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I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Jorge Ramos, a dedicated man, a kind humanitarian and an excellent broadcast journalist. Also, join me in honoring Channel 47, a television station that has championed Hispanic issues and concerns.

TRIBUTE TO MR. LANNIE B. MOTT

HON. JULIAN C. DIXON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 17, 1995

Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 1995 president of the Los Angeles Association of Realtors [LAAR], Inc., Mr. Lannie B. Mott.

Mr. Mott has made important contributions to the Los Angeles community through his efforts on behalf of this association. He has worked to expand home ownership for lower income individuals in our community. Under his leadership, LAAR sponsored a free home ownership seminar in both English and Spanish which was designed to inform people about governmental programs that would assist low and moderate income families in buying their own homes. By providing this seminar, Mr. Mott has helped families enjoy the benefits of home ownership and realize the pride that comes from owning your own home.

Mr. Mott has also helped sick children through efforts to provide funds for the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. During his tenure, LAAR hosted two successful fundraisers for the hospital, raising over \$5,000. His efforts to help needy children demonstrates his dedication to improving our community.

As president of the Los Angeles Association of Realtors, Mr. Mott has also worked actively to promote legislation of interest to the association.

I am pleased to commend Mr. Mott for his tireless efforts on behalf of the people of Los Angeles and his commitment to the real estate industry. Please join me in wishing him continued success in the future.

TRAVELERS EXPRESS WORKS WITH THE IRS

HON. BRUCE F. VENTO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 17, 1995

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, few companies willingly invite the Internal Revenue Service to visit their facilities, and fewer yet receive money from the IRS, but recently a Minnesota company, Travelers Express, was called on by the IRS to accept a check for \$100,000. This check was the result of Travelers Express' quick assistance in identifying and notifying the IRS about an international money-laundering operation.

Travelers Express is the Nation's largest money order company issuing more than 240 million money orders a year. These money orders are sold in over 42,000 retail and financial institution locations throughout the United States. Travelers Express has been working for a number of years on ways to detect suspicious money order transactions. Over a year ago, Travelers Express noticed a large number of money orders clearing through their Minnesota facility which appeared to be suspicious. These money orders were all made out to the same individual, cleared through a bank in Colombia, and all bore a yellow fluorescent symbol, such as a rabbit, a tall ship, or a box containing a face—these symbols are referred to as "smurf stamps" by law enforcement.

Once detecting these suspicious money orders, Travelers Express immediately contacted the local IRS, which began an investigation. The IRS found that over 1,300 money orders had been purchased at over 150 agent locations throughout New York City and New Jersey. The money orders, totaling over \$650,000, had been purchased over a several month period and had been shipped to Colombia. They were deposited in a Colombian bank, and then presented for payment to a United States bank. The U.S. bank then presented them for payment to Travelers Express. Based upon the suspicious indicators and detailed conversations with the IRS and the U.S. Attorney's Office, Travelers Express decided to refuse payment on the items. The IRS was able to seize the money, which led to the \$100,000 reward for Travelers Express.

This is an excellent example of Government and business working cooperatively together in order to stem the tide of money laundering. Travelers Express has been working for a number of years to improve its operations to prevent the use of money orders in money laundering schemes. While this case was a significant money laundering operation, the number of Travelers Express money orders involved was less than two-tenths of one percent of the money orders sold on any given day.

I'd like to commend Travelers Express for their diligence in the fight against money laundering and to congratulate them on their \$100,000 reward. I hope that this example encourages other financial intermediaries and businesses to keep a watchful eye on possible money laundering schemes and to work in partnership with the Federal Government to crack down on the illicit use of money.

BABY SAFETY SHOWERS

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 17, 1995

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, no challenge we face in our lives is greater than raising our children. As a father, I know those challenges well. That is why I was so impressed by an event recently attended by the First Lady, and the contribution that event could make in the lives of new parents around the country.

Mrs. Clinton spoke at a Baby Safety Shower put on by the Consumer Product Safety Commission—a Federal agency responsible for keeping families safe in and around their

homes. The CPSC knows that being a parent does not come with an instruction manual. Being a parent means on-the-job training.

The CPSC also knows that more children die from accidental injuries than from childhood diseases. So CPSC Chairman Ann Brown determined to get information to new parents about hidden safety hazards in the home that could present a danger to infants and toddlers. Her idea was to mount a national campaign to encourage day-care centers, community organizations, and families to give new mothers a baby shower with a twist—a shower incorporating critical safety information.

The first such shower was held here in Washington on October 25 at the Edward Mazique Parent Child Center, and Mrs. Clinton came to help host the shower. She made some outstanding remarks to the more than 80 mothers gathered there, and I would like to enter those remarks into the RECORD.

REMARKS BY FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON AT THE U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION'S KICK-OFF OF "BABY SAFETY SHOWERS," WASHINGTON, DC

Mrs. CLINTON: Thank you very much. I'm delighted to be here. I think this is a very important event. I want to thank Gerber and everyone associated with Gerber foods for their commitment to this baby safety effort. I want to thank Ann Brown and everyone associated with the Commission for their leadership on all of these issues about how we keep our babies safe.

I'm pleased to be here at this child care center. The Mazique Center is well known around not only in this area, but throughout the country for its many years of superb care for the children of the District of Columbia.

Now there are some, I would guess who would think that talking about a baby safety shower is something that doesn't deserve a lot of attention. That it is a nice thing to do, but not as important as some of the really big issues of our time.

Well I can only say that there is nothing more important than our children and there is nothing more important to any parent than keeping our babies and our children safe and secure as much as we are able to do so.

I have found as I've travelled throughout the country talking with parents exactly what Ann said she had found. Many of us just don't know everything we need to know to keep our babies secure. And part of the reason I'm here today is to reinforce the message of this baby safety shower. To encourage people all over the country that when they have a pregnant friend, pregnant daughter, when they themselves are pregnant that they will think about safety issues.

It's always nice to get the cute little clothes that people give for a baby, but I think it's more important to give some of the kinds of products we saw demonstrated upstairs that will keep baby's little fingers out of outlets, will keep them from—I just learned lifting up the toilet bowl [lid] and drowning which can happen, keep them safe in their cribs, keep the little toys out of their mouths. Those kinds of gifts that we can give one another and that every parent would be glad to receive are what I hope will be flooding into all of the lives of parents in our country because of this initiative.

I know that it is very difficult for parents to feel that they can control everything that happens to their babies in today's world, because the world is complex, it is challenging, and in many respects more dangerous than it has been in the past. That's why trying to make our homes safe is something that is

within our control. We can't control what happens on the street corner. We can't control whether or not our child will be safe all the time when he or she leaves our house. But to the best of our ability, we can try to make our child safe indoors, in our own homes.

I also think that the work that is being done here on the baby safety showers will very clearly point out that there is a need for all of us, together to cooperate to help parents raising children.

You know I'm finishing a book that I'm writing called "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child" which is after an old african proverb.

Some people have come to me and said, "Why are you writing that book?" "Parents know already what they're supposed to do!" And I said, "I didn't." I didn't get an instruction manual when my daughter was born. And much of it was trial by error and luckily I had family and friends and other people who were there for me telling me what I needed to do to keep my baby safe and healthy.

Other people have said, "Why are you saying it takes a village to raise a child? It's the family's responsibility." Well of course it's the family's responsibility. But the family does not exist in a vacuum today. The family exist in the greater world. The family needs commissions, and businesses, and child care centers and schools, and doctors and hospitals. The family needs a lot of support from "the village" in order for the family to do the best possible job it can do.

And that's what this baby safety shower is about. It's about people coming together to help parents do a good job. I've never met a parent who set out not to do a good job. I've met parents overwhelmed by the circumstances of their lives, facing difficult odds that I cannot even imagine. Having problems because of their own childhood or their own situations. But I have never met a parent that did not want to do the best job he or she could do as a father or a mother. And what we have to do is give parents and families the tools so they can be the best mothers and fathers. So it really does take a village. It takes the Consumer Product Safety Commission and Gerber Foods and the Mazique Child Care Center and a lot of other people to help parents and families because after all, we in our country give a lot of lip service to how important we think our children are—don't we? You can hear it everyday on the news. But too often we don't translate that into action. And some of the actions we need to take are very small ones. Like putting your baby on her back instead of on her stomach, making sure she can't get through the slats of the crib.

Some of them are a little bigger. Making sure that if you have child care needs they are met in a good place where your child will be stimulated and cared for while you're at work.

And some of them get a little bigger. Believing that the school that your child goes to is the right place and that teachers care about your child.

And some of them get then even bigger, trying to keep your neighborhood safe, getting rid of gangs, and drug dealers and the drive-by shooters. All of the dangers that exist in too many areas of communities or too many of our children.

And sometimes what we have to do to keep our baby safe is even bigger than that.

About the kind of values that we have as a country. Whether we really do care about parents and families. And that means keeping the social safety need in place. Making sure that people who need health care will get health care by keeping medicaid available for families who need it.

One in four of our children rely on Medicaid. We would not as a family say that one in

four of our children didn't deserve health care. We would try to take care of all of them. So when we think about all that we can do as parents and all that everyone else should do to help us be the best possible parents, I believe we're on the right road to making sure all of us feel responsible not only for our own baby but for every baby.

Any baby that dies because of a product that did not have to cause that baby's death is not just a loss for that family, but it is a loss for all of us. So any baby we save because of these products is a baby that we save for everybody.

So I want to thank all the people who are focusing on this issue and I hope families all over America will have baby safety showers and talk to each other, educate each other about what we need to do to keep all of our babies safe and healthy.

RESOLVE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

HON. JACK REED

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 17, 1995

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, when I was a young cadet at West Point, I read the remarks of an officer describing an operation in Vietnam. He said "we had to destroy the village to save it." Looking back, that mind set left many destroyed villages but not a lot of salvation.

I fear this Republican leadership has the same mind set. They seem eager to destroy the Government to save it. This policy is clearly destructive and will not in any way serve the interests of the American people.

There is no need for this continued shutdown of the Government. It has resulted from the inability of the Congress to do its job in passing appropriations bills in a timely fashion. It continues because the Republican leadership persists in holding hostage the operation of the Government to its extreme budget plans.

However, it is incumbent that all parties, including the President, come to the table and make the good faith effort required to resolve the current shutdown. This situation is both unnecessary and unwise. Getting the Government back to work will not prejudice the Republicans from considering and, over my objections, passing their current reconciliation legislation. But, getting the Government back to work will aid seniors seeking to apply for Social Security, veterans needing assistance from the Veterans Administration, Americans needing to travel overseas on urgent business or family emergencies; in sum, all the people we were elected to serve.

It is time to end this gridlock.

A TRIBUTE TO STEPHEN SALMON

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 17, 1995

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to congratulate a very fine young man in my district. Mr. Stephen Salmon received a perfect score of 1600 on his recent Scholastic Aptitude Test. Out of

208,000 students who took the April 1995 nationwide exam with Stephen, only 137 students earned this honor. Stephen's score places him in the 99-plus percentile, and I think my colleagues would agree that this is a proud achievement.

Stephen earned a perfect score as a junior at Scripps Ranch High School which is located in San Diego, CA. Stephen has already been accepted to the University of California at San Diego through the early admissions program. During his senior year, he will be taking courses at UCSD along with his courses at Scripps Ranch. He will also continue to be a member of the Academic League and the History Club at his high school.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend Stephen on his recent achievement and wish him the best of luck in his future collegiate career. His SAT scores show that he possesses a lot of talent and that he has the potential to accomplish many great things.

CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL FOR RUTH AND BILLY GRAHAM

HON. CHARLES H. TAYLOR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 17, 1995

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today I am proud to introduce on behalf of 222 original cosponsors, legislation to honor Ruth and Billy Graham with a Congressional Gold Medal. William "Billy" Franklin Graham has been America's most revered evangelical leader for the past 45 years. He has helped the less fortunate and prescribed the need for a moral society. Graham, 76, has been spiritual adviser and confidant to 10 presidents. Over 100 million people have come to see a Billy Graham crusade and another 2 billion people have watched him on television. His character and strength have made him America's most admired man. He has used his immense popularity to confront major social problems such as racism, the homeless, and hunger. He continues trying to reverse the decline in our society's morals by emphasizing ethical and spiritual values.

Billy Graham was raised in Charlotte, NC, and upon finishing seminary school began preaching his message from a street corner in Tampa, FL. He has now preached to more people than anyone else in history. To extend the reach of his message he used television, magazines, and a weekly radio broadcast for which he was given a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. He has also spread his message through his daily newspaper column and 14 books. The Billy Graham Training Center in Black Mountain, NC, and the Billy Graham Evangelical Association headquartered in Minneapolis, MN, have become beacons of spirituality for people from around the world. Billy Graham adheres to the principles of which he preached. He and his wife of 52 years, Ruth, live their lives with a commitment to their family, each other, and God.

The other side of Billy Graham is the humanitarian and champion of the disadvantaged. He has helped the flood victims of India rebuild their villages. He arranged for food and supplies to be flown to the earthquake victims of Guatemala and has aided refugees fleeing political oppression. Billy Graham was so