

arts, I recognize the importance we must place on the arts by investing in our artists at an early age. In my opinion, it represents good sound policy. I would like to salute the students who participated in the 1996 Artistic Discovery competition. Each of these individuals are winners and should be duly acknowledged.

ARTISTIC DISCOVERY WINNERS  
BEAUMONT SCHOOL

Nicole Abounader, Alyssa Adams, Amanda Amigo, Gretchen Aquilina, Amie Balbierz, Alithma Bell, Mary Ann Betsch, Missy Blakeley, Louise Burton, Yasmeen Chandler, Monique Christian, Anne Coburn, Heather Darroch, Catherine Davenport, Kathryn Dobrowski, Kristen Emancipator, Julie Engstrom, Andrea Galinski, Rachel Gilberti, Heather Gilmore, Laura Golombek, Katherine Grendell, Julie Hall, Julie Hanus, Betsy Harding, Meredith Harger, Amy Harmon, Sharia Jones, Karola Kirsanow, Molly Kohut, and Ginny Kolb.

Also, Megan Kollar, Raina Kratky, Terre Kraus, Natalie Lanese, Megan Lewicki, Diane Lloyd, Laura LoDuca, Josephine Lombardi, Lisa Lukwinski, Alicia Luton, Jennifer Martin, Regina Mastrangelo, Sarah McCormack, Katie McCullough, Andrea McDaniel, Elise McDonough, Ann McKeever, Aurora Mehlman, Erin Murphy, Collen O'Neill, Lisa Pajek, Carrie Paul, Sherry Peterson, Eileen Ryan, Ana Sancho, Maura Schmidt, Julie Shina, Valerie Sirvaitis, Maureen Standing, Nakisha Starks, Myranda Stephens, Ellen Sutheimer, Tracie Tegel, Jean Tillie, Jenni Traverse, Julia Wadsworth, and Melissa Watson.

Art teachers: Sr. Mary Lucia, O.S.U. and Ellen Carreras.

BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Debra Babiak, Shannon Bakker, Kelly Benewiat, Brian Brown, Jessica Bruening, Eboni Davis, Kili Ellis, Sarah Etling, Sara Farkas, Vera Foster, Becky Frank, Russell Garganta, Monica Greivous, Greg Hodge, Richard Jastrzebski, Will Keenan, Jessica Keister, Kandice Langford, Matthew Lee, Aurora Mallin, Stephanie McCamey, Charles Minute, Steve Miracle, and Misty Neal.

Also, Cormaic O'Melia, Sarah Pinto, Erin Posanti, Michael Pritt, Quiana Redd, Mary Reichert, Brian Richardson, Rachel Roberts Stephani Rowe, Damian Salo, Amie Schade, James Schade, Susan Schmidt, Cassandra Skufca, Patrick Sweet, Heather Takacs, Jennifer Taylor, Kendra Tench, DeWayne Thomas, Talia Thomas, Cameron Tullios, Branden Vecchio, and Keytsa Warren.

Art teachers: Robert Bush, Dagmar Clements, Madelyn Koltcz, and Lou Panutos.

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL

Aria Benner, Rebecca Chizeck, Larry Chy, Evan Currey, Amanda Delamatre, Melissa Hancock, Sarah Horter, Liz Isabella, Lauren Kalman, Abigail Maier, Sarah Mansbacher, Kelsey Martin-Keating, Mary McDonald, Corinne Miller, Ethan Reed, LaSaundra Robinson, Karen Rolfe, Briana Ross, Kumiko Sakura, Dylan Telgarsky, Rachel Truitt, and Naomi White.

Art teacher: Susan Hood-Cogan.

CLEVELAND SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Mario Donner, Jean Edmonds, Theodore Ennis, Tanya Gonzalez, Nicole Gregory, Najjal Hawkins, Derrick Hill, Taria Johnson-Whitsett, Michael Mannings, Serene Marshall, Brandon Ogletree, Nikia Pollard, Tamara Thornton, Sahara Williamson, and Adam Wise.

Art teachers: Andrew Hamlett and Danny Carver.

JOHN KAY HIGH SCHOOL

David Anaya, Dayaneth Berdiel, Tandalaya Colbert, Timothy Davis, Anthony Glass,

Christopher Harris, Gladys Hill, Richard Lawrence, Sharita Lumpkins, Talisha Mahone, Neftali Nieves, Pocita Norman, Rita Patterson, Alphonso Rogers, Quenisha Smith, Nyaunu Stevens, Andrew Straka, Tyrone Sykes, Mary Thomas, Shannon Turner, Terry Wallace, Theresa White, Lanithea Wright, and Monica Young.

Art teachers: Kathleen Yates, Harriet Goldner, and Richard Chappini.

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL EAST

Shaunta Gates, Lana Lester, Jennifer Moore, Jamell Perry, Walter Smith, Tamiko Wheeler, Wendi Williams.

Art teacher: Kathryn Ulichney.

MAPLE HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL

William Abram, Andre Allen, Christopher Allen, Elliot Anderson, Sean Carano, Karen Curtis, Lakisha Dandridge, Eric Diedrich, Kimberly Filipic, Tim Fritz, Greg Gadowski, Jennifer Gedeon, Traci Helmick, Ralph Horne, Maria Kopec, Calvin Little, Sherry Morgan, Carla Ruffo, Charles Rupp, Michael Sindelar, Curtis Smith, Sean Szego, Otis Thomas, William Whoric, Justin Williams, and Kevin Workman.

Art teachers: Karen Mehling-DeMauro and Judy Wohl.

SHAKER HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL

Allison Beamer, Rebecca Beamer, Jessica Bilsky, Jeff Brigden, Robin Durham, Abigail DiSalvo, Patty Eppich, Erica Howaniak, Laura Kushnick, Reuben LeVine, Erica Manley, Suzannah Mathur, Tim McLoughlin, Gregory Morrison, Gilbert O'Connor, Norman Paris, Kelly Roth, Jennifer Skirball, Rokisha Smith, Meghan Thomas, Wallis Wilkinson, and Sharon Yates.

Art teachers: James Hoffman and Malcolm Brown.

SHAW HIGH SCHOOL

Clifford Allen, David Black, Faceta McMichael, Donna Parker, Byron Redmon, Travis Rock, and Krsna-Caran Short.

Art teacher: Susan Lokar.

WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL

Donald Hayes, Olivia Jones, and Jermaine Powell.

Art teacher: James Evans.

DEFENSE SPENDING INCREASES  
UNCONSCIONABLE

HON. ELIZABETH FURSE

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Ms. FURSE. Mr. Speaker, I am disappointed with the fiscal year 1997 defense authorization adopted by the House today. I particularly object to the nearly \$13 billion spending increase added by the House National Security Committee. That increase is unconscionable.

Even though five amendments reducing the increase in defense spending were offered to the Rules Committee, not one was allowed for debate on the House floor—not even my amendment calling for a reduction of \$1. My amendment would have tested whether this body has the courage to cut even \$1 from the largest discretionary account in the budget.

What arrogance that was on the part of lawmakers to not even allow us to debate the decision the National Security Committee made to increase defense spending \$12.3 billion more than even the Pentagon asked for.

I would like to remind Speaker GINGRICH of what he said in his address to the Nation last

year following the passage of the Contract With America. He told America that everything is on the table, including Pentagon spending. House Budget Chairman KASICH said on CNN last year: "I want to suggest something that will ruffle a few feathers. And that is that the Pentagon should be reviewed with the same microscope as everything else in this Federal Government should be reviewed." Apparently, no one wanted to ruffle any feathers.

I would also like to remind my colleagues what Defense Secretary Perry had to say in his March 1996 annual report to the President and the Congress: "Events since the end of the cold war have demonstrated the need for America to retain a strong global leadership role and a prudent defense posture. President Clinton's fiscal year 1997 defense budget, and the strategy and plans on which it is based, support that need while remaining fiscally responsible."

Last year, this Congress increased defense spending by \$7 billion, while decreasing all other discretionary accounts. And this year, it looks like we will increase defense spending by almost twice that amount. I find it preposterous that we are considering increasing Pentagon spending at a time when we are asking seniors and students to pay more.

Last year's action was taken despite the fact that the University of Maryland conducted a nationwide poll last November that showed 77 percent of the American public opposed to Congress's addition of \$7 billion to the Pentagon's defense budget request.

People can argue about how much funding the Pentagon needs to perform its important role, U.S. defense spending is roughly equal to that of the next six nations combined. We spend twice as much on our military as do all of our potential enemies combined, including Russia and China.

We need to reassess our current strategy of fighting two wars nearly simultaneously without help from our allies. There are two potential war fronts out there. One is the threat of war abroad and the other is the lack of security on our streets.

Since 1980, 1,100 of our police officers have been killed in the line of duty. In the same time period, 530 U.S. soldiers have been killed in action. As crime rates have skyrocketed in this country, spending on police protection has remained constant. As a result, Americans have less than a 10th the effective police power of 30 years ago. We have a responsibility to protect our citizens from threats at home as well as threats from abroad.

This is National Law Enforcement Recognition Week. At this time when all of us are trying so hard to balance the Federal budget, we can avoid increasing military spending without endangering U.S. national security, which must include security at home.

I am pleased that the amendment I sponsored requiring greater burden sharing by our allies worldwide passed by a wide margin, 353 to 62. This marks the third year in a row I have sponsored such an amendment. This year's legislation is a timely call for a fundamental reassessment of our international troop deployments, an evaluation that has been sorely needed ever since the cold war ended.

I will continue to work to reorder our priorities in more commonsense ways. I firmly believe in spending every penny we need for a sound national defense, but not a penny more.

HONORING THE SUFFOLK COUNTY  
POLICE

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 1996*

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask all my colleagues to join me in supporting the Suffolk County police during their annual memorial service.

The Suffolk County Police Superior Officers Association, the Suffolk County Police Benevolent Association, and the Suffolk County Detectives Association, will be honoring their fellow officers who have given their lives on the line of duty. In particular, the associations will be dedicating a commemorative footstone in memory of Sgt. Timothy Henck.

Suffolk County Police Sgt. Timothy J. Henck passed away as a result of injuries received in the line of duty on August 6, 1995. Sergeant Henck sustained his injuries during a vehicle chase of a burglary suspect on the Long Island Expressway.

Sergeant Henck came from a family with a history of law enforcement and followed his father, the late Lt. Thomas Henck of the Suffolk County Police Department, into law enforcement. Sergeant Henck began his career in January 1986, as a member of the New York City Police Department, serving in Brooklyn. Later that year, Sergeant Henck joined the Suffolk County Police Department, where he was assigned to the 3d precinct and quickly won 15 departmental commendations.

In June 1994, Timothy Henck was promoted to Sergeant and earned the respect and admiration of all those who worked for and with him until his untimely death last year.

Sergeant Henck showed the full measure of his devotion to law enforcement and made the ultimate sacrifice while in the performance of his duty.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring Sergeant Henck and all the Suffolk County police officers who have given their lives in the line of duty.

AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF  
PROPERTY FOR INCLUSION IN  
AMAGANSETT NATIONAL WILD-  
LIFE REFUGE

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 14, 1996*

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, as a young man growing up on Long Island I have known of and visited Shadmoor. Purchasing this property is of great importance to me and my neighbors on Long Island.

The Shadmoor property consists of 98 acres of dramatic oceanfront property at Montauk, in the town of East Hampton, NY. Shadmoor supports one of the largest and most viable populations of the endangered and federally listed sandplain gerardia, New York State's rarest plant. Once widespread along the Northeast coast, sandplain gerardia is now known to inhabit fewer than 10 sites in the world, 5 of those on Long Island.

This important population of sandplain gerardia grows on privately owned property.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service [USFWS] targeted this site for acquisition in its 1991 Northeast Coastal Areas Study. But so far, money has not been provided. Meanwhile, the property owners are very close to obtaining final approval for a subdivision that would lead to development of home lots at Shadmoor, effectively ending years of effort to save this population of sandplain gerardia.

H.R. 1836 is a bill authorizing the Fish and Wildlife Service to include Shadmoor in the Amagansett National Wildlife Refuge. Shadmoor is currently threatened by creeping development at its edges and if action is not taken promptly it could be lost.

Over the last 20 years, Long Island, and New York State, have received almost no Federal dollars for the acquisition of lands to protect endangered species. Nationally, few Federal dollars have been used to protect the habitat of critically imperiled plant species, while tens of millions have been spent for other purposes. Saving this property would go a long way toward correcting this inequity.

Shadmoor represents a unique combination of habitat for federally and State endangered species, offering a half mile of Atlantic Ocean coastline and having historical significance. Adjacent to 17 acres of East Hampton Town Parkland, the Northeast Coastal Areas Study prepared by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service [USFWS] in 1991 targeted the Shadmoor property for protection.

The USFWS believes it is critical for local entities to contribute to our important effort and recently the Town Board of East Hampton passed a resolution supporting the Federal acquisition of Shadmoor and agreeing to consider appropriating town money to help acquire the tract. The Nature Conservancy has also pledged funds to help purchase Shadmoor.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sara Davison and Stuart Lowrie of the Nature Conservancy, Carol Morrison of the Concerned Citizens of Montauk, and Cathy Lester supervisor of the town of East Hampton for all of their hard work to protect Shadmoor.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to bring to your attention H.R. 2005, the bill I introduced to make technical corrections in coastal barrier resources systems map that is also being considered today as an amendment to H.R. 1836. H.R. 2005 is a bill of great importance to the residents of the Point O'Woods community on Long Island. It passed the House under unanimous consent on October 29, 1995. This legislation corrects the mapping error that designated private property on Fire Island as an otherwise protected area on the coastal barrier resources system [CBRS] map of the Fire Island national seashore, making individuals ineligible for flood insurance for new constructions or relocated houses. This designation prevented the Point O'Woods community from proceeding with their 30-year land use plan.

There was never any reason to believe that the mapping error was anything but inadvertent. In any event, common sense and equity dictated that this error be corrected and because CBRS boundaries cannot be adjusted without congressional approval, this legislation solves the problem.

Point O'Woods is a unique community in that it has worked with the town of Brookhaven and FEMA to move up to 17 houses from the beach, and to permit the re-

building of the dunes for future protection of the community.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1836 and H.R. 2005 are very important to the residents of Long Island and I want to thank you, Chairman YOUNG of the Resources Committee, Chairman SAXTON of the Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans for your support of these bills and for bringing them to the floor expeditiously for a vote.

SERVICE ACADEMY GRADUATES,  
TOP ROTC HAVE EARNED A REG-  
ULAR COMMISSION

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 15, 1996*

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend my colleagues in the House National Security Committee for their support for my amendment to H.R. 3230 in committee which restores the regular, active duty commissions to graduates of the Military Academy—West Point—Naval Academy—Annapolis—Air Force Academy and top Reserve Officer Training Corps—ROTC—graduates.

As many of my colleagues know, I introduced this amendment as a bill, H.R. 2016, of which Chairman Robert Dornan and Congressman Jack Reed are original cosponsors. I am pleased that my colleagues supported the amendment by voice vote when I offered it on May 1 in the committee.

As a result of a change in the fiscal year 1993 Department of Defense authorization bill, beginning October 1, 1996, graduates of the military service academies and top ROTC graduates will receive a Reserve commission, instead of a regular, active duty commission. At the time of the change, the rationale was that regular commissioned officers received advantages over Reserve commissioned officers during the drawdown. Subsequently, the services received permission from Congress to subject regular officers to involuntary separation on the same basis as officers with Reserve commissions.

The difference for officers between the two types of commissions has become largely honorary, but it is an important incentive. Granting regular commissions rewards the hard work and sacrifices of these top graduates. Service academy and top ROTC graduates deserve the recognition for their dedication and excellence.

The difference for Congress between the two types of commissions is significant. Since it is easier to resign with a Reserve commission, granting regular commissions to Service Academy graduates protects our investment in them. It will also save taxpayer money spent on convening boards to review the applicants for regular commission status. The academies and the ROTC programs currently do a fine job of screening unqualified officer candidates.

As the two Chambers go to conference on H.R. 3230, I urge my colleagues to support the restoration of the regular, active duty commissions. The Military Service Academy and top ROTC graduates have earned a regular commission.