

I am proud to speak today in favor of House Resolution 93. This resolution states that Congress should not change the consumer price index. If any changes are found to be necessary, they should be made by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Federal agency with the necessary technical expertise and resources.

Many Federal programs including Social Security, Medicare, and Veterans' benefits are tied to the consumer price index in order to determine cost-of-living adjustments based on inflation. Congress simply lacks the technical knowledge required to properly deal with any change in the consumer price index. Only the Bureau of Labor Statistics can adequately evaluate and address the situation. This resolution today makes this crystal clear.

The consumer price index should not be politicized, nor should the budget be balanced through budgetary gimmicks. It is imperative that our Nation's seniors be protected. Promises have been made to our seniors that cannot be broken. I am committed to making sure that our Government keeps the promises it has made to the generation that saw us through some of the darkest moments of the 20th century.

ON ERIC DORENKOTT'S
ATTAINMENT OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 1997

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Eric Dorenkott of Fairview Park, 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.

Eric's Eagle project involved publicizing the Tot Finders Program to parents groups in Fairview Park. In the Tot Finders Program, parents receive special stickers which, when put in the windows of children, identify the children's location to firemen in case of fire.

My fellow colleagues, let us join Boy Scouts of America Troop 401 in recognizing and praising Eric for his achievement.

TRIBUTE TO PUBLIC SERVICE
EMPLOYEES

HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY II

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 1997

Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to public service employees at all levels of government in observation of Public Service Recognition Week.

As we observe Public Service Recognition Week, I would like to invite my colleagues to join with me in reflection upon and appreciation of the many contributions of men and women who, in a vast array of capacities, have chosen to dedicate their lives to serving the common good. Every day Federal employees do an incredible job of providing the people of our Nation with vital services. Through their outstanding efforts, these employees ensure the stability and continuity of our Government, but unfortunately, do not always receive due credit for their actions. That is why it is so important that we take this time to remember all the good work that Federal employees perform.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to commend all government employees for their work, and in particular, recognize and thank all the Federal employees in Massachusetts as they celebrate Public Service Recognition Week.

>“UPWARD BOUND” HONORS 71
EAST BAY AREA STUDENTS

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 1997

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of a remarkable group of young people from Hayward, CA, who are being honored for their participation in the California State University—Hayward Upward Bound program.

On Saturday, May 24, 1997, Cal State-Hayward will host its Seventh Awards Recognition Banquet. Seventy-one Upward Bound program participants, 19 of whom are graduating East Bay Area seniors, and their parents will be honored.

In the summer of 1965, the Upward Bound program began in colleges and universities across the country, to recruit low-income students in the 8th, 9th, and 10th grades for participation in this college awareness program. The Cal State-Hayward program was later established in the fall 1990, and provides tutoring instruction, counseling, career orientation, and assistance in defining career goals, applying for college admission, and filling out financial aid applications.

The type of student selected for participation in upward bound is a very special one. These low-income students, chosen for their potential and desire to achieve, have had the opportunity to experience educational development and personal growth within a college setting while still in high school. Upward bound students work tirelessly in either the academic year sessions or summer sessions which consist of tutorial sessions during the week, complimented by Saturday sessions for field trips and cultural activities.

Students are referred to upward bound through school administrators, instructors, counselors, or community agencies who have recognized low-income students who would otherwise have been without the resources and guidance so necessary to the college preparation process. As a result, many of these students will be the first in their families to receive a 4-year degree.

As we maintain that educating our young people is priority No. 1, I am inspired by these real-life testimonials to the obstacles students can conquer when given a boost. We congratulate them on their achievement, admire their dedication, and wish them well in any endeavor they choose.

Printed below are the names of the students to be honored at this year's banquet:

Ninth Grade: Diana Ascencio, Tennyson; Andrea Bozant, Mt. Eden; Gabriel Cortez, Hayward; Stephanie Jones, Hayward; Robyn Moss, Hayward; Alberto Williams, Hayward; Pablo Chavez, Dublin; Tiana Gaskins, James Logan; Marco Palomino, James Logan; Gabriela Peña, James Logan; Jason Wells, James Logan; Ruby Lopez, San Lorenzo; Bogdana Marchis, San Lorenzo; Nocmi Arrieta, Tennyson; Peng Lim, Tennyson; Gaby Bressler, Hayward; Joshua Jones, Hayward; Eujenia Garcia, Hayward; Ana Gutierrez, Hayward; Vanessa Perez, Hayward; Marion Thurmond, Hayward; Damali Burton, Castro Valley; Andrea Williams, Castro Valley.

Tenth Grade: Noel Amezcuita, James Logan; Emiliano Leyba, James Logan; Alisha Lovett, James Logan; Arnid Ramamoorthy, James Logan; Monifa Willis, James Logan; Steve Hayes, Hayward; Carlos Bressler, Hayward; Mario Guerrero, Hayward; Mahasin Mu'min, Hayward; Lisette Padilla, Hayward; Tanea Rhea, Hayward; Jose Herrera, Tennyson; Saila Molina, Tennyson; Michael Martin, San Lorenzo; William Watkins, San Lorenzo; Juan Flores, Arroyo; Ed Santana, Arroyo; Michael Boykin, Castro Valley; Ariana Sanchez, Richmond.

Eleventh Grade: Darryl Hampton, James Logan; Feliza Montes De Oca, James Logan; Reyna Nava, James Logan; Sonia Abrego, Mt. Eden; Michael Barrett, Mt. Eden; Ricshell Bunton, Mt. Eden; Phuong Nguyen, Mt. Eden; Oliver Chang, San Lorenzo; Anthony James, San Lorenzo.

Twelfth Grade: Joy Hadden, James Logan; Sylvia Mora, James Logan; Nicole Poston, James Logan; Jarrad Woods, San Lorenzo; Edward Gorton, San Lorenzo; Miguel Lopez, San Lorenzo; Raymond Chan, Tennyson; Miguel Dueñas, Tennyson; Hounng Huynh, Tennyson; Tim Lin, Tennyson; Carlos Martin, Tennyson; Reocel Mercado, Tennyson; Mariano Preciado, Tennyson; Yazmin Ramirez, Tennyson; Kiet Truong, Tennyson; Brant Guerrero, Hayward; Larry Leatherwood, Hayward; Rebecca Akin, Hayward; Claudia Flores, Arroyo.

TRIBUTE TO MR. BILL CROOKSTON

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 1997

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Bill Crookston, who will be honored on June 5, 1997 at the Annual Installation Ceremonies for his past year of exemplary leadership as the President of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to serving as President of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Crookston remained active both as President of the Santa Monica Jaycees and as a member of the Rotary Club of Santa Monica, confirming his commitment to community service and leadership.

During his tenure as president, Mr. Crookston maintained the delicate balance between addressing economic challenges while also providing the Chamber's membership and the community increased services, benefits, and programs.

Under Mr. Crookston's leadership, the partnership between the city of Santa Monica and the Chamber of Commerce was strengthened through a number of projects, including the school to work and career education program, the homeless assistance program, health and safety programs, and environmental programs.

Mr. Crookston approached his duties with a mixture of compassion and a strong business sense, encouraging cooperative efforts between the business community and community service agencies that serve Santa Monica's youth, families, seniors, and homeless populations. The members of the Chamber of Commerce and the residents of the city of Santa Monica owe Mr. Crookston a debt of gratitude for his devoted leadership.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Bill Crookston for his successful term as president of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce and in wishing him happiness and success in the future.

HONORING WILLIAM E. THOMSON,
JR. OF PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

HON. JAMES E. ROGAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 1997

Mr. ROGAN. Mr. Speaker, many community leaders do great public service; too few are recognized for their outstanding achievements. One who deserves our recognition is William E. Thomson Jr. of Pasadena, CA.

Bill is a graduate of Bucknell University and Georgetown University Law Center. He is a member of the bar in California, Virginia, and Ohio, as well as the U.S. District Court in California, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

A long-time resident of Pasadena, Bill has earned a reputation as a man of civic duty and responsibility. He was elected to the Pasadena City Council in 1981 and served continuously until this month, and was elected mayor and served in that capacity from 1988 until 1990.

Bill's leadership role carried him far beyond the council chambers. He has lobbied on behalf of the city before the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, California State Legislature, and U.S. Congress. For more than a decade he has served as lead negotiator for the Rose Bowl and its related events. He helped to bring the Olympics, two Super Bowls and World Cup Soccer to Los Angeles County. His professional successes have also given him the distinction of being recognized in Who's Who in American Law.

Bill has dedicated his career to his friends and neighbors in Pasadena, Los Angeles County and to the people of this Nation. His

work on behalf of our State has given us innumerable benefits and touched countless lives.

Our communities are built on the foundation of good people. As we look to make our neighborhoods better places in which to live and provide a better life for our children, we need only look to Bill to find inspiration, motivation and ideals. To this dedicated public servant, parent, and citizen, we owe our utmost gratitude and heartfelt thanks.

HONORING DR. EVA C. WANTON

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 1997

Mr. BOYD. Mr. Speaker, today we honor one of the academic worlds finest, Dr. Eva C. Wanton, founding dean of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University's School of General Studies. Through her 30-year career at Florida A & M University, her record of quality teaching, service, and research reflects a commitment to improved educational opportunities for all students and a commitment to a better quality of life for her north Florida community.

For all of Dr. Wanton's academic achievements, I'm sure nothing compares to the personal relationships she has developed with her students, her faculty, and her community. Dr. Wanton has put her words into action. She has not merely stood by on the sidelines giving instructions on how to achieve, but rather she has led through her actions. Every student who has walked through her doors has been enriched through the experience of knowing Dr. Wanton. How many of us have had that one teacher or professor that we can look back and say? "My life was changed or positively impacted by an educator who went that extra mile because he/she saw the potential in me." If our young people are to succeed in today's world, we must have more individuals like Eva Wanton.

Today I rise to personally thank Dr. Wanton for the extra effort she takes to make a difference in north Florida. She is a precious gift to our community. We should all set our goals so high, because when we do, there is no limit to what we can achieve.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday May 7, 1997

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, I regretfully missed rollcall vote No. 99, on May 1, 1997. If I had been present for that vote I would have voted "nay."

VOLUNTARISM

HON. LEE H. HAMILTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 1997

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to insert my Washington Report for Wednesday, May 7, 1997 into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

THE SUMMIT ON VOLUNTARISM

Most observers of American life have noted a renewed interest in community, a response in part to the all too obvious social problems of homelessness, poverty, crime, and drug abuse. One of the underpinnings of our democracy, long noted by historians, is that Americans constantly form associations of all shapes and sizes to deal with the challenges of the day. Last week's high-profile summit on voluntarism in Philadelphia was designed to provide firepower to change the dynamics of voluntarism. It was clearly an impressive event, but my guess is that the overall effort is going to require a more involved strategy and considerable follow through.

OVERVIEW

The Summit For America's Future was quite an event. It had powerful rhetoric, a long list of good intentions, and impassioned calls for volunteers from Presidents Clinton, Bush, Carter, and Ford and from retired General Colin Powell. The summit's goal of improving the lives of 2 million children by the year 2000 is certainly a good one.

The summit seeks to mobilize volunteers and corporate money to help these children and make up for a scaled-back federal effort by providing children with mentors, safe places after school, health care and job skills, and an opportunity to perform community service themselves. All in all it was hard to escape the spirit of the summit and the spirit of voluntarism. The challenge to every group, business, and citizen is to give young people the support they need.

The benefits of volunteering are obvious. It not only raises the quality of life for a lot of people, it builds a sense of community, breaks down barriers between people, and develops leadership. I was greatly impressed during the floods that came to southern Indiana with the leadership that emerged in trying to see that food, services, and shelter were made available to the victims.

The extent to which corporate America is embracing volunteerism is also impressive. Hundreds of companies have donated time and money toward the summit's goals. They are pledging to mentor students, provide activities for children after school, offer health services, help students to develop marketable skills, and donate equipment and services to schools. The traditional view that companies are only responsible for earning a profit appears to be outdated.

ASSESSMENT

I am always impressed with how generous Hoosiers are with their own time, ideas, and resources. I think of countless groups I have visited—religious organizations, foundations, corporations, not-for-profits, even the volunteer firemen who risk their lives for us. Their work brightens our lives and our communities. They serve as a marvelous antidote to the constant stream of news reports of crime and violence.

I do not draw the conclusion from their good activities, however, that government needs to do nothing. Anyone who has worked deeply on our country's most intractable social problems knows that it will take both private and public efforts to get the job done. There are about 40 million poor people in America and they literally need everything—better education, better health care, more food, more clothing, more skills training.

The floods in Indiana showed us the virtues and the limits of voluntary action. Bagging the sand and providing meals and clothing were wonderful examples of volunteer achievement, but the money from the federal and state governments is necessary to rebuild the communities. Throughout American history, volunteerism and government