

votes No. 221, 222, 223, and 224. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall 221, "aye" on rollcall 222, "aye" on rollcall 223, and "aye" on rollcall 224.

WARREN/WASHINGTON COUNTIES
ARC CELEBRATES 35 YEARS

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 1997

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take this opportunity to heap praise on one of the most valuable and important programs that has been operating for 35 years now in my congressional district. I'm talking about the Warren/Washington Counties ARC which provides quality services to people with disabilities and their families in my hometown and neighboring communities in New York's Adirondack Mountains.

The good people who work at and operate this fine chapter deserve all the credit in the world for the time and energy they devote to those less fortunate than themselves. Helping those who have the misfortune of being born with or acquiring disabilities, mental and otherwise, is truly one of the more admirable undertakings and one of the greater responsibilities in our society. I know those they are able to help and their families and loved ones greatly appreciate everything they do to help make their lives as full and complete as possible.

And you know, Mr. Speaker, that's the remarkable thing. We would all do well to emulate the spirit of giving of those who nurture those in our communities who may be less fortunate than ourselves through no fault of their own. The staff and administrators who have made up the history of the Warren/Washington ARC will tell you that their satisfaction comes not in feeling good about themselves, but in recognizing the joy of those they help.

Mr. Speaker, I have always been one to judge people based on what they return to their community. By that yardstick, the people of Warren/Washington ARC are truly great Americans. This is a country founded on the principles of volunteerism and helping others. What better way than to help those neighbors with disabilities enjoy the same opportunities we all enjoy to be part of a community? That's why Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and all Members of the House rise with me in salute to this tremendous program and in wishing them another 35 years of unparalleled success.

AMENDING THE SAFE DRINKING
WATER ACT

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 1997

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a noncontroversial bill which will make it much easier for States to comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Under the Safe Drinking Water Act amendments Congress considered last year, States are required to conduct source water assessments. These source water assessments de-

lineate and assess sources of drinking water within each State. They are an important part of our efforts to protect the public's drinking water.

When Congress passed the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996, there was the expectation that States could get their drinking water State revolving funds [DWSRF] up and running within a year. Accordingly, States have had the discretion to use up to 10 percent of their Federal capitalization grants for fiscal years 1996 and 1997 to conduct source water assessments. However, this short timeframe for funding has turned out to be problematic for the States. In fact, some States may not even have grant applications submitted during fiscal year 1997.

This bill would amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to fix this problem by giving States the discretion to fund source water assessments with their capitalization grants for 1 additional year. This bill would not make any new authorizations. It would place no new requirements on States, nor would it require funds to be spent on source water assessments. This bill simply gives States discretion in how they use funds they have already been granted.

When Speaker GINGRICH proposed Corrections Day in the last Congress, he said that it should be used only for noncontroversial legislation of a limited scope. I have actively participated in the corrections advisory group for the last 2 years and believe that this proposal is the ideal candidate for the Corrections Day calendar.

I have consulted with the Office of Drinking Water at the Environmental Protection Agency who have raised no objections. In fact, there is no known opposition to the bill at all. This bill is supported by the State drinking water administrators, the water supply industry, and the environmental groups.

The Association of State Drinking Water Administrators, the American Water Works Association, the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, the Association of California Water Agencies, Clean Water Action, and the Natural Resources Defense Council all support this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I urge every Member to support this noncontroversial bill. Congress should act quickly to send this to the President to become law.

STATEMENT ON THE RETIREMENT
OF COL. DAVID HARRINGTON,
U.S. AIR FORCE

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 1997

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Col. David G. Harrington, a resident of the District of Columbia, on his retirement and to thank him for his 29 years of dedicated service to the U.S. Air Force.

Colonel Harrington joined the Air Force on July 25, 1968, and has served at several locations throughout the United States and Europe. His most recent experience has been in human resources. He has attained the position of chief of the education and training division at headquarters, U.S. Air Force.

Colonel Harrington has devoted his 29-year career to helping the men and women of the

U.S. Air Force through the development of systematic policies that improve their personal and professional readiness to defend the United States and its allies. The colonel has received many awards and decorations for outstanding service during his career.

Upon the completion of such exemplary service to our Nation, I commend Colonel Harrington and wish him well in the future.

IN HONOR OF CHANCELLOR DR.
VIVIAN B. BLEVINS, CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER OF RANCHO
SANTIAGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 1997

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor Dr. Vivian B. Blevins' extraordinary commitment to education and to providing access to all students throughout her tenure as chancellor of Rancho Santiago Community College.

As chancellor, Dr. Blevins has been instrumental in promoting active engagement and participation between students, community leaders, and businesses. She has also been persistent in reaching out to the Asian-Pacific American and Latino/Chicano community.

Her many career accomplishments at the local level include: Kennedy Partners Board of the Orange County Human Relations Council, the Executive Board of Santa Ana 2000, the Board of the Delhi Center, the Advisory Board of Career Beginnings of Orange County, and the Board of Directors of KinderCaminata.

At the national level she has recently completed a 2-year term as chair of the Commission for the Office of Minorities in Higher Education of the American Council on Education. She was also chair of the Women's Caucus of the American Association of Higher Education in 1996-97 and is currently legislative liaison of the caucus. She is on the executive board of the board of directors of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities [HACU] and is currently working on a cultural diversity track for the second international conference sponsored by HACU and the Bureau of Land Management.

I would like my colleagues in Congress to join me in recognizing Chancellor Vivian B. Blevins for her outstanding service to her community. Her many outstanding accomplishments clearly mark her as an outstanding intellectual and inspirational leader. The citizens of Orange County have been very fortunate to have such a remarkable individual working for them. Let us wish Chancellor Blevins many years of enjoyment and happiness in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO THE 50TH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY OF DR. AND MRS.
OSCAR C. ALLEN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 1997

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention the momentous occasion of Dr. Oscar C. Allen and Hattie Lawson

Allen's 50th wedding anniversary on June 14, 1997. The celebration was elegantly orchestrated by the couple's daughters, Dr. Adele Allen and Dr. Carol Allen, both medical doctors and accomplished pianists.

Dr. Oscar Allen was born in Baltimore, MD, where he attended public schools prior to his entering Virginia State College [VSC]. After graduating from VSC he received his bachelor of science degree. Oscar Allen entered and graduated from Howard University in Washington, DC, and received the degree—doctor of medicine in March 1944.

Dr. Allen managed to garner numerous awards and distinctions throughout his career. Among his most notable professional credentials are his awards for his Outstanding Physician Award from the Provident Clinical Society of Brooklyn; Physician Honoree of the State University of New York, Downstate Health Science Center; Alumni Award of the Greater New York chapter. Included, and most important in his impressive list of accolades is Dr. Allen's union and dedication to his lovely wife, Mrs. Hattie Lawson Allen.

Mrs. Allen is a retired educator and was for many years the assistant principal of Clara Barton High School. In addition, Hattie is the co-author with Dr. Vashti Curlin, of a book entitled "Barron's: How To Prepare for the Practical Nurse Licensing Examination," first published in 1979. Hattie has managed to garner numerous distinctions, including her membership in the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and the several civic and community organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, and Dr. Allen and Hattie's family and friends, in recognizing the momentous occasion of Dr. Allen and Hattie's golden wedding anniversary.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM BLILEY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 20, 1997

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1119) to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and for other purposes:

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Chairman, I oppose the Hefley amendment. This amendment would transfer the Naval Oil Shale Reserve Nos. 1 and 3 from the Department of Energy to the Department of the Interior so that they can be leased for oil and gas production.

The Commerce Committee shares jurisdiction over the Naval Petroleum Reserves and the Naval Oil Shale Reserves with the National Security Committee. Unfortunately, this amendment was allowed to be considered on the House floor before one of the committees of jurisdiction has had an opportunity to hold a hearing or fully study the proposal. Proceeding on this amendment without laying a proper foundation at one of the relevant committees, forced Members to vote on an issue without having answers to a number of questions raised by the proposed transfer.

And there are many unanswered questions about this proposal. For example, is the Federal Government receiving the maximum return for the leasing of this valuable asset? Are there more appropriate dispositions of this property that would result in greater returns to the Federal Government? Is the amount of bonus and royalty to be received from the proposed leasing appropriate? Is the sharing of revenues received from the leasing of this type of Federal land appropriate? Additionally, why does the Department of Energy retain responsibility for environmental restoration of the reserves after the transfer of the leasing authority to the Department of the Interior and what are the cost implications of having two Federal Department's with jurisdiction over these lands.

Finally, there is no reason why the Hefley proposal could not have been considered as a separate piece of legislation. In fact, in order to assure that maximum value is received for these assets, it might have been more appropriate to consider disposition of all the Naval Petroleum and Oil Shale Reserve together. If this amendment becomes law we will be in the curious situation of having the Federal Government retain responsibility for the Naval Oil Shale Reserve No. 2 and the Naval Petroleum Reserves Nos. 2 and 3 with the others being sold or leased. This amendment is not so intertwined with our national security that it had to be included in this bill without allowing time for full consideration of all the implications of its provisions.

Thus, I oppose the amendment and believe its consideration is premature at this time.

IN HONOR OF MARIO JIMENEZ AND THE GRADUATES OF THE CENTER OF TECHNOLOGICAL BACCALAUREATES, NO. 175, CLASS OF 1997

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 1997

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues here assembled to join with me in celebration of this year's graduates. On June 28, 1997, my good friend, Mario Jimenez, will take part in the graduation ceremonies at the Center of Technological Baccalaureates, No. 175, Class of 1997.

Mario Jimenez is a leader in his community of Whittier, CA, which is part of the congressional district I represent in the House of Representatives. Mario travels to Huitzuco, Guerrero, in Mexico to contribute to this birthplace and to celebrate the great deeds of young graduates. He received the great honor of master of ceremonies for the class of 1997 because of his contributions in California as well as those in Mexico.

This year's graduating class of the Center of Technological Baccalaureates includes 13 electrical technicians, 22 information systems technicians, 45 computer-accounting technicians, 8 medical technicians, and 7 computer secretarial technicians.

Electrical Technicians: Alcocer, Gonzalez Marco Vinicio; Campos, Ramirez Julio; Cazares, Cruz Luis Ricardo; Garzon, Robles Dario; Lagunas, Jennifer; Marban Garcia, Jose Antonio; Marban, Salgado Jose Antonio;

Marban, Vasquez Arturo; Najera, Cuevas Jose Alberto; Ortiz, Gutierrez Jorge Antonio; Varela, Sanchez Armando; Vega, Sanchez Ivan, and Villalva, Naval Fernando.

Information Systems Technicians: Barragan, Marban Georgina Alanis; Benitez, Bahena Elizabeth; Chavez, Reyes Stibaly; Figueroa, Molina Veronica; Garcas, Jimenez Nancy; Gonzalez, Franco Pedro; Gonzalez, Guevara Victor; Gonzalez, Reyes Loraine; Martinez, Castro Adriel; Melquiades, Carvajal Jose Ulises; Najerasoto, Yeimy; Orduna, San Martin Marina Liszet; Pineda, Alvarado Atenodoro; Salgado, Losano Violeta; Sanchez, Arce Miguel Angel; Sanchez, Perez Iliana; Segura, Aleman Rosario; Tafuya, Perez Ubaldina; Tejeda, Sanchez Erika; Vasquez, Lome Vianey; Vega, Vergara Viridiana Aimee, and Zagal, Mata Dinora.

Computer/Accounting Technicians: Adan, Diaz Dalila; Arteaga, Ibarra Graciano; Carrillo, Nava Pablo; Cruz, Catalan Elodia; Damian, Leyva Santos; Diaz, Bautista Teresita Del Sagario; Espiritu, Rodriguez Enriqueta; Figueroa, Gaytan Tania, Gaytan, Meza Silvestre; Gongalez, Cadenas Edgar; Herrera, Robledo Jesus Arciando; Marban, Rebolledo Fernando; Morquecho, Rosales Angelica; Najera, Astudillo Celika; Ramirez, Betancourt Carmen; Roman, Lopez J. Bernardino; Roman, Tellez Miriam; Romero, Villanueva Erasmo; Sanchez, Mayao Saul Heriberto; Sanchez, Munoz Emilio; Sonido, Oropeza Epipania; Soto, Tenorio Miguel; Zavaleta, Apaez Gabriel; Andrade, Marban Lissete; Avila, Castro Rebeca; Bahena, Barcenas Maritza; Barrera, Trinidad Maria Guadalupe; Beltran, Astudillo Guillermo; Carrasco, Lucas Alberto; Castillo, Cuenca Alinee Anabel, Flores, Velazquez Gamaliel; Guerrero, Zamora Francisco Javier; Martinez, Castro Zaida; Martinez, Ortiz Araceli; Miranda, Melchor Moises; Peralta, Landa Cindy Cecyl; Reza, Cruz Iganacia; Riquelme, Najera Miriam; Rodriguez, Villegas Luis Enrique; Salazar, Vite Luz Maria; Salinas, Mateos Abel; Sanchez, Benitez Yanet; Villalva, Nava Luciano; Virgos, Rocha Eduardo y Viveros, Ayala Martza Roxana.

Medical Technicians: Cardenas, Villegas Laura Elena; Marban, Lineres Martha; Mata, Vargas Margarita; Oregon, Porras Mayer; Reyes, Miranda Josue; Rodriguez, Gomez Claudia; Rosendo, Garcia Josefina, and Vargas Vazquez, Maria Guadalupe.

Computer Secretarial Technicians: Castrejon, Ocampo Rosa Maria; Herrera, Peralta Jose Alfredo; Salgado, Barrera Carolina; Salgado, Estrada Blanca Yanet; Santiguillo, Noveron Hugo; Teliz, Sanchez Olga, and Vargas, Panchito Miriam.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I send my best wishes to all the new graduates of the Center for Technological Baccalaureates and to a great civic leader in our community, Mario Jimenez.

GLOBAL WARMING AND POPULATION GROWTH: INSEPARABLE

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 1997

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to share with my colleagues an article that appeared in the Monday, June 23, edition of the