

(4) calls upon the President to utilize all available and appropriate means on behalf of the United States to support the implementation of the provisions of the "Treaty of Understanding, Cooperation and good Neighborliness between Romania and the Republic of Hungary" and to promote their efforts for regional cooperation as the best means of bringing these two countries into NATO and to ensure lasting security in the region.

IN HONOR OF CHARLES F. VANCE

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 1996

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, it gives us great pleasure to rise and pay tribute to Mr. Charles F. Vance, who is this year's recipient of the Northern Virginia Community Foundations's [NVCF] Founders Award. Mr. Vance is being honored for his dedicated service to the Northern Virginia community.

The Northern Virginia Community Foundation is a nonprofit public charity which provides donors with a flexible and efficient vehicle for charitable giving to benefit the arts, community improvement, education, health, and youth programs. The Founders Award is NVCF's most prestigious award and is presented annually to an individual who has a record of outstanding community service and dedication to the improvement of Northern Virginia.

This year's recipient, Mr. Charles F. Vance, is the chairman and CEO of Vance International, Inc., a firm he founded in 1984. Vance International provides the private sector a full line of security services, including executive protection, uniformed services, investigations, tactical response teams, training of security personnel, technical surveys, and consulting.

Prior to entering the private security field, Mr. Vance served for 14 years as a special agent and supervisor in the U.S. Secret Service. During his tenure, Mr. Vance was assigned on a permanent basis to President Gerald R. Ford, and Vice Presidents Hubert Humphrey and Spiro Agnew. He also protected several foreign heads of state.

A firm believer that businesses are an integral part of their surrounding communities, Mr. Vance serves on the Northern Virginia roundtable and is a member of the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce. He is an active member of several business-to-community organizations. He also has been a major supporter of more than 50 charitable organizations, such as Youth for Tomorrow, the American Heart Association, the Close Up Foundations, Fight for Children, Special Olympics, United Cerebral Palsy, America's Smithsonian, and the KFS Memorial Golf Classic.

For his exemplary business and community service, Mr. Vance has been awarded Arthur Anderson's 1995 and 1996 Fast Track Award for revenue growth and their 1996 Enterprise Award for Best Business Practices. Mr. Vance was also awarded Inc. Magazine's 1995 Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

He and his wife, Cynthia Steele, live in Northern Virginia. They have two daughters,

Tyne and Heather, and are expecting a baby early next month.

Mr. Speaker, we know our colleagues will join us in saluting the commitment that Mr. Vance has made to helping our community. He is, indeed, well-deserving of this distinguished award.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES AND ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1996

HON. JACK REED

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 1996

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce, along with my colleagues Mr. SCHUMER of New York, Mr. PALLONE of New Jersey, and Mr. MILLER of California, President Clinton's Environmental Crimes and Enforcement Act of 1996.

Our Nation's environmental quality is among the best in the world, in part thanks to laws like the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Clean Air Act that we have passed here in Congress. Over the last 25 years, these laws have worked to make our air cleaner, our water safe to drink, our lakes and rivers safe to swim in. But these laws are only pieces of paper. Effective enforcement of these laws is needed to protect public health and environmental quality.

The Environmental Crimes and Enforcement Act will provide new tools to investigate and prosecute environmental crimes.

For example, the bill adds an attempt provision to environmental statutes so that environmental crimes can be prosecuted even when law enforcement agents come upon and stop a crime in progress. Under current law, if agents conducting surveillance of a hazardous waste transporter stop the transporter from illegally dumping the hazardous waste, the perpetrator cannot be prosecuted for illegal dumping because no crime has occurred. Only if the agents were to allow the dumpers to complete their crime, and possibly cause damage to the environment and risk to public health, could the perpetrators be prosecuted. With an attempt provision, illegal dumpers can be stopped before causing environmental damage and still be held responsible for their actions. Also, an attempt provision will allow Federal agents to use benign substitutes for hazardous wastes in undercover operations.

The act would also extend the statute of limitations where the violator has concealed the environmental crime. In one typical incident, a waste hauler buried 55-gallon drums of toxic waste in a vacant lot rather than disposing of them properly. The concealed drums deteriorated and leaked, causing environmental contamination. Because the drums were not discovered within the short statute of limitations, no criminal charges could be brought against the hauler. This provision will ensure that polluters cannot escape justice by hiding their wrongdoing.

The bill would enhance penalties where a criminal violation of environmental law causes a death or serious injury. Police officers, fire fighters, and members of the public can suffer serious injury or death from toxic chemicals or other hazardous materials—it is appropriate to make the punishment fit the crime in these cases.

The bill will also enable Federal courts to ensure that those charged with environmental crimes do not shield or dispose of assets needed to pay for restitution.

In my home State of Rhode Island, the U.S. attorney, the EPA, the State attorney general, and the State Department of Environmental Management have formed a taskforce to target and prioritize environmental enforcement issues. This taskforce is accompanied by a citizen's advisory group that suggests priorities for enforcement. In a State like Rhode Island, where tourism and economic growth depend upon a clean and healthy environment, this type of cooperation is essential. The Environmental Crimes and Enforcement Act will enhance such partnerships between Federal law enforcement and State, local, and tribal governments.

As Attorney General Janet Reno said when announcing this proposal, "The American people want, and have a right to expect, strong environmental protection. This bill will provide us with better tools" to achieve those goals.

#### TRIBUTE TO ALFREDA H. ABBOTT

HON. RONALD V. DELLUMS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 1996

Mr. DELLUMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Alfreda H. Abbott and her 25 years of dedicated and committed service to our community. A native of Oakland, CA, Ms. Abbott earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Welfare from the University of California, Berkeley. Ms. Abbott has also been a recipient of many awards including the Allen Temple Baptist Church Outstanding Leadership Award, the Zeta Phi Beta Award, Ella Hill Hutch Political Action Award, Oakland Consumer Council Award, BWOPA Leadership Award and the East Oakland Democratic Club Democrat of the Year Award.

Ms. Abbott played a very active role in the 1950's as an advocate for the Oakland Poverty Program and was an original member of the Oakland Black Caucus. Prior to 1972, Ms. Abbott served as a Deputy Probation Officer for Alameda County, and as a Group Counselor for the Social Services Bureau. Ms. Abbott has also served as Vice Chair of the Oakland Planning Commission. She has been affiliated with many organizations such as, the Oakland Museum Association, the Bay Area Urban League and Planned Parenthood.

Ms. Abbott is also a founder and former Political Action Chairperson and serves currently as the 1st Vice President for BWOPA, statewide.

In 1985, Ms. Abbott was elected to the Board of Education, Oakland Unified School District, and in 1990, was elected to serve as Board President.

Most recently, Ms. Abbott has served as the Administrative Aide for Senator Nicholas C. Petris, where she has rendered her outstanding services to the constituents of the 9th Senatorial District, and throughout the State of California.

Because of her dedication and compassion, Ms. Abbott has been an invaluable part of the community and is very deserving of the highest commendations and public appreciation.

It is with great honor that I pay tribute to an exemplary individual, who without fail has

given of herself unselfishly to not only her community but to the State of California. I extend my congratulations on her retirement, and hope that the future holds only good endeavors.

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY POLICE

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 1996

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring a group of citizens that glorify the State of New Jersey. On May 14th of this year the city of Camden held its' Police Awards Banquet. The event recognized citizens and police officers that went beyond the call of duty in their particular areas of service. I would like to highlight the officers of the Rutgers University Police Department who protect our communities and place our lives before their own. Their dedication and service to the people enables us to live in safety. Moreover, their example serves as a model for all citizens.

The following Rutgers University Police should be recognized for their meritorious service: Capt. Guy Still, Lt. Edmund Johnson, Sgt. Michael Amorim, Sgt. Louis Capelli, Officer John Denmark, Officer William Singleton, Officer Lynn Vrooman, Officer Tracy McGriff, Officer William Princiotta.

The following officers were killed in the line of duty: Officer George F. Jefferis 1951, Sergeant Carmin Fuscillaro 1961, Officer George Schultz 1969, Officer Charles Sutman 1969, Officer Rand Chandler 1969, Officer Elwood Ridge 1973, Officer Stuart Roberts 1975.

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HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 1996

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend Elaine Skarritt who will retire after 24 years of dedicated service to Milford Township, MI. A devoted servant and loyal friend to all residents in Milford Township, Elaine has a distinguished career and reputation throughout the State. She was the charter president of the Michigan Association of Clerks and also served as a past president of the Michigan Townships Association.

Elaine is so popular in the community, she was selected by the Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce as Citizen of the Year in 1982, as well as being named a Distinguished Graduate of Milford High School in 1990. The recognition she has received from the community is a testament to her standing in the community. It also shows how much Elaine will be missed.

Since 1972, Elaine has run every election in Milford Township with a fair and even hand. She also achieved accreditation by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, the highest professional accomplishment for a municipal clerk. She is only the 54th clerk worldwide to receive such an honor.

Elaine Skarritt is a model citizen, community leader, and public servant. Her hard work and

dedication is reflected in the praise and friendships she has throughout the community. Congratulations Elaine. We wish you a long and healthy retirement.

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE EDMUND A.  
SARGUS, JR.

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 1996

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I commend the following article to my colleagues:

Whereas, Judge Edmund A. Sargus, Jr. will be invested as a United States District Judge in the Southern District of Ohio; and,

Whereas, The Honorable Edmund Sargus has shown exemplary dedication to justice and the practice of law; and,

Whereas, Judge Sargus has honorably served the City of Bellaire and the State of Ohio as a Law Director, United States Attorney and special Council to the Ohio Attorney General; and,

Be it resolved, the residents of Belmont County, with a real sense of pleasure and pride, join me in commending The Honorable Edmund A. Sargus, Jr. for his hard work and commitment to justice and to the law.

IN HONOR OF MR. ALBIN GRUHN  
CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL'S  
"LABOR LEADER OF THE YEAR"

HON. CALVIN M. DOOLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 1996

Mr. DOOLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise before my colleagues today in order to pay tribute to an important individual from California's Central Valley, Mr. Albin Gruhn. Mr. Gruhn is being honored during a special ceremony in Bakersfield next week as the Central Labor Council's "Labor Leader of the Year."

As the 27th recipient of this prestigious award, Mr. Gruhn has joined a legacy of key leaders in the central valley's labor community. With one look at his remarkable record, it's not difficult to determine why he is so deserving of this honor.

For more than six decades, Mr. Gruhn has faithfully devoted himself to organizing successful worker unity campaigns. In July of this year, he retired from 36 years of service as president of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO. While this position was perhaps his best known, Mr. Gruhn has also given his talents to the labor community in other capacities.

Mr. Gruhn served as executive board member of Northern California District Council of Laborers for nearly 50 years, in addition to being appointed by State and Federal officials to several commissions and advisory committees.

Mr. Gruhn, who triumphed as a potent force in the labor community more than 60 years after being blacklisted for union activities, is a natural choice for this award. I applaud Mr. Gruhn for his commitment and perseverance, and I hope that his enthusiasm for protecting workers' rights will live on within the valley's labor community.

THE FRIENDS OF RAOUL  
WALLENBERG FOUNDATION—  
ANALYSIS AND ACTION AGAINST  
OPPRESSION AND HUMAN  
RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 1996

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, in just a few days we will mark the 15th anniversary of the adoption by the Congress and the signature by the President of legislation making Raoul Wallenberg an honorary citizen of the United States—the second individual after Sir Winston Churchill to be so honored by the Congress and the American people.

As my colleagues know, Raoul Wallenberg is the Holocaust hero who saved the lives of as many as 100,000 people in Hungary during 1944. His extraordinary achievement has been rightfully and appropriately honored around the world.

Mr. Speaker, among the unique and important ways the memory of Raoul Wallenberg is honored, perpetuated, and memorialized is through the establishment of the Friends of Raoul Wallenberg, a nonprofit foundation organized in Washington, DC. In a statement explaining the purposes which motivated the creation of this foundation, the organizers said: "The experience of this heroic individual demonstrates that violations of human rights are neither singular nor isolated, and that effective resistance in one such situation may not pertain to another. The Friends of Raoul Wallenberg concerns itself with the comparative analysis of the many forms of resistance and oppression and with the direct application of the resultant knowledge to current situations in which the full exercise of human rights is curtailed or endangered."

Mr. Speaker, currently the Friends of Raoul Wallenberg Foundation is pursuing a two-part project. The first calls for the establishment of a network of individuals who are qualified and willing to promote the cause of human rights through active, peaceful engagement. The second is the convocation of a major symposium entitled "Beyond Lamentation: Options in Preventing Genocidal Violence."

The purpose of the symposium is to identify successful techniques and strategies for preventing and mitigating violence. An important source of these techniques is "The Roots of Evil," an outstanding book by Professor Ervin Staub, a psychologist whose family was rescued from Budapest by Wallenberg himself. Staub—who has spent his professional life studying conflict from the point of view of the victim, the perpetrator, and witnesses—argues that passive bystanding promotes the spread of violence, whereas protest impedes it.

This conference will take place in Stockholm on June 13–16, 1997. The conference will provide an opportunity for agencies and organizations with similar concerns to establish connections, and the ideas of Professor Staub will be examined in some detail. Targets will be identified for a his new army of "young Raoul Wallenbergs" who will learn how, when, and where to exert the great potential force of becoming "active bystanders."

Case studies that will be considered in detail are South Africa, where bystanders from many nations had a clear impact; the Scandinavian reactions to the Nazi Holocaust,