

Today, I want to thank one member of my staff—Megan Machemahl, my staff assistant in my College Station, TX, district office—for everything she's done for me and my constituents in the almost 2 years that she has served as my representative in College Station.

Megan is a native of Houston who served as an intern in my Washington DC, office from August to December 1994. During her semester-long internship, Megan helped my permanent staff track legislation in committee and on the House floor, conduct legislative research, and answer constituent correspondence. She performed each of these tasks with enthusiasm and great professional skill, and I was grateful for all she did to help.

Little did I realize that so soon after she left, she would be rejoining my staff. Shortly after her internship ended and she had returned to Texas A&M University, my staff assistant in the College Station office announced his decision to leave. Remembering what a good job Megan had done during her internship, I offered her the opportunity to run the College Station office while she pursued her masters degree.

Fortunaely, she agreed. Since 1995, Megan has represented me at events and meetings in the western half of my congressional district, which includes Brazos, Washington, and Austin counties. Also, she has helped coordinate the congressional internship program for my College Station office—recruiting, selecting and training new student interns. She also designed a training manual for handling congressional casework.

Having earned her bachelors degree in journalism from Texas A&M University in August 1995, Megan is now working to her masters degree in educational human resource development, which she expects to receive in May 1997.

Megan is one of those hard-working men and women who make all of us in this institution look better than we deserve. I know she has done that for me, and I appreciate this opportunity to publicly thank her for the dedication, loyalty, and professionalism she has exhibited throughout the years it has been my privilege to know and work with her.

Megan's plans after she earns her masters degree are as yet uncertain, but knowing her as well as I do, I am confident that her professional skills and personal qualities—skills and qualities she has demonstrated in my office—will lead to continued success in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I know you join with me in saying thank you to Megan Machemahl for her loyal service to me, to the men and women of Texas' Eighth Congressional District, and to this great institution. And I know you join with me in wishing her the very best in all of her future endeavors.

WE'RE GLAD OLIVIA SIMMONS
AND DARYL EDWARDS WERE
HERE

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 1996

Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, like so many communities across America and some parts of the world, New Jersey's 10th Congressional District lost some of its mem-

bers in the crash of TWA flight 800 on July 17. This evening at the St. Matthew AME Church in Orange, NJ, a memorial service, organized under the direction of Orange Mayor Mims Hackett, is being held for Olivia Simmons, one of the victims.

By all accounts, Olivia Simmons was a caring individual who cherished life. She did what she could to make life as beneficial as possible for others. Ms. Simmons was a teacher in the Newark school system for 28 years. She taught at the Clinton Avenue School and the Broadway Elementary School. In the past several years, Ms. Simmons was also a school librarian.

Ms. Simmons loved the written word and dedicated her life to opening new horizons by encouraging others to appreciate books and other written material. She was an avid reader who belonged to literary clubs and the International Reading Association.

Ms. Simmons valued multiculturalism. In addition to her teacher/librarian duties she also was a flight attendant for 21 years. Because of her love and respect for our different cultures, she traveled during weekends and summers.

Mr. Speaker, we also lost another in that terrible crash, Daryl Edwards. Mr. Edwards was a flight attendant with TWA for 18 years. He was born in Newark, NJ and raised in East Orange, NJ. He graduated from East Orange High School. He attended and graduated from American University in Washington, DC.

One of Mr. Edwards' delights was cooking. He was an accomplished chef, having been graduated from the Peter Kamp Culinary School in New York City. He owned a catering business. Mr. Edwards gave and received great joy through his culinary art.

Mr. Speaker, Olivia Simmons and Daryl Edwards were two warm, friendly and caring individuals. Their absence will be felt. However, although we will miss them, we're glad they were here.

2002 WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES FACILITATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES V. HANSEN

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 1996

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, following is the Congressional Budget Office cost estimate for H.R. 3907, a bill to facilitate the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in the State of Utah at the Snowbasin Ski area, to provide for the acquisition of lands within the Sterling Forest Reserve, and for other purposes, that passed the House on Tuesday, July 30, 1996.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, July 29, 1996.

Hon. DON YOUNG,
Chairman, Committee on Resources, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has reviewed H.R. 3907, a bill to facilitate the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in the state of Utah at the Snowbasin Ski Area, to provide for the acquisition of lands within the Sterling Forest Reserve, and for other purposes, as introduced in the House of Representatives on July 26, 1996. Assuming appropriation of the necessary sums, CBO estimates that the federal government would

spend \$17.5 million over the next several years to implement Title II of this bill. In addition, Title I of the bill would affect direct spending; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply. However, we estimate that any change in direct spending would be insignificant.

FEDERAL BUDGETARY IMPACT

Title I would authorize and direct the Secretary of Agriculture to transfer to the Sun Valley Company 1,230 acres of federally owned land for the Snowbasin Ski Area, located within the Cache National Forest in Utah. In exchange, the Forest Service would receive about 4,100 acres of privately owned land of roughly equal value located within the Cache National Forest. Based on conversations with the committee staff, we understand that the map designations are intended to be the same as those in H.R. 2402, as reported by the Committee on Resources on December 15, 1995. Based on information from the Forest Service, CBO estimates that this exchange would cause the federal government to lose receipts from permit fees totaling less than \$25,000 annually. We estimate that no significant change in discretionary spending would result from implementing this title.

Title II would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to transfer funds to the Palisades Interstate Park Commission for the purpose of acquiring lands and related interests in the Sterling Forest Reserve in New York. The title would authorize the appropriation of up to \$17.5 million for this purpose. In addition, section 202 would authorize the Secretary to exchange unreserved federal lands for about 2,220 acres of nonfederal property in Sterling Forest. The Secretary would be directed to transfer to the commission any land acquired by exchange.

Assuming that the entire amounts authorized for land acquisition would be appropriated as needed by the commission, CBO estimates that the Secretary of the Interior would transfer \$17.5 million to the commission over the next several years. It is unlikely that any land exchanges would be executed under the authority provided in this title because there is probably no federal land suitable for exchange purposes in New York, and any federal land located in other states could probably not be used for the exchange without specific legislative authority.

IMPACT ON STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

H.R. 3907 contains no intergovernmental mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-4). The state of Utah would lose a small amount of receipts as a result of the proposed land transfer in Title I because it receives 25 percent of the permit fees paid by ski areas on federal lands within the state. The bill would impose no other costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

IMPACT ON THE PRIVATE SECTOR

This bill would impose no new private-sector mandates as defined in Public Law 104-4.

PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATES

On March 17, 1995, CBO completed a cost estimate for S. 223, the Sterling Forest Protection Act of 1995, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on March 15, 1995. S. 223 also would authorize the appropriation of \$17.5 million for acquisition and transfer of the Sterling Forest lands. The Senate bill contains other provisions that would have cost the federal government about \$200,000. Because these provisions are not included in H.R. 3907, estimated costs for this bill are lower.

On December 1, 1995, CBO completed a cost estimate for H.R. 2402, the Snowbasin Land Exchange Act of 1995, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on November 16, 1995. H.R. 2402 contains provisions that are very similar to those of Title I of H.R. 3907, and the estimated costs for those provisions in the two bills are identical.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contacts are Deborah Reis and Victoria V. Heid (for federal costs), who can be reached at 226-2860, and Marjorie Miller (for the state and local impact), who can be reached at 225-3220.

Sincerely,

JUNE E. O'NEILL,
Director.

TRIBUTE TO EVESHAM TOWNSHIP
POLICE CHIEF NICHOLAS L.
MATTEO

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 1996

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to take this opportunity to congratulate and recognize the distinguished career of Chief Nicholas L. Matteo, chief of police for Evesham Township in Burlington County, NJ. Chief Matteo is preparing to retire on January 1, 1997 upon completion of more than 30 years of faithful service to the Evesham Township Police Department.

A native of Medford, NJ, Chief Matteo began his career with the Evesham Township Police Department responding to calls as a patrolman in 1966. As a cop on the beat, Chief Matteo served his community during time of need and emergency situations.

Mr. Matteo then ascended to the rank of detective first class where he was responsible for interviewing victims, perpetrators, and the follow-up of criminal investigations.

Patrol sergeant, the next title held by Mr. Matteo, entailed the overseeing of the operations of an entire patrol shift as well as direct supervision of critical incidents.

Chief of police is the rank that he has held honorably since 1990. He has been responsible for the operation of a large, widely respected law enforcement agency. While serving as chief of police, Mr. Matteo has earned the respect of the men and women of the Evesham Township Police Department, as well as residents of Burlington County, by participating on the Burlington County Chiefs Association Executive Board.

In 1996, the Delaware Valley Chiefs Association named him to their executive board. This is a most prestigious honor. This appointment highlights Chief Matteo's genuine concern for protecting the safety of the residents of his own community as well as those surrounding it.

Chief Matteo's dedication to his community is not limited to his duties and responsibilities as a police officer. He is also keenly aware of the need for racial harmony and tolerance throughout our country. He promotes this ideal through the Coalition of Multi-Culture Understanding of Burlington and Camden counties, of which he is president.

Be it a patrolman, an administrator, or a supervisor, Chief Nicholas L. Matteo has been an excellent role model for other uniformed of-

ficers and citizens of the United States. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to submit these commemorative remarks in order to share the many accomplishments of a great man with my colleagues.

A man of Nicholas Matteo's stature and vision is rare indeed. While his distinguished service will be genuinely missed, it gives me great pleasure to recognize him, and to wish him good luck as he brings to a close a long and dignified career with the Evesham Township Police Department.

WILLIAM H. MORTON ENGINE CO.
NO. 1 CELEBRATES 125TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 1996

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, anyone who visits my office can't help but notice the display of fire helmets that dominate my reception area. They're there for two reasons. First, I had the privilege of being a volunteer fireman in my hometown of Queensbury for more than 20 years, which helps explain the second reason, the tremendous respect that experience gave me for those who provide fire protection in our rural areas.

Mr. Speaker, in a rural area like the 22d District of New York, fire protection is often solely in the hands of these volunteer companies. In New York State alone they save countless lives and billions of dollars worth of property. That is why the efforts of people like those firefighters in Athens, NY, is so critical.

And that's why, Mr. Speaker, back in 1870 the residents of the growing village of Athens demanded more fire protection and the William H. Morton Engine Co. was born in 1871. It was founded based on this need to serve one another.

On that note, Mr. Speaker, those are the traits that make me most fond of such communities, the undeniable camaraderie which exists among neighbors. Looking out for one another and the good of the whole is what makes places like Athens a great place to live and raise a family. And this concept of community service couldn't be better exemplified than by the devoted service of the fine men and women who have comprised the William H. Morton Engine Co. No. 1 over its 125-year history. That's right, for well over a century, this organization has provided critical services for the citizens of Athens on a volunteer basis. As a former volunteer fireman myself, I understand, and appreciate, the commitment required to perform such vital public duties.

Mr. Speaker, it has become all too seldom that you see fellow citizens put themselves in harms way for the sake of another. While almost all things have changed over the years, thankfully for the residents of Athens, the members of their fire department have selflessly performed their duty, without remiss, since back in 1871.

You know, I have always said there is nothing more all-American than volunteering to help one's community. By that measure, Mr. Speaker, the members of the William H. Morton Engine Co. No. 1, past and present, are truly great Americans. In that regard, I ask that you, Mr. Speaker, and all Members of the

House, join me now in paying tribute to these dedicated men and women.

FUNDING FOR THE FEDERAL
MARITIME ACADEMIES

HON. JACK FIELDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 1996

Mr. FIELDS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply concerned about the viability and sustainability of our 6 State maritime academies given this bill's funding level for the Maritime Administration's operation and training account. This portion of the Commerce, Justice, State appropriations bill does not specifically provide funding for the 6 schools and actually cuts \$4.3 million from the operation and training account that was to have funded the schools.

The State maritime academies represent a model of State and Federal cost sharing in meeting the Nation's need for officers for the American flag merchant fleet and other elements of the maritime industry. The students and State governments underwrite most of the schools' costs. The Federal Government historically has assisted the academies by loaning them training ships used to meet the Federal mandate for the sea time required to fulfill the Coast Guard licensing requirements. The schools maintain these ships at approximately one-third the cost of maintaining Ready Reserve Fleet ships.

The mission of the State maritime academies is to provide, in partnership with the Federal Government, licensed American merchant marine officers by the most cost-effective means. The 6 schools, located in Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Texas, California, and Michigan provide 75 percent of the Nation's licensed mariners.

These State maritime academies represent a high return on a modest Federal investment. For only \$9.3 million, which represents level funding over the past 7 years, they train and graduate 75 percent of the Nation's licensed merchant marine officers; maintain a Ready Reserve Fleet ships at one-third the Government costs; commission an additional 100 Navy and Coast Guard Reserve officers each year; and enjoy a 100 percent job placement rate for graduates.

I, along with many others on both sides of the aisle, hope the Senate will fully fund these much-needed State maritime academies. I also urge House appropriations conferees to work with the Senate to restore this funding.

A TRIBUTE TO WOODS MEMORIAL
HOSPITAL

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 1996

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Woods Memorial Hospital in Etowah, TN, for being nationally recognized for its success in advanced technology as well as its overall business success.

In addition to its national recognition, the hospital was honored with the Tennessee