

drug exposed babies are born annually to mothers on AFDC.

Basic compassion and common sense dictate that the government must stop being the "enabler" of those who abuse drugs. Senator Christopher Bond of Missouri has pointed out that some welfare recipients who are turned down for employment because they flunk an employer's drug test, then turn around and use the results as proof they are actually seeking employment and deserve to remain on welfare. The states should have the right to require drug testing, and to deny on their face claims like the one Senator Bond discussed. States should also have the right to adopt innovations such as providing welfare recipients with vouchers for diapers or baby formula in place of cash payments which might be used to purchase drugs or alcohol.

It is also right for the state and federal governments to step out of the surrogate parent role and ask people to take personal responsibility for their lives. Each year, America fails to collect \$34 billion of child support payments. This money often means the difference between living on welfare dependence or living independently. A Dole Administration will work with the states to put teeth in child support laws so that deadbeat parents live up to their obligations. We will establish a uniform tracking system, automate child support proceedings in every state, require that every effort be made to establish paternity, and do everything possible to ensure that child support payments go to those who deserve them.

The ultimate issue at stake in serious welfare reform is not just dollars and cents but compassion. It's not compassionate to lead people into a life of drugs, dependency and despair. Real compassion must sometimes take the form of tough love. It's time to get people out of the destructive lifestyle of welfare once and for all. Children having children should stay at home and stay in school.

My friends, we know what happened this weekend. When Bill Clinton hears I am coming to Wisconsin to talk about welfare reform, he suddenly decides he supports what Governor Thompson has done.

If this keeps up Bill Clinton won't have to make speeches anymore. All he'll have to do is find out my stand on an issue and say, "Me, too."

But too often President Clinton's statements are like the tornadoes in the movie "Twister"—it looks like a lot is happening, but in reality it's all just special effects.

Still I have to say that America benefits from the calculated cynicism of Mr. Clinton and his advisors. Because in this election year he is agreeing to things we will never see him agree to again.

We all know it would be different if Bill Clinton were to somehow win re-election—his liberalism unrestrained by the need to face the American people again. Instead of trying to preempt Republican initiatives, he will do what comes naturally—raising our taxes again, blocking education reform, imposing more social experiments on our military, mandating more regulations, appointing more permissive judges and the rest of his sorry grab bag of liberal policies.

The press says it's working, but, to paraphrase Harry Truman, given a choice between a Republican and a Democrat who tries to act like a Republican, the American people will choose the real thing every time.

Ladies and gentlemen, we don't need four more years of broken promises. We need a President who will sign genuine welfare reform.

It's time for Presidential leadership that says what it means and means what it says and I will bring such leadership to the White House.

If we are to get America back on the right track, we need a leader who will confront the failures of big government honestly and forthrightly . . . who has the integrity to face difficult truths without fear, without waffling . . . who is not the rear-guard of big government, but who means it when he says that "the era of big government is over."

In the final analysis, the debate about welfare reform is all about a very basic issue of values . . . what we believe America has been, is and must remain . . . a nation of freedom, where the doors of opportunity are open to all, where our government respects the values on which families, neighborhoods and communities are built, where it holds proudly for all the world to see the torch of freedom that makes us the last best hope of humanity.

To preserve, protect and defend these values, to ensure that America's future is even greater than its past, to make that torch of liberty shine even brighter—this is why I want to be the President of the United States. Please, join me in this crusade.

Thank you and God bless you all.

CAMDEN CITY POLICE AWARDS BANQUET

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 1996

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to honor a group of citizens with me that glorify the State of New Jersey. On the 14th of May this year the City of Camden held its Police Awards Banquet. Citizens and police officers that went beyond the call of duty received awards in their particular areas of service. These people exemplify the definition of what a citizen to one's community is. Police officers put their lives on the line every day to protect the people of our communities. We should award not just the following individuals, but all officers of the law as well. Without them, our families and communities would not be safe.

CITIZEN AWARDS/SPECIAL APPRECIATION AWARDS

Kathleen Toso, Slice of New York Pizza; Anthony Santovito, Brinks Corporation; Diana Vilafante, 104 East State Street Village; Rodick Campbell, 1027 Sheridan Street; Ronald Johnson, 1343 Dayton Street; Willie Smith, 250 Mt. Vernon Street; Richard Suarez, Cooper Medical Systems; Darren Lomonico, Cooper Medical Systems; David Smalls, Cooper Medical Systems; Clifton Kilgore, 518 Center Drive Chiselhurst; Samuel Plaza, 600 State Street; Lieutenant Martin Taylor, Philadelphia Police Dept.; Sergeant Stephen Naughton, Philadelphia Police Dept.; David Garrison, Cartuns Hardware Store; Conrad Greenhow, 428 Chambers Street; Len Mauer, Bell Atlantic; Jessica Gonzalez Joseph, Campbell Soup Co.

CAMDEN POLICE AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 1994-1995-1996

Officer of the Year: Detective Leonard Finnenen.

Chief's Award: Detective Frederick Davis, Detective Joseph Repa.

MERIT

Lieutenant Frank Cook, Lieutenant Louis Hannon, Sergeant Edward Ingram, Officer Maurice Jenkins, Detective Coley Barbee, Officer Kevin Strang, Officer John Kemp, Officer George Reese, Officer Michael Hughes,

Officer Randall MacNair, Officer Orlando Perez, Officer John Kemp, Officer Kevin Strang, Officer Eva Ezell, Officer Lawrence Cox, Officer Louis Capelli—Rutgers University Police, Officer Donald Smith, Officer Luis Sanchez, Officer Warren Brown, Officer Douglas Pietrowicz.

UNIT CITATIONS

Lieutenant Louis Jeminey, Sergeant George Joyner, Sergeant Juan Roldan.

GLOUCESTER CITY AWARD RECIPIENTS MERIT

Lieutenant William P. James, Sergeant William Crothers, Sergeant George Berglund, Patrolman Robert Reynolds, Patrolman Michael Kaye, Patrolman Steven Moody, Patrolman Robert Lee, Patrolman Michael Barney, Patrolman Kenneth Eller, Patrolman Robert Kraft, Patrolman Harlan Blackiston, Patrolman William Eller.

HEROISM

Officer Michael Hughes, Officer Joseph D. Williams, Officer James Wilson, Officer Tyrone McEady, Officer Benjamin Vautier, Officer William Wiley, Officer Scott Shaw, Officer Joseph Rubino, Officer Donald Tuttle, Officer Kevin Strang, Officer Wayne Matthews, Officer Pasquale Giannini, Officer Orlando Perez, Officer James Revelli, Officer Jeffrey Frett, Officer Carmen Ortiz.

BRAVERY

Officer James Revelli, Officer Robert Frett, Officer Randal MacNair, Officer Bruce Abraham, Officer Troy Redd, Officer Joseph D. Williams, Officer Jeffrey Frett, Officer George Reese, Officer Daniel Vause, Officer Jeffrey Frampton, Officer Warren Brown, Officer Maurice Gibson, Officer Ronald Johnson, Officer Marshall Morgan, Lieutenant Serapio Cruz, Detective Luis Ruiz, Sergeant Raymond Garrison, Officer Edward Cropski.

INTRODUCTION OF THE COMPUTER DONATION INCENTIVE ACT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 1996

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Computer Donation Incentive Act. This legislation is needed to encourage greater corporate involvement in the tremendous task of bringing computer technology to our public schools and other public facilities used by children.

Currently, there are two types of charitable deductions for donated computer equipment under the Internal Revenue Service Code—standard and enhanced. Under the standard deduction, all donations by manufacturers of computer equipment to schools are allowed to deduct the cost of manufacturing the equipment.

The enhanced deduction provisions of the Code allow an additional deduction of about 1/2 the gain manufacturers would have realized based on the fair market valuation of the equipment. For elementary schools, this enhanced deduction is currently limited to donations made by manufacturers to private schools.

This legislation is designed to increase donations by using the Tax Code as a carrot, rather than a stick. Specifically, the bill brings public schoolchildren in elementary and secondary schools into parity with their counterparts in private schools by allowing enhanced

deductions for public schools; extends the enhanced deduction to libraries, local governments, community centers, and other organizations, such as boys and girls clubs, that promote the education of children; expresses the sense of Congress that donations to underprivileged schools should be a priority; allows nonmanufacturers the same enhanced deduction as manufacturers, so long as the original use of the computer originated with the taxpayer seeking the deduction. Provides that charitable contributions must be made within 3 years from the date the corporation purchased the computer; and clarifies that tangible personal property includes software.

Mr. Speaker, computers can be the most important new learning tool in our classrooms since the chalkboard. Studies show that children with access to computers learn faster and better than those who don't. Their scores on standardized tests go up 10 to 15 percent. They master basic skills in significantly less time. And they stay in school more often. But computers will never realize their full potential in schools unless we figure out better ways to get them in the hands of our children.

Silicon Valley has been blessed with several private-public initiatives to improve the technology available in our schools. Efforts like Challenge 2000, Net Day 96, the 21st Century Education Initiative, and Smart Valley's SmartSchools project continue to improve educational opportunities for students in our community.

To better educate children, our policies should encourage and reward businesses to produce winning outcomes. The Computer Donation Incentive Act would accomplish these goals by encouraging corporations to donate computers to schools, libraries, local governments, and other organizations dedicated to children's learning.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING THE BERLIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 1996

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I am taking this opportunity to applaud the invaluable services provided by the Berlin Volunteer Fire Department. These brave, civic-minded people give freely of their time so that we may all feel safer at night.

Few realize the depth of training and hard work that goes into being a volunteer firefighter. To quote one of my local volunteers, "These firemen must have an overwhelming desire to do for others while expecting nothing in return."

Preparation includes twice-monthly training programs in which they have live drills, study the latest videos featuring the latest in fire-fighting tactics, as well as attend seminars where they can obtain the knowledge they need to save lives. Within a year of becoming a volunteer firefighter, most attend the Tennessee fire training school in Murfreesboro where they undergo further, intensified training.

When the residents of my district go to bed at night, they know that should disaster strike and their home catch fire, well-trained and

qualified volunteer fire departments are ready and willing to give so graciously and generously of themselves. This peace of mind should not be taken for granted.

By selflessly giving of themselves, they ensure a safer future for us all. We owe these volunteer fire departments a debt of gratitude for their service and sacrifice.

WILLIE B. BROWN, SR., HONORED

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 1996

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, May 25, 1996, friends and relatives of Willie B. Brown will gather to honor his ongoing commitment to the South Dade community. I am sure that my colleagues will agree with me that Mr. Brown is truly a man of distinction.

Willie B. Brown graduated as the salutatorian of Mays Senior High School, offering a glimpse of the excellence he would continue to achieve. As an adult, Mr. Brown wasted no time getting involved in his community. He organized the Homestead Southwest Home Owners Association and formulated a youth advisory committee in the area. He has served on the Florida City Foundation community advisory board and worked to improve the Dade County criminal justice system. He has founded the Homestead Martin Luther King parade as well as the area's African heritage parade.

Professionally, he has worked on behalf of migrant workers as the community service director of the Management Health Clinic of South Florida and has provided job training and housing information in his role as area director administrator of the Economic Opportunity Program Incorporated.

Ever since I have known Mr. Brown, he has always been resilient and visionary in all the activities he has forged for our community's well-being. He is imbued with a sense of commitment to any cause he takes up or any crusade he embarks on. His belief in reaching out to his fellow human beings is legendary.

The numerous awards with which he has been honored represent an unequivocal testimony of the utmost respect he enjoys from our community. His countless efforts on behalf of others bespeak of his enduring legacy to those who would choose to dedicate their God-given talents to ensure a better future.

I am proud to have active in my congressional district a man of the talent of Willie B. Brown. He serves as a living example of taking pride in one's community.

WATER AND ENERGY RESEARCH INSTITUTE VITAL TO MAINTAINING GUAM'S WATER QUALITY

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 1996

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that the House has passed H.R. 1743, which reauthorizes the Water Resources Research Act and provides funding for the water research institutes program.

H.R. 1743 authorizes funds for the 54 water resources research institutes located at land-grant universities in the states and territories. The institutes are an effective way for the Federal Government to assist local communities in solving local and regional water problems. No other source of funding provides this kind of assistance to water research efforts which directly address water quality and supply problems.

These institutes conduct research on water resources which are valuable to the nation and vital to areas struggling with a limited water supply. Because of Guam's small land mass and growing water demand, our water lens is being stretched to maximum capacity. Potential contamination of this water lens mostly due to contaminated soil on military and former military lands, has heightened concern over our already limited water supply.

In addition, this program's modest Federal investment leverages significant state and private sector funding. In fiscal year 1995, Federal funds for the institutes helped secure \$65 million in additional funding from a variety of sources.

The research is provided by the Water and Energy Research Institute of the Western Pacific (WERI) is applied to real and ongoing water management problems on Guam. Our understanding and use of modern water technology will be vital in our effort to increase Guam's water capacity. These institutes are integral to the proper protection and development of our water resources.

I am pleased that the members of this body have recognized the importance of these institutes and afforded them the opportunity to continue their outstanding work.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 1996

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, on May 21, 1996, I was unavoidably detained and missed Rollcall vote No. 180. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Rollcall No. 180.

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