

If New Jersey cannot continue its effective system of flow control, the \$2 billion burden of flow-control bonds will fall on the backs of the residents of New Jersey in the form of new and higher taxes. I urge a "yes" vote on this bill.

TRIBUTE TO HY ROSENBLUM

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 1996

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay my final tribute to a man I have praised before on this floor, Hy Rosenblum of East Greenbush, NY.

May he rest in peace. His life was one long act of giving to his community.

Had he only served as assistant State attorney general, town attorney for Schodack and East Greenbush, and village attorney for Castleton, he would have inscribed his name on the honor roll of outstanding citizens. But he also gave 41 years of his life to Hudson Valley Community College.

He was appointed to the college's original board of trustees by Gov. Thomas Dewey. He was later named secretary of the board, and served in that capacity for more than 40 years. He did not miss a graduation at the college for 41 years.

But that was not all. In 1943 he created the Consideration Award for local high school graduates who had shown high regard for the personal and property rights of others. In 1946, he incorporated the Hudson Valley Broadcasting Corp., which led to the creation of radio station WROW and WROW-TV. He served on that board of directors as well. In 1957 he chaired the Rensselaer County Park Committee, and played a major role in establishing the Grafton Lakes State Park. He also participated in such community efforts as lobbying for more State police, and preventing the closing of the Fort Orange Paper Co.

As you can see, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Rosenblum's contributions were many and lasting. I was proud to call him a friend, and I speak for many others when I say I will miss him. You do not replace someone like Hy Rosenblum.

Mr. SOLOMON. I ask you and other Members to join me in a final salute to a great American, Hy Rosenblum, and in offering our condolences and deepest regret to his wife, Doris, and grieving family.

A FATHER'S LETTER TO SANTA

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 1996

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, one of the most respected men in Tennessee, Jim Haslam, chairman of the Pilot Oil Corporation, recently sent me a copy of "A Father's Letter to Santa."

This letter was sent to Mr. Haslam by Kevin O'Neill, the head basketball coach of the University of Tennessee. This piece was originally written by David Chartrand, a columnist for the Olathe, KS, Daily News.

I hope that all of my colleagues and many readers of the RECORD from all across the country will take time to read this and pass it on to others:

A FATHER'S LETTER TO SANTA

DEAR SANTA: My five-year-old boy scribbled out his Christmas list. It's there by the fireplace. The Coke and M&Ms are from him, in case you're hungry. You know five-year-olds these days. The Cheezits are from me.

Santa, if you don't mind, I thought I'd go ahead and leave my list, too. It's long, but do what you can.

It's all I want for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS LIST FROM HIS FATHER

Santa, let my little boy grow up still believing that he has the funniest dad in the neighborhood.

Give him many close friends, both boys and girls. May they fill his days with adventure, security and dirty fingernails.

Leave his mom and me some magic dust that will keep him just the size he is now. We'd just as soon he stayed five years old three feet, four inches.

If he must grow up, make sure he still wants to sit on my lap at bedtime and read "The Frog and the Toad."

If you can help it, Santa, never let him be sent into war. His mother and I love our country, but we love our five-year-old boy more.

While you're at it, give our world leaders a copy of the "The Killer Angels." Michael Shaara's retelling of the Battle of Gettysburg. May it remind them that too many moms and dads have wept at Christmas for soldiers who died in battles that needn't have been fought.

Let our house always be filled with slamming doors and toilet seats, which are the official sounds of little boys.

Break it to him gently, Santa, that his dad won't always be able to carry him to bed at night or brush his teeth for him. Teach him courage in the face of such change.

Let him understand that no matter how nice you are to everyone, the world will sometimes break your heart. As you know, Santa, a child's feelings are fragile as moth wings.

Let him become a piano player, a soccer star or a priest. Or all three. Anything but a tax-and-spend Democrat.

Give him a hunger for books, music and geography. May he be the first kid in Kindergarten to be able to find Madagascar on a map.

The kid's a born artist, Santa, so send more crayons. May our kitchen window and refrigerator door be ever plastered with his sketches of surreal rainbows and horse with big ears.

Through the years steer him oh so carefully to that little girl destined to be his bride. Let his mother and me still be around when he walks her down the aisle. If there's a just God, let her daddy be obscenely rich.

Grant him a heart that will cherish what his parents did right and forgive us for the mistakes we surely will have made over a lifetime of raising him.

Let him not hold it against us that he was born with my chin and his mother's ears. Time will teach him that these are God's ways of girding him for life's adversities.

Hold him steady on the day that he learns the truth about you and the Easter Bunny. May he take the news better than I did.

While you're flying around the heavens, Santa, make sure God has heard our prayer for this child: Lead my little boy not into temptation; deliver him from evil.

Be careful out there, Santa. And close the flue on your way up.

IN MEMORY OF EFFIE OLIVER

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 1996

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the passing of Effie Oliver of Decatur, IL. Mrs. Oliver died last March after serving that community for decades in numerous caring capacities. Known especially for her devotion to children, the Longview Day Care Center of Decatur was renamed last October the Effie Oliver Child and Family Center in her honor. I would like to join the people of Decatur in offering my thanks in recognition of Mrs. Oliver's hard work, and my condolences to her surviving family.

Leadership and caring were a way of life for Effie. She donated her time and energy to numerous organizations, including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Democratic Women's Club, and the Women's Progressive Club. Mrs. Oliver was also a deaconess at St. Peter's AME Church and served on the advisory council at the Longview Day Care Center. Her husband, Bill Oliver, still serves the community as a Decatur city councilman.

In her over 20 years of service to the children of Longview Day Care Center Effie touched many lives. She improved the environment in which these kids spent their days, so it was utterly appropriate that when the center was renamed for her, it also was improved. The Effie Oliver Child and Family Care Center has expanded classrooms, brand new restrooms, and beautiful interior additions. A portrait of Mrs. Oliver hangs inside.

Mr. Speaker, in this day of increasing distrust in our neighbors and institutions, the life of Effie Oliver should be a reminder to us all of what great things can be accomplished when we give of ourselves. She led an exemplary life, and I am proud to have represented her in the U.S. Congress.

FAREWELL TO THE HONORABLE KWEISI MFUME

HON. RONALD V. DELLUMS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 1996

Mr. DELLUMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor an esteemed Member of the House as he departs to fulfill the role of chief executive officer and president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. As I bid farewell to my colleague, I am saddened, but I rejoice and am pleased that my friend goes forward to guide and nurture our Nation's premier civil rights organization in its continued struggle on behalf of those less fortunate. He leaves an indelible mark on the institution and in the hearts of many. He has set himself apart as a distinguished Member of the House.

Since the 1960's, KWEISI MFUME has been a staunch supporter of civil rights and economic development and economic empowerment through his seven-point plan to revitalize urban areas. As a member of the Banking and Financial Institutions Committee, KWEISI has proposed amendments to voice the concerns

of public housing residents, and has sought to strengthen the Community Reinvestment Act.

As chair of the Congressional Black Caucus he heightened substantially the CBC's influence on major policy issues of concern, both domestically and internationally. In his efforts to ensure security, growth, and development for the African-American community, Kweisi has exercised his adeptness to build coalitions. His resourcefulness and ability to make allies is only one of his tremendous leadership qualities.

He leaves a legacy of leadership, commitment, and responsibility that must be carried on and preserved in this institution. He serves as an example to our youth and others who aspire greatness.

In fondly remembering his first days in Congress and his dear colleague advising Members of the correct pronunciation of his name, today we all know who he is and how to pronounce his name, and now we all cheer for his future and success.

Go forward my friend and do good work.

INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE ACT OF 1995

SPEECH OF

HON. STEPHEN E. BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 1996

Mr. BUYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to the Flow Control Act of 1996, House Resolution 349, as it is currently drafted. While I support the provisions of this resolution, I do not in any way support this effort to address flow control without addressing the issue of interstate transportation of municipal solid waste. It is my feeling that doing so, the House of Representatives is again failing to provide a national framework of controls and incentives for states and localities to implement responsible, solid waste management programs.

Failure of this House to include comprehensive waste control legislation, including granting States the authority to control the flow of waste as well as to limit the amount of out-of-State waste which can be dumped within their borders, reveals that the real intent is not to encourage responsible waste management. Instead, taking this action sends the message that this House is more concerned with the financial resources which are being depleted by the lack of flow control authority, than it is with the limited, natural resources being depleted by the lack of State authority to regulate the amount of municipal waste which can be imported and dumped.

The Supreme Court has acknowledged that Congress has sole jurisdiction over the regulation of interstate commerce. Over the past 5 years, the Congress has acknowledged it should exercise this authority with regard to the issue of municipal waste.

In the 104th Congress, the Senate passed comprehensive legislation which addresses the issue of municipal waste management affecting all 50 states. Early last year, I introduced H.R. 1288, the Interstate Transportation of Municipal Waste Act, which is identical to the bill introduced by Senator COATS. Senator COATS and I did so recognizing the necessity

of developing a comprehensive national waste management policy, one which addresses the severe problems facing our own State of Indiana.

I represent a district in Northcentral Indiana which received two-thirds, or around 1 million tons, of the amount of out-of-State waste dumped in Indiana last year. House Resolution 349 does not address this problem of out-of-State waste which faces many States such as Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Virginia. These States are forced to deal with the millions of tons of waste generated by other States and localities, and dumped within their borders. I am greatly concerned over the lack of progress this House has made on this issue. I believe this House is ignoring its responsibility and addressing only the financial problems of a limited number of states.

I believe that Congress' lack of action penalizes States like Indiana, which have not only reduced their production of solid waste, but have devised a responsible management plan to dispose of it. I am here in support of a national system which will enable and encourage each State and locality to develop and implement responsible, solid waste management plans. The only way to do so is to address the issue of municipal solid waste management, which includes both the problems of flow control and interstate waste.

Mr. Chairman, I urge this House to continue the work of the past 5 years, to follow the work of the Senate, and to consider the work of Chairman OXLEY and his colleagues on the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Hazardous Material, who have approved H.R. 2323, a comprehensive waste management reform bill. That is why I must stand here today and call on my colleagues to oppose this resolution.

OPPOSES FRENCH GOVERNMENT NUCLEAR TESTING PROGRAM

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 1996

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I wish to voice my strong disapproval with the French Government's nuclear testing program. I join with many of my colleagues—and most the world community—in protesting the detonation of six French nuclear weapons in the South Pacific. That is why I am joining the congressional boycott of the French President's visit to Congress.

French President Jacques Chirac will appear February 1 before a joint session of Congress. I can not of good conscience attend. France and the United States have a proud relationship of cooperation extending back to the beginning of our Nation. However, France's conduct in the South Pacific can not be justified. Exploding nuclear weapons in pursuit of further weapons development contradicts the view of 175 nations—including France and the United States—who signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. It also needlessly endangers the environment and people of the region.

Just last week, France acknowledged the presence of radioactive iodine in the lagoon near the Mururoa test site. Despite their declaration that the tests blast are perfectly safe,

we have no way to know if this is true. Since the French Government refuses to allow independent assessment of the environmental impact of these nuclear explosions, I must remain suspicious. Are the people who live in the South Pacific threatened by nuclear poison in their region of the world? What will the ecological and human health threats 10, 20, or a 100 years from now?

Although the Clinton administration has officially denounced the French nuclear testing program, its actions hardly match its rhetoric. I urge the White House to put real pressure on the Chirac government. Let us not forget our responsibility in this matter: the United States has long supported the French nuclear weapons program.

I must take special exception to the U.S. decision to allow French military aircraft to flying to the South Pacific test site the use of U.S. airspace. How can the world take seriously a United States criticism of the French nuclear weapons testing program when the United States refuse to take even the most basic action to resist the French action. The only assurance Congress can get from the U.S. State Department is that no nuclear materials are being transported "according to the best of our knowledge." This hardly represents strong scrutiny by our Government.

Now that the French Government has ended its series of nuclear detonations, I call on President Chirac to firmly commit his nation to end all future test. At the very least, France should declare the permanent closing of the South Pacific test site. France should also clean up the nuclear mess if left behind and allow independent monitoring the area. It is the least they can do for the South Pacific peoples who will have to live with the legacy of decades of nuclear weapons testing.

The rationale for nuclear testing ran out years ago. If the world governments won't stop this cold war relic now, then when? I look forward to the recognition by France that their ongoing nuclear weapons testing program was simply wrong. Perhaps we can now move toward a international ban on all future such explosive tests. The United States must continue to press for a comprehensive ban on all such future nuclear test explosions. And France must become an active player in these negotiations.

It is my hope that a change in the behavior of France's Government will allow me to participate in Mr. Chirac's next visit to Congress. I also look forward to a successful conclusion to the ongoing comprehensive nuclear talks so the world can take an important step toward nuclear disarmament.

HONORING WALTER HAGAN

HON. BILL RICHARDSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 1996

Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, few of us have the opportunity, desire, or even the ability to spend 50 years in any one profession. Those of us who do accomplish this amazing feat deserve special commendation.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Walter Hagan of Dallas, TX, as he celebrates his 50th year in the airline business. Mr. Hagan's half-century tenure is particularly