

Today I am introducing a bill that models itself after laws already on the books in 15 States and a number of localities. These laws, known as child access prevention [CAP] laws, make it the legal responsibility of gun dealers to provide—and of gun owners to use—gun safety devices. Best of all, we know from experience that this is an approach that works. Florida, the first State to pass such a law, showed a 50-percent drop in unintentional shooting deaths among kids the first year after passage. California has shown similar results after passing a CAP law.

My bill would: require gun dealers to offer to sell a locking device or lock box for safe gun storage and post a sign stating that this law is in effect; making gun owners legally responsible for leaving a loaded firearm, or a firearm near ammunition, in a place where kids could gain access.

People regularly child proof their home to protect children from harming themselves. By making potential gun buyers aware of these problems and by offering a solution at the point of sale, we can child proof guns in the home, leading to fewer gun-related accidents and a greater sense of awareness about gun safety.

HONORING RAY MEDLIN

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 1997

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize G. Ray Medlin of my district, on his receipt of the Northwest Ohio Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation's Humanitarian Award. Ray will be honored in Toledo, OH on February 25, 1997.

Ray has served our community, our State, and our Nation in many capacities. He is a dedicated and diligent trade union leader, having served as the executive secretary-treasurer of the Northwest Ohio District Council of Carpenters and president of the Northwest Ohio Building and Construction Trades Council. He currently is the executive director of the Carpenters Health and Safety Fund of North America.

Extending his commitment outside his profession, Ray serves as a key member on several northwest Ohio boards including the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees which he currently chairs, the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority Board, the Toledo Regional Growth Committee, the Riverside Hospital Board, and the Rossford, OH Economic Growth Committee.

Ray Medlin directs his energies to those ventures which will reap economic rewards for our region, thereby assisting our entire community in achieving economic security. In that sense, he is a classic humanitarian: Focusing his volunteer efforts on bettering the lives of his fellow citizens. He is a worthy recipient of the Northwest Ohio Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation's 1997 Humanitarian Award. I am pleased to join the organization in congratulating him and acknowledging his service and commitment to us all.

MENOPAUSE OUTREACH, RESEARCH, AND EDUCATION ACT

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 1997

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, women hold a unique and very special place in today's society. Women must be multifaceted—they have many roles which they must fulfill. In addition to the role of wife and mother, many women must also work outside the home and have many demands made upon their time.

While women experience the same stresses and strains that all Americans must contend with, women have special health concerns that affect them directly as a group.

Health care has been the focal point of discussion in and outside of Congress over the past few years. Why should women's health care needs be treated any differently from other health care problems? Simply because women experience all the normal aches and pains, but they are also struck with diseases which are predominant among women.

Since women live approximately a third of their lives—about 30 years—after menopause, it is crucial that we learn more about this passage in a woman's life. That is why I am reintroducing the Menopause, Outreach, Research and Education Act [MORE] to provide a program for research and education regarding menopause and related conditions.

APPROVING THE PRESIDENTIAL FINDING REGARDING THE POPU- LATION PLANNING PROGRAM

SPEECH OF

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 13, 1997

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration (H.J. Res. 36) approving the Presidential finding that the limitation on obligations imposed by section 518A(a) of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1997:

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of House Joint Resolution 36 to release funding for international family planning programs.

Through family planning services, women and their families are given essential prenatal care and health services. Recognizing the importance of this effort, the United States has been the leader in providing family planning services throughout the world.

In fact, since 1965, the United States has supported population planning assistance in developing nations. These programs provide the means for avoiding unintended pregnancies, and therefore, play an essential role in reducing abortions.

Each year, over 580,000 women die from complications of pregnancy and childbirth. Ninety-nine percent of these women live in developing countries. Furthermore, in developing countries, more than 31,000 children under the age of 5 die each day.

Mr. Chairman, family planning reduces maternal and child mortality by educating women

and their families about their reproductive choices. Furthermore, these programs provide essential medical resources to help infants with immunizations, nutrition, and disease control.

If the funding for these important services is continued to be delayed, we will deny informed and effective use of reproductive and contraceptive services to couples who depend upon these programs. In fact, when contraceptive services are not available to women, abortion rates increase.

Unfortunately, during last year's budget debate, abortion opponents cut international family planning funds by 35 percent, and mandated that fiscal year 1997 funds could not be spent until July 1997 unless President Clinton submitted a finding to Congress which demonstrated that the holding of these funds is having a negative impact on developing countries.

As President Clinton has reported to Congress, any further delay in the access of family planning services will have a negative impact on population programs and will result in "increased unintended pregnancies, more abortions, and higher numbers of maternal and infant deaths."

Mr. Chairman, this is not a vote on abortion. By law, these funds cannot be used to provide or promote abortions. Funding for these programs should be released immediately. The only way to reduce the number of abortions worldwide is to reduce the number of unwanted pregnancies. The most effective way to accomplish this is through family planning services.

Mr. Chairman, the benefits of family planning are undeniable. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting House Joint Resolution 36.

TRIBUTE TO YAKOV AND SYLVIA YELLIN

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 1997

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Yakov and Sylvia Yellin, who this year are recipients of a special award from Shaarey Zedek congregation in north Hollywood. As members of the congregation, the Yellins have taken the lead in the construction of a new building at Shaarey Zedek, which is the largest Orthodox shul in the San Fernando Valley. Indeed, Yakov Yellin recently completed a highly successful 2-year term as synagogue president.

Yakov's dedication to Shaarey Zedek is no surprise; he is a rabbi who spent 5 years as head of a congregation in San Jose, CA. He also spent nearly 2 years as Post Jewish Chaplain at the U.S. Army Base at Fort Sill, OK. Shaarey Zedek is fortunate to have someone of such stature in its congregation.

Sylvia Yellin, the child of Holocaust survivors, has a similar commitment to Orthodox Judaism. She attended Hillel Academy elementary school in Denver and graduated from Esther Schoenfeld High School in Brooklyn. She has served on several synagogue boards, and headed the chaplain's wives' club at Fort Sill.

Somehow the Yellins are able to balance their commitment to Shaarey Zedek Congregation with full professional lives and parental responsibilities. Yakov is vice president-counsel at the Walt Disney Co., a job that requires his intimate involvement in all aspects of litigation. He has also traveled around the world lecturing on ethical standards and legal compliance matters. For her part, Sylvia is vice president of Adams Speciality Shop.

The Yellins have five children, who range in age from 10 to 24, one grandchild and another on the way.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in saluting Yakov and Sylvia Yellin, whose spirituality, selflessness, and devotion to family is an inspiration to us all.

HONORING BRENTWOOD EARLY RISERS TOASTMASTERS CLUB

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 1997

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Brentwood Early Risers Toastmasters Club [BERT] for 20 years of service. On May 5, 1997, the Brentwood Early Risers Toastmasters Club in Brentwood, TN will celebrate their 20th anniversary. The first BERT meeting was held two decades ago at Nobles Restaurant in Brentwood at 7 a.m. The club met on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturday then and is still meeting at those times today.

The co-founders of the club were E.D. Dyer and Bunny (Ward) Woods. E.D. Dyer was the first president and Bunny Woods was the first secretary. W.D. Dyer was the only one of the 20 charter members who had any previous Toastmasters experience.

Bunny Woods is the only charter member who is still active in club activities. Ms. Woods has served as various officers for the club, including the office of president. She serves as an example and mentor for all club members. Bunny Woods is to be commended for her individual efforts for the good of all members of BERT for these 20 years. Thank you, Bunny Woods.

MILDRED BUNDY: ONE OF OUR COMMUNITY'S BRIGHTEST STARS

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 1997

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize this year's winner of the Rancho de la Nacion Optimist Club's Camacho-McCartney Award, Mildred Bundy. Mildred has lived in the 50th District community of National City for over 56 years, and she continues to shine as one of its brightest stars.

Each year, the Rancho de la Nacion Optimist Club gives the Camacho-McCartney Award to a community member who has put their heart and soul into volunteer work on behalf of our community's youth. But saying that Mildred puts her heart only into youth-oriented voluntarism does her a great disservice, because there is not a corner of the community that hasn't been touched by her incredible energy, dedication, and love for her community.

Besides all the work she does on behalf of our community's young people, including volunteering for the May Time Band Parade, the National City Girls and Boys Club and serving as a friend of the National City library, Mildred participates in We Are Your Neighbors, a program that seeks to find community answers to community problems. She also volunteers with the Christmas in July program, which assists senior citizens in making repairs and improvements to their homes.

If I am ever given the opportunity to rewrite the dictionary, I will make sure that under the words "community," "caring," "kindness," or "compassion," it will say—"see Mildred."

Thank you Mildred, thank you for everything.

HONORING THE 1997 FAIRFAX COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VALOR AWARD WINNERS

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 1997

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the 1997 Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce Valor Award winners. On Tuesday, February 13, 1997, the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce presented the annual valor awards at the McLean Hilton.

The valor awards honor public service officers who have demonstrated extreme self-sacrifice, personal bravery, and ingenuity in the performance of their duty. There are five categories: the Gold Medal of Valor, the Silver Medal of Valor, the Bronze Medal of Valor, the Certificate of Valor, the Life Saving Award.

The Valor Awards is a project of the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. This is the 19th year that these awards have been presented.

The Gold Medal of Valor is awarded in recognition of acts involving extreme personal risk far beyond the call of duty. The Gold Medal of Valor Award winner for 1997 is: Technician George Lewis.

The Silver Medal of Valor is awarded in recognition of acts involving great personal risk. The Silver Medal of Valor Award winners for 1997 are: Officer Chris Hayo, Officer Troy Payne, Master Technical Michael Huffman, and Technician Beverley Carroll.

The Bronze Medal of Valor is awarded in recognition of acts involving unusual risk beyond that which should be expected while performing the usual responsibilities of the member.

The Bronze Medal of Valor Award winners for 1997 are: Officer Michael Bishop, Officer Robert Greissing, Sgt. Francis Stecco, Officer Dennis Vorbau, Officer Kenneth Campo, Officer Michael Twomey, Officer Mark Dale, Officer Steven Carroll, Officer Kevin Murphy, Detective John Kuch, Detective Richard Reeder, Detective Thomas Soltow, Detective Ronquillo Dean, Detective Warren McGee, Detective Jack Kirk, and Technician Michael Weldon.

The Certificate of Valor is awarded for acts that involve personal risk and/or demonstration of judgment, zeal, or ingenuity not normally involved in the performance of duties.

The Certificate of Valor Award winners for 1997 are: Officer Donald Cooke, Officer Jason

Reichel, Officer Shawn Bennett, Capt. Donald Simpson, 2d Lt. Dennis O'Neill, Officer George Lopez, Officer John Absalon, Officer Wade Jordan, Officer James Nida, Officer David Bane, 2d Lt. Margaret DeBoard, and Recruit Gary Beaver.

The Lifesaving Award is awarded for acts taken in life-threatening situations where an individual's life is in jeopardy, either medically or physically.

The Lifesaving Award winners for 1997 are: Deputy Charles Brown, Corporal Vernon Thompson, Deputy Scottie Dotson, Officer Steven Faett, 2d Lt. Robert Hersey, Officer Christopher Thomas, Supervisor John Kirby, PSCA III Susan Farria, Capt. Michael Ward, Technician John Chabal, and Lt. Jerome Williams.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in commending these fine citizens who are truly deserving of the title "hero."

TRIBUTE TO PAUL WOLFE

HON. DAN MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 1997

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today, I respectfully pay tribute to a long time friend, Mr. Paul Wolfe. He is an accomplished musician whose influence in the artistic and musical world has been felt in southwest Florida and throughout the world. On March 3, the American Jewish Committee in Sarasota, FL, will honor Mr. Wolfe with their 1997 Human Relations Award. Let me tell you about Paul Wolfe.

Mr. Wolfe began to play the piano at the tender age of 2 years. At the ripe old age of 4 years, he began his study of the violin and as a young teen, began performing with a group on radio. His illustrious career as a musical conductor was born.

Mr. Wolfe participated in a fantastic variety of performances. He played in the first violin section of the New York City Symphony, enjoyed an assignment to the Air Force Band, and performed in the show orchestra for "South Pacific." Despite his professional demands, his formal education remained a top priority. In an incredible balancing act, Paul Wolfe completed his undergraduate work and then actively pursued business administration at Columbia University while receiving his master's degree in music. With the support of his wife, Doris, he even made symphonic recordings for Columbia Records and RCA during these years.

In 1961, Mr. Wolfe was invited to become the artistic director of the 13-year-old Florida West Coast Symphony in Sarasota, FL. He adeptly molded the enthusiastic community orchestra into the outstanding symphony we have today and cofounded the prestigious Sarasota Music Festival. Paul Wolfe is also dedicated to passing the joy of music on to the next generation through the Florida West Coast Symphony Youth Orchestra. The symphony's nationally recognized youth programs have grown under his direction to include five youth orchestras and are among the most extensive of any in the country.

Upon his retirement from the Florida West Coast Symphony in April 1996, Paul Wolfe assumed the well-deserved title of conductor laureate. Today, he continues his involvement by