the editorial "Women's Month, A Time to Reflect" in CaribNews. In the 21st century, it is simply unacceptable for women to not be afforded the same opportunities as their male counterparts.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING COACH NAPOLEON CROSS FOR COACHING THE CHILlicothe HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM TO WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION II STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Coach Napoleon Cross showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, Napoleon Cross was a leader and mentor for the Chillicothe High School Boys' Basketball Team; and

Whereas, Coach Cross has been a role model for sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Coach Napoleon Cross for leading the Chillicothe High School Boys' Basketball Team to winning the Boys' Division II State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and leadership he has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 Basketball season.

A TRIBUTE TO CATHERINE M.  
PELLEY

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Catherine M. Pelley of Glendale, California. Every March we celebrate Women's History Month in recognition of the contributions and the sacrifices made by our nation's women. Accordingly it is my privilege to highlight Mrs. Pelley as a woman whose extraordinary efforts are vital to my district.

As a past nurse and Captain in the U.S. Army, Cathy is a veteran who served her country during the Vietnam War as a psychiatric nurse working with the brave men and women returning home from combat. She is currently the President and CEO of Glendale Memorial Hospital and the Chair of the Glendale Chamber of Commerce Board. Cathy also serves on the Board of Directors for Glendale's Armenian Bone Marrow Bank, Salvation Army, and regional Brothers of Saint John of God Healthcare and Retirement Centers.

Under her leadership, Glendale Memorial Hospital's infrastructure has expanded to include additional imaging equipment, several new community clinics, and modern communications systems. These easily-accessible, digital patient records will prevent medication errors and reduce transcription times, as well as maintain up-to-date information for future reference.

With vision that reaches beyond hospital walls, Cathy believes wholeheartedly in the future of the Glendale community. Her efforts to overcome South Glendale's economic challenges were partnered with remarkable honesty, dignity, understanding, and determination. By highlighting common ground between conflicting groups, she gave victims a more effective voice in their healthcare and rallied community support behind the revitalization of a blighted area. Ever since, business has returned with new retail, dining, theatre, and housing options. Cathy has also improved the area by expanding the "Brand Boulevard of Cars" and by implementing solutions to severe traffic congestion.

Though she faced an aging medical facility, dwindling local business, and a community in conflict, Cathy never backed down from the obstacles before her. She chose instead to

provide leadership where it was needed, to invest in the health—both corporeal and economic—of the City of Glendale. In return, the area has transformed itself over four short years to become a beacon of civic progress. It exists as an example of how one person's optimistic vision can infuse a diverse community with the hope and the means to achieve excellence as one.

With steadfast dedication, Cathy's selfless service to the Glendale community is an invaluable addition to the legacy of Women's History Month. With gratitude and admiration, I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Mrs. Catherine M. Pelley.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CESAR  
ESTRADA CHAVEZ

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, today I join with the hundreds of thousands of Mexican residents of my congressional district and across our Nation in recognizing the everlasting accomplishments and contributions of Cesar E. Chavez, a social crusader who lived a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication for the betterment of others.

Cesar Estrada Chavez, World War II veteran and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, as the late New York Senator Robert F. Kennedy once noted, was "one of the heroic figures of our time." A true American hero, Cesar was a civil rights, Latino, farmworker, and labor leader; a religious and spiritual figure; a community servant and social entrepreneur; a crusader for nonviolent social change; an environmentalist and consumer advocate.

A second-generation Mexican-American, Cesar was born on March 31, 1927, near his family's farm in Yuma, Arizona. At age 10, his family became migrant farmworkers after losing their farm in the Great Depression. Throughout his youth and into his adulthood, Cesar migrated across the Southwest laboring in the fields and vineyards, where he was exposed to the hardships and injustices of farmworker life.

After achieving only an eighth-grade education, Cesar left school to work in the fields full time to support his family. Although his formal education ended then, he possessed an insatiable intellectual curiosity, and was self-taught in many fields and well read throughout his life.

From 1946 to 1948, Cesar served in the U.S. Navy and fought in the Western Pacific during the tail end of World War II. Upon his return from the war, he embarked on new beginnings that would set the tone of his life. He married Ms. Helen Fabela and shortly after in 1952 began working as a community organizer with the Community Service Organization, CSO, a prominent Latino civil rights group.

CSO afforded him the opportunity to learn how to organize groups for a common cause. Cesar coordinated voter registration drives and conducted campaigns against racial and economic discrimination, primarily in urban

areas. In the late 1950s, he ascended to the position of national director.

Cesar's dream, however, was to create an organization to protect and serve farmworkers, whose poverty and disenfranchisement he had shared. In 1962, Cesar resigned from the CSO and founded the National Farm Workers Association, which later became the United Farm Workers of America.

For more than three decades, Cesar led the first successful farmworkers union in American history, achieving dignity, respect, fair wages, medical coverage, pension benefits, and humane living conditions, as well as countless other rights and protections for hundreds of thousands of farmworkers.

Against previously insurmountable odds, he led successful strikes and boycotts that resulted in the first industry-wide labor contracts in the history of American agriculture. His union's efforts brought about the passage of the groundbreaking 1975 California Agricultural Labor Relations Act to protect farmworkers. Today, it remains the only law in the Nation that protects the farmworkers' right to unionize.

The significance and impact of Cesar's life transcends any one cause or struggle. He was a unique and humble leader, in addition to being a great humanitarian and communicator who influenced and inspired millions of Americans to seek social justice and civil rights for the poor and disenfranchised in our society. Cesar forged a diverse and extraordinary national coalition of students, middle class consumers, trade unionists, religious groups, and minorities.

Sadly, Cesar Chavez passed away in his sleep on April 23, 1993. He was laid to rest in a rose garden at the foot of a hill he often climbed to watch the sun rise. More than 50,000 people attended his funeral services in the small town of Delano, California.

Cesar Chavez—a common man with an uncommon vision for humankind—stood for equality, justice, and dignity for all Americans. His motto, "si se puede," yes we can, embodies the uncommon and invaluable legacy he left for the world's benefit. His ecumenical principles remain relevant and inspiring today for all Americans.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING  
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CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker: Whereas, Coach Dave Hammond showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and

Whereas, Dave Hammond was a leader and mentor for the Chillicothe High School boys' basketball team; and

Whereas, Coach Hammond has been a role model for sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Coach Dave

Hammond for leading the Chillicothe High School Boys' Basketball Team to winning the Boys' Division II State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and leadership he has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 basketball season.

A TRIBUTE TO JAYLENE L. MOSELEY

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Jaylene L. Moseley of Pasadena, California. Every March we celebrate Women's History Month in recognition of the contributions and the sacrifices made by our Nation's women. Accordingly it is my privilege to highlight Ms. Moseley as a woman whose extraordinary efforts are vital to my district.

Jaylene has focused her professional and philanthropic energies in northwest Pasadena and Altadena for over 30 years. She founded and leads the J.L. Moseley Company, a firm that develops and manages sustainable commercial real estate projects in northwest Pasadena and Altadena. She also serves as president of Flintridge Operating Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides direct services to build the strength, effectiveness, and long-term viability of community-based organizations in northwest Pasadena and Altadena.

Her company's commitment is to develop community while developing real estate. This is accomplished by developing sustainable commercial projects that are sensitive to the neighborhoods in which they are situated; involving neighbors—including youth—in every phase of development; leasing commercial space to tenants who agree to participate in community revitalization by hiring or by providing services to local residents; meticulously maintaining the properties; ensuring that each of the 14 buildings the company manages contributes to neighborhood efforts annually; and participating in community dialogue and actions to strengthen neighborhoods. Reflecting the company's commitment to sustainability, J.L. Moseley Company developed the first Gold LEED-Certified building in Pasadena in 2006, and Jaylene donated her services and managed the development of Mothers' Club's Gold LEED-Certified building in 2007.

Jaylene is deeply committed to the education of the community's youth. She worked with community leaders to launch the after-school program "Mustangs on the Move," which tutors high school students, works with youth on special projects, and hires students to work for her company. With the goal of inspiring students to expand their future horizons, she contributed \$250,000 in profit from one of the company's developments to "Mustangs on the Move" to provide opportunities for PUSD students to participate in summer programs on college campuses. In addition, Jaylene personally contributes hundreds of hours each year to local nonprofit organizations, neighborhood groups, and community-based businesses.

J.L. Moseley Company has received 14 awards for its real estate developments, and Jaylene has received 23 awards from commu-

nity groups for her professional and personal contributions to the community. She lives every day by her personal mantra, that "in all [her] endeavors, [she] is committed to economic and social justice."

Jaylene's selfless service to the Pasadena community is an invaluable addition to the legacy of Women's History Month. With gratitude and admiration, I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Ms. Jaylene L. Moseley.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF SHARED INTEREST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and praise the work of Shared Interest for their continued encouragement and investment in black-owned businesses in South Africa.

Shared Interest is a New York-based international social investment fund that has worked tirelessly since 1994 to mobilize U.S. investors to provide the necessary capital to foster the development of black-owned organizations, small businesses and agricultural cooperatives in South Africa. Undoubtedly, the work of Shared Interest has provided many struggling black South African people with the funds required to create a successful business. Shared Interest took its \$11 million guaranteed fund and was able to successfully leverage credit of more than \$100 million. Shared Interest has gone beyond simply providing capital to small black businesses in need. The investment fund has taken on a philanthropic role in the community by honoring the work of fellow business men and women in South Africa. Shared Interest has recognized many people including the Honorable Albie Sachs, Debra Lee, Jerry Dunfrey and Nadine Hack for their contributions both business and philanthropic in nature to building a better South Africa.

As a result of their continued initiatives to promote increased business and human rights standards, I hope that many more Americans will recognize the tireless efforts of Shared Interest and the need for further investment in minority owned and operated business within South Africa.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING STUART BEVERLY FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION II STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker: Whereas, Stuart Beverly showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and Whereas, Stuart Beverly was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Stuart Beverly always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Stuart Beverly on winning the Boys' Division II State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 basketball season.

A TRIBUTE TO ELAINE PAONESSA

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Elaine Paonessa of Burbank, California. Every March we celebrate Women's History Month in recognition of the contributions and the sacrifices made by our Nation's women. Accordingly, it is my privilege to highlight Ms. Paonessa as a woman whose extraordinary efforts are vital to my district.

Born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and raised in San Diego, Elaine briefly attended San Diego State College before leaving to tour nationally with an all-girl orchestra as a trumpet player and a professional singer. Her musical background would return one day in her outreach efforts.

Before she emerged as one of the Burbank community's brightest stars, Elaine relocated to Burbank with her husband, Bill, in 1952. There they raised their daughter, Gay, and their son, Guy, and were together until Bill's passing in 2006. It was during her 15 years as a homemaker that Elaine first amassed an impressive roster of volunteer commitments.

As she worked with the Boy Scouts, led the Emblem Club of Burbank as president, chaired the city's Women's Council, founded the local Performing Arts Federation, and supported St. Joseph's Medical Center, Elaine established the blueprint of a truly devoted citizen. When she returned to work in 1967, Elaine blazed professional trails as the first female sales representative for the Automobile Club of Southern California. Never one to shy from community involvement, she served on the Burbank Chamber of Commerce board of directors and the Salvation Army advisory board.

Today Elaine has not slowed a bit. She continues to lead and volunteer with several community organizations, including the Burbank Farmer's Market and the Burbank Civitan Club, to name just a few. Elaine revisits her roots as a traveling performer as the Musical Director of the Van Bloem Singers, a group that visits and performs at senior residences and healthcare facilities. For her incredible breadth of service, Elaine has been recognized by Los Angeles County Commission on Aging and has been honored with the President's Volunteer Service Award.

With no charitable stone left unturned, Elaine's selfless and awe-inspiring dedication to the Burbank community is an invaluable addition to the legacy of Women's History Month. With gratitude and admiration, I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Ms. Elaine Paonessa.