

should occur for tires that are part of a taxable sale and which have been previously taxed, my bill provides an offset to the truck excise tax equal to the tax already paid on such tires. Correspondingly, the bill eliminates the deduction now allowed for the fair market value of tires in determining the taxable amount of a retail truck sale.

Fourth, heavy truck dealers must register with the IRS and furnish exemption certificates for vehicles purchased for resale. A dealer who makes a sale for a resale must produce a valid exemption certificate obtained in connection with sales for resale. A dealer can be required to pay on an exempt sale where the IRS, long after the transaction has been completed, determines that verification of the claimed exemption is inadequate and there is no proof the tax was collected from the first retail user. Even though some sales have obviously been for resale, slavish application of the statute and regulations have nevertheless resulted in the collection of such taxes.

My bill would make it easier to more systematically obtain and retain the required certifications by permitting invoices used in transferring taxable vehicles to include a certification that the transfer is a sale for resale. Resellers would affirm under penalties of perjury, that there was no obligation to collect the Federal excise tax. The same penalties imposed under current law for fraudulent claims of exemption would remain in force. Because it has proven to be of minimal compliance value, my bill would also eliminate the cumbersome registration system now required for heavy truck dealers and other resellers.

THE ELIZA BRYANT CENTER: CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SUCCESS

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 1996

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to salute the Eliza Bryant Center which is located in my congressional district. One hundred years ago, in 1896, the Cleveland Home for Aged Colored People was opened at 284 Giddings Avenue. A century later, Eliza Bryant Center is located only a half-mile away from its original site. The center is a comprehensive provider of geriatric services including adult day care, senior wellness, transportation, and nursing home care.

The Eliza Bryant Center is one of the oldest black institutions in the country. It is believed to be the first black charitable organization in the Cleveland area. Its founder, Eliza Simmons Bryant, was a free black woman who moved to Cleveland from North Carolina. She established the center in 1896 after learning that nursing homes in Cleveland did not admit people of color.

Mr. Speaker, as it marks 100 years of service, the Eliza Bryant Center is enjoying great success. The center provides skilled nursing home and adult day care programs which include nutrition, health care monitoring, socialization and supervision. Eliza Bryant Center also provides Cleveland's only inner-city Alzheimer Disease Support Group.

The center's wellness activities include field trips, cultural events, arts and crafts and other

social activities for seniors. It also includes an intergenerational program involving Cleveland schoolchildren, and a special community garden for senior citizens.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of my close association with the Eliza Bryant Center over the years. Under the direction of its executive director, Harvey Shankman, and his dedicated staff, the center is preparing to enter its second century of service. The center recently initiated a \$2.5 million centennial campaign to further address the growing needs for community seniors who wish to remain in their own homes.

I am also pleased to note that the Eliza Bryant Center was the recipient of the 1995 Excellence in Community Services Award from the Association of Ohio Philanthropic Homes for the Aged. The center enjoys a close affiliation with Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland State University, Ursuline College, Job corps and the Cleveland Public Schools.

Mr. Speaker, as it marks a historic 100 years of service, I am pleased to salute the Eliza Bryant Center. It continues to be a beacon of light and a model of excellence.

TRIBUTE TO ADM. RONALD J. "ZAP" ZLATOPER

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 1996

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a truly outstanding naval officer, Adm. Ronald J. "Zap" Zlatoper, who will soon be completing his assignment as the 27th Commander in Chief of our U.S. Pacific Fleet and retiring from active naval service. It is a pleasure for me to recognize a few of his many outstanding achievements.

A native of Cleveland, OH, Admiral Zlatoper was commissioned in 1963 through the naval ROTC program at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY. He was assigned to Attack Squadron 65 from 1965 to 1968, where he flew the A-6 Intruder on combat missions over North Vietnam. In subsequent assignments, he served in Attack Squadron 42 and Attack Squadron 34. In 1978 he served as executive officer and then commanding officer of Attack Squadron 85.

In senior operational assignments during the 1980's, Admiral Zlatoper commanded Carrier Air Wing 1 aboard U.S.S. *America* (CV-66), served as senior Air Wing Commander of Carrier Air Wing 15 in U.S.S. *Carl Vinson* (CVN-70) and was chief of staff to commander Seventh Fleet aboard U.S.S. *Blue Ridge* (LCC-19).

After selection for rear admiral in 1988, he was assigned to the staff of the Chief of Naval Personnel. In July 1990 he took command of Carrier Group Seven, homeported in San Diego. Five months later, commanding the eight ships of the U.S.S. *Ranger* (CV-61) battle group, he deployed to the Arabian Gulf for operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Under his leadership, the battle group executed the first cruise missile and aircraft attacks on Iraqi forces. As the antisurface warfare commander, he was responsible for the destruction of the Iraqi Navy, receiving the Distinguished Service Medal for his accomplishments.

In 1991 Admiral Zlatoper was promoted to vice admiral. He became the Chief of Naval Personnel and Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Manpower and Personnel. In 1994 he was promoted to admiral, and he was assigned as Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Admiral Zlatoper brilliantly led naval forces in the Pacific. Admiral Zlatoper's genuine concern for the quality of life of sailors and their families was evident in notable improvements in their working and living conditions throughout the Pacific.

During his stellar naval career, Admiral Zlatoper has been awarded over 20 personal decorations including the Defense Distinguished Service Medal; Navy Distinguished Service Medal; Legion of Merit; Distinguished Flying Cross; Meritorious Service Medal; Air Medal; and Navy Commendation Medal (with Combat "V"); plus various campaign and unit awards.

Admiral Zlatoper, his wife Barry, and their two children Ashley and Michael, have made many sacrifices during his 33-year naval career. "Zap" Zlatoper is a tremendous credit to the U.S. Navy and the country he so proudly serves. As he now prepares to embark on a second successful career, I call upon my colleagues to wish him every success as well as fair winds and following seas.

WESTON, BECOMES A MUNICIPALITY

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 1996

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the city of Weston on becoming Broward's 29th municipality. Through the valiant efforts of the city's new mayor, Mr. Harry Rosen, council members Eric Hersh, Mark Myers, John Flint, and Cindy Fishbein, State Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz, State Senator Howard Forman and the entire Broward delegation, Arvida/JMB Partners, Broward County, and the Indian Trace Community Development District, residents of Weston now live in a thriving incorporated community. This is an exceptional opportunity for Broward County because it will increase community development, create economic growth, and provide essential municipal services to residents and businesses in Weston.

Emerging in the mid-1970's, the Weston area has come to represent a mix of residential, commercial, and industrial uses. Since that time there has been a considerable amount of long-range planning and development in this unincorporated area of Broward County. In 1994, the Board of the Indian Trace Community Development District recognized the need to incorporate the area so that future delivery of municipal services would effectively serve the expansion. Recently, the residents voted to enact the Charter for the City of Weston. This monumental decision will greatly impact the citizens and businesses that reside in Weston because it will improve the quality of life as well as protect the identity of the community.

Situated on more than 10,000 lush acres, Weston is the largest area adjacent to our priceless Florida Everglades. Because of its unique landscape and distinct urban planning,

Weston is an extremely attractive place for prolonged community development. As a municipality, residents will greatly benefit from a higher level of services including a democratically elected governing body, police and fire protection, and dramatic increase in funding levels which will help to maintain the parks and recreation facilities adjacent to the community. Furthermore, the residents' overwhelming approval to incorporate the city shows the community's dedication to the city of Weston and their excitement for new ventures. I wish the residents of the city of Weston the best and look forward to the extraordinary opportunities that lie ahead.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON
H.R. 3666, DEPARTMENTS OF VET-
ERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND
INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER G. TORKILDSEN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 1996

Mr. TORKILDSEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like the record to show my strong support for the Stokes' motion to instruct VA/HUD appropriation conferees. This motion instructed House conferees to accept the Senate amendments related to mental health parity and postpartum insurance coverage.

I was not present during voting on September 11, but had I been present, I would have voted for the motion. The motion passed with an overwhelming bi-partisan majority.

Both provisions provide for a healthy future for some of our Nation's most vulnerable citizens. The first prevents insurers from limiting coverage through higher copayments, fewer visits or shorter hospital stays simply because the individual is treated for mental illness. Mental health parity is a matter of basic fairness.

The National Advisory Mental Health Council [NAMHC] reported to Congress in 1993 that parity coverage of treatment of severe mental illness would actually save the national economy \$2.2 billion a year in reduced absenteeism, increased productivity, and reduced general health care cost. The MIT Sloan School of Management reported in 1995 that clinical depression costs American employers \$28.8 billion a year.

The initial reports from the Medicaid Mental Health Project in my home State of Massachusetts find similar savings attributable to the implementation of a more competitive, flexible approach to the provision of mental illness treatment services: five percent increase in persons using services; 22 percent reduction in overall expenditures; and a more competitive array of services offered.

Our Nation pays a high price for ignoring mental illness. Severe mental disorders, such as schizophrenia, manic depressive illness, and severe depression, affect 2.8 percent of the adult population and account for approximately 25 percent of all Federal disability payments. This Congress has recognized and acted on the fact that mental illness is as severe as physical illness.

This motion also provides critical insurance protections for newborns and their mothers. I

am a proud cosponsor of H.R. 3226, the Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act, which mandates hospital insurance coverage of 48 hours for a vaginal delivery and 96 hours for a caesarean section, the standards set by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American Academy of Pediatrics. It does not mandate how long mothers and babies should remain in the hospital; it does not dictate medical care—it simply enables it to be practiced.

Twenty-nine States have already enacted legislation to end the so-called drive-through deliveries, but Federal legislation is necessary to provide uniform standards for all States and extend protections to those covered under ERISA plans. The legislation would not, however, pre-empt State law.

By providing a healthy start for all newborns, we are insuring healthy future for our Nation.

HONORING UKRAINIAN
INDEPENDENCE

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 1996

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to congratulate the people and the Government of Ukraine on the occasion of that nation's celebration earlier this month of 5 years of independence. Ukraine has made considerable progress in political reform during this time, and Ukrainians are to be congratulated for their conduct of free and fair elections for the presidency and parliament, and their adoption of a new, democratic constitution.

As a major European nation, Ukraine, with the continent's sixth largest population and second largest land mass, has an important role to play, both geopolitically and economically, in Central and Eastern Europe. This region is also important to the United States, so that a strong and stable Ukraine, by contributing to European peace and stability, enhances U.S. national security.

Ukraine has made a promising start in its effort to establish a just, democratic system with a free and open economy. It must build on these steps by implementing its constitution, assuring minority rights, guaranteeing private property, and constructing a reliable and fair system of justice in which all Ukrainians can have faith.

The United States should make every effort to support the people of Ukraine as they strive to live in peace and democracy. We should continue assistance with political and economic reform, nonproliferation, trade relations, and military training so that we may assist Ukrainians in achieving their aspirations as a people and as a nation.

HONORING TRUE VOLUNTEERISM

HON. CHARLES F. BASS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 1996

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an effort being undertaken by a remarkable young man whom I have the privi-

lege of representing in Congress. I am talking about 16-year-old Steffan Legasse, of Walpole, NH, who has taken it upon himself to help raise money for churches in the South that have been burned and damaged due to the wave of recent arson attacks.

We all are shocked and dismayed by these terrible arson fires. Yet one young man from Western New Hampshire was so moved by what he heard and saw that he decided to do something to help those affected by the church burnings. Steffan undertook a 1,000 mile cycling project this summer in order to raise money for the churches and his own church, St. John's Episcopal Church, of Walpole. The name of his project is "BikeHikes '96." Steffan rode his bike from home to his summer job each day and has made excursions to Vermont and Georgia in conquest of his 1,000 mile goal.

Recently, while in Georgia, the Legasse family met with the Rev. Harry Baldwin, Pastor of the Gay's Baptist Church, of Millen, GA, one of many churches recently burned. Some of the funds raised through BikeHikes '96 will help Rev. Baldwin's church. Steffan recently wrote about his meeting: "Rev. Baldwin is a very kind and compassionate person. He helped me better understand the pain felt by the members of his church, yet he also spoke of their faith, hope and determination to rebuild. I have learned that even terrible deeds can result in a positive outcome."

Steffan has biked more than 900 miles as of today. He is taking pledges and donations to raise \$10,000 for these churches.

Mr. Speaker, I had the pleasure of meeting young Steffan the other week and I must say I was very impressed. He is a very polite and delightful young man who is deeply committed to this project. I know that his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Legasse, are very proud of their son, as are Steffan's other family members and friends.

Steffan is still working on BikeHikes '96 and has set up a site on the World Wide Web where computer users can learn for themselves about this wonderful project. The website address is <http://www.legasse.com/bikehikes/update.html>. For more information on Steffan's effort, you may write to 14 Roxbury Street, Keene, NH 03431.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me today in saluting Steffan Legasse for his effort to help other citizens in need. He represents the true spirit of volunteerism in America.

TRIBUTE TO LISA ELIZABETH
GIVENS

HON. JAMES M. TALENT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 1996

Mr. TALENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lisa Elizabeth Givens, a distinguished student from Chesterfield, MO. Ms. Givens recently was awarded a scholarship by the AMVETS to pursue a career in international business.

Ms. Givens competed against hundreds of applicants nationwide to win the scholarship. This is just one of the many ongoing youth programs AMVETS has developed to recognize the importance of scholarship and rewarding bright and industrious young people like Ms. Givens.