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It is my pleasure to recognize these outstanding students for their academic and leadership accomplishments as well as for their participation in school, community service, and civic activities.

GOOD THINGS COME IN SMALL BUSINESS

HON. WILLIAM M. THOMAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 1996

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, there is nothing small about small business. In my district alone, small businesses (under 500 employees) account for the vast majority of the total local business establishments. Nationwide, over 21 million small businesses employ more than half of the private work force. The irony is that while small business provides such major benefits to the community, it is the target of the Government's wrath in terms of taxation and regulation.

Time and time again, this vital part of our economy is forced to bear the brunt of higher and new taxes. Small businesses faced the highest tax increase in American history in 1993. Statistics show that 70 percent of those affected by the 1993 tax rate increase were small businesses. Under this type of capital constraint, small businesses can be forced to downsize. Self-employed small business owners have an additional burden as they have not been able to deduct more than 30 percent for health care costs. Small businesses can even be blocked from growing by their inability to get accurate information on ways to comply with laws and regulations.

This Congress is moving to encourage small business. With the passage of the Small Business Job Protection Act, H.R. 3448, in both the House and Senate and health insurance reform (conference pending), H.R. 3103, small businesses can look forward to benefitting from a reduction in taxes through an increase both in their expense limit and their allowable health insurance deduction. The bill also simplifies pension law, making it easier for small businesses to adopt retirement savings programs.

Regulations serve as another impasse for growth in small business. 94 percent of small businesses lack knowledge of current regulations. This apparent ignorance is not the result of stupidity, but rather a constantly changing set of standards expressed frequently in confusing, technical language. This creates involuntary noncompliance on the part of the employer. Now, if an employer is found in violation of this regulation, he or she faces the prospect of fines and ultimately corporate shutdown.

As a cosponsor of the Small Business Regulatory Relief Act, H.R. 3798, I recognize that my constituents cannot be in the dark about regulations that they are required to follow. Nor can they be expected to interpret the language of the mandate without any assistance from those who have direct knowledge of the intentions of the regulations. This act will reappropriate a negligible portion of the EPA, IRS, and OSHA budgets to Small Business Development Centers for purposes of offering counselling services to businesses regarding regulation compliance. In supporting this bill, I am optimistic that small business both in my district and elsewhere will be better equipped to comply in a cost-effective manner with the regulations of today and the future.

Promoting incentives in small business growth is not just a district or a State issue, it is a national issue that demands our attention in order to ensure the stability of our economy. Small business deserves big recognition. It is time that our small image of this industry changes so that it reflects the huge rewards it bestows on our communities. Only then can we truly reap the full benefits of what is contained in small business.

MEMORIALIZE THE DEATHS OF ISRAELI ATHLETES

HON. MICHAEL R. McNULTY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 1996

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, in 1972, 11 Israeli athletes, who came to Munich to participate in the Olympic games, were ruthlessly shot down by terrorists—as a stunned world looked on in horror.

This despicable act was perpetrated against athletes who had come to Munich in the spirit of peace and brotherhood. They were returned to Israel in coffins.

And yet, the International Olympic Committee refuses to officially recognize these 11 victims, claiming that this would be a political act—and that the Olympics are for the living, not for the dead. What an outrageous statement. It is so out of keeping with Olympic principles.

I call upon the International Olympic Committee to reconsider its position and devote at least 1 minute to memorialize the deaths of these 11 athletes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VIC FAZIO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 1996

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, on July 22 and 23, I was in my congressional district working with President Clinton on issues related to local economic development at McClellan Air Force Base. As a result, I missed the following recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted accordingly.

Rollcall No.	Vote
345	no
344	yes
343	yes
342	no

Rollcall No.	Vote
341	yes
340	yes
339	yes
338	yes
337	yes
336	yes
335	yes
334	yes
333	no
332	yes

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN CO-OP CITY SECTION

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 1996

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, for 25 years the National Council of Negro Women, Co-op City section, has been serving the community in numerous ways, giving to the area programs which will make Co-op City better for generations to come. This marvelous group of people has established the Saturday tutorial to give individualized instruction in reading and math for grades 2–12. It also established a youth group for young ladies, teaching them pride, leadership, responsibility, and community participation; the Community Concerns Committee, in which members visit shut-ins or nursing homes in the community; and the annual brotherhood program to recognize an outstanding individual, family, and a youth in the community. This is a wonderful organization which continues to contribute so much to the community. I am proud to have them as neighbors.

CREATING JOBS

HON. LEE H. HAMILTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 1996

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to insert my Washington Report for Wednesday, July 17, 1996, into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

CREATING JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN INDIANA

Hoosiers often ask about the availability of good-paying jobs in Indiana. They believe the economy in Indiana is performing better and more jobs are being created, but continue to worry about the long-term prospects for growth.

I share their concerns, and have given a high priority to supporting job creation efforts in southern Indiana. I have taken a leading role in support of several key highway and water projects in the 9th District which will encourage long-term growth, and have led efforts to find productive reuses of closed military bases in and around the District.

HIGHWAY AND WATER PROJECTS

Investment in our infrastructure is vital to maintaining the high quality of life Americans have come to expect. Since last year I have supported over 100 projects, including improving roads and sewer and water systems, in our 21 counties, bringing in over \$62 million.

I-265 BRIDGE

I have taken the lead in seeking congressional funding for an I-265 bridge across the

Ohio River. My preference is for an eastern bridge which completes the I-265 beltway. Such a route would promote job creation in southern Indiana and relieve highway congestion in the greater Louisville area. Congress, with my support, approved in 1994 \$500,000 for the project, which is now funding a study, to be completed this November, on a possible bridge location. Also, Governor Bayh, at my urging, recently committed \$1 million for an environmental impact statement (EIS). The EIS will follow the location study, and is a necessary step, under federal law, before construction can begin on the project. It will investigate the project's effect on the natural, economic and social environments of the area and provide a cost-benefit analysis of the project.

US 231 HIGHWAY

I have also led efforts to upgrade US 231 in Spencer County to a four-lane highway. Governor Bayh, at my request, recently committed \$500,000 to conduct an EIS, starting this fall, on the highway project. A four-lane highway will greatly improve the current transportation network in this region, linking I-64 in Indiana to the Natcher Bridge, Owensboro and the Kentucky parkway system in the south. It will also encourage economic development in Spencer, Dubois and Perry Counties.

FLOOD PROTECTION

Heavy rains this year highlight the need for effective flood protection, particularly along the Ohio River, to secure homes, businesses, and public infrastructure in the region. A House committee, at my request, has provided \$2.8 million to repair six Ohio River flood protection projects built by the Corps of Engineers from 1943 to 1954 and operated and maintained by the cities of Lawrenceburg, Jeffersonville-Clarksville, New Albany, Cannelton, Tell City, and Evansville. The full House will soon consider the measure.

OHIO RIVER GREENWAY

The greenway will connect the waterfronts in Jeffersonville, Clarksville, and New Albany, and provide residents and visitors with better access to this scenic riverfront corridor and its various attractions, including the Falls of the Ohio National Wildlife Conservation Area, the Louisville skyline, and the historic districts along the riverfront. Congress, at my request, has approved funding over the last few years for initial planning and design work on the project. A House committee is considering a bill to authorize construction of the greenway.

REDEVELOPMENT AT CLOSING BASES

Indiana has been hard hit by the four rounds of military base closings. Four major bases have been closed, including the Jefferson Proving Ground (JPG) in Madison; one, the Indiana Army Ammunition Plant (INAAP), has been inactivated; and another, the Naval Ordnance Station, Louisville (NOSL), which employs several hundred Indiana residents, is being privatized. These closures have had a significant impact on communities throughout the state. My efforts have focused on promoting commercial uses at these installations.

JEFFERSON PROVING GROUND

The Army formally closed JPG last year, and efforts are under way to find productive uses for the 55,000 acre property. A local businessman won an open competition to acquire the 3,400-acre cantonment area, the built-up area south of the firing line. He is now farming the open land and marketing the buildings. An additional 230 acres have been set aside for a county park. The acreage north of the firing line has significant contamination problems. The Army estimates

that over 1 million rounds of unexploded ordnance litter the firing range, significantly limiting possible reuses of the property. It appears likely that most of the property will remain wilderness, with perhaps some limited access, in time, to the Old Timbers Lodge and other specific areas, and that the Indiana Air Guard will continue to run training flights into the range.

INDIANA ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT

The Army inactivated the ammo plant in Charlestown in October 1992, but chose not to sell the installation because it wants to be able to reactivate the black powder plant at the facility in the event of a national emergency. The key now is finding productive uses for other portions of the facility. ICI, the plant contractor, has contracted with the Army to use the resources at the installation for commercial development, and has succeeded in attracting 62 businesses, employing over 600 people, to the plant. ICI is now working to locate larger tenants to the property. I have taken the lead in establishing a 2000-acre state park at the far eastern end of the installation. The new Charlestown Park, to be opened later this year, will be an outstanding addition to the state park system, along a scenic stretch of the Ohio River.

NAVAL ORDNANCE STATION, LOUISVILLE

The Base Closure and Realignment Commission voted last year to close NOSL, but gave the Navy the option of privatizing the installation rather than relocating the activities to other facilities. I opposed the decision to close, but now that the decision has been made, have been working to keep good-paying jobs in the greater Louisville area. Under the current plan, two contractors will perform Navy work on site and hire most of the current workforce by mid-August.

CONCLUSION

We have had some setbacks with the recent base closings, but are making progress on redevelopment of these properties. We are also making headway on key infrastructure projects, such as the I-265 bridge. I am committed to working with local leaders on these and other job-creation efforts.

IN MEMORY OF MR. EDWARD PREE

HON. RICHARD J. DURBIN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 1996

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the good works and mourn the passing of Mr. Edward Pree a life-long community activist in Springfield, IL. Mr. Pree shared his life of the arts, sports, and his nation with many in the Springfield community.

After completing his law school education and service in the Army during World War II, Mr. Pree returned to Springfield to practice law with his father. The demands of this successful law practice did not keep Edward from serving those who returned from their tour of duty disabled. Mr. Pree was honored for his distinguished service by the Disabled American Veterans in 1962. He continued his work with veterans as a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Edward's life-long work with the American Legion led to his being honored with the American Legion's Americanism Award in 1991. Edward was an enthusiastic and devoted patriot. This was witnessed on many oc-

casions when he would be called on to address a gathering at a Memorial Day, Veterans' Day, or July 4th event.

Mr. Pree's love of the arts will long be remembered because of the endowments and scholarships he established to advance Springfield's artistic community. In 1978, Edward began an endowment to benefit the Springfield Art Association. He also set up the Georg Art Scholarship, the Edward Pree Speech award at Pawnee High School, and the Georg Endowment for the preservation of Edwards Place, a local historic site.

Mr. Pree's work with the Springfield sports community led to his being named one of the first inductees to the Springfield Sports Hall of Fame. Edward was inducted as a "Friend of Sports" because of his generosity in team sponsorships and his tenure as president of the American National Sports Corporation and as sports director at American Legion Post 32.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their condolences to Mrs. Margaret Pree and the entire Pree Family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 1996

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, July 23, 1996, due to a malfunction of my congressional beeper, I missed rollcall vote No. 342, an amendment to H.R. 3814, the Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1997, offered by Representative GEORGE RADANOVICH. I intended to vote "Yea" on Mr. RADANOVICH's amendment, as I fully support increased efforts to combat the escalating use of drugs in our country.

THOMAS J. BALSHI, DDS, IS HONORED

HON. JON D. FOX

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 1996

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, for almost a quarter of a century, Thomas J. Balshi, a fellow of the American College of Prosthodontists, has impacted the health of thousands of individuals worldwide by contributions to research, education, and the clinical practice of prosthetic dentistry.

He trained others from Bosnia and Herzegovina to bring healing and restoration to that war-torn population. He has championed the benefits of prosthetic care throughout the country of India, in Uruguay and Colombia, and has spoken before the Royal Society of Medicine in London.

Dr. Balshi is a pioneer in the field of implant prosthetics. His work has renewed the health and self-confidence of his patients. Dr. Balshi commits himself clinically and personally to the careful renewal of every patient's smile, whether the patient be indigent or celebrity. Through his years of professional practice, he has earned the reputation of being a dental court of last resort. By engineering innovative solutions, he has specialized in saving diagnosed hopeless dental cases.