

lending a helping hand and became the first woman president of the Latin American Postal Workers. While continuing to work full time, she earned her AA degree in 1981 and a BS degree in public administration in 1985. In 1989, she was elected Western region coordinator of the APWU Post Office Women for Equal Rights. She organized her union's Childcare Committee and worked for a 24-hour childcare facility for postal workers. She joined Toastmaster International, became a public speaker, and attended the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995, and she now makes frequent public presentations about the conference. She is a member of the Soroptimists and volunteers as a facilitator in the Women's Financial Information Program.

Mr. Speaker, Maryann Medina is an outstanding citizen and I salute her for her remarkable contributions and commitment to our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating her on being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

WE DON'T ALL DO IT

HON. TOM CAMPBELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. Speaker, the most disappointing phrase anyone serving in public office can hear today is they all do it. That is, essentially, the White House defense of the crass sale of Presidential perks to major donors to the President's party. From the public polling data, it appears the President and Vice President are winning with this defense. Since everyone does it, it sounds almost hypocritical for critics to point out the unique venality of the White House political machine. There is a surmise that Members of Congress also sell perks of office for campaign advantage. In fact, we do not.

Let me contrast what we have learned about the President and Vice President with what is typical of a congressional office. In my congressional office, I receive letters of praise and letters of criticism. I do not send the letters of praise over to my campaign office so that funds can be solicited from those who wrote. I receive an extra ticket to the State of the Union address and to speeches by visiting heads of state to Congress. I do not auction those off, but give them to my staff. When people ask to get on my schedule to talk about a political topic, I schedule the meetings for the coffee shop across from my district office in California; in Washington, I schedule them at the private Capitol Hill Club. I don't make fundraising calls from my congressional office—and I don't know any Members of Congress who do. I know that Government locations are for carrying out the Nation's business, not for dialing-up contributors. So does everyone with any ethical sense above numbness.

That's why I found the Vice President's excuse that he thought the law didn't apply to him so bizarre.

In his White House news conference, which some in the press called surreal, the Vice President stated—no less than seven times—that counsel had advised him that “there was no controlling legal authority” showing him in violation of the law.

First—there is such “controlling legal authority.” It's called the U.S. Code.

Section 607, of title 18, of the United States Code states that, “It shall be unlawful for any person to solicit or receive any contribution * * * in any room or building occupied in the discharge of official duties by any person mentioned in section 603 * * *.” Section 603 of Title 18, defines “any person” to include “an officer or employee of the United States or any department or agency thereof, or a person receiving any salary or compensation for service from money derived from the Treasury of the United States * * *.” Violators of section 607 can be fined and/or imprisoned for up to 3 years. How much more clear can it be?

Second—put the law to one side. What about a sense of personal ethics? Do we really need a law to say—“Don't use the public's money for personal political gain?”

Mr. Speaker, in light of the President and Vice President's actions, Congress needs to send a signal of hope and self-confidence to the entire country that we don't all do it. Regrettably, many people looking at Congress think each of us does pretty much the same sort of thing, or at least looks the other way when one of our colleagues does. Well, as a matter of fact, not everyone does use public office for personal political gain. And not every one of us looks the other way, either.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON MOVIN' MAVS AND DUNCANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL'S GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two amazing athletic achievements that were recently accomplished by basketball teams in my district. On March 2, the University of Texas at Arlington wheelchair basketball team, the Movin' Mavs, captured their fifth National Intercollegiate Wheelchair Basketball Championship. They were the first wheelchair basketball team to visit the White House.

I am also very proud of the Duncanville High School's girls basketball team. The girls team recently won their 18 State tournament title after finishing the season with a 38-0 record.

Both of these extraordinary teams deserve both praise and national recognition of their achievements. Each individual member of the Movin' Mavs has waged a personal battle to overcome disability and become a champion. And the Duncanville team's incredible run of 38 consecutive wins makes it a team for the record books.

My congratulations go to the 1996-97 UTA “Movin' Mavs” wheelchair basketball team: James Hayes, coach; Adrian Casell, manager; Jackie Middleton, trainer; Javier Gonzalez, Danny moor, Cezar Olivas, Enoch Abloh, T.K. Dannelley, Takk Kerst, Jack Ricks, Jon Rydberg; and to the 1996-97 Duncanville High School girls basketball team: Sara Hackerott, coach; Christie Sparks, assistant coach; Andrea Bentley, Kenya Larkin, Remy McElroy, Dawn Owens, LaDonna Palmer, Tanika Catchings, Shunda Murray, Portia Lowe, Alana Griffin, Julie Jesperen, Angela

Francis, Jalle Mitchell, Dana Godfrey, Jessica Barr-Long, Brianna Brown.

THE HOMEOWNERS CAPITAL LOSS RELIEF ACT

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, current tax laws discourage homeowners from selling their homes. By keeping them in homes they can't afford to lose money on, we are making it harder for families just starting out to purchase their first home. My bill will free up those homes for first-time buyers. I am working to make the American dream a reality for as many families as possible.

Recently, I introduced bipartisan legislation which would allow homeowners to deduct losses taken on the sale of their home from their taxes. The Homeowners Capital Loss Relief Act would enable many homeowners to sell their homes below the price they paid and deduct this loss from their taxes. I know that our families work to scrimp and save for their piece of the American dream. They should not be penalized for a depressed real estate market and a drop in the value of their homes.

Mr. Speaker, this pro-homeowner provision was originally passed as part of the Balanced Budget Act of 1995. I was disappointed that this provision did not become law. Today, I am working to change that and provide much-needed tax relief to America's homeowners.

This bill recognizes that owning a home is more than just an investment—it is an important goal for many Americans. In addition, by enabling more families to purchase their first home, my legislation will encourage more investments in our communities.

Mr. Speaker, the American people have looked to us again and again for tax relief. It is time to give them the results they deserve. We must provide for our current and future homeowners.

TRIBUTE TO JESSICA FRANK

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jessica Frank, a dedicated youth leader who is being honored as an inductee into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Jessica Frank is a recipient of the National Council of Teachers of English Writing Award and has won accolades from her teachers for her creativity and determination. She has volunteered as a teacher's aide with emotionally disturbed third and fourth graders, has tutored a runaway youth who speaks English as a second language, and is a member of Moving On Racial Equality. Jessica has created projects that combine community service and social justice for her 400-member church youth organization and helped renovate an elementary school in a low-income area in San Francisco. She has organized and conducted a workshop on homelessness and spent last summer tutoring on a Navajo reservation. She

is an inventive and committed community volunteer who gives generously of her time and talents to help others.

Jessica Frank is outstanding citizen and I salute her for her remarkable contributions and commitment to our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating her on being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

TRIBUTE TO STANLEY D.
STEINBORN

HON. LYNN N. RIVERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Ms. RIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to take this opportunity to recognize the upcoming retirement of Mr. Stanley D. Steinborn, the deputy attorney general for the State of Michigan. Mr. Steinborn's 34 years of government service with Michigan's Office of Attorney General reflect the commitment, talent, and integrity he has brought to our State government.

Raised in Alpena, MI, the son of a bricklayer, Mr. Steinborn graduated from Michigan State University and obtained his law degree from Northwestern University in Chicago. He voluntarily interrupted his education to serve in the Korean war. He returned to Alpena to practice law, where he became friends with a recently settled local lawyer, Frank J. Kelley, who later became Michigan's attorney general. Mr. Steinborn joined Mr. Kelley in Lansing as an assistant attorney general in 1963, and has served as chief assistant and deputy attorney general since 1973, overseeing a staff of 250 lawyers.

The mark Mr. Steinborn has made on Michigan State government is reflected by the comments of so many who have worked with him. Mr. Frank Kelley, who remains our Nation's longest serving State attorney general recently said: "Mr. Steinborn has had a long and distinguished career as a public servant with the Office of Attorney General. He has been not only a colleague in law, but he has been my friend." Mr. Steinborn's contributions are recognized across party lines. Lucille Taylor, Governor Engler's top legal counsel, has nothing but praise for Mr. Steinborn:

I have worked very closely with Stan Steinborn during the past six years—sometimes on an almost daily basis. I respect the way he has performed his job. I have learned a lot from him, and I think he is an example of committed civil servant—a person who is really committed to his work and to the state. I admire him. If I ever had his job, I would do it exactly like he has.

Through the years, Mr. Steinborn has held firm to his ideals and convictions, while never losing sight of his priorities. Foremost in his life is his family. He and his wife of 42 years, Annette, have raised four children whose chosen careers mirror the values instilled in them by their parents—a medical social worker in my district, a civil engineer employed by the State of California, an attorney in private practice in Washington, DC, and a schoolteacher in the city of Detroit. It is a source of great family pride that all of the Steinborn's hold at least one degree from Michigan State University. Mr. Steinborn and his wife no doubt will stay busy in the years ahead enjoying their

extended family that now includes four grandchildren.

Mr. Steinborn touched so many with whom he has worked. His dedication to the high ideals of our legal system and our democratic form of governance will surely serve as an important example for the many who have known and worked with him. It is my distinct pleasure to recognize his many important contributions to our State. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

COMMENDING THE LAUREL
VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today and recognize the Laurel Volunteer Rescue Squad as they prepare to celebrate their 45th anniversary on March 15 1997. The history of this rescue squad dates back to 1952 and is filled with many significant and historic accomplishments which makes Laurel home to one of the most successful and decorated rescue squads in the Nation.

Since the first ambulance service and rescue squad was formed in 1952, the citizens of Laurel have always supported the men and women who are on the front lines of public safety every day. Additionally, the rescue squad has been at the forefront of teaching and developing heavy rescue techniques for the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute and the Prince Georges County Fire Department. However, the hard work and dedication of the rescue squad has been felt well beyond the town limits of Laurel. They have provided emergency care for five Presidents at their inaugural ceremonies and administered emergency care to Alabama Governor George Wallace after the attempted assassination in Laurel in 1972. They were also first on the scene when my good friend, Congresswoman Gladys Noon Spellman, fell ill.

Mr. Speaker, one of the greatest legacies of the Laurel Volunteer Rescue Squad has been its accomplishments in the international first aid competition arena. Dating back to 1965, both the men and women's teams have captured the world championship in first aid and rescue competition on several occasions. Last year, they surpassed all expectations, winning an unprecedented first and second place in the emergency medical technician competition.

Mr. Speaker, from the beginning, this rescue squad has excelled. They have seen a steady increase in membership, responsibility, and expertise and it is my honor to be able to recognize their many accomplishments as they celebrate their 45th anniversary. I commend the over 250 members of the Laurel Rescue Squad who embody the dedication and commitment that defines volunteer service.

John F. Kennedy once described the essence of public service as the following: "The energy, the faith, the devotion which we bring to this endeavor will light our country and all who serve it, and the glow from that fire can truly light the world." I can think of no organization which embodies the values of public service and volunteerism, and which lights our country every day, more than the Laurel Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to congratulate the Laurel Rescue Squad on this great achievement and to wish them continued success as they serve our community and our State for many years to come.

AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE

HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing a bill to require notice to automobile insurance policyholders before a paid up policy can be either canceled or renewal refused.

Many of my constituents without warning or for insignificant reasons are being cut off of automobile insurance coverage and with little time allowed to find another company.

My bill will require at least 180 days notice before a cancellation or decision not to renew can take effect provided the premiums are fully paid up and there is no court order canceling the holder's driver's license.

In many places in my district the only means of transportation is one's automobile. To have to drive without insurance coverage is a public hazard. People need to be told well in advance if a company is refusing to renew or plans to discontinue coverage.

This is not interference with the company's right to decide who to cover or not cover. It is only a requirement of due notice. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

TRIBUTE TO CAROLYN NOBLES

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 11, 1997

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Carolyn Nobles, a dedicated community leader who is being honored as an inductee into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Carolyn Nobles has energetically and generously served her community for many years. She recently organized an effort to raise \$120,000 to build a playground in the North Fair Oaks community, and was a founding member of the Probe Auxiliary, which raised \$100,000 to benefit children's programs in Redwood City. She was a founding member of Friends of Redwood City and Redwood City's Citizens against Racism, which sponsors scholarships for minority students attending Cañada College. She has been honored by the Sierra Club, Soroptimists International, the Volunteer Center, the Junior League, the California State Assembly, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, and the Save San Francisco Bay Association.

Mr. Speaker, Carolyn Nobles is an outstanding citizen and I salute her for her remarkable contributions and commitment to our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating her on being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.