

Mr. Speaker, I urge strong support for this legislation. It is responsible, it addresses a serious local need, it fulfills expressed goals of both the 104th Congress and the administration, but most importantly—it makes sense.

RETIREMENT OF KANSAS CITY
POLICE CHIEF STEVEN BISHOP

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 9, 1995

Ms. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Steven Bishop, who is retiring on December 1, 1995 after serving a distinguished 25 years with the Kansas City, MO Police Department, the last 5 years as chief of police.

Throughout his tenure, Chief Bishop has demonstrated an admirable willingness to face the toughest issues. Shortly after taking office, Chief Bishop appointed a task force of Police commanders, clergy and community leaders to study ways in which officers could better communicate and work with citizens to deter crime. A community policing force eventually was established, partnering neighbors with officers throughout our community.

His ongoing pursuit to build a safer community is further evidenced by his work on the Governor's Commission on Crime and the President's Committee on Drug-Free Schools. These and other anti-crime efforts have earned him national recognition. Among Chief Bishop's honors was a special appearance at President Clinton's State of the Union Address earlier this year at which the President paid tribute to him for his outstanding efforts and leadership.

Chief Bishop's interest in law enforcement began well before his days as police chief. In 1970, 3 years after leaving the Marine Corps as a Vietnam veterans, Bishop graduated from Central Missouri State University with a degree in police administration.

While serving as a police officer, Bishop continued to develop his skills and abilities by earning a master's degree in personnel management from Central Michigan University and attending numerous training conferences and seminars. Over the years, he participated in the sergeants supervisory leadership course, the officer survival seminar, the national hostage negotiations seminar, the national organized crime training seminar, and the 147th session of the F.B.I. National Academy.

Not surprisingly, Bishop's impressive aptitude and positive attitude soon won him respect and promotions. He advanced to the rank of sergeant in 1975, captain in 1980, major in 1987, lieutenant colonel in 1989, and chief of police in 1990. He was only 43 years old when he was sworn in to head the department on June 14, 1990.

Chief Bishop's list of accolades includes being named the Ad Hoc Police Officer of the Year in 1988 for his efforts to fight drugs on the City's East Side, and the ABC News "Person of the Week" for his work to foster better relations between the police and the community.

In light of his 25 years of outstanding service to the Kansas City Police Department and the people of Kansas City, I know that my colleagues in the House join with me in honoring

Steven Bishop. We certainly wish Chief Bishop all the best in his future endeavors. His leadership will be sorely missed in my district. Thanks, Chief.

RED RIBBON DRUG AWARENESS
WEEK ACTIVITIES

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 9, 1995

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise to acknowledge the excellent work, and important efforts, against drug abuse that the annual Red Ribbon Drug Awareness Campaign represents across America, each and every year around this time.

The work that the many community organizations, and groups are doing as part of this annual drug awareness program and the importance of the educational message of a drug-free society, especially for our young people, is vital in this day and age of rising drug use.

A recent University of Michigan study on the latest alarming rise in drug use, especially among the young, made it clear that each new generation must learn the hard lessons of drug abuse. That learning can and must be accelerated through valuable drug awareness programs.

These programs, and efforts like the Red Ribbon Awareness effort, help provide the opportunities for those hard and costly lessons to be learned by each new generation before it's too late, and our young are on the road to addiction and ruin.

In March of this year, former First Lady Nancy Reagan, famous for her own well recognized and effective, just say no, drug educational efforts, testified before our House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, in which she said, "After great strides that were made just a few years back, I'm worried that this Nation is forgetting how endangered our children are by drugs."

Let us together not permit America to forget that drug prevention, through education of our young, is critical to avoiding devastating long-term costs and damage from drug abuse by our children and future generations.

It was gratifying to note that President Clinton announced that there will be a teenage drug use White House conference in January to address the alarming rise in youth drug use.

Our young people, I know, will surely benefit from the valuable learning and awareness from these efforts of Red Ribbon Week, such as that of the Orange County Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Council, and other important programs throughout the mid-Hudson region of New York State.

A POINT OF LIGHT FOR ALL
AMERICANS: MARGARET ROSS

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 9, 1995

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay homage to Margaret Ross, who on August 31, 1995, ended her 32-year career with the New

York City Board of Education. She is an individual who selflessly dedicated her life to children and parents. Throughout her professional career as a social worker, supervisor, and administrator she has been viewed by all whose lives she has touched as a knowledgeable, fair, and caring person. Margaret Ross is an outstanding citizen and deserves to be recognized as a great "point-of-light" for all Americans.

This longtime resident of Crown Heights, NY, in central Brooklyn, Ms. Ross is involved in many activities that contribute to the betterment of the community. She is a current member and past president of the Sterling Place Civic Association; a member of the Sterling Community Revitalization Corp.; a member of the Medgar Evers College Community Council; a member of the Brooklyn Women's Political Caucus; executive member of Thurgood Marshall Democratic Club; and an elected official of the Democratic Party serving as State committeewoman of the 43d assembly district. Ms. Ross serves as an executive member of the Coalition for Community Empowerment which was founded by Congressman MAJOR OWENS and is the leading policy setting organization for the African-American community in Brooklyn.

Margaret Ross' dedication transcends professional, personal, and religious domains. Realizing her knowledge, skill, and compassion early in life, Ms. Ross utilized her talent to empathize with people in need. Upon graduating from undergraduate school, she worked as a caseworker in the Department of Welfare. For a short time thereafter, Margaret Ross worked as a psychiatric social worker in Kings County Hospital and then joined the Bureau of Child Guidance of the New York City Board of Education. Subsequently, she became a supervisor of school social workers and 6 years ago, chairperson of the committee on special education in district 13.

In an effort to embrace her fellow professionals and to further develop her craft, Margaret Ross is also an active member of the National Association of Social Workers. Currently, she serves on the executive committee of the political action committee. Margaret Ross joined Delta Sigma Theta Sorority at Morgan State University and has continued her affiliation with the Brooklyn alumnae chapter to the present day. She currently serves on the social action committee of the Brooklyn chapter.

Ms. Ross began her service to her community and church early in life. She patterned herself after her mother, Alice Debnam, who was a prominent member of Concord Baptist Church. Widowed in her early 1940's, Mrs. Debnam kept Margaret and her two sisters centered with strong religious values and an emphasis on education and a work ethic. After attending Public School 44 and Girls High School in Brooklyn, Margaret Ross received her bachelor of arts degree from Morgan State University. This led her to Howard University where she received a master of social work degree. Subsequently, she attended Brooklyn College for a master's degree in administration and supervision. Margaret Ross is married to Kenneth Ross of Trinidad and Tobago; and they have one daughter, Joann. Ms. Ross is the aunt of Assemblyman Roger Green. Along with her sisters Theopia Green and Ruth

Gray, Ms. Ross will continue in the family tradition of service and commitment to the community.

It is unfortunate for the children of district 13 that Ms. Ross no longer lends her special touch to the New York City Board of Education. As she becomes accustomed to a well-deserved retirement, it is certain, however, that she will continue in some capacity as an inspiration to colleagues, parents, children, and staff. Her professional know-how and her sharp political savvy have in no way lessened her personal warmth and caring. In the 11th Congressional District she is appreciated as a great pillar of dedication and empowerment. Margaret Ross is a "point-of-light" providing a bright and glowing inspiration for all to follow.

A TRIBUTE TO TOM BATES

HON. RONALD V. DELLUMS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 9, 1995

Mr. DELLUMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the work of California Assemblyman Tom Bates on the occasion of the tribute dinner in his honor on November 11, 1995. His distinguished record in the California Legislature includes 214 bills signed into law and a public policy legacy that spans 24 years. His foresights in putting forward innovative, visionary bills has earned him the strong support of his constituents who have reelected him 10 times to the assembly, often with more votes than were cast in any other assembly district.

First elected in 1976, Mr. Bates played a central role in the framing of virtually all progressive social service policy in the State. He is the lead Democrat in the assembly on welfare reform issues affecting those with disabilities, foster care, senior services and the myriad social issues that confront the State. His work has touched the lives of disadvantaged Californians, helping to build a State that recognizes the potential of all its citizens.

He served as chair of the assembly human service committee for 12 years—the longest any legislator has ever chaired that committee. He is currently the committee vice chair. We have benefited nationally from Tom Bates' work as well. He convened the first hearings in the country on the feminization of poverty and founded and served as cochair of the Joint Task Force on the Changing Family, the first such legislative task force in the country. These initiatives sparked national discussion and action on the need to support today's changing families.

He has shared his expertise in social welfare with legislatures throughout the country, chairing the National Conference of State Legislatures Committee on Children and Families and cochairing the NCSL on Welfare Reform.

Among his many accomplishments in social service legislation are laws to provide the first State funding for independent living centers, establish innovative mental health programs, provide integrated long-term care services to the elderly, strengthen child support laws and help families move from welfare to work.

First and foremost, Tom Bates is an environmentalist. He has served on the assembly of natural resources committee for 19 years, longer than any current member of the legislature. He has consistently received a 100 per-

cent proenvironment voting score. Under his guidance, key policies have been adopted to preserve and enhance the environment. An outspoken advocate of open space preservation, he has been instrumental in creating, preserving and developing nearly two dozen parks and recreational areas in California's East Bay communities. Most notably, he carried the legislation to create the Eastshore State Park which, when completed, will be one of California's premier urban waterfront parks, running along San Francisco Bay shoreline from Oakland to Richmond.

At a time when many elected officials govern by poll results, Tom Bates is guided by an innate sense of fairness, a commitment to equality and an unyielding willingness to work on the behalf of his constituents. California and the Nation owe him a debt of gratitude for his energetic, visionary and far reaching public service.

OPPORTUNITY AND CHALLENGE

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 9, 1995

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, for many years now, I have joined my colleagues in congratulating the leaders of the Republic of China on Taiwan on their national day. This year, I wish to draw my colleagues' attention to an excellent book written by Frederick Chien, the Republic of China's Foreign Minister.

Taiwan has worked hard to normalize relations between themselves and the Chinese communists, motivated somewhat by fear of military invasion. After summer missile tests, the People's Republic of China are threatening other tests if Taiwan does not abandon its pragmatic diplomacy.

In recent years, in exercising pragmatic diplomacy, Taipei has been able to maintain diplomatic relations with nearly 30 countries and to increase their official representation in other countries. Furthermore, pragmatic diplomacy has also allowed Taipei to make great progress in joining international organizations. The ROC became an official member of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation in November 1991 and was granted observer status in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in September 1992. Meanwhile, Taipei seeks to return to the United Nations.

Foreign Minister Chien's success in implementing pragmatic diplomacy is carefully documented in his new publication: "Opportunity and Challenge", published by Arizona State University. I enjoyed reading Minister Chien's analysis of the post-cold war era and the implications for countries such as Taiwan. The book offered fascinating reading about Chien, a well-bred diplomat, educated at China and at Yale—whose leadership in the late 20th century came at a critical juncture in history. Chien's dedication to his country, to his wife Julia, their children, and his friends, represents the sum total of "Opportunity and Challenge."

"Opportunity and Challenge" is a chronicle of Minister Chien's successes and disappointments during the last 6 years in the ROC's foreign ministry. It is a must reading for anyone interested in the Republic of China's recent diplomatic history. No one individual has occupied a more pivotal place in ROC's diplomatic annals than Fred Chien.

Congratulations to Fred and best wishes to the Republic of China on its national day.

HOLY SAVIOR CHURCH

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 9, 1995

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Holy Savior Church of Wilkes-Barre, PA. This milestone will be commemorated at a banquet on November 12, 1995, and I am proud to have been asked to participate in the celebration.

As one approaches the city of Wilkes-Barre, it is difficult not to notice the twin spires of this beautiful Gothic church. Since 1895, the stone and brick structure has stood as a monument to those whose faith and hard work erected it as a place of worship. The parish began under the able leadership of Rev. John J. Curran. Its parishioners were mostly immigrant coal miners. After working all day in the mines, the miners would come to the construction site to help build the church. Father Curran was a staunch advocate of labor and stood with the miners during the famous strike of 1902.

In fact, President Theodore Roosevelt turned to Father Curran for help in resolving labor disputes with miners during the early part of this century. After Father Curran entered into the labor dispute negotiations, the mineowners surrendered some of their demands and the miners won their first labor victory. A friendship developed between Father Curran and the President, and Roosevelt became a frequent visitor to the parish.

In addition to having a long history of national significance, the Holy Savior Church was blessed to have benefited from the leadership of Msgr. Andrew J. McGowan. During his tenure at the Holy Savior Church, Monsignor McGowan provided spiritual guidance to the many people who came from all over northeastern Pennsylvania to hear his messages. Monsignor McGowan is well known throughout northeastern Pennsylvania as a community leader who brings the values of the church to everyday concerns of ordinary people.

Mr. Speaker, Holy Savior Church is a landmark of great historical significance in northeastern Pennsylvania. It is a tribute to early parishioners who sacrificed so much to build a place to worship and to its modern day parishioners who carry on the tradition of faith in our community. I am pleased to have had the opportunity to bring the proud history of the Holy Savior Church to the attention of this Congress.

SPEECHES BY NICARAGUAN
PRESIDENT VIOLETA B. DE
CHAMORRO

HON. AMO HOUGHTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 9, 1995

Mr. HOUGHTON. Mr. Speaker, I had the opportunity to testify before the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere on a matter near