

to ensure we continue to provide for and support the best naval force, its members and their families, in the world.

Mr. Speaker, Harry Rouse has made numerous sacrifices during his illustrious naval career in order to provide a significant contribution to the outstanding naval forces upon which our country relies so heavily. He is a great credit to both the Navy and this country he has so proudly served. As he now departs the Navy to pursue challenges in civilian life, I call upon my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to wish him every success as well as fair winds and following seas.

A TRIBUTE TO LITERARY SCHOLAR AND CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER,
BERNARD BARSHAY

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 1995

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an extraordinary citizen, Mr. Bernard Barshay. His literary accomplishments and social contributions have truly made a significant impact on the lives of millions. Like many poor Jewish immigrants who worked hard to achieve the American dream, Professor Barshay survived on meager resources while growing up in Brooklyn. However, these circumstances did not prevent Barshay's remarkable determination to succeed and overcome impossible odds.

Throughout his life, Professor Barshay struggled with his vision, eventually becoming legally blind. He continued to pursue his literary goals and at the age of 28, became the youngest syndicated writer in America. After winning several academic scholarships, Barshay continued to prove himself as a writer, playwright, storyteller, and novelist despite his failing eyesight. Even as his doctors urged him to discontinue his journalistic career, Barshay began teaching, and soon after became the chairman of the journalism department at Long Island University. At LIU, he was a mentor of the Journalism Honor Society, and a member of the Polk Committee, which awards outstanding individuals on newspaper writing. Later Barshay went on to produce dramatic readings and plays for radio broadcast programs. His love of writing and reading developed into yet another successful career as a mystery storyteller, poet, and oral dramatist. His works were recorded in an album titled "Four American Murder Mysteries."

At the height of his teaching and broadcast career, Barshay paid a visit to Louisiana to report on voting rights for blacks. He was then arrested and jailed with other civil rights supporters. Inspired by the voting rights struggle of African-Americans, Barshay began devoting his work toward community activism and educational empowerment. He requested a voluntary position as a teacher in Harlem and continued reading his poetry and children's stories on radio programs. Ever since he moved to the Kensington section of Brooklyn, Professor Barshay has worked tirelessly to promote racial harmony between the Jewish and black residents. The positive impact he has made on all New Yorkers is worthy of national recognition. I am proud to have such an insightful and courageous activist residing in Brooklyn.

A TRIBUTE TO THE HOWARD MARTIN RICHARDSON VFW POST 5394

HON. WALTER R. TUCKER III

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 1995

Mr. TUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an organization established for the men and women whose desire it was to serve and protect our great Nation. They are individuals who fought valiant battles in foreign lands, many of whom gave the ultimate sacrifice—their lives.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand before you today to recognize the significant contributions and the 30th anniversary of the Howard Martin Richardson VFW Post 5394.

From an initial group of 38 men, the post's membership has grown to almost 1,400 members, men and women veterans of foreign wars. The post is the largest in the Fourth District and the fourth largest in the State of California. The post acquired its present name when it decided to honor one of its late commanders in 1982 and petitioned for a name change from the Wayne Emerson Bungard Post to the present name—Howard Martin Richardson Post.

During the 30 years of its existence, Post 5349 has labored toward its goals and objectives of serving the Compton and surrounding communities, veterans of the United States, their widows and orphans; all this while remaining solvent and self-supporting.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an organization that continues to make a difference. I rise today to pay tribute to the Howard Martin Richardson VFW Post 5394 in the city of Compton, CA.

A TRIBUTE TO CORRINE WILLIAMS DUNN

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 1995

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues one of my constituents who exemplifies what it means to be a concerned community leader and activist—Corrine Williams Dunn.

Mr. Speaker, great neighborhoods don't just happen. They are created through the vision and hard work of hundreds and thousands of community members joining together in common cause.

Bunche Park, Opa-Locka, and Carol City in North Dade are just such neighborhoods and Corrine Dunn is one of the major reasons why. She is one of the most dedicated, most caring members of the community who has helped to make life better for generations of North Dade residents through her extensive community involvement.

Mrs. Dunn has been a major mover in helping to bring much needed county services to North Dade neighborhoods through her pioneering work with Bunche Park Elementary, North Dade High School, and the North Dade Improvement Association. Mrs. Dunn helped to create a community credit union for local residents.

Her remarkable record of community involvement over the years has included positions on many community boards and important commissions. She has served on the boards of Community Coordinated Child Care; EOPI, Inc.; the Community Action Agency; Legal Services of Dade County; Health Systems Agency of South Florida, Inc.; and the North Dade Health Center. In 1977, in recognition of her dedicated and untiring efforts on behalf of others, Corrine Williams Dunn was recognized by her neighbors in North Dade as Citizen of the Year.

Mrs. Dunn has now focused her attention on issues and activities involving senior citizens. She volunteered her time as a health aide to senior citizens and serves as chairperson of the Dade County National Parent Federation for Day Care and Child Development, Inc.

A member of Crooms Temple Church of God in Christ, Mrs. Dunn is also an ardent church worker who has served for 20 years as church secretary and has been active in the Young Women's Christian Council, Mother's Board, and the Missionary Board.

Mr. Speaker, I know that my colleagues join with me in saluting Mrs. Corrine Williams Dunn, a dedicated wife, mother, church leader, and community activist, for her more than 40 years of untiring efforts on behalf of her community.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 1742, THE
FDA MODERNIZATION ACT OF 1995

HON. RON WYDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 1995

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. Speaker, the technology of drugs and medical devices has reached a new frontier. Through emerging sciences such as bioengineering we can anticipate truly monumental breakthroughs in the way we treat, and conquer, dread diseases which for centuries have plagued mankind.

It is crucial, absolutely critical, that the Federal regulatory system so integral to the development and commercialization of these new products change, improve, and advance in step with this technological revolution.

In support of this effort, I am today introducing H.R. 1742, the Food and Drug Administration Modernization Act of 1995. This bill offers reasonable, progressive, and user-friendly approaches toward making the FDA drug and device approval process more efficient and cost effective.

Most importantly, it accomplishes these goals while preserving the Agency's critical mission to assure the safety and effectiveness of new drugs and medical devices.

It ensures that our multibillion-dollar medical products industry continues as the preeminent international competitor.

Here are the salient features of this legislation:

The bill grants the agency authority to grant early, conditional approvals for promising drugs and devices which appear to be effective in fighting serious or life-threatening disease. Full and final approval would rest upon the manufacturer's ability to demonstrate that the initial promise of effectiveness was proven out in broader use.

The bill offers authority and strong encouragement to the Agency to use third parties—unbiased, independent panels under FDA supervision—to approve and oversee early stage trials of new drugs and devices.

The bill relaxes some restrictions now barring the exchange of scientifically valid material—professional journal articles, medical textbook excerpts, research compendia—between manufacturers, clinicians, and health insurers. This change will make it easier for knowledgeable observers to receive information on promising, though unapproved, new uses of drugs and devices which have already been approved by the FDA for at least a single use. At the same time, the legislation gives the Agency authority to require that persons disseminating these articles provide appropriate supportive scientific data and respond on its balance.

The bill fundamentally revamps and modernizes FDA review processes for biologics, therapeutics which are manufactured or propagated through bioengineering.

The bill offers reasonable relaxation on current restrictions on the export of drugs or devices which are not approved by the FDA, but which meet the importing nation's approval regime. This flexibility would be limited to exports to member nations of the World Trade Organization.

The bill modifies current reporting and approval requirements for minor manufacturing changes in devices of low to moderate risk. In essence, a manufacturer would be required to report, but not obtain prior approval for manufacturing changes which would improve the product's quality. This would allow manufacturers to make swift, useful, and perhaps even lifesaving changes in products without having to wait out an FDA approval decision.

Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt in my mind that the FDA is a premier public health care agency with many extraordinarily dedicated employees. This Agency has a crucial health and safety mission that this Congress must not allow to be undermined.

But I firmly believe that these vital safety missions can be preserved, and better products can be brought to consumers more rapidly and at lower cost, through the modest reform proposals contained in this legislation.

It's time to make a good agency better. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 1742, the FDA Modernization Act of 1995.

TRIBUTE TO MARY CAPERTON BINGHAM

HON. MIKE WARD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 1995

Mr. WARD. Mr. Speaker, it is a distinct honor for me to pay tribute today to a truly remarkable individual who recently passed away, Mary Caperton Bingham of Louisville, KY.

Mary Bingham and her husband Barry Bingham, Sr. met in their college days at Radcliffe and Harvard, respectively, and together built a media powerhouse which included The Courier-Journal newspaper of Louisville until it was sold in 1986. However, the Bingham publishing empire, which began in 1918 with the purchase of The Courier-Journal and The Louis-

ville Times by Robert Worth Bingham, is not the most remarkable aspect of Mary Bingham's life—the attribute which most accurately describes the way she lived her life is her generosity.

In only a 9-year timespan, from the time of the sale of the Bingham media properties, Mary and Barry Bingham, in contributing almost \$60 million to education and arts funds throughout Kentucky, came close to achieving their goal of “giving it all away” before their deaths. In rural Kentucky, Mary Bingham founded bookmobiles to encourage children to read and value their education—education and the arts were central to Mary Bingham's philosophy of what made a civilization great, and to this end she dedicated many years of her life. She donated money to many social causes, environmental funds, historic preservations, health care facilities, and community developments. Along with this money came her insightful wisdom and expert counsel. Throughout her life, Mary Bingham was a woman far ahead of her times who did not hesitate to let her views be heard and you may rest assured that when she spoke, people listened and they appreciated her advice.

My hometown city of Louisville now offers one of the most extensive arts programs in the Nation, including the Kentucky Center for the Arts and the Actors Theatre of Louisville, which could not have been possible without the efforts of Mary Bingham.

The city of Louisville, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and indeed the entire Nation lost one of our most dedicated and generous citizens and we will truly miss her civic contributions, her insightful knowledge and counsel, her dedication and endurance, and her grace and beauty.

TRIBUTE TO THE MARISSA HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 1995

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues a historical structure in Marissa, IL, which stands as a monument to education and pride for southwestern Illinois.

I recently had the privilege to attend a dedication ceremony sponsored by the Marissa Historical and Genealogical Society in Marissa on May 21. Several months ago, the society's president, Don Jones, began working on a project to have this building declared a national historical place.

By gathering historic documents, Mr. Jones and other members of the society prepared their application to the National Park Service and the U.S. Department of the Interior for historical designation.

I am pleased to tell my colleagues that the Marissa Academy Building, located in the village park, received a certificate announcing its listing on the National Registry of Historic Places effective October 28, 1994.

According to a recent edition of the Marissa Journal-Messenger, the academy was started in 1886 and served students originally as a preparatory school. It was used until 1900, when classes shifted to Marissa Township

High School. Later, it was used again as a school while the new elementary school was being built.

Over time the building's structure degraded, and since it was the last academy building in Illinois, the community rallied to have it restored. In 1969, the village leased the building to the Marissa Historical and Genealogical Society. It is now a library and museum open to the public.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Marissa Historical and Genealogical Society for its hard work in making the Marissa Academy Building one of our Nation's newest addition to the National Register of Historic Places. It was a privilege for me to participate in the commemoration of this public recognition, for a building that will stand as a learning and historical tool for generations to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CARMEL REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE'S BALANCED BUDGET RESOLUTION

HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 1995

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend to my Republican colleagues the following resolution of support issued by the town of Carmel's Republican Committee. This resolution demonstrates the strong public support for Republican-elected officials, who are working to achieve the important goals of the Contract With America. Our fight to reduce the Federal budget deficit, to have a balanced budget and reduce and consolidate Government services has not gone without recognition from the American people.

Therefore, I join with the spirit of this resolution in applauding the energy put forth by my colleagues in addressing the many reform-minded issues facing this Congress. Mr. Speaker at this time, I insert the full text of the Carmel resolution into the RECORD.

Whereas, through liberal reporting by TV and newspaper media an obvious attempt has been made to undermine the positions held by our Republican State and Federal Officials on issues of budget deficit reduction, balanced budgets, consolidation of government services and welfare reform; and

Whereas, due to media's liberal reporting of these issues the Town of Carmel, Putnam County, State of New York, Republican Committee desires to counteract effects of said liberal reports supporting special interest groups; now,

Therefore, be it resolved, the Town of Carmel Republican Committee membership of ninety-two hereby pledges its support to NYS Governor George Pataki, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, Assembly Minority Leader Clarence Rappleyea, Senator Vincent Leibell, III; 37th District, Assemblyman Willis Stephens, Jr.; 91st District, and U.S. Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole, U.S. House Majority Leader Dick Armey and Speaker Newt Gingrich, NYS U.S. Senator Alfonse D'Amato and NYS U.S. 19th District Congresswoman Sue Kelly toward achieving their goals to alleviate the overwhelming tax burden through enactment of balanced budgets, consolidation and reduction of government services and welfare reform and “Contract with America”; and,

Be It Further Resolved, that the Chairman of the Town of Carmel, Putnam County, New