

a Presidential finding to Congress no later than February 1, detailing whether or not the spending restrictions imposed on family planning overseas are having a negative impact on the proper functioning of those programs.

The Presidential finding is to be included in a joint House-Senate resolution on which both bodies must vote by February 28. If both the House and Senate approve the finding, international family planning funds will be released on March 1 rather than the current July 1 release date of funds that have already been appropriated.

I commend to my colleagues' attention the following column written by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton in which she portrays the situation of real women's lives and the urgent need for family planning.

TALKING IT OVER

(By Hillary Rodham Clinton)

The pregnant woman wore an alpaca shawl over her blouse and full skirt, the traditional Indian dress in Bolivia. She looked about 36 and was attending a prenatal class at a health clinic I visited this week in the Bolivian capital, La Paz. She was nursing a 3-month-old baby and expecting her eighth child, who she hoped would be her last.

I was in Bolivia to attend the Sixth Conference of Wives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas. Women from countries throughout the Western Hemisphere got together to talk about strategies to eliminate measles, promote education reform and improve maternal health in our region.

Bolivia, a country of majestic beauty in the heart of South America, was an auspicious location for such a discussion. More women die in Bolivia during pregnancy and childbirth than in any other country in South America. But in the face of this human tragedy, Bolivia has become a model of how one nation can respond to the crisis of maternal mortality by galvanizing the government, non-governmental organizations and the medical establishment to launch a nationwide family-planning campaign.

In a country where half of all expecting mothers go through pregnancy and childbirth alone—without medical attention of any kind—Bolivia's aggressive effort to educate women about their own health and their options for childbearing is resulting in safer pregnancies, stronger families and fewer abortions. Without access to family planning, women in Bolivia—and in many developing nations—often turn in desperation to illegal, unsafe abortions that can end in death or serious injury. Deaths from abortion complications account for half of all maternal deaths in Bolivia.

As Bolivia has ably demonstrated, voluntary family planning teaches women about the benefits of spacing children several years apart, breast-feeding, good nutrition, prenatal and postpartum visits and safe deliveries. It also decreases the number of abortions.

Bolivia's success at preventing mothers from dying and lowering abortion rates has been possible, in part, because of help from the United States and other countries. The U.S. Agency for International Development has provided financial and technical assistance to help Bolivia establish a network of primary health care clinics.

The clinic I visited in La Paz is one that the United States helped start. Called PROSALUD (which, loosely translated, means "for the good of health" in Spanish), the clinic has doctors and nurses who offer round-the-clock prenatal, obstetric and pediatric services, as well as counseling about

family planning in a poor neighborhood of 15,000 people. In the first six months of this year, the clinic staff provided 2,200 medical consultations, delivered 200 babies, registered 700 new family-planning users and immunized 2,500 children.

There are obvious benefits of such a program to Bolivian women, children and families, but health and family-planning services also help alleviate poverty and contribute to the economic stability of a democratic ally in our hemisphere. Yet opponents of foreign assistance and particularly of family planning in Congress are trying to eviscerate U.S. funding for programs like the one I saw at PROSALUD. Some argue that the United States has no national interest in the health and well-being of other countries' citizens. Others mistakenly suggest that family planning is being used to encourage—rather than decrease—abortions. In fact, our government has prohibited funding of any overseas project that promotes abortion since 1973.

Ignoring this, Congress last year approved draconian cuts in family-planning assistance amounting to a 35-percent reduction in funds. To add insult to injury, the cuts were accompanied by new restrictions that delayed delivery of aid for the first nine months of the fiscal year.

Similar harsh cuts and delays are included in the current budget, meaning that many organizations could again be denied assistance for months and then receive it only in monthly installments.

According to a recent analysis by five population organizations, the funding cuts alone will result in an increase of 1.6 million abortions, more than 8,000 maternal deaths, and 134,000 infant deaths in developing countries.

Family-planning campaigns at work in Elclvia and elsewhere represent sensible, cost-effective and long-term strategies for improving women's health, strengthening families and lowering the rate of abortion. My husband's administration remains committed to the continuation of these investments. And I will do everything I can to ensure that U.S. support for these initiatives continues. If you share my concern, I hope you will add your votes to mine and give all women everywhere the same opportunities for their lives we take for granted in ours.

#### TRIBUTE FOR JAMES M. MURPHY

HON. JAMES M. TALENT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 4, 1997*

Mr. TALENT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Mr. James M. Murphy. Mr. Murphy has been recognized as the 1996 Outstanding Businessperson of the Year by the Creve Coeur-Olivette Chamber of Commerce. This award highlights his continuing efforts not only with the chamber, but with the entire St. Louis construction and business community. It is indeed an honor to recognize his hard work and efforts as an outstanding leader and citizen.

The following proclamation was presented to Mr. Murphy by the Creve Coeur-Olivette Chamber of Commerce, in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments.

Whereas Jim Murphy, president of Murphy Company Mechanical Contractors and Engineers, has served as the president of the Olivette Economic Development Commission, and

Whereas his leadership of the Commission has contributed to the economic stability of

Olivette, and created economic growth for the City of Olivette, and

Whereas he has achieved unprecedented national success for his company in the construction and business communities, and

Whereas he has served the St. Louis business community through leadership and dedication, and

Whereas he has unselfishly devoted both time and effort to the health and welfare of the St. Louis community by supporting charitable, civic and business organizations, and

Whereas he has demonstrated the highest ethical values in the conduct of his business and personal life, and

Whereas his support of educational excellence has contributed to providing unlimited opportunity for future business and community leaders. Therefore be it

*Resolved*, That James J. Murphy, Jr., be honored by the membership of the Creve Coeur-Olivette Chamber of Commerce as the 1996 Outstanding Businessperson of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, I join the chamber and the St. Louis business community, in honoring Mr. Murphy for his continuing service to our community. His efforts are an inspiration to us all.

#### A TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE MARY E. McDEVITT

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 4, 1997*

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Honorable Judge Mary E. McDevitt on the occasion of her retirement from the 39th district court in Roseville, MI. It will be my pleasure to enter this statement into the official CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in February when the 105th Congress convenes.

Over the years, Judge McDevitt has enjoyed a fine reputation as a distinguished jurist in our community and throughout the State of Michigan. She has demonstrated her legal expertise both as a Justice of the Peace in Erin Township and in Roseville where she has served as district judge for 39 years.

Judge McDevitt also served as a probation officer and investigator for adoptive and boarding home parents as the Macomb County Probate Court, Juvenile Division. She has been affiliated with many professional organizations, such as the American Bar Association, and has generously volunteered her time for civic activities.

Mr. Speaker, on the special occasion of her retirement after 39 years on the bench, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending best wishes to Judge McDevitt and her entire family. Her dedication and commitment will be greatly missed.

#### TRIBUTE TO JIM KELLY

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 4, 1997*

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jim Kelly on the occasion of his retirement as quarterback for the Buffalo Bills.

Throughout its celebrated history, the Buffalo Bills have never enjoyed the tremendous

success it did under the able leadership of Jim Kelly. During his 11-year career, Jim Kelly took the Bills from league obscurity to four consecutive Super Bowls. He amassed nearly 36,000 passing yards, completing over 60 percent of his attempts. But with Jim Kelly, statistics only tell half the story. His toughness, will to win, and dedication to his team are truly legendary.

In addition to his Hall of Fame caliber performance as a professional quarterback, Jim Kelly has proven himself a leader off the field in our western New York community. His charitable endeavors include an annual celebrity golf tournament to benefit disadvantaged children, involvement with area youth through an annual football camp, the Kelly for Kids Foundation, and his tireless effort on behalf of Camp Good Days and Special Times for families dealing with cancer.

Jim's own family played an important role in developing the values which made him such a leader in the community and with the Bills. His closeness to his father and brothers, well-known love and admiration for his late mother, Alice, and commitment to his new family embody the true blue-collar values which characterize our community.

Mr. Speaker, today I would like to join with Jim's wife, Jill; his daughter, Erin; his brothers, Pat, Ray, Ed, Dan, and Kevin; his father, Joe; the Buffalo Bills organization; the National Football League; and indeed, our entire western New York community to pay tribute to Mr. Jim Kelly. With retirement comes many new opportunities. May Jim meet every opportunity with the same enthusiasm and vigor in which he demonstrated throughout his brilliant career; and may those opportunities be as fruitful as those in his past.

On behalf of all of the Buffalo Bills fans in western New York and elsewhere, I would just like to express to Jim our sincere thanks and congratulations.

#### HONORING THE LIONS CLUB OF LaGRANGE ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 4, 1997*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today and pay tribute to an outstanding service organization located in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. On May 10, the Lions Club of LaGrange, OH, will celebrate their 50th anniversary.

The city of LaGrange is a community renowned for its civic pride and commitment to service. In 1947, it was home to active churches and school organizations dedicated to helping others. There was not, however, an agency which could coordinate these services to provide for the entire community. It was decided to form a Lions Club and after enlisting 28 good citizens of LaGrange, they became charter members and joined Lions International.

It was a good start and the club was active in the community from the very beginning. Throughout its history there has never been a lack of enthusiasm or volunteer labor for its many projects. In addition, the LaGrange Lions Club has been active throughout the years in zone, State and international Lions.

Anniversaries are a time to reflect upon a steadfast tradition of service. It is also a time to look toward new horizons. Lions have made it their responsibility to serve those in need by keeping pace with the ever increasing challenges facing mankind.

Mr. Speaker, it is obvious that the community and the members of the club have greatly benefited from the effort that was started in 1947. I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the achievements of the LaGrange Lions and encourage them to continue to uphold what has become the standard for service in Ohio.

#### A TRIBUTE TO MR. THOMAS STRACK AND MS. CHRISTINE KELLY

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 4, 1997*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to two outstanding athletes from my district. Mr. Thomas Strack and Ms. Christine Kelly, who are competing in pairs figure skating at the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Canada, February 1 to 8, 1997.

Mr. Strack of Palos Heights, IL, and Ms. Christine Kelly of Oak Lawn, IL, have skated together for 6 years and are both veterans of local, national, and international special olympics competitions. More important, they are good friends, and have forged friendships with many others through the special olympics.

Tom and Chris, as well as 131 other athletes and 29 coaches from Illinois, will join more than 2,000 competitors from 90 countries vying in five different events at the winter games.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my best wishes to these fine athletes, as well as all the other courageous participants in the 1997 Special Olympics World Winter Games.

#### TRIBUTE TO JOAN BERKMAN

HON. JAMES M. TALENT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 4, 1997*

Mr. TALENT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Ms. Joan Berkman. Ms. Berkman is being recognized as the outgoing president of the Creve Coeur-Olivette Chamber of Commerce. Her dedication to community service, through her work with the chamber and numerous other organizations, highlights her as an outstanding leader and citizen.

The following proclamation was presented to Ms. Berkman by the Creve Coeur-Olivette Chamber of Commerce, in recognition of her many accomplishments.

Whereas Joan Berkman, 1996 President of the Creve Coeur-Olivette Chamber of Commerce and Area Manager of External Affairs, Southwestern Bell, and

Whereas as President of the Chamber she has provided outstanding leadership in her commitment to develop partnerships between the residential and business communities, and

Whereas she has challenged, encouraged and motivated the Creve Coeur and Olivette

business communities to enhance, promote and sustain the quality of life and economic climate of both communities, and

Whereas under her leadership the Chamber has worked with the City of Creve Coeur and Missouri State Highway Department for improvements to the I-270/Olive Boulevard Interchange, and

Whereas under her leadership the Chamber, in partnership with the City of Olivette, established that city's first Economic Development Council, jointly-funded by the Chamber and City, and

Whereas under her leadership the Chamber established a partnership of governments and business organizations for expansion of MetroLink, and

Whereas for her outstanding contribution to the Creve Coeur-Olivette Chamber of Commerce she was awarded the prestigious Outstanding Businessperson of the Year Award in 1991, and

Whereas she has been recognized for her community service by the University of Missouri-St. Louis, as Volunteer of the Year, and

Whereas she received the President "C" Flag Award for producing and coordinating the "Teen Talent Showcase", and

Whereas she was recipient of the Arthur W. Page Award for Exceptional Performance in Public Relations for her "Information for the Disabled" Program, a Bell System Award, and

Whereas she has demonstrated unselfish commitment of time and effort through volunteer leadership positions, active participation and support of many charitable, civic and business organizations, and

Whereas she has been an inspiration to us all, and

Therefore be it resolved that Joan Berkman, be honored by the membership of the Creve Coeur-Olivette Chamber of Commerce for her service as the 1996 President of the Creve Coeur-Olivette Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Speaker, I join the Chamber and the St. Louis business community in honoring Ms. Berkman for her continuing service to our community. Her efforts are an inspiration to us all.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE WILFANDEL CLUB

HON. JULIAN C. DIXON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 4, 1997*

Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the Wilfandel Club of Los Angeles, CA, on the occasion of more than 50 years of service to the Los Angeles community. Nearly 3 months into its 52d year, the Wilfandel Club is as strong today as it was more than five decades ago when it organized with a credo of promoting civic betterment, philanthropic endeavors, and general culture.

Founded on November 4, 1945, the Wilfandel Club took its name by combining the names of its primary founders, Mrs. Della Williams, wife of the renowned Los Angeles architect Paul Williams, and Mrs. Fannie Williams, a noted community leader. Though recognized by many in the Los Angeles community for their activism and commitment to social progress, Della and Fannie could not penetrate the barrier of racism which existed through out America—a barrier which excluded them and their fellow African-American