

good, decent job. The one program that links them, while they're students, to the job market and opens up opportunities for them to get jobs is the Summer Youth Employment Program. This money is to be completely eliminated. No jobs, no job training—no question, higher crime.

West Palm Beach receives about \$1 million annually in grants from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. We currently rehabilitate 25 full-scale housing units and handle 46 emergency "rehab" housing units each year. The proposed 50 percent cut would drastically reduce West Palm Beach's ability to assist low-to-moderate-income working families to maintain their homes.

We also receive \$446,000 from HUD Home Funds. Seventy-five percent is used for the Mayor's Renaissance Fund for first-time home buyers. This money generates between seven and 10 times the money in the form of investments by local lending institutions. More than 30 families have been able to purchase homes in the past year. There is a waiting list in excess of 344 applicants wanting to buy a home. The city has used HUD money to create attractive, decent, affordable rental units for low-to-moderate-income people with the Harris Music Building and Ballet Villages in the downtown area.

LONG WAITING LIST FOR HOUSING

More than 1,000 people are on the waiting list for public housing in West Palm Beach. Most of these people are decent, caring human beings who have not been as fortunate as most of us who will read this article.

I recently visited Dunbar Village on Tamarind Avenue. Most of the units there leak badly when it rains, damaging walls and floors. Is that acceptable for our seniors and poor because they are throwaways?

No summer youth jobs? Consider that last summer, the city used \$240,000 in federal money to get approximately 23 dropout youth back into education programs and job training. Our success rate was about 70 percent—excellent. Most are now continuing their educations, some at college. Others have jobs. One young man received his high school equivalency diploma, trained with the city to become a certified landscape sprayer and is now employed by us full time. Most of the youth we saved were headed toward becoming a criminal statistic.

We are all sadly aware of the problems in our schools. Yet the proposed budget cuts education, food for hungry children at school and money for Safe and Drug Free Schools. Can children learn with empty stomachs and daily fear of violence?

There are many more examples I could give about what these proposed cuts will mean here in Palm Beach County, but you have probably gotten the point. The proposed cuts are unfair, illogical and lack any rational basis.

We do need to balance the federal budget and reduce the deficit for future generations. We do need reform of entitlement programs. These important objectives can be achieved and still ensure a decent quality of life and vital communities for us all. This can only happen, however, if we demand that our elected representatives consider our best interests as they were elected to do and put the good of America over petty, mean-spirited partisan politics. We must accept no less—our future depends on it.

I would draw upon the maxim that the true test of a democracy is the treatment of its poor, its young and its elderly. Cuts will "write off" whole segments of our country's population rather than building upon action that can create improved national economic viability for our future.

West Palm Beach, as most cities in Florida, does not have the option of raising prop-

erty taxes. We are too close to our legal limit. We can only cut services. The county can increase taxes, but that money comes from the same pocketbooks. The real irony is that if crime increases and neighborhoods decline, property values decrease, and we end up with even less revenue to meet the public demands.

GOVERNMENT FOR THE WEALTHY?

We can solve these problems, but the federal and state governments must do so in a logical, rational, thoughtful manner—not through immature bickering and posturing. Local governments can't make all of these changes overnight; we need time to adjust to some of them. We also have to make sure that the effort to balance the federal budget is not just a shift to local property taxes. Property taxes tend to be regressive taxes.

What is even more unbelievable to me is that while Washington is proposing to drastically cut domestic spending, at the cost of low- and middle-class Americans, it is proposing a tax cut for the wealthy. Is Washington being run only by the wealthy for the wealthy, with the interests of lobbyists being put over us regular and less fortunate folks?

Washington uses 30-second sound bites of abuses in domestic programs to convince us they are doing the right thing. They do not tell you the success stories. Let me tell you just one.

I was raised in a large, poor, but hard-working family. We lived for a number of years in public housing, received free school lunches and received some free medical care. I worked and put myself through college and law school with the assistance of student loans. (I have repaid every penny.) I have one sister who had a child out of wedlock.

Yet not one person in my family is on welfare or receives federal assistance. I am not the exception; there are many more like me. Under the proposed cuts, I can guarantee you I would not have been able to succeed alone.

Yes, there are abuses. But inept federal government and complex regulations cause many of them. Yes, families must also take responsibility for their well-being and that of their communities. But if the federal and state governments just dealt with their own waste first, we probably would be a lot closer to balancing the federal budget and reducing the deficit without the extreme measures being proposed.

Call or write your congressional representatives in Washington now. Demand truth in governance, responsibility and accountability to the people they represent—us—and demand that petty partisan politics stop for the sake of America's future. Let them know you are not in favor of the cuts as proposed and demand that they hold open hearings.

SHELTER ISLAND HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT 100TH ANNIVERSARY REMARKS

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 1995

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to congratulate the men and women of the Shelter Island Heights Fire Department for 100 years of dedicated service to the people of the Heights. The residents of the Shelter Island Heights Fire District are very fortunate to have such a well-trained and devoted fire department. The Shelter Island Heights Fire department worked hard to establish itself as one of the best departments in

New York and has achieved an impeccable record.

The success of the fire department is a direct result of selfless dedication and effective management displayed by its members. Under the leadership of Chairman Frederick J. Gurney, the fire department has continued to play an active role in the life of the Shelter Island community. This leadership umbrella extends to the other members of the Board of Fire Commissioners: Charles Williams, Eugene Tybaert, Louis Cicero, and Richard Surozenski, as well as the loyalty and hard work exemplified by Chief Officer Stuart Nicoll, First Assistant Larry Lechmanski, and Second Assistant Dave Sharp. The Shelter Island Heights Fire Department consists of more than 35 professional volunteer firefighters, containing no career employees, offering further evidence of their passion and commitment to the community they serve.

On Saturday, September 30, 1995, the Shelter Island Heights Fire Department celebrated its 100th anniversary, marking a long, proud history by recognizing and honoring the efforts of those who have sacrificed and served the department and community over the years. Therefore Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I ask the rest of the House to join me in congratulating this all-volunteer fire department on achieving this momentous milestone. This is a much-deserved tribute and I wish them all the best on their day of recognition and glory. They give of themselves because of the love and pride they share for their community and we applaud their extraordinary service and efforts. These courageous individuals have truly earned this recognition. May they continue to serve their community for the many 100 years to come.

A TRIBUTE TO HUGH HANDLEY

HON. CALVIN M. DOOLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 1995

Mr. DOOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise before my colleagues today to pay a special tribute to Hugh Handley, who is retiring after serving 23 years as the agricultural commissioner of Kings County.

Over that time, Hugh has not only kept up with the myriad changes in agricultural practices in California's Central Valley, he has helped develop them. His coworkers consider him an encyclopedia of information, and they no doubt will miss his expertise.

As ag commissioner, Hugh has witnessed technological breakthroughs made by the farms in his county, and has tried to provide a supportive role to those breakthroughs. He managed to maintain this even as government budgets were reduced.

One major development in the county that Hugh was directly responsible for was the building of a one-stop agricultural government center. The center houses all of the agricultural offices for the county, the U.C. Cooperative Extension, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, greatly benefiting farmers by simplifying the process of dealing with government agencies.

While the center is only a building, it embodies the approach to his job that Hugh has maintained—he has always sought to make

the complex world of government rules and regulations more manageable to farmers so that they can spend more of their time farming rather than digging through redtape.

For that and his wealth of knowledge and impressive body of experience, the farming community in Kings County will miss Hugh. As a county farmer myself, and as a Congressman, I salute Hugh Handley and wish him a very happy retirement.

SUPPORTING TAIWAN

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 1995

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, last week, on October 10, the Chinese people on Taiwan celebrated the anniversary of the Revolution of 1911 in which the last imperial dynasty in China was overthrown and the Republic of China, under the leadership of Dr. Sun Yat-sen was born.

Today, the Republic of China on Taiwan is a strong world economic leader and a growing and vibrant democracy which deserves our continued support.

As the President prepares to meet with Chinese President Jiang Zemin, we need to reaffirm the importance of peace and mutual understanding among all interests in the Asian region.

Now that Harry Wu has been returned to his home and the Chinese ambassador has been sent back to Washington, we hopefully anticipate a more normal relationship with Beijing.

However, it must be made clear by the President that our support for the freedom and democracy of Taiwan cannot be compromised and that continued attempts by Beijing to intimidate Taiwan or to undermine the political stability in Taipei, through the use of missile and artillery firings off the coast of Taiwan are unacceptable.

I hope that the Chinese leadership in Beijing has realized that it cannot undermine our support for the people of Taiwan by either holding a temper tantrum against us or by bullying Taiwan with military exercises.

Taiwan has been a long and steady friend to the United States. They are our sixth largest trading partner. They are a strong democracy committed to the freedoms enjoyed and promoted by the United States and other democracies throughout the world.

The President must communicate to President Zemin in an unequivocal manner as possible that Beijing should not attempt to test our resolve over Taiwan and that the United States will not sacrifice Taiwan's friendship, democracy, and status in the world as a way to normalize our relations with Beijing.

HONORING THE HISTORY OF GREENPOINT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 1995

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring recognition to the Greenpoint World War II 50-Year Commemorative Day, October 21, 1995.

The St. Stanislaus Memorial Post 1771, Kings County's largest American Legion will honor all veterans of Greenpoint on this day. Veterans of the United States involved in any war or conflict will be honored while World War II veterans will be a focus of these observances.

Since the Civil War, Greenpoint maintains the exclusive honor of defending this Nation's freedom throughout the years with the largest number of resident representatives compared to similar urban communities anywhere in the United States. As World War II festivities honoring D-day, V-E Day, V-J Day, and signing of unconditional surrender by all aggressive nations wind to a memorable conclusion, the Greenpoint World War II 50-Year Commemorative Day will include over 13 hours of events including outdoor ceremonies, recognition of honored guests, recitation of patriotic letters and poems, an explanation of the proper flag presentation. Boy and Girl Scouts of the Greenpoint community will demonstrate flag presentations; and patriotic music will be played throughout the day by the John Erickson Junior High School (P.S. 126) band.

Acknowledgment of all Greenpoint veterans will be completed by playing of military theme songs and acknowledgment of every veteran in attendance.

Mr. Speaker, the show of community pride in this thank you to their veterans deserves our praise and notice. I am proud to represent the people of Greenpoint and other fine neighborhoods of northern Brooklyn, and I am also very pleased to offer recognition to the St. Stanislaus Memorial Post 1771's World War II 50-Year Commemorative Day.

PAUL SCHOELLHAMER—A TRIBUTE

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 17, 1995

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, it is the good fortune of our colleagues and the American people that talented professionals from throughout the United States seek to serve in the national interest as staff members in the House of Representatives.

One of this company, Paul Schoellhamer, has served this institution for more than a dozen years, and we have had better public policies, I believe, for his tireless efforts most recently as Democratic chief of staff for the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

In this Congress, Paul has had the thankless job of reducing the most impressive committee staff in the House by 60 percent. But in so doing Paul and the just-retired ranking Democratic Member, Norm Mineta, succeeded in creating the most versatile and experienced body of professionals to help do the work of protecting the Nation's transportation and environmental investments. For this job alone, he has the respect and appreciation of this Member.

Mr. Speaker, I would like our colleagues to know something more about Paul, who is a native Californian. He is the son of Alicia and Jack Schoellhamer. Norm Mineta, in tribute 5 years ago to Paul's late mother, said that she was "loved throughout her community, for her tireless charitable work and her devotion to bettering the lives of those around her, especially those in greatest need." Of Paul's father,

Norm noted his many years of service to the U.S. Geological Survey. Paul is clearly, in the work and in the friendship I've known with him, the son of his parents.

Paul received his bachelor's degree from the University of Santa Cruz and not all that many years later found his way to Norm Mineta's personal office in 1975, volunteering as an intern. Norm soon found his work indispensable, put him on his paid staff, and within 2 years assigned him to the Public Works and Transportation Committee.

Over the years, Paul built a substantive expertise throughout our committee's jurisdiction—first, on the Public Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee; next, on the Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee; and last, on the Aviation Subcommittee until 1985, when he became a vice president of Republic Airlines.

After a few more years in the private sector, we were able to lure him back to the House as chief of staff for the Public Works and Transportation Committee in one of our most productive Congresses on record—and I say that having myself been committee administrator for Chairman John Blatnik of Minnesota prior to my election to the House in 1974.

In 1993 alone, in his first year as chief of staff at the beginning of a new Congress, here's a sampling of the legislative product Paul helped our colleagues produce:

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H.R. 904, to create the Airline Commission, which investigated the condition of the Nation's airlines.

H.R. 2121, legislation to resolve the costly and contentious "negotiated rates" problem affecting the trucking and shipping industries.

H.R. 3445, legislation assisting victims of the 1993 Midwest floods.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE

H.R. 5, striker replacement legislation, which would guarantee that striking employees could return to their jobs.

H.R. 2739, The Aviation Infrastructure Investment Act, a three-year program to improve airports and airways.

H.R. 3276, technical corrections to the landmark Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991.

H.R. 2440, reauthorization of the National Transportation Safety Board for three years.

H.R. 881, legislation banning smoking in Federal buildings, with very limited provisions for designated smoking areas.

PASSED BY THE COMMITTEE

H.R. 1865, legislation to create a Federal program to construct water supply systems.

H.R. 2442, to reauthorize the Economic Development Administration, including provisions to assist communities adversely affected by military base closings.

Mr. Speaker, Paul is now joining our former colleague, Norm Mineta, at Lockheed Martin's transportation systems and services division. I know that Paul's skills in the private sector will parallel those he polished in our company, both professionally and personally. Our loss here in the House is considerable, but we are far better for having had him with us for so many years.

I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him, his wife, and their children well in their new adventure.