

program at 80 percent of what is offered under the Montgomery GI bill. I believed that if the national service plan offered benefits equal to or in excess of the GI bill, military recruitment would suffer.

Well, the amendment failed and military recruitment has indeed been hurt. Last year, for example, the Marine Corps missed its recruitment goal for the first time since before 1980. I believe that can be directly tied to AmeriCorps.

AmeriCorps targets the same population group as the armed services, yet it offers education benefits at no charge, a well-paid Government job, and no danger of being placed in a combat situation.

I think many young Americans are choosing paid volunteer work over the military, and that is a shame.

We have an opportunity to rectify this situation by taking funds from this unneeded program and redirecting them to those who truly need and deserve this money, our Nation's veterans.

I urge all my colleagues to support the Stump-Solomon amendment and yield back the balance of my time.

TRIBUTE TO DANA WHITNEY BERRY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 1995

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dana Whitney Berry, as she retires from her position as executive director of the Union City Day Care Program. Dana Berry is an exceptional human being who has dedicated her life to caring for our Nation's children. She is a pioneer in her field and has made a great many contributions to the field of social work.

Dana Berry earned her masters degree in social work from Rutgers University in 1982. She was an outstanding student who graduated with advanced standing. In 1983, she established the Union City Day Care Program, which combines education with a unique social service system. This innovative program has brought together the young and old and the poor and more affluent to build a better community.

The daycare center which Dana Berry established services 285 children ranging from 6 months to 6 years old. The Even Start Program offers parents literacy training, G.E.D. certification, and parenting/life skills. In addition, the program helps to break the poverty cycle by training elderly workers and welfare parents in the area of child development.

Through the years, Dana Berry has been an avid supporter of services for children and the elderly. She has found an innovative way to bring the two together in order to achieve positive results. Her program is a model for others around the world. She has fought hard to secure funding for the program. In fact, she increased the center's annual budget from \$100,000 to \$1.2 million in 3 years. She has also expanded the staff from 3 to 72 professionals and paraprofessionals. She has built the center from the ground up and has shaped it into a high-quality program.

In addition to her outstanding work with children, Dana Berry has served New Jersey and

our Nation in a wide variety of roles. She has served as commissioner of the Employment and Training Commission for New Jersey, and she was nominated National Mentor by the National Academy for the Education of Young Children. For her hard work, she has received many awards and honors, including the National Award for Excellence in 1987, and the National Award for Livability from the U.S. Conference of Mayors in 1991. She has also been featured on many networks, CNN news, and Life magazine.

Dana Berry is truly an outstanding citizen, and I am very proud to have had her working in my district. Her contributions will not be forgotten, and even though she is leaving the Union City Day Care Program, she will remain a shining example to all social service providers. Even though she is retiring from the Union City daycare center, I know she will remain active. She cares too deeply about our children to stop her advocacy. Please join me in wishing Dana Berry a happy retirement, although, hopefully, it will not be a quiet retirement.

IN HONOR OF THE SEABEES

HON. ANDREW JACOBS, JR.

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 1995

Mr. JACOBS. Mr. Speaker, one of my earliest memories about World War II was the extraordinary valor of the Seabees.

Like Army medics and Navy corpsman, the Seabees had more than one job to do in combat situations.

One of the jobs essentially was fighting the enemy when the enemy attacked. Simultaneously, the other job was to build; build runways for airplanes in all matter of fortifications and other necessary facilities under extremely adverse circumstances which contributed to the success of the Allies in World War II.

Surely all Members of Congress will reflect in prayerful thanks on the indispensable contribution made by the Seabees in World War II.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE HUNGARIAN REVOLUTION

HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 1995

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, as a professor of history, I hope my colleagues will remember that today is the 147th anniversary of the Hungarian uprising against the Hapsburg Empire. While the uprising was relatively short-lived, a study of history shown that even unsuccessful revolutions can serve as important precursors to future reforms.

It is important that we not forget or ignore the sacrifices of those who established the tradition of freedom and democracy in Hungary. Especially on this anniversary day, we should recognize those early revolutionaries and their descendants who sought liberty unsuccessfully in 1956 and who eventually won their freedom in 1989.

I hope that my colleagues and all those who find freedom dear would read the following

commemoration of this anniversary and remember those who made it possible.

COMMEMORATION OF THE 1848-49 REVOLUTION AND WAR OF INDEPENDENCE IN HUNGARY

March 15 marks the anniversary of Hungary's Revolution and War of Independence for freedom, liberty and self-determination.

On this day 147 years ago, the people of Hungary, led by reformers and young intellectuals, rose to demand freedom of press, freedom of association, freedom of religion, enforcement of human rights, and, first of all, independence from the Hapsburg empire. The quest by the people of Hungary and the War of Independence that followed, was, as so often before and after in Hungarian history, subdued by foreign intervention in August, 1849.

The glorious Revolution that placed Hungary in the vanguard of the revolutionary movement for political and economic modernization which swept through Europe at that time, and the fallen War of Independence set an example for the entire world by a small nation. Hungary's effort proclaimed to mankind the inherent and indefeasible right of every nation to elect its own leaders and to establish its own laws. March 15, 1848 has never ceased to signify the torch of freedom, independence and democratic endeavors for the people of Hungary. The ideals and spirit of this historic effort have been the guiding spirit of the eternal adherence by the people of Hungary to independence and democracy throughout the years of foreign occupation and communist dominance ever since.

The symbol and significance of Hungary's revolt for freedom and liberty are eloquently emphasized by the fact that Lajos Kossuth, one of history's most revered political leaders and champion of liberty and justice, is one of the few foreign political figures who is honored by a bust in the Capitol of the United States. Kossuth and the noble aspirations of the people of Hungary for freedom and independence gained attention and sympathy from the American public. The liberal and democratic principles so clearly proclaimed by the people of Hungary during the Revolution and War of Independence of 1848-49 are shared by the community of democratic nations.

Therefore it is only fitting to pay tribute to the endeavors and sacrifice, to the bravery and love for independence by the people of Hungary.

Almost a century had to pass before the dreams and aspirations of the Hungarian patriots of the 19th century led the people of Hungary to the streets during the heroic Revolution of 1956 in their desperate effort to gain freedom from foreign occupation and independence. Hungary and its freedom-loving people also deserve the admiration of the entire world for their crucial contribution to bringing down the Berlin Wall in 1989 by offering the gift of freedom for East Germans. Freedom for Hungary and freedom for all, "with malice toward none, with charity for all"—this is what Hungary has stood for, this is what Hungary is representing even today.

The people of Hungary face new challenges at present. These challenges emerge from their newly gained political and economic freedom the answers of which are sought by Hungary under firmly established democratic political order and policies aiming at the creation of a market economy and at the prevalence of human rights.

The United States of America has always been a devoted supporter of the cause of Hungarian independence and freedom. This

compels the United States to remain committed and engaged in ensuring the fulfillment of the ideals of Hungary's Revolution and War of Independence which started on March 15, 1848 under the new international political environment as their ideals, a democratic and free Hungary and a Europe which is free, united and at peace, are also shared by us all.

EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE

HON. WILLIAM (BILL) CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 1995

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, last night I experienced a sudden illness and was unable to cast my vote against the Crane amendment to rescind funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. I wish to inform this body that I have long supported Federal funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and will continue to do so in the future.

SMALLER, MORE EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 1995

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, Americans voted last November to get big government out of their lives and off of their backs. Republicans know this and are committed to heeding the people's mandate for a smaller, more efficient, less costly government. Our House Republican rescission package represents a crucial first step toward achieving this goal.

The taxpayers want an economically sound government that lives within its means. The American family exercises fiscal responsibility and accountability. The Federal Government should do the same.

The American people work hard for the tax dollars they have to send to Washington. The least we can do is spend those dollars wisely. These bills take a first step in that direction. They aim the cutting knife at programs that do not work, and consolidates duplicative government functions.

Furthermore, our rescission bills trim funding for programs that received large increases in fiscal year 1995, cuts unspent funds that were piling up from one year to the next and eliminates funding for unauthorized programs.

Mr. Speaker, the \$17.3 billion worth of specific cutbacks in our rescission bills, H.R. 1158 and H.R. 1159, put this Nation back on the path toward fiscal responsibility. These bills reassure Americans that their dollars will go to the programs they need most while eliminating useless ones.

TRIBUTE TO FRED J. MISHOW

HON. RICHARD A. GEPHARDT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 1995

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise before my colleagues today to pay tribute to Fred J. Mishow on his 75th birthday.

Fred fled his native Germany to escape Nazi tyranny in 1937. He began a distinguished career in the military during the years 1942-46, which earned him three Battle Stars and the Philippine Presidential Citation. Fred's tour in the South Pacific theater of war instilled in him the qualities of leadership that have served him well in civilian life.

Fred has been active in democratic politics on the city, county, and State levels. He served as precinct captain in Hadley Township for 35 years. He also served as Sergeant-at-Arms at the 1968, 1972, and 1992 Missouri State democratic conventions. In addition to these achievements, Fred earned the Thomas F. Eagleton Grass Roots Man of the Year Award in 1990.

Fred has unselfishly given his time and talents to our community. In addition to his political activities he has worked hard in various religious and civic organizations. I am proud to call Fred Mishow my friend, and I commend the service he has given to the St. Louis area, the State of Missouri, and the United States of America.

DELAURO HONORS WILLIAM T. O'BRIEN

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 1995

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, March 17, 1995, the Branford Elks, Lodge 1939 will honor William "Bill" O'Brien as Irishman of the Year. Bill's commitment to voluntarism and the people of his community have had a tremendous impact on Greater New Haven. I am pleased to pay tribute to this extraordinary man.

Bill O'Brien truly symbolizes the spirit of Connecticut's Irish-Americans. Devoted to his community, profession, and family, Bill has always given freely of this time and talents. For decades, he has been a great source of strength and inspiration.

Many local organizations have benefited from Bill's leadership and talent for putting ideas into action. From his work as President of the Walter Camp Foundation to his service for the United Fund Campaign, Bill O'Brien is making a real difference for people. In particular, as past president and chairman of the Branford Festival, Bill helped to make this annual event a tremendous success, bringing together many families and friends while building the festival's financial prosperity.

A devoted family man and successful banker, Bill O'Brien has earned the respect and friendship of an entire community. I know that this wife, Maureen, and two sons, Michael and Gregory, take great pride in Bill's remarkable accomplishments. I am delighted that the Branford Elks are recognizing his outstanding achievements and I congratulate Bill on this well-deserved honor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GEJDENSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 1995

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, March 16, 1995, I was unavoid-

ably detained at the White House and not on the floor to be recorded on rollcall votes 242, 245, and 246 during consideration of H.R. 1158, the Omnibus Rescissions and Disaster Supplemental Appropriations bill. Had I been on the floor, I would have voted no on all three votes.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-GREEN BAY

HON. TOBY ROTH

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 1995

Mr. ROTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Fightin' Phoenix, the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay men's basketball team. The Fightin' Phoenix were invited for the third time in 5 years to compete in the National Collegiate Athletic Association men's basketball tournament. As such, their team has been recognized as one of the elite basketball programs in the Nation.

Just as remarkable, after posting a 22-7 season, the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay won the Midwest Collegiate league championship this year. Led by their exceptional coach, Dick Bennett, and star forward Jeff Nordgaard, the Fightin' Phoenix posted another great season for all their fans in north-east Wisconsin.

As the team's strongest supporter in the Nation's capital, I want to wish the best of luck to the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay as they begin their quest for greater basketball glory. I know all of northeast Wisconsin joins me in congratulating the Fightin' Phoenix for their stellar season and wishing them all the best in the NCAA tournament.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 16, 1995

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to explain my absence from the House on Monday, March 5, and Tuesday, March 14, 1995.

As I have stated previously, my wife and I are faced with a trying family medical situation which has required my presence at home in Los Angeles as often as possible and, unfortunately, at times when the House is in session. We are expecting our second child this May, and under doctor's orders, my wife has been limited to bed rest until she has completed her pregnancy.

Regrettably, I missed a number of recorded floor votes on March 5 and 14. For the record, I would like to indicate my position on each vote: