

looking at and considering Lebanon as the master of its own house—the captain of its own ship—and understand that the United States Government should negotiate directly with Lebanon's government on issues concerning Lebanon and its future.

There is no need for the President, the Congress, or anyone else to look toward Syria to the North, or toward Israel in the South—they have no right to decide Lebanon's future.

As a matter of fact, our Government needs to look backward 18 years ago—and recall United Nations Security Council's Resolution 425 which calls for the withdrawal forthwith of Israeli forces from Lebanon and for which the United States representative to the United Nations voted.

The Taif agreement regarding Syria did not go far enough because it did not call for withdrawal. It did call for a redeployment of Syrian forces to the entrance of the Bekaa Valley and the disarmament of all militia in Lebanon, both of which Syria has ignored.

And so, Mr. Speaker, I introduce this concurrent resolution, urging the President to take the necessary steps to activate the Consultative Group for Lebanon's Reconstruction, which was established by the April 26, 1996, understanding between Lebanon and Israel—entered into after Operation Grapes of Wrath, which rained so much death and destruction upon innocent civilians in the land of my grandfathers.

By this resolution I and my colleagues who cosponsor with me call for the withdrawal of all non-Lebanese forces from Lebanon so that she will no longer serve as the preferred battleground for her neighbors.

It tells the President that he need not wait upon the reconvening of the official Middle East peace talks, or the finalization of a comprehensive peace accord with all nation states in the region—to help Lebanon get non-Lebanese forces out of Lebanon.

The resolution calls upon the President to negotiate directly with officials of the Government of Lebanon on issues pertaining to Lebanon. To negotiate directly means just that—without any middlemen.

In closing Mr. Speaker, I submit this resolution to the House, calling upon Lebanon to assert more independence to assure the international community that Lebanon has the political will and the military capability to guaranteed security along her borders, for herself and her neighbors, and to disarm all militia upon the withdrawal of all non-Lebanese forces from Lebanon.

Let Lebanon be Lebanon.

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VOICE OF DEMOCRACY CONTEST  
WINNER

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HON. DAN SCHAEFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 1996*

Mr. SCHAEFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to submit into the RECORD a copy of the winning entry for the State of Colorado in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Voice of Democracy broadcast scriptwriting contest. Out of the more than 116,000 secondary students who entered, Kelsey Perkins, of Aurora, CO—Smoky Hill High School—was selected as 1 of 54 national winners of a college scholarship.

ANSWERING AMERICA'S CALL

(By Kelsey Perkins)

Good Morning, and welcome to the American Safari Corporation. I will be your guide for today's tour. What brought most of you here was not the call of the wild, rather it was the call of America. Today we will be conducting a tour in search of some rare species. Now I'm sure that some of you have been told that our search is futile since the price we are seeking is often considered to be almost extinct. I'll let you be the judge of that. For those of you who are not familiar with our goal today, let me begin by telling you that we are searching for some responsible Americans. Before we set out, I will outline three identifying marks of a responsible American which will help you in our hunt.

The first sign of a responsible American is often that of involvement in our country's armed services. In many countries across the world, military service is mandatory for young men. They have no choice in whether or not to serve their country. In the United States we have no such requirements. Service is voluntary during peace-time. The strength of a country's military is often the standard by which it is judged by other nations. The military is not only a fighting force, it is an international representative of its country. Service shows patriotism and pride for one's home. The armed forces serve the common good by protecting America's interests in all areas, and by embodying the strength, skill, and patriotism that symbolizes our country and fills every American with pride. For many citizens, military service offers the perfect opportunity to answer America's call and take on responsibility for our nation. Our armed forces have very high standards for their applicants. By meeting this standard of excellence through service in the armed forces, many men and women are successfully answering America's call to responsibility.

The second tell-tale mark to look for in our hunt is involvement in the government. Perhaps one of the best days to search for responsible Americans is on the first Tuesday in November. They can be seen in herds as they assemble to vote. In a day and age where many people are content to sit on the sidelines and not become involved in our government, utilizing one's right to vote and becoming involved in the government is a sure sign of a responsible American. As President Harry S. Truman observed, "It's not the hand that signs the laws that holds the destiny of America. It's the hand that casts the ballot." Responsible Americans not only participate, but realize what an honor their role in government is. Our founding fathers risked execution by first daring to give Americans their rights to vote and to be involved in government because their actions of protesting unfair government were seen as treasonous. Since the Revolution, Americans have fought and died in many wars to keep Americans free. They fought and died to maintain our rights which include voting and government participation. As citizens of the United States today, it is our duty and privilege to vote in elections and to be involved and informed about our national and local government. Answering America's call includes meeting these responsibilities which support the rights for which many men and women have risked their lives.

One final way to find a responsible American is to look for those who are involved in community service. Acts of unselfish kindness for the common good or the benefit of others is not too much to ask in a nation which has so much. Community service touches the individual lives which make up this great country. It serves as a testimony

to our country's humanity. Behind the mass of the armed forces and government are the everyday individuals in life which can be touched and inspired by the work of a few citizens who have realized their responsibility as members of this nation. Many organizations work year round to meet the basic needs of our nation's people because we have a responsibility to those less fortunate than ourselves. So, be sure to search for those who spend their free time helping others in such places as food banks, soup kitchens, and schools.

Well, I hope my little overview has given you a better idea of what to look for in your hunt for a responsible American. Don't forget to look for those obvious signs we reviewed: military service, government participation, and community service. With these in mind, you're sure to find a trail. Please also consider yourself in regards to what's been said today. Don't be afraid to answer America's call personally. By doing so, you could greatly increase the responsible American population. They don't have to be an endangered species.

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DAYTON POWER AND LIGHT  
HONORED

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HON. FRANK A. CREMEANS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 1996*

Mr. CREMEANS. Mr. Speaker, the Dayton Power and Light Co., which serves my district, was honored in a Capitol Hill ceremony here in Washington, receiving the Edison Electric Institute's Common Goals Special Distinction Award for outstanding achievements in community responsibility/special needs.

Mary Kilbane, DP&L's school program coordinator, and Ann Farmer, manager, corporate communications, were presented the award by EEI president Thomas R. Kuhn.

The award recognizes DP&L's energy conservation and environmental awareness patch program. The course uses hands-on activities, visual aids, and creative learning techniques to teach Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts in the company's service area about energy production and conservation and how these functions affect the environment. When participants complete certain requirements, they qualify as energy smart citizens. Scouts receive a colorful way to go patch with second-year students able to earn a Lucky the Dog pin. With such incentives, DP&L's program in 3 years educated more than 10,500 scouts and leaders.

I want to extend my congratulations and best wishes to Dayton Power and Light for receiving the EEI Common Goals Award and for its good work on behalf of a better community. Congratulations, DP&L.

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THE BALANCE THE BUDGET FIRST  
ACT OF 1996

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HON. JON CHRISTENSEN

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 1996*

Mr. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce legislation that will repeal the automatic annual pay adjustment for Members of Congress that was written into law by a previous Democratic Congress, making clear that

pay for Members should not be increased until the Federal budget has been balanced.

I decided to introduce this legislation for two reasons. First, as public servants, we shouldn't be accepting automatic, backdoor annual pay increases. I believe that pay raises for Members of Congress should only happen after debate in the open, on the House floor, so that the American people will know that we are doing.

Second, I believe that this body has no business accepting a pay raise until we've balanced the budget. This body has been granted a public trust by the American people to keep our Nation's fiscal house in order, and the Congresses of yesteryear have not kept their part of the bargain. Instead, Congress has run up a \$5 trillion national debt that our children and grandchildren will have to pay off.

While I know that some Members have been in Washington so long that they view the act of balancing the budget as an exercise in futility, the simple truth is that we can balance the budget in 6 more years if we have the political will to do so. When this body shows the fortitude to balance the Federal budget, then, and only then, will we be deserving of a pay raise.

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#### ENFORCE ENVIRONMENTAL AND LABOR SIDE AGREEMENTS

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HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 1996*

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I introduce this bill today to help enforce the environmental and labor side agreements sold to the Congress by President Bill Clinton to obtain ratification of the North American Free Trade Agreement [NAFTA].

NAFTA's detrimental effect upon both the environment and the American worker are being further realized the longer we allow current practice to continue. Today, I propose a mechanism that requires the President to verify the enforcement of the side agreements that were used to gain Congressional approval of NAFTA. Unfortunately, these well-intentioned, feel good side agreements have no teeth, and thus, provide none of the environmental or labor protections promised during the passage of NAFTA.

My bill requires the President to certify to Congress, on an annual basis, the compliance of NAFTA parties—Mexico, Canada, and the United States—with the side agreements. Should a party fail to meet certification, the United States will deny financial assistance—including loans or extension of credit by international financial institutions—to that country. As a last resort, targeted tariffs against products most benefitting from side-agreement noncompliance may be pursued.

In short, my bill merely requires the President to verify side-agreement compliance and creates a mechanism to help ensure Mexico enforces its own laws. It is my hope that such enforcement will protect the environment and economy of the United States, two things that are endangered under current practice.

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#### AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE'S PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

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HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 1996*

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call to the attention of my colleagues a very constructive public education campaign that has been undertaken by the American Jewish Committee [AJC], an organization with which I have had the pleasure to work for many years.

As part of its mandate to promote tolerance and safeguard the essential ideal of pluralism, the AJC has run full-page advertisements in the New York Times, the Washington Post, and other publications enunciating the theme, "It Takes All Kinds." The AJC statement proudly commands our country for having achieved, to an extent nowhere else on Earth, a common dream of freedom. But, at the same time, the statement acknowledges that this dream has been subject to challenge. From the recent series of church burnings, to the increasingly loud voices that promote division along racial, ethnic, and religious lines, and with the threat of domestic and international terrorism within our borders, America's common dream is threatened by the haters and the dividers.

I applaud the American Jewish Committee for the service it has performed in raising public consciousness of the danger posed to all of us by those few who espouse words—and carry out actions—of hate and divisiveness, and in inviting us to partake in the daily enterprise of ensuring that America fulfills its promise of freedom, justice, and mutual respect for all.

I ask that the text of the American Jewish Committee's ad "It Takes All Kinds" be included in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

#### IT TAKES ALL KINDS

The tired. The poor. The huddled masses yearning to breathe free.

From every corner of the world, from every race, faith, culture and creed, we have come or been brought to America. Separately and together, we have dreamed of freedom. And in America, as nowhere else on earth, we have made the dream of freedom real.

But today, that common dream of freedom, that common pursuit by a diverse people of a stronger and fairer America, is challenged. In communities across the land, suspicious fires lay waste to African-American and other churches, sowing fear and outrage. In the media, in the halls of Congress, on the campaign trail and in the streets, angry voices echo distressingly familiar calls to divide America into "us" and "them" along ethnic, racial, religious and other lines. The well-being of American democratic pluralism—in which each of us holds an equal stake in our nation's future—is in question.

At the American Jewish Committee, we have worked for 90 years to safeguard that essential ideal of pluralism. The task is critical. Too easily and too often, the delicate cords of law and civility that bind society have frayed, setting group against group. When those cords snap, all are threatened, indeed, the essence of America is imperiled.

Join us in the cause of keeping America safe from the haters and dividers. Join us in the vital, daily enterprise of ensuring America fulfills its promise of freedom, justice and mutual respect for all.

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#### A TRIBUTE TO ESTHER LEAH RITZ

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HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 1996*

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute today to one of Milwaukee County's truly outstanding citizens, Esther Leah Ritz. As the Jewish Community Centers Association of Milwaukee prepares to honor Ms. Ritz with the Community Builders Award, for her multitude of contributions to our community, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the remarkable achievements of this great woman.

Esther Leah Ritz has been nationally recognized for her unfailing and tireless commitment to working for the betterment of Milwaukee County, the State of Wisconsin, and the entire Nation. Esther Leah has held major leadership positions in her Milwaukee Jewish Community Center, Federation, and the Jewish Community Center movement in North America. During her presidency, the Jewish Community Centers Association launched and began implementing the innovative and acclaimed Commission on Maximizing the Effectiveness of Jewish Education which established Jewish Community Centers as full partners in the community process of promoting formal and informal Jewish education and continuity.

Esther Leah has also provided skilled leadership for many other Jewish organizations including Americans For Peace Now, Council For Initiatives In Jewish Education, Council of Jewish Federations, Jerusalem Center For Public Affairs, Jewish Agency For Israel, Joint Distribution Committee, Mandel Institute For Advanced Study and Development of Jewish Education, Shalom Harman Institute of Israel, and the World Confederation of Jewish Community Centers.

In addition to her excellent work on behalf of so many Jewish organizations in our community, Esther Leah Ritz' influence has been felt far and wide. She was worked diligently for the betterment of key Wisconsin institutions such as the Milwaukee Art Museum, the Institute for Wisconsin's Future, the United Way of Greater Milwaukee, and the Milwaukee Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the Jewish Community Centers Association on its excellent selection of Esther Leah Ritz for the distinguished Community Builders Award. I wish Esther Leah continued success in all of her endeavors.

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#### TRIBUTE TO ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE CO.

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HON. MATT SALMON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 1996*

Mr. SALMON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an Arizona electric company that has done outstanding working the area of electrical efficiency. Recently, the Arizona Public Service Co. won an award from the Edison Electric Institute for its electrical efficiency in architectural design. As you know, we have some very warm weather in the Southwest, just like we do right here in Washington, DC, creating a tremendous demand for