

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Mr. Chao-Tung on receiving this impressive honor, and extend to him my best wishes for continued success in business and in his community.

# INTRODUCTION OF JUNK GUNS LEGISLATION

HON. JACK REED

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 1996*

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, kids deserve a chance to succeed. An environment free of crime—and the gun violence that claims the lives of thousands of our Nation's children every year—provides this opportunity.

Recent events are a painful reminder of the devastation that firearms cause for children in every part of our country. Last month, 4-year-old Marimal Colon was playing in front of her house in my home State of Rhode Island. As she prepared to accompany her siblings to a candy store, she was hit in the back by a stray bullet, fired in an exchange between two cars passing her home.

Since coming to Congress, I have worked hard to stop this violence by enacting tough new laws, like the Brady bill and the assault weapons ban, that keep guns out of the hands of criminals.

These laws are making an impact, but we must do more to stop the plague of gun violence. We must stop criminals from obtaining their weapons of choice: junk guns.

These firearms, also known as Saturday night specials, are cheap, small, easily concealable, made of cheap materials, and lack adequate safety devices.

Junk guns are not hunting weapons, but they are 3.4 times as likely to be used in crime as are other firearms. Indeed, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms reports that 8 of the 10 firearms most frequently traced at crime scenes in 1995 were junk guns.

The Junk Gun Violence Protection Act that I am introducing today takes a stand against junk guns. This bill and Senator BOXER's companion legislation ban the junk guns that criminals prefer.

In the past, Congress has recognized the danger of junk guns, and taken bipartisan action to combat the abuse of these weapons. In 1968, Congress passed the Gun Control Act to prohibit the importation of junk guns. This measure unintentionally led to the creation of a vast domestic junk gun industry. In 1972, the Senate passed a bill to apply the import standards to domestically produced guns by a vote of 68 to 25.

The Reed-Boxer bill is modeled after this impressive example. The measure, which at last closes the deadly loophole that protects domestic junk guns, is an important step toward safe communities.

I look forward to working with Senator BOXER, our colleagues, and the millions of Americans committed to reducing the toll of gun violence to ensure that this critical goal becomes a reality.

## TRIBUTE TO JUANITA E. FISHER

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 1996*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to an outstanding community leader, Ms. Juanita E. Fisher, president of the Florentino Plaza Tenant Association. Since her tenure as president she has worked to improve the quality of life within the Florentino Plaza and surrounding community.

The tenants association under her leadership has been instrumental in caretaking and maintenance upgrade. In addition to grounds beautification and maintenance, she has created activities and developed programs designed to reach all people.

The myriad of duties she performs include organizing voter registration drives and being an active member of the East New York Council Presidents. In addition to advocacy work, Ms. Fisher is a tireless grandmother and enjoys spending quality time with all of her 14 grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Ms. Fisher on receiving this impressive honor, and extend to her my best wishes for continued success in the Brooklyn community.

## TRIBUTE TO MILTON J. STRONG

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 1996*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Mr. Milton J. Strong for a career of service dedicated to the children of New York City. After attending Frederick Douglass Junior High School and DeWitt Clinton High School, he received a football scholarship to Virginia State College. He later transferred to New York University where he received his B.S. and M.S. degrees. He later obtained his professional diploma from Columbia University.

Over the course of 40 years, Mr. Strong has moved through the ranks to achieve his current position of principal. For the past 22 years he has served the children and residents of Community School District 19 as principal of George Gershwin Intermediate School. During his tenure he has graduated almost 10,000 students.

Married to Marjorie, his wife of 30 years, a high school reading teacher, they have two sons, Otto and Kirk. It is my pleasure to highlight the contributions of Milton J. Strong.

## TRIBUTE TO WINCHESTER KEY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 1996*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, Winchester Key has been a resident of the east New York community for over 20 years. He is a role model for young people in the community by serving on boards that work to provide positive opportunities for youth.

Mr. Key serves as the first vice president, and is the past president of Community Board

19. He is also the senior legislative assistant to Assistant Speaker Edward Griffith of the New York State Assembly. Winchester is the chairman of the Issues Committee of African-American Clergy and is also the coordinator for the East New York Brownsville Clergy which has created a revitalization program for east Brooklyn.

Winchester serves as chairman of the East New York Urban Youth Housing Corporation. Mr. Key served in the U.S. Army and presently serves as the lieutenant commander of the East New York Brooklyn Squadron No. 4 Civil Air Patrol Program, which teaches youngsters 13 to 21 discipline, aerospace, education, leadership and gives cadets an opportunity to learn how to fly aircraft. I am proud to introduce Winchester Key to my colleagues in the House of Representatives.

## TRIBUTE TO ROBERT C. DORF

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 1996*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge Mr. Robert C. Dorf. He was born in Manhattan in 1943 and is a Jewish war baby who was raised along a north-south line stretching from New York to Miami. His cumulative experiences include graduating from the University of Florida, serving in the U.S. Army, serving as a counselor for the Methadone Maintenance Treatment Program, Harlem Hospital Division, and the Bronx District Attorney's Office where he served as an assistant district attorney.

Robert Dorf has lived in Brooklyn for 25 years. He and his wife Wendy have two children, Andrew and Jessica. For most of his time in Brooklyn he has been a practicing attorney, litigating criminal and civil cases in both Federal and State court. He is now employed as an attorney for the unified court system of the State of New York, assisting the Honorable James G. Starkey, supreme court, Kings County.

Robert is a prolific author on criminal justice, especially intellectual property, and he is an avid motorcyclist. It is my pleasure to highlight his personal and professional achievements.

## IN HONOR OF ROLANDO FAJARDO

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 1996*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to take this opportunity to congratulate a man much distinguished for his humanitarian efforts and desire to help others in need, Mr. Rolando Fajardo. Rolando has been recently elected to the board of directors of the Metropolitan New York Chapter of AATSP [American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese]. In the past, he was awarded the Proud City Award of the New York City Council and has been an executive member of the board of directors of the Joseph P. Addabbo Family Health Center.

Since immigrating to the United States, Rolando has used his linguistic and teaching

talents in order to teach students that they live in an international society. He has traveled extensively in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, and Europe and has experienced much success in

developing class projects in the New York City public school system.

Rolando is a very caring person, dedicated to those who are less fortunate. He is a fine

example of what love thy neighbor is all about and Canarsie High School and the Brooklyn community are fortunate to know him.