

When the Center for Disease Control estimates that 500 deaths and 20,000 illnesses are attributed to *E. coli* each year, legislation such as this will help protect the health of Americans.

STOP has also been very active in the agriculture appropriations process. Most recently, I worked on their behalf to ensure that there would not be a delay of the USDA's implementation of safeguards and standards to improve meat inspection. Because of their efforts, additional public hearings will be held to consider the views of all interested parties throughout the rule-making process.

Once again, I thank each member of STOP. I encourage my colleagues in Congress to follow their lead in the fight against the *E. coli* bacteria, and for better food safety.

SALUTING DANA MORAN

HON. DAN SCHAEFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. SCHAEFER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to salute Dana Moran of Golden, CO. Dana, an aero engineer at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory [NREL], is retiring after 18 years of service to that national laboratory.

Among other things, Dana has served NREL in the structures and materials design/application field and has provided research project management in materials science. He is also experienced in large program and sub-contract management, having spend more than two decades in technology transfer activities. He was the executive secretary for NREL's Science and advisory board, as well as of all previous NREL advisory boards and committees, including the days when NREL was known as the Solar Energy Research Institute [SERI]. In fact, Dana spearheaded SERI/NREL's participation in promoting the Lena Gulch interchange on Interstate 70 and replacing its overpass.

Not only has Dana served NREL with distinction during these 18 years, but he has been extraordinarily active in a number of other professional, civic, and business affairs. For example, Dana is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, an associate fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and a past director of the Technology Transfer Society.

Dana's civil and community service has been extensive. He has been a member of the board of directors and vice president of the Jefferson Economic Council. He has been a member of the Denver Chamber of Commerce's Energy and Transportation Committee and of the Golden Rotary Club, serving as its president in 1989-90. He was the founder, trustee, and president of the Colorado Innovation Foundation from 1984 to 1995. Serving three 3-year terms on the Golden Chamber of Commerce, Dana was its president in 1995. He has also served in a wide range of civic groups and organizations dedicated to community advancement and technological innovation.

Among his many business associations, Dana has participated in small business incubators and has served as the Department of Energy's Regional Small Business Coordinator. He has experience in trade shows and ex-

hibits, as well as international business, especially in the Australia/New Zealand area.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Dana for his tireless devotion to NREL and to the Community. On a personal note, I want to thank him for his work on the small business conferences I have sponsored in my district.

NREL is losing a valuable member of its team, but I am certain that the community will continue to benefit from his many talents and skill for years to come. On behalf of all the residents of Colorado's Sixth Congressional District, I want to wish Dana Moran all the best in his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DURING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an educational institution that has been educating American children since the founding of the Republic, and continues to provide top quality instruction and a moral framework for young students—Catholic schools—during Catholic Schools Week, Jan. 29–Feb. 2.

There are dozens of these fine institutions serving my district, and they are celebrating their educational contributions with events ranging from family skating parties to a visit from a NASA astronaut. Ms. Penny Wright, a music teacher at St. Cletus School in La-Grange, is being honored with a Heart of the School Award from the Chicago Archdiocese for her dedication and creative approach to education. Ms. Wright is 1 of only 20 teachers working in the archdiocese receiving this honor.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Catholic schools on their heritage of providing academic excellence and a moral grounding for their students, and I wish these institutions continued success in educating our young people.

STOP THE ATTACK ON AMERICA'S AVOCADO GROWERS

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, America's avocado growers are threatened with extinction. Why? The Department of Agriculture is likely to modify the quarantine on Mexican Hass avocados. The quarantine was placed in 1914 to protect our avocado crops from Mexican pests and fruit flies. The USDA believes that Mexico can eradicate their serious pest problem. But, science has proven that Mexico has failed to destroy pests for years. NAFTA specifically left the quarantine intact, because Mexican pests would devastate American avocados.

Avocado growers in my district are ringing my phone off the hook. They fear that this Clinton administration action will destroy their crops and destroy their lives.

Mexican pest-infested avocados have already been smuggled across our border. Most

recently, on January 5, 1996, the U.S. Customs Service confiscated and destroyed 3,337 pounds of Mexican Hass avocados at the Otay Mesa commercial facility in San Diego County. The driver, who had previously been arrested for the same offense, admitted to similar smuggling activities in recent months. Although U.S. Customs officials thought they were seizing a truck loaded with drugs, they definitely touched on a problem of significant concern to California's avocado-growing region.

We must stop this from happening every day. Stop the Clinton administration's assault on California jobs. Join me in stopping the USDA's attack on America's avocado growers.

TRIBUTE TO THE ALABAMA PRESS ASSOCIATION ON ITS 125TH ANNI- VERSARY

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to bring to the attention of this body a historic and noteworthy anniversary. This year marks the 125th year since the founding of the Alabama Press Association [APA], the oldest statewide trade association in Alabama and one of the oldest State newspaper associations in the Nation.

In 1871 as Alabama continued to recover from the ravages of the Civil War, its newspaper editors and publishers, joined by community leaders, sought new ways to promote economic growth. This was the genesis of the Alabama Press Association which actually came into being with the first statewide meeting of newspaper executives on March 17, 1871, at the Montgomery Advertiser.

Since those early days, the APA has evolved from a social organization of editors and publishers to an association that has played an important role in developing the daily and weekly newspapers of Alabama and serving as a catalyst for the State's economic and cultural development.

The APA worked on behalf of the citizenry of Alabama by advocating stronger public access to government records and meetings. It has pushed for the State's first statewide taxes to support public education and it spearheaded a successful effort to launch a statewide chamber of commerce.

The APA played a role through many of its leaders in guiding the State through some of the important and cultural changes of the last half of the 20th century. Its officers have included some of the leading newspaper men and women in America, and its member newspapers have won the Nation's highest awards for journalistic excellence.

Additionally, before coming to the Congress it was my pleasure to serve as president of the APA in 1991. Alabama and the Nation can be justly proud of the contributions and leadership of the Alabama Press Association as it continues toward another 125 years of public service.

TRIBUTE TO THE WINNERS OF THE TAKE PRIDE IN CICERO AWARD

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the winners of the Take Pride in Cicero Award, which recognizes residents and businesses in the community for improving their property.

While many communities sponsor similar programs, Cicero, a community in my district, warrants special mention because of the leaps and bounds it has made in improving its image. While municipal government leaders have played an important role in this transformation, it is the residents, small businesses, and community organizations in Cicero who have been the real catalyst for this change. To recognize these efforts, the Take Pride in Cicero Award was established by the town government, Cicero Chamber of Commerce, and Life newspapers.

The winners of the Take Pride in Cicero Award in four different categories included: Ms. Geraldine Ceranek; Mr. Juan Perez; Mr. Clark Burkhardt; Mr. Edward Lopez; Seguin Services; Central Building Materials; St. Dionysius Church; Lang's Ace Hardware; CasaAmerica; Osco Drug; and Ms. Mary Rosario, with help from Habitat for Humanity.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the winners of this award and hope their spirit of community improvement spreads throughout Cicero and all the towns and villages of our great country.

“JUST SAY ‘WHOA’”

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the congressional narcotics abuse and control caucus, I would like to bring to my colleagues' attention the following article, “Just Say ‘Whoa’”, written by former First Lady Nancy Reagan, which appeared last month in the Wall Street Journal.

I rise to thank and congratulate her for her editorial, “Just Say ‘Whoa’”, which appeared in this week's Wall Street Journal. The article correctly described how apathy, neglect, and irresponsible attitudes have corrupted efforts to stem the trafficking and abuse of narcotics in this country. I share her outrage, but I am heartened to know that Mrs. Reagan's commitment to this Nation's future—our children—continues.

As Americans, we all hail from different backgrounds. Our ethnic, cultural, and spiritual diversity have served us well as sources of community, strength, and pride but occasionally test the strength of our Union. The one virtue that unites us all however, is our goal to provide a better future for children. This shared sense of destiny will always include a world free of drugs and the associated violence, crime, disease, and death. Increased drug use and tolerance by our children however, turns our dreams into nightmares.

As discouraging as the increase in the use of drugs by teens is the silence and indifference

of responsible policymakers who have ignored the fears of our children. Worse still are the people, both conservative and liberal, who perpetuate misguided rhetoric supporting legalization of this scourge. Such irresponsible behavior further erodes the ability of teachers, mentors, and parents to shield children from the seductive lure of drugs.

Instead of equivocating on the harms of drugs, we need to inspire, educate, train, and employ our young people. Opportunity and responsibility offer perhaps the best alternative to drug use. Instead of endlessly incarcerating our children at a shameful rate, we need to lift them up with hope and show them alternatives. It's time to act.

The article follows:

JUST SAY “WHOA”

(By Nancy Reagan)

Statistic released last fall from the annual Household Survey of Drug Use and, more recently, from the 21st annual Monitoring the Future Survey show that marijuana use among teenagers was up again last year. Where is the public outrage over this finding? When will this country realize that as long as we don't wake up and adopt a zero tolerance for drug use, we are heading down a path of no return? Must we lose another generation of children to the horrors of crack addiction? Must the statistics soar to all-time highs before we bother to take notice?

Last March I was invited to testify before a congressional committee, at which time I said: “I am not here to criticize or place blame, but after the great strides that were made just a few years back, I'm worried that this nation is forgetting how endangered our children are by drugs. I'm worried that for the first time in many years, tolerance for drugs and the mistaken perception that ‘everyone is doing it’ is creeping back into our national mentality. And I am worried that the psychological momentum we had against drug use has been lost.

“[Y]et it's more than worry,” I pleaded. “This weakening vigilance against the drug threat can have a tragic effect on this country for many years to come. . . . How could we have forgotten so quickly? Why is it we no longer hear the drumbeat of condemnation against drugs coming from our leaders and our culture? Is it any wonder drug use has started climbing again, and dramatically so?”

Regarding the drug use survey, NBC News reported: “‘Just Say No’ was an effective message in the ‘80s . . . in the ‘90s much more will be needed.” Denver drug counselor Bob Cota emphasized, “Kids have to be shown why they need to learn it early, in the third and fourth grades—and it has to be repeated often.”

Repeated often—like in the ‘80s when the national leadership was vigilant and visible. And yes, we do need even more now. In response to the 1994 Monitoring the Future Survey, Joseph Califano Jr., chairman and president of the Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University (CASA), warned: “If historical trends continue, the jump in marijuana use among America's children (age 12–18) from 1992 to 1994 signals that 820,000 more of these children will try cocaine in their lifetime. Of that number, about 58,000 will become regular cocaine users and addicts.” In a 1995 survey by CASA, adolescents said that drugs were their “number one” problem. Our children are crying out for help.

While drug use is on the rise, the perceived risk of drug use is on the decline. The two go hand in hand. Only a few short years ago, the constant message to young people—in the

media, in their classrooms, and in their homes—was that drugs lead to destruction. But where are those messages today? Those messages, those lessons, are what change perceptions, change attitudes, change lives. Each of us have a responsibility to bring back those messages—loud and clear.

Before the drug-use increases of the past three years, we really had seen marked progress. As I told the members of the committee: “A decade of effort was beginning to pay off. Attitudes were being changed. I don't mean to sit here and say that we had won the battle against drugs. I think it's plain we had not.” However, between 1985 and 1992, monthly cocaine use declined 78%, or to an annual rate of 3.1% from its peak of 13.1% in 1985. It's the same story with other numbers: Annual use of any illicit drug by high school seniors dropped to 27.1% in 1992 from 54.2% in 1979. “The battle was going forward one child at a time,” I said in March. “There was momentum, unity, intolerance of the exaggeration and glorification of drug use by the media—we were building peer support for saying ‘no.’ Children were being taught resistance skills—in short, there was progress.”

Now there is silence—and not without consequence. In 1994, twice the number of eighth-graders were experimenting with marijuana as did in 1991, and daily use of marijuana by high school seniors in 1994 was up by half from 1993. The 1995 Monitoring the Future Survey shows that daily use has made another jump.

We should all, as citizens of this great nation, be frightened by the latest drug statistics. We should all question what they mean to our futures and those of our children. We should all resolve not to be silent any longer. By the latest drug statistics and the renewed calls for legalization of marijuana, it is painfully obvious that our “letting up” is going to let down the young people of this country. It's time to just say “Whoa!”

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE BETTY LOREN-MALTESE

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a leader in my district who has worked diligently to dramatically improve the quality of life in her community, Betty Loren-Maltese, town president of Cicero, IL. President Loren-Maltese was recently recognized for her efforts by Grit magazine which bestowed her with its True Grit Award for Distinguished Volunteer Service.

Although I could comment on the remarkable job president Loren-Maltese has done for her community in her less than 3 years in office, I will instead convey the words of the Cicero resident who nominated her for the award: “Cicero had a bad reputation. But because of town president Loren-Maltese, we can hold our heads up high. She has declared war on gangs, slums, and dope pushers and [is] making Cicero a haven for law-abiding citizens.”

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate president Loren-Maltese for receiving this prestigious award and the great job she has done as a leader of her community.