

beyond the U.S. labor market. Employees, researchers and professors possessing both innovative technical skills and multicultural competence ensures our economic viability in world markets.

Additionally, placing a cap on the number of refugees admitted to the United States ignores our leadership role in providing protection and safe harbor to those fleeing political and religious persecution. Strict levels of refugee admissions ignore the changing and urgent nature of refugee situations. U.S. policy should maintain the flexibility to respond appropriately to emergency situations.

I also have serious reservations about a national employment verification system which would tend to subject individuals to invasions of privacy and discrimination. Such a system would serve as an enormous administrative burden to the Nation's employers, especially small businesses. And even if such a system could be maintained with an error rate of only 1 percent—an impossibility since it would be based on INS and SSA data which have error rates of at least 30 percent—hundreds of thousands of Americans would be denied employment opportunities annually because, according to an error in the data base, they were not eligible to work. Therefore, I support the Chabot-Conyers amendment, which would strike the employment verification system from the bill.

Finally, H.R. 2202 would restrict immigrants' access to all Federal means-tested programs. This means that programs like child care, immunizations, the Head Start Program, battered spouse shelters, and Maternal and Child Health Care Programs will be out of reach for needy women and children. Compromising the health and education of women and children hurts all Americans. Children must not be made to suffer from the actions of their parents. Furthermore, it is not in our national interest to have a population of malnourished, nonimmunized, and uneducated children.

H.R. 2202 also proposes to reimburse hospitals that provide emergency services to undocumented immigrants only if the hospital turns in the names of the undocumented people it serves. If this proposal becomes law people will fear seeking emergency care. By discouraging sick and critically ill people from seeking help, this provision jeopardizes not only the health of those who are ill, but also risks the well-being of their families and their communities. In addition, the measure will force doctors, nurses, and hospital administrators to spend valuable time and resources being law enforcers and learning to interpret immigration documents and understand the minutia of immigration law.

In short, there are no easy solutions for the deep-seated problems facing our Nation. Scapegoating, however, is not the answer. The issue has never been should we deal with immigration but how. Although H.R. 2202 comes clothed in good intentions, I am afraid the legislation does not capture fully the Commission's work and effectively bring about a long, lasting solution.

Immigrants are not the cause of the widening gap between rich and poor, the deterioration of our public schools or the violence in our streets. Indeed, the causes of these problems are much more fundamental and it is time they were addressed. We as Americans, can handle them without resorting to left wing or right wing rhetoric. This is what the Amer-

ican people demand and it is what they deserve.

LEGISLATION TO REVISE ELIGIBILITY FOR VA MEDICAL CARE

HON. G.V. (SONNY) MONTGOMERY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 1996

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing today by request legislation which would very substantially revise provisions of law governing eligibility for VA health care services. This measure would require VA to provide any core veteran—that is, any veteran to whom VA now has an obligation to furnish hospital care—whatever care or services are clinically needed.

This measure would also provide VA new funding streams to support the improved service delivery promised by this legislation.

Most of the major veterans organizations strongly support this legislation and have urged its introduction.

ARMS TRANSFERS TO PAKISTAN

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 1996

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, the Government of Pakistan continues to assure our Government that it is a staunch ally of the United States. Last year, Pakistan illegally purchased M-11 missiles and 5,000 ring magnets from China. The M-11 missiles are capable of delivering a nuclear warhead and the ring magnets are used to enrich uranium, a key component for making nuclear bombs. Both transfers violate several U.S. nuclear non-proliferation laws.

The latest destabilizing act by Pakistan appears to have occurred earlier this month when authorities in Taiwan seized the cargo of a ship loaded with 34.8 tons of chemicals traveling from North Korea to Pakistan. According to an article appearing in the March 10 edition of the United Daily News, a leading newspaper in Taiwan, the materials "could be used for massively destructive purposes." The cargo, which Taiwanese authorities are holding, is being treated as top secret.

The actions of Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto are deeply troubling. Last year, Mrs. Bhutto travelled to North Korea. In addition, last year, Pakistan illegally purchased M-11 missiles from the People's Republic of China [PRC]. Earlier this year, news reports disclosed that Pakistan had 5,000 ring magnets from the PRC.

Mr. Speaker, the administration is currently considering transferring \$368 million worth of seized military hardware to Pakistan. The Congress granted that authority to the administration last year before it was aware of the seized cargo, the ring magnets, or the M-11 missiles. In light of these developments, it is imperative that the administration not proceed with the transfer. Tensions in South Asia are already very high. The United States needs to step back and reassess its position regarding Pakistan rather than continue on its present course.

HAPPY RETIREMENT TO JIM CAMPBELL

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 1996

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a good friend on the occasion of his retirement. James E. "Jim" Campbell has spent the last 50 years of his life working for the cause of rural electrification. He has spent the last 13 years as manager of the Clay Electric Cooperative in Flora, IL, and will retire at the end of this month. I would like to thank Jim for his contributions to the quality of life in southern Illinois and wish him health and happiness for many years to come.

The work that Jim has dedicated his professional life to is especially meaningful to me, because for the last 8 years I have also worked hard to improve the infrastructure for the citizens in my congressional districts. Improving electrical service to rural areas is an important part of this process. I vividly remember when my family had our house in White County wired for electricity and the changes that brought to our lives. Jim has worked tirelessly to improve the living conditions and quality of service for consumers of electricity. His career has taken him from Kentucky to Colorado, and he has shared his expertise with professionals in Uruguay, Turkey, the Philippines, Nigeria, and Bangladesh. Jim has also served on numerous boards and associations, including the board of directors of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association [NRECA] Management Committee and their Parity of Rates Committee.

Mr. Speaker, what makes Jim's accomplishments all the more remarkable is he has also been a devoted family man. He and his wife Patty have been married 49 years and have raised three children and have five grandchildren. Jim will be able to turn even more attention to this facet of his life, including his yardwork and woodworking. It has been an honor to represent Jim in the U.S. Congress, and I wish him Godspeed.

HONORING CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS HOCKEY DIVISION 2 STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 1996

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to congratulate the Cathedral High School Boys Hockey Team for their record setting year which earned them the 1996 Massachusetts Division 2 State Hockey Championship.

For many years, hockey teams from western Massachusetts have not fared well against their eastern counterparts. Hampered by the lack of hockey rinks and the stiff competition that exists in Eastern Massachusetts, hockey teams from western Massachusetts have struggled. In the midst of period, Edgar Alejandro, the Cathedral hockey coach and a former standout hockey player at American International College, decided to challenge the

eastern Massachusetts domination of high school hockey. Coach Alejandro recognized, however, that it would take some time before his teams could compete with the highly skilled units from the Greater Boston area.

This past week, however, the Cathedral High School Panthers answered Coach Alejandro's challenge and shocked the State hockey establishment by rising from a seventh-seeded position to defeat Hingham High School 2 to 0 in the Massachusetts State Championship finals.

I salute the Cathedral High School Hockey Team not only for their magnificent achievement, but also for their willingness to set a goal for themselves which many people thought unreachable. Their victory announces to the State that junior and high school hockey programs in western Massachusetts are fully capable of competing with the toughest competition in New England. In addition to Coach Alejandro, I want to also commend his assistant coaches David Fenton and Bill Christofori, team managers Jason and Justin Alejandro as well as the following members of the Cathedral High School Hockey Team who have earned this championship and the accolades which they so richly deserve: Jon Peczkla, Bill La Palm, Kevin Labrie, Paul Demaria, Chris Orzulak, Mike Dias, Chris Bousquet, Brennan St. Germain, Dan Kenney, Mike Ryan, Peter Ollari, Chris Donovan, Brian Donovan, Mike Moriarty, Robbie Martin, John Miarecki, Marty Downey, James Burr, Tony Douillard, Tom Fugiel, and Mike Edgett.

COMMENDING JUDGE DOUGLAS H. MOORE ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 1996

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak today in honor of Judge Douglas H. Moore, on the occasion of his retirement from the Montgomery County, District Six, District Court of Maryland. Over his nearly 29 years in public service, Judge Douglas H. Moore has left a legacy of evenhanded justice and shown a special dedication to legal issues within the juvenile system.

When the Honorable Douglas H. Moore first took office on July 27, 1967, he left behind a distinguished career as deputy county attorney for Montgomery County. Born in Washington, DC, Judge Moore practiced law before both the DC and Maryland court systems before accepting his post at what was then the People's Court for Juvenile Causes. In 1970, he was named administrative judge of that court; in 1975, Chief Judge Robert F. Sweeney appointed him judge-in-charge of the Juvenile Division of District Six.

Judge Douglas H. Moore's legacy, however, goes far beyond the call of duty which his position entailed. He served for 12 years on the Juvenile Justice Advisory Council. He recently has served his community as a member of the Cabinet Council on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, where he cochaired the Task Force on Juvenile Justice Reform with Secretary Stuart O. Sims. His work has earned him a Washingtonian of the Year Award from Washingtonian magazine and a President's Award for Service to the Youth of Montgomery County from the

Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce.

Judge Moore's honors and public service record, while impressive, are merely the external expression of the compassion for which he is known. In his years on the bench, Judge Moore never lost his concern for the welfare of the children who came before him. The crimes that came before him grew from traditionally juvenile crimes to more adult ones, but in Judge Moore's courtroom the chance for a brighter, more healthy future was always held forth. His understanding of the troubling experiences from which these youth came informed his decisions, enabling him to ensure the future welfare of abused, neglected, and otherwise unwanted children. His ability to see to the needs of these at-risk children helped many otherwise lost juvenile find their way back into the mainstream of society.

Douglas H. Moore leaves behind a lifetime of experience and a vast wealth of knowledge. As much as I will miss having the honor of seeing him work, the people of Montgomery County will most feel the loss of Judge Moore's ability. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Judge Douglas H. Moore on almost 29 years of valuable service, and to wish him well as he begins his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN E. BIERMAN

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 1996

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today and pay tribute to a celebrated community servant, Mr. John E. Bierman. On Friday, March 22, 1996, John, along with his friends and family, will celebrate his retirement from the Knights of Columbus Ballroom in East Chicago, IN.

We are fortunate to have dedicated people, like John, involved in the labor movement in Indiana's First Congressional District. Indeed, John personifies true selfless dedication. John was raised in Albany, GA, as one of seven boys. In 1950, after serving in the U.S. Army during World War II, John migrated to the Calumet Region. At this time, John was hired at Inland Steel and became a member of the United Steelworkers of America Local Union 1010. In 1969, John assumed the position of staff representative, and it is this position from which he is retiring.

Outside of his professional career, John has devoted a large portion of his life to the betterment of northwest Indiana. John is a member of American Legion Post 66 and has acquired a lifetime membership to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Moreover, he has organized the Sub-2 food pantry, and for 7 years John coached and managed the Griffith Babe Ruth Baseball League.

Politically, John has been a Democratic precinct committeeman for 25 years and has been the chairman of the Democratic Precinct Organization for the Griffith-Calumet Township for 35 years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to remember all who have worked hard to fulfill the American dream. I offer my heartfelt congratulations to John, who

has worked arduously to make this dream possible for others. John has proven himself to be a distinguished advocate for the labor movement, and he has made northwest Indiana a better place in which to live and work. I sincerely wish John a long, happy, and productive retirement.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ANDY M. CAMACHO AND DR. MARY LOUISE OZOHAN

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 20, 1996

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, it is with much pleasure and pride that I rise today to recognize Mr. Andy M. Camacho and Dr. Mary Louise Ozohan for their personal and professional achievements. These exemplary individuals are not only an inspiration to their three children but to others as hard-working professionals, model citizens, and dedicated volunteers.

Andy Camacho was born and raised in Los Angeles, CA. He is a graduate of East Los Angeles College, obtained a bachelor of arts degree in political science from California State University at Los Angeles and holds a law degree from Southwestern University.

He has held numerous positions including director of operations for the East Los Angeles Health System, Special Ambassador to South America, board member of the Los Angeles Convention and Visitors Bureau, and partner of the law office of Camacho & Kunkel. In addition to establishing his law firm, Mr. Camacho is the proprietor of four successful Mexican restaurants in the Los Angeles area. He is known to be very generous and offers his restaurants to community organizations and nonprofit agencies to hold their various functions.

One would assume that someone like Andy would be too busy for community involvement; but quite the contrary, he is a board member of the Latino Museum of Art, History and Culture, an advisory board member for the Los Angeles Boys & Girls Club, and an advisory board member for the East Los Angeles Chapter of Life Is Feeding Everyone [LIFE]. Time and time again he has demonstrated that whenever he is asked to serve, he serves.

Dr. Mary Louise Ozohan is a successful and respected medical doctor specializing in radiation oncology. Born and raised in Canada, Dr. Ozohan attended the University of Manitoba, College of Medicine, and completed her residency at Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center. She currently practices radiation oncology at the Medical Center of Tarzana in the San Fernando Valley.

Dr. Ozohan's contributions to the field of medicine are outstanding. The community is fortunate that she has utilized her talents to improve the lives of so many people. Her commitment to win the battle against cancer is commendable. She is especially dedicated to executing proactive community education and prevention measures to combat cancer.

In addition to Mary Louise's role as wife, mother, and doctor, she should be commended for her voluntarism in such organizations as the University of Southern California