

which will not be easy to emulate yet will give us something to which we can strive. For that JAKE, we will always be grateful. Best wishes in all of the pursuits and endeavors which are still awaiting you.

REGARDING INTERFERENCE OF
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SPEECH OF

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 1997

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express deep concern about the future of American aerospace industry in light of the European Union's inappropriate and unfounded reaction to the Boeing-McDonnell Douglas merger.

The EU threatens to interfere with this merger on the grounds that it impinges on fair trade. They have stated their intent to do this even after Boeing offered numerous concessions, including modification of exclusive purchasing arrangements with several American carriers.

There are persistent rumors that the EU is demanding other concessions as well, including closing of aircraft plants and requiring Boeing to put McDonnell Douglas' commercial segment on the market. Giving in to such conditions could cost thousands of U.S. jobs—many of them in southern California—adversely affect the efficiency of the industry, and set a disastrous precedent.

Free and fair trade is a cornerstone of our relations with Europe, but the EU's threatened actions contribute little to either and we ought to resist them. Their demands in this case are clearly unreasonable and an infringement upon U.S. sovereignty.

This merger will not result in unfair trade practices as the EU contends. McDonnell Douglas' commercial aviation accounts for only 4 percent of the global market. In fact, the Federal Trade Commission's review of the merger determined that McDonnell Douglas was not a factor in the commercial aviation market.

The likelihood that this merger will somehow limit competition is nonexistent. And, Boeing's offer to substantially modify its arrangements with American carriers seems to more than make up for any advantage it might theoretically gain from its acquisition of McDonnell Douglas.

EU interference in the merger is unwarranted, and, if allowed to continue, is likely to redound with far reaching and adverse effects for all concerned. Therefore, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution, and I urge the President to deal with the EU promptly and resolutely and defend the rights of American business to consummate mergers that have been reviewed and approved by the appropriate U.S. Government agencies.

TRIBUTE TO HAM FISH

HON. AMO HOUGHTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 1997

Mr. HOUGHTON. Mr. Speaker, there are few indispensable people. Ham Fish was one of them. He gave something to this House, his country that was unique and powerful. We miss Ham.

IN RECOGNITION OF FORMER
CONGRESSMAN HAM FISH

HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 1997

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, today marks the first anniversary of the death of New York's Congressman Hamilton Fish. For many years, Ham Fish represented the people of New York's Hudson Valley with dedication and integrity. It is now my honor and privilege to represent that congressional district here in the House.

Ham was one of the giants of this great legislative body. His was a voice of reason through tumultuous times in our Nation and at all times on the people's House; he served us with integrity and honor. In his long and distinguished service on the House Judiciary Committee, Ham Fish's name was synonymous with justice and fair play for all Americans. While carefully looking after the needs of the people of the Hudson Valley, who repeatedly returned him to Congress, Ham Fish gained national recognition for his principled positions and his determination to protect the integrity of our Republican institutions.

Mr. Speaker, Ham Fish embodied all that is good and great about this House. Today, on the anniversary of his death, I ask that we honor his memory by living up to the high principles and unquestioned integrity which are the legacy of his service to us and to the American people.

A TRIBUTE TO FLOYD D. HISER,
SR.

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 1997

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention the fearless and selfless efforts of a dedicated helicopter pilot from the city of Blyth, CA. Floyd D. Hiser, 51, recently lost his life when his Bell 206L-1 engine stalled while fighting an out-of-control blaze in the San Bernardino National Forest on July 6, 1997.

The fire charred over 2,797 acres of trees and brush, and was threatening the terrain above the city of Highland, CA. On the scene, there were 903 firefighters and officials accompanied by tankers and helicopters battling to put out the blaze. Floyd Hiser, a pilot with over 10,000 hours of flight time, was flying for Rogers Helicopters of Clovis, when he was called to battle the fires in the rugged terrain of the San Bernardino Mountains.

Hiser held commercial, instrument, and instructor ratings for fixed-winged and rotary-winged aircraft and was an FAA-certified flight examiner for prospective helicopter pilots. His commitment to the protection and safety of his community did not stop with flying. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1964 to 1968, and was also a Vietnam veteran. He also served in the Blyth Police Department as a sergeant and detective from 1969 to 1979.

Hiser is survived by wife, Sharon; his daughter, Kimberly; his mother, Ruby Faye; his stepmother, Ruth Wadlow; his brother, Loyld; and four grandchildren. After a moving ceremony, his flag-draped coffin was carried out of the church by a color guard, the last two members of which carried red fire axes to remember his efforts.

"Floyd could put the drops on the leaves that he wanted hit," said one of his many friends. Floyd died doing what he loved most, and what he believed in: piloting a helicopter and protecting people from a wildland fire.

Mr. Speaker, Floyd Hiser provided an example of leadership and the ultimate level of sacrifice for the benefit of his friends, family, and the communities he protected. His efforts will long be respected and admired. I ask that you join me, our colleagues, and hundreds of people who knew and loved Floyd, and to recognize him for his lifetime commitment to the protection and goodwill of the communities he served.

THE CONGRESS ACCORDING TO
KESSLER?

HON. BOB LIVINGSTON

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 1997

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in defense of this most noble of democratic institutions and the Members who occupy it.

Mr. Ronald Kessler has written a book entitled "Inside Congress," the premise of which is that we, the elected representatives who hold seats in this Congress are nothing but scoundrels, criminals, and charlatans.

Mr. Speaker, not only do I rise in total disagreement with Mr. Kessler's cynicism, but I strongly maintain that the people who serve here are, for the most part, good, decent, honest, hard-working, patriotic Americans.

In support of my position, I submit into the RECORD an article I wrote which appeared in the newspaper "The Chronicle" of Colfax, LA.

It is my hope that the American people will see through Mr. Kessler's sensationalism and realize that the overwhelming majority of the Representatives, Senators, and staff are truly worthy of their trust.

THE CONGRESS ACCORDING TO KESSLER?

(By U.S. Rep. Bob Livingston)

In Ron Kessler's tell-all book, "Inside Congress," only true charlatans, perverts and power-mad political hucksters are worthy of note. Sadly, that pretty much encompasses every member of the House and Senate for in Mr. Kessler's view, we're all rotten.

Fortunately, Mr. Kessler himself spared me from buying his book. After seeing him on "Good Morning America" last week, I learned everything I need to know about it. The people who inhabit Mr. Kessler's Congress come straight out of a B movie. In fact, Kessler said that the television talk shows

only feature the more articulate members who look good on camera and seem intelligent. But according to him, that's not reality. Most members are "clueless" and incapable of discussing issues on a substantive level, relying on handlers to tell them what to think and say. He went as far as to write that when members are on the floor, sans makeup and proper lighting, they look, "shifty." Talk about broad generalizations. At least Good Morning America anchorman, Charlie Gibson politely demurred. Charlie spent eight years covering Congress and found most members to be honest, hard-working men and woman interested in "doing the people's business." My thanks to Mr. Gibson for his judgment with which I heartily concur. Yet faced with Mr. Gibson's gentlemanly confrontation, Mr. Kessler insisted that Congress is a cesspool of corruption. In fact, Mr. Kessler was so sanctimoniously assured, he refused to admit he might have overstated his case just a bit.

While in Congress over the last twenty years, I've seen some members reap the rewards of inappropriate and even criminal acts. But those are the exceptions and far from the rule. For the most part, members of Congress are honest, dedicated, patriotic, hard working, competent legislators. In fact, most members love and respect this greatest of democratic institutions and would avoid bringing shame on this House at all costs. They are good people trying to do good things, be they conservative or liberal, Republican or Democrat.

Yet our televisions, radios and newspapers are saturated with detailed accounts of official misconduct. After all, good news is no news and people like Mr. Kessler, who only report the seedier side of life, profit by capturing the public's attention. Mr. Kessler knows that books in the "shocking real story" genre sell.

Kessler's sources include Capitol Hill police, Congressional staff and some members themselves, few if any quoted by name. Who would expect them to hurl salacious rumors in the clear light of public scrutiny? Instead, most chose to remain anonymous.

Kessler has been inside a lot over the last few years. He has been inside the FBI, inside the CIA, inside the White House—I wonder if he paid the admission price to get inside the Lincoln bedroom?

Perhaps Mr. Kessler should go outside for a change. He could take in a ballgame or play some golf. A little fresh air and sunshine might do him some good. It might even change his outlook on life. Then, he might conclude that in reality, the good people of the world—and that includes those in the United States Congress—far outnumber the bad.

I don't know what his next subject will be, but after his performance on ABC, perhaps the title of his next book should be "A View of the World—From Under a Rock" by Ron Kessler.

IN HONOR OF THE ADIRONDACK
MUSEUM

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 1997

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a respectful tribute to the Adirondack Museum as it celebrates its 40th anniversary documenting the Adirondack re-

gion's history and culture. The museum's wealth of knowledge enables its visitors to enjoy the entire region with increased understanding and appreciation.

Since its opening in 1957, the museum's collection has grown to include a large and varied assortment of books, maps, paintings, photographs, drawings, and prints. Seventy-five horse-drawn carriages, a private parlor rail car, a 1926 Lin tractor, a blacksmith shop, and the second largest collection of boats in the United States further enhance the museum's offerings.

In addition to its many exhibits, the Adirondack Museum runs educational programs aimed at teaching local residents, including thousands of children annually, about the relationship between the Adirondacks and its residents. Last summer, in a project sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, the museum collected oral histories and photographs for a folklore presentation about the forest experiences of women. Through educational undertakings such as this one, the Museum encourages and guides exploration of the culture and history of this majestic geographical area.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise with me in this tribute to the Adirondack Museum as it celebrates 40 years of enhancing and sharing the history and culture of the Adirondacks with the local community and visitors from around the world. The Adirondack Museum has played a central role in making the magnificent Adirondack Park what the New York Times, in 1864, called a Central Park for the world.

REGARDING INTERFERENCE OF
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SPEECH OF

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 22, 1997

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Resolution 191. I am deeply concerned that the European Union might vote tomorrow to disapprove the Boeing-McDonnell Douglas merger and impose a multi-billion dollar fine on the Boeing company—a fine that would effectively shut Boeing out of the European market because it would be levied on payments to Boeing by European airlines.

In my view, Boeing has made numerous reasonable efforts to not only convince the European Commission that the merger is not anti-competitive, but also offered several options that should ease European concerns. Yet despite these efforts, the Commission has responded with extreme demands—including the transfer of patented technology and cancellation of existing sales contracts.

It would be unfortunate for the EU to use this proposed merger, as an attempt to improve Airbus's competitive position at Boeing's expense. If the Commission continues its obstructive course, the likely impact of a failed merger would result in the bankruptcy of McDonnell Douglas, the loss of 14,000 high-

technology jobs in Southern California, and the substantial devaluation of assets for those airlines that have McDonnell Douglas aircraft in their fleet.

Hopefully this scenario can be averted. With the passage of this resolution as well as the continued pressure by the Clinton administration, I am confident we can reach a favorable conclusion to this unfortunate trade dispute.

TRIBUTE TO NANCY BRUTON-
MAREE

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 23, 1997

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Nancy Bruton-Maree of Raleigh, NC. Mr. Speaker, Nancy will soon complete her year as national president of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists [AANA]. I am very pleased that one of North Carolina's own was tapped as the 1996–97 president of this prestigious national organization.

The AANA is the professional association that represent over 26,000 practicing CRNA. Founded in 1931, the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists is the professional association representing CRNA's nationwide. As you may know, certified registered nurse anesthetists administer more than 65 percent of the anesthetics given to patients each year in the United States. CRNA's provide anesthesia for all types of surgical cases. CRNA's are the sole anesthesia providers in 70 percent of rural hospitals, affording these medical facilities obstetrical, surgical, and trauma stabilization capabilities. They work in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered, including hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms; ambulatory surgical centers and the offices of dentists, podiatrists, and plastic surgeons.

Nancy received her bachelor of science degree from Guilford College in Greensboro, and her masters in science in anesthesia from Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem. She currently serves as the director of the Raleigh School of Nurse Anesthesia and has done so since 1990. She also serves as visiting assistant professor at the School of Nursing, at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. In addition she is a relief CRNA with Sanders and Associates in Wrightsville Beach.

Nancy has enjoyed an outstanding career and has been an anesthetist since 1974. She has been a program instructor, president of the North Carolina Association of Nurse Anesthetists, served on various AANA committees and its board of directors, and has earned the respect and admiration of her friends and colleagues both inside and outside of her profession. She has published various articles and spoken numerous times before various professional groups and societies.

I know that her husband Ben and son Scott take special pride in what Nancy has accomplished throughout her career. I congratulate Nancy on her year as president of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists and I am proud of her many accomplishments.

Congratulations Nancy.