

Stable funding for all EPA environmental regulatory, research and enforcement programs including the Superfund program. In sum this bill contains over \$24 billion, an increase of \$2 billion over the President's request.

Stable funding for all rural development and economic development assistance programs. This bill contains \$6.4 billion over 5 years, an increase of \$500 million above the Administration's request.

A total of \$218 billion for ground, air and water transportation programs, an increase of \$37 billion over the President's request. This increase will optimize discretionary spending relative to the trust funds for these programs.

A total of \$196 billion for elementary, secondary, vocational education, and higher education programs. This reflects the President's F.Y. 1998 request.

\$34 billion for Social Service programs including the National Service Initiative, and Children and Family Services programs. This reflects the President's F.Y. 1998 request.

\$21 billion for the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)—President's request.

A TRIBUTE TO EDWARD R. FARMER

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 1997

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention a truly dedicated public servant in Edward R. Farmer, of Paterson, NJ, as he completes his tenure of public service to the residents of Passaic and Essex Counties.

A highly respected and distinguished individual, Ed has faithfully served as an integral member of my congressional and general assembly staffs, and as the foundation of former Congressman Herb Klein's congressional staff. Through his efforts, Ed has loyally served the people of New Jersey for many years with true distinction.

His extensive record of community and civic involvement includes outstanding service as president of the Passaic County Young Democrats, an organization which, under his dedicated leadership and guidance, has infused the Democratic Party of Passaic County with a plethora of spirited and talented young people.

Within all spheres of life, Ed has set an example in community leadership and responsible citizenship toward which others might strive, and his professional and volunteer public service has been equaled only by his dedication to his family and friends.

The strength and success of the State of New Jersey as well as the United States of America, and the continuation of our American society, depend in large part on the dedication of highly talented and educated individuals like Ed Farmer who have dedicated themselves to the service of others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, Ed's wife, Patti, his family and friends, and the State of New Jersey in honoring Ed Farmer for his outstanding and invaluable service to the communities of New Jersey as he seeks a new beginning with his wife, Patti, and their two cats, Dog and Gunther, in Lexington, KY. For his many years of dedi-

cated service, it is only appropriate that the House recognizes Edward R. Farmer today.

HONORING SAUL RUMAN

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 1997

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to commend Saul Ruman, an outstanding citizen of Indiana's First Congressional District. On Thursday, April 3, 1997, Saul was presented with the 1997 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Indiana Trial Lawyers Association. He received this award during a luncheon at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Indianapolis, IN.

Saul, a resident of Munster, founded the firm Ruman, Clements, Tobin S. Holub shortly after his graduation from the Indiana University School of Law in 1952. From the time of its inception, the firm has concentrated in the areas of personal injury and wrongful death litigation and, over the years, has successfully attracted clients from across the United States. During his distinguished career, Saul has been counsel in over 100 Federal and State appellate cases. He represented Senator Robert Kennedy during his candidacy for President of the United States, several justices on the Indiana Supreme Court, and has litigated numerous cases of significant importance and public interest during his years of trial and appellate practice.

Not only has Saul excelled in his professional life, but he has been a great asset to the Indiana legal community as well. Saul has impacted the judicial process in the State of Indiana through his appointments to the Indiana Supreme Court Character and Fitness Committee on the Board of Law Examiners, the Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission, and the Indiana Supreme Court Committee on Rules. In addition, Saul has secured membership in a variety of professional organizations, including the American Board of Trial Advocates, the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, the Indiana Trial Lawyers Association, and the Trial Lawyers Section of the Indiana State Bar Association. Saul has also devoted much of his time as a member of the board of visitors to the Indiana University School of Law.

Along with being bestowed the ninth annual Lifetime Achievement Award, Saul has earned recognition in the publication "Best Lawyers in America" in 1993 and 1997. Those listed in this publication are selected by their peers on the basis of professional performance and ability.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other esteemed colleague to join me in congratulating Saul on his receipt of the Indiana Trial Lawyers Association's Lifetime Achievement Award. His wife, Beverlee, and their children, Loral, Melissa, and Elizabeth, can be proud of Saul's exceptional accomplishments. His endeavors within the legal profession are certainly admirable and his outstanding dedication and leadership are a model and inspiration to each and every one of us.

ON BRIAN BLANKENBURG'S ATTAINMENT OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 1997

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Brian Blankenburg of North Olmstead, OH, who will be honored this month for his recent attainment of Eagle Scout.

The attainment of Eagle Scout is a high and rare honor requiring years of dedication to self-improvement, hard work, and the community. Each Eagle Scout must earn 21 merit badges, 12 of which are required, including badges in: lifesaving; first aid; citizenship in the community; citizenship in the Nation; citizenship in the world; personal management of time and money; family life; environmental science; and camping.

In addition to acquiring and proving proficiency in those and other skills, an Eagle Scout must hold leadership positions within the troop where he learns to earn the respect and hear the criticism of those he leads.

The Eagle Scout must live by the scouting law, which holds that he must be: trustworthy, loyal, brave, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, clean, and reverent.

And the Eagle Scout must complete an Eagle project, which he must plan, finance, and evaluate on his own. It is no wonder that only 2 percent of all boys entering scouting achieve this rank.

Brian's Eagle project was the repair, refurbishing, and repainting of ticket booths and parking lot lights at North Olmstead High School.

My fellow colleagues, let us join Boy Scouts of America Troop 53 in recognizing and praising Brian for his achievement.

PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN ACT OF 1997

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 20, 1997

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the partial-birth abortion ban legislation which would outlaw gruesome abortion procedures. I sponsored this legislation because it would protect the sanctity of life and prevent the cruel and inhumane killing of unborn children. A living fetus is viable and we should respect its humanity.

We know all too well the arguments on both sides of this important issue. Some present legal or constitutional issues. Some cite the lack of money or adequate resources to support the child. Some women may cite social or psychological problems which hinder their ability to go to full term on their pregnancy. But no matter what the arguments or reasons cited, the partial-birth abortion procedure is brutal and senseless and should never be allowed.

As a nation, we have the fortitude to find humane ways to deal with whatever difficulties or burdens which cause women to resort to partial-birth abortions. But we should not, as a nation, sanction this procedure in any way, shape, or form.

For me personally, and for the people of Guam whom I represent, the worth of children in our culture is a cornerstone in sustaining family values. For us, abortions is never an option; we oppose abortion because it devalues life and destroys our concept of family preservation. For us, the issues are that we continue to protect our children, stop the assault against the innocent unborn, and continue to believe that life is a precious gift from God.

When we stand up for the unborn, we help to fortify our culture, our heritage, and our society. I join my colleagues in supporting this very important legislation.

HONORING THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR ELECTROMEDICAL INFORMATION

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 1997

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with my constituents of the Fifth Congressional District in extending most welcome congratulations to the members of the National Institute for Electromedical Information [NIEI] in celebrating its 13th anniversary. Founded in 1984, by Stanley H. Kornhauser, Ph.D., the NIEI has diligently serviced the borough of Queens as an advocate and educator of electromedicine and has been most effective as a medium for the exchange of information on advances in new electrodiagnostic and electrotherapeutic devices in all areas of medicine.

Since its founding, the NIEI has been an active source of informational distribution to the field of medicine and has emerged as a major facilitator in establishing training and seminar programs in electromedical education. Its impact has been guided and nurtured by the organization's advisory board. The board's strong interdisciplinary members have distinguished themselves in diverse fields of medical and scientific research significantly impacting on the field of health care.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to rise in recognizing the National Institute of Electromedical Information, its founder and president, Stanley H. Knornhauser, Ph.D., its advisory board and membership as leaders in enhancing the level of understanding and knowledge regarding electromedical education, electromedical technology development, and the effective use of electromedical technology throughout our Nation.

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI'S OTTO G. RICHTER LIBRARY'S CUBAN COLLECTION HELPS KEEP ALIVE CUBAN HISTORY

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 1997

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, two of the many freedoms suppressed by the Castro dictatorship over its 37 years of totalitarian rule have been academic and intellectual freedom that once were a source of great pride in

a democratic Cuba. All books that the Castro regime considered against its interests were systematically banned, all individuals who supported ideas other than the ones the dictatorship favored were exiled, harassed, incarcerated, or murdered.

Fortunately, many of the great books of Cuban history and publications of Cuban writers and intellectuals are now being preserved in the United States at the Cuban Collection of the University of Miami's Otto G. Richter Library. The Cuban Collection at the University of Miami is the largest collection of its kind outside of Cuba, superseding even the collection at the Library of Congress.

The awesome collection contains materials from all periods of Cuba's history and attracts thousands of researchers every year from all parts of the world. Some of its unique holdings include an 1895 photograph of Cuban Mambises who fought for Cuba's independence from Spain, miniature letters from Cuban political prisoners, and copies dating from 1832 of *Diario de la Marina*, the oldest newspaper in Cuba and the Americas until its operation was forcefully shut down by the Castro dictatorship.

South Florida is proud to have among its many assets this outstanding collection that helps keep alive Cuba's history through this dark period of repression that has engulfed the island.

TRIBUTE TO THE ST. STANISLAUS CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS POST 1222

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 1997

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the many distinguished organizations of my district: St. Stanislaus Catholic War Veterans Post 1222. This organization has given many years of dedicated service to the community.

The Reverend John Grabowski, pastor of St. Stanislaus Church, gathered some 45 individuals and proposed forming a veteran's organization in the community. These men had just returned home after years of service and sacrifice in our Armed Forces during World War II. Father Grabowski knew these men would be willing to extend themselves in service to their church and their community. On February 10, 1947, Post 1222 was granted a charter from the Catholic War Veterans of the United States.

The post's initial efforts were extended to the young people at St. Stanislaus Church and parochial elementary and secondary schools. Keeping the memory of the fallen comrades sacred was uppermost at the time, so on November 7, 1948, the post dedicated a memorial bronze plaque inscribed with the names of the 19 men of St. Stanislaus parish who gave their lives for our freedom.

For over 50 years the post maintained the respect and admiration of the community. The post participates annually in many fundraising events including the Red Cross, United Way, and the March of Dimes campaigns. The members also host events for Catholic High School drives and St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Each member and officer participates in order to maintain the post's high ideals.

Many of post's members were awarded honors from our upper echelons of the organization. Henry Jagielski and Dennis Wilde served as State commanders of the Department of Ohio C.W.V. Both John J. Bury and Thomas C. Rudnicki were recipients of the prestigious John J. Martin Award from the Department of Ohio C.W.V. Over the years, the membership roster at Post 1222 has included mayors, judges, councilmen, and other civic leaders over the years.

Post 1222's first meetings were held in St. Stanislaus Church's basement. The Quonset Hut at 1207 South Avenue served as the home of the post. In 1958, the post undertook construction of a permanent home at a cost of over \$90,000. The mortgage was burned in 1970. This was a remarkable achievement led by the senior trustees: Ed Rudnicki, Jim Gaca, Henry Jagielski, and Henry Kost.

For the past 50 years, Post 1222 has marched in every Memorial Day and Veteran's Day Parade in Youngstown. Rain or shine the post's color guard has answered the call. There is also a special mass offered for all the veterans and deceased members of the post.

Post 1222 sponsors Catholic action programs. These events address issues of the local community such as, education, crime, and serving the poor. The programs also focus on service in the Catholic Church. Post members assist in parish duties including ushers, altar services, and parish council.

The post believes in Catholic education. Thus the organization grants scholarships to help young people attending parochial high school. Bernard Lakovich left part of his estate to the organization for education scholarships. Each year many parochial schools participate in essay and art contests, sponsored by the post and producing many State and national winners.

All veterans' organizations must have a ladies auxiliary. Post 1222 Ladies Auxiliary is tireless in their efforts of assisting the various events the post sponsors.

By sharing with one another, many members of Post 1222 have achieved personal satisfaction. The members are unselfish in their undertakings. They all have toiled so that their children, by active dedication to a cause, will be instilled in the freedoms and benefits that these United States can offer. Patriotism is noble and dignified. Post 1222 has expressed its patriotism by making great contributions to the church and community. Many thanks to the members of St. Stanislaus Post 1222, who over the past 50 years contributed their time and energy to St. Stanislaus Post 1222 Catholic War Veterans.

Current officers of Post 1222 include: Joseph M. Magielski, John Bury, Paul Stopnick, James Mislav, Thomas Rudnicki, Pauline Tybor, Ted Seidler, Sam Naples, Frank Gerchak, George Zakrzewski, Walter Glowacki, John Savaet, Marilyn L. Carroll, and Father Edward J. Neroda.

TRIBUTE TO DOROTHY C. ROWE

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 1997

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention Dorothy C. Rowe of