

Joint Insurance Fund. He served on the Bergen County Solid Waste Advisory Committee and many other county-level panels.

Bernie has also had an extensive and successful business career in the food industry. He introduced and established distribution of three national food brands and managed more than \$50 million in sales volume on the east coast for some of the largest manufacturers in the United States.

Speaking on a personal basis, Mayor Bernie Kettler has been one of my staunchest, most loyal, and truest supporters dating back to those first months when I first faced the formidable task of running for nomination as a candidate for Congress. We look back on them as the good old days but they were most challenging to all of us. Bernie became one of my most trusted advisors and supporters. I have always respected and valued his counsel.

He is a graduate of Gettysburg College, where he received a bachelor's degree in economics and political science. He and his wife, Marie, make their home in Woodcliff Lake. They have three children: Thomas, Sarah, and Mary Jean, and one granddaughter, Kate.

#### RECOGNITION OF ST. PAUL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 1996

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the young and aspiring students of St. Paul High School in Santa Fe Springs, CA. Each year I have the privilege of meeting a new group of seniors as they visit New York City and Washington, DC.

I am delighted that this fine group of young men and women had the opportunity to enjoy Broadway plays, the Statue of Liberty, and the excitement of the Big Apple. While in Washington, the St. Paul students took a whirlwind tour of its many famous sights: the White House, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the Supreme Court, the Library of Congress, and the Washington, Lincoln and Jefferson monuments by night. I was lucky enough to fit into their tight schedule when they visited me at the House of Representatives.

Mr. Robert McNeil, the school's trip leader and respected civics teacher, deserves much credit for organizing these annual trips and for motivating so many young students to reach beyond their natural talents. His academic and professional background make him a respected leader and a brilliant teacher. This year's group of advanced placement students included Jesahel Alarcon, Chris Arehart, Shonnyce Baker, Faby Barragan, Susie Benson, Laura Boersma, Elenor Burciaga, Andrea Burke, Monique Fuentes, Susan Mancia, Jill Ortega, and Edward Raco. Also joining the group were Jeanine Casas, Paul Contreras, Anna Garcia, and Mark Neria.

Although the students of St. Paul High School got the last bit of winter and some Washington snow on their visit, I trust their visit will remain a warm memory. I look forward to hearing from each of them in the future. I am certain much success lies ahead

and, perhaps, one or two of these young men and women will come back to Washington to make their career.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues here assembled to join me in recognition of this fine group of students and Mr. Robert McNeil of St. Paul High School.

#### NANCY GRIGSBY NAMED WOMAN OF THE YEAR OF OHIO'S THIRD DISTRICT

HON. TONY P. HALL

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 1996

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to select Nancy Grigsby as the Woman of the Year of Ohio's Third District. Nancy is my choice for Woman of the Year because of her exceptional and compassionate commitment to help victims of domestic violence in Dayton, OH. She is the executive director of Artemis Center for Alternatives to Domestic Violence.

Nancy has done outstanding work with battered women for 16 years. In 1980-81 she worked as a crisis counselor at the YWCA Battered Women's Project, where she was struck by the bleak predicament of battered women, and the gross inequities which they face in society. Her concern for these women motivated her to cofound Artemis in 1984. This nonresidential organization provides counseling, legal services, children's therapy, and a 24-hour crisis hotline to battered women, men, and children who have filed criminal charges against a family member who has assaulted them.

Victims of domestic violence often face stigmatization in our society, which makes it especially difficult for them to come forward and receive help. In addition, if a battered woman tries to leave home she faces a 75-percent higher risk of becoming a homicide victim. Because of this threat, only 1 out of 39 battered women will opt to move into a shelter. Nonresidential services like Artemis are therefore necessary to meet the needs of victims who cannot leave home.

In addition to her efforts at Artemis, Nancy was the legislative committee chair of the Ohio Domestic Violence Network from 1990 to 1994. She is a member of the Child Protection Task Force of Montgomery County, a member of the Domestic Violence Subcommittee of the Criminal Justice Policy Council of Montgomery County, and a member of the Endangering Children Subcommittee of the Criminal Justice Policy Council, Montgomery County. Through her work on all these fronts, Nancy has significantly contributed to the Dayton community by relieving emotional, physical, and mental suffering of victims who are not even safe from attack within their own homes.

#### LANDMINES—AN IMMEDIATE THREAT

HON. LANE EVANS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 1996

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, the carnage wrought on innocent civilians by antipersonnel

landmines has become well-known. It is estimate that over 2,000 innocent men, women, and children are killed or maimed each year by these hideous and barbaric devices. Yet, nothing has brought the landmine crisis home to the American public until we contemplated sending our own young soldiers to the minefields of Bosnia.

According to the United Nations, there are over 8 million landmines in Bosnia alone. One of them recently killed a young sergeant. He was the first American killed in the former Yugoslavia. According to the experts, he might not be the last.

Landmines potentially pose the largest threat to our troops in Bosnia. However, the Department of Defense has been at odds with international efforts to eliminate them. For too long, we have only heard from the Pentagon of the benefits of these weapons to our forces. The cost of antipersonnel (AP) landmines to our fighting men and women has too often been ignored until we have to fight and face them. In Vietnam, a third of our casualties came from landmines. They will continue to take their awful toll in future conflicts on our soldiers and innocent men, women, and children, until the international community decides to do something about the problem.

Our Nation could be leading the charge to eliminate these weapons. Unfortunately, there has not been a serious effort to seek a ban on the use of these weapons. This has led to marginal results that forced the participants, out of embarrassment, to postpone the conclusion of the review conference until later this spring. Without our leadership, a ban on AP landmines will not happen.

This fall, Congress took a big step in asserting this leadership by passing a one-year moratorium on the use of AP landmines. And now the military is finally taking a hard look at the landmine crisis. According to an article in Sunday's New York Times, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Shalikashvili has ordered a review of the Pentagon's longstanding opposition to a ban on the use of landmines.

I applaud General Shalikashvili for his review of this issue. He is obviously listening to the many American combat vets, both officer and enlisted, who know how much these weapons have cost us in American lives and limbs compared to their limited military value.

In a speech before the United Nations just over a year ago, President Clinton stated our Nation's goal of a ban on antipersonnel landmines. I hope that General Shalikashvili's review, along with the progress being made internationally, will bring this goal closer to realization. Twenty-two nations now support a ban on these weapons. U.S. leadership, in the form of a call for an immediate ban, could make this a reality.

The prestige of the President, along with the support of our Department of Defense, can move nations. This goal is achievable. Considering the terrible toll antipersonnel landmines are taking on civilians and soldiers, we must act now.

## CUTS IN EDUCATION

HON. VIC FAZIO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 21, 1996*

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about the effects of the Republican cuts in education funding on my district in California.

We're all aware of the draconian reductions in funding for education programs across the country.

Children all over America will pay a heavy price for the majority party's insistence on slashing the Federal commitment to education.

School districts, too, will suffer as they try to budget and plan for the 1996-97 school year without knowing what to expect from the Federal Government.

For example, funding for title I was reduced by 17.1 percent in one of the continuing resolutions passed earlier this year.

This means a \$122.8 million reduction for California. In Sacramento, the school district estimates that \$2 million will have to be cut from the district budget, eliminating as much as \$65,000 for some of the neediest schools.

Seven to eight schools and approximately 100 teachers and teacher's aides would be cut from the title I program effecting almost 3,300 students. Reading tutorial sites would be closed and educational technology programs would also be eliminated.

My colleagues, the cuts to title I alone are cause for outrage—but when they are added to the cuts to students loans, school lunch programs, job training programs, and Goals 2000—it is hard to fully grasp the impact of these cuts on our children.

Let's not lose sight of the commitment that brings us here today—let us put our children first and reject these mean—spirited cuts.

## GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 20, 1996*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, on Monday the 25th the people of Greece and friends of Greece around the world will celebrate the 175th anniversary of Greece's independence from the Ottoman Empire.

When Greece regained its independence in 1821, the people of the United States were delighted to learn of the new Greek freedom and restoration of Green independence.

Our President at the time, James Monroe, issued a declaration expressing America's great friendship and sympathies for the cause of Greek freedom.

President Monroe's expression of our sympathies for Greek freedom and democracy was not just an empty promise and it was not just the expression of one person's views.

Over a century later, President Truman came to this House on March 12, 1947, to ask the Congress for its support for what became known as the Truman Doctrine.

Truman described the desperate situation in Greece and how Greek democracy was threatened, and he asked Congress for its

support for an unprecedented American program of economic and military aid to Greece.

By overwhelming and bipartisan votes, the Congress responded quickly to President Truman's request for aid to the Greeks.

By May 15, President Truman was able to sign a bill into law providing for aid to preserve and protect Greek freedom and independence.

One participant in the Truman administration's effort to save Greek democracy later told an historian, "I think it's one of the proudest moments in American history."

And indeed it was.

This long history of friendship and cooperation between the Americans and the Greeks has weathered many a crisis in which the two nations were allies in protecting the cause of democracy and freedom.

During the Second World War, Greeks and Americans fought in the great crusade to rid the world of the evils of the Nazis.

We were allies in that effort, and the alliance continued for the next half century as allies in the struggle against communism and Soviet domination.

It was from his own experiences in the Greek struggle during Second World War that Greece's most famous modern poet, Odysseus Elytis, wrote his poem "To Axiom Esti," in which he described his experiences in the Greek resistance to fascism in World War II.

That poem won Elytis the Nobel Prize in 1979.

Odysseus Elytis died this week, and was buried with high honors as Greece's most beloved poet of this century.

In his poetry, Elytis carried on the long tradition of Greek literature and its contribution to the world's cultural heritage.

This contribution is as significant as their contribution of the concept of democracy has been to the world of politics.

We are all the inheritors of the Greek contribution to our cultural and our political life, and today I join my colleague MIKE BILIRAKIS in wishing the Greek people our very best of wishes as they celebrate 175 years of independence on Monday.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION  
OF H.R. 2202, IMMIGRATION IN  
THE NATIONAL INTEREST ACT  
OF 1995

SPEECH OF

HON. JOEL HEFLEY

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 20, 1996*

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the manager's amendment offered by the chairman of the Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, Mr. SMITH of Texas.

I want to commend the chairman for his consideration of a technical amendment I suggested to section 112(a) of the bill. The amendment clarifies that the Secretary of Defense and the Attorney General should consult with a local redevelopment authority when selecting real property at closed military bases for the pilot program concerning detention centers authorized by the section. As the chairman of the Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities, I can assure the House that we have placed great emphasis on empowering local communities in working with

the Department of Defense to make the best use of military bases closed through the base closure and realignment process.

This technical change would not disturb the ability of the Secretary of Defense and the Attorney General to establish the pilot program, but it would ensure that an affected local redevelopment authority is consulted as the pilot program proceeds. This change is consistent with other areas of BRAC law.

Again, I want to thank Mr. SMITH for his consideration of the amendment and his willingness to work with me to bring it to the floor.

THANK YOU AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY  
TO THE MEN AND WOMEN  
OF THE ELSMERE FIRE  
COMPANY

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 21, 1996*

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Elsmere Fire Company on the occasion of its 75th anniversary of leadership and service to the community and the town of Elsmere in my home State of Delaware. For myself, and on behalf of the citizens of the First State, I would like to thank the Elsmere Fire Company for its many years of dedicated service.

As is typical of the fire departments in Delaware, the Elsmere Fire Company is comprised of dedicated men and women who volunteer their time and talents to help prevent or battle fires and perform emergency medical services for our citizens. In today's world, many fire departments find it difficult to recruit and retain volunteers. With the pressures of work and family, many find it hard to complete the rigorous fire service training. Yet the Elsmere Fire Company has remained a vital and integral part of its community with strong support that has allowed it to grow with the needs of its community. I am particularly grateful and proud of this community's efforts.

At a recent fire company banquet for the volunteers, many were recognized for various areas of service with the department, and many others were honored for decades of service. It is important that the Elsmere Fire Company continue to be able to recruit and retain young men and women who are committed to this outstanding form of public service. The support for the Elsmere Fire Company is strong and the tradition of service is solid.

Although I have not listed all the members of the Elsmere Fire Company, I hope that they all realize how deeply their efforts are appreciated. This company can be proud of its 75 years of dedicated service. Your community tanks you for your commitment and concern.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID MINGE

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 21, 1996*

Mr. MINGE. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances I was unable to vote on rollcall votes 71 and 72 to amend H.R. 2202. Had I