

transaction. My bill would change the measure so that the 25% would be measured by the voting power of the stock, or the value of the stock in terms of total corporate value. This kind of measure is used in other sections of the code.

Section 5: Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit limited distributions from ESOPs, without incurring a 10-percent penalty on early withdrawals, for high education expenses and first-time home purchases. The limitations relate to how much can be distributed and a requirement that the person have at least five years of participation before making the request for the distribution. The early withdrawal provision would be discretionary with the plan sponsor.

I urge those of my colleagues who want to encourage employee ownership in America to join me by cosponsoring the "ESOP Promotion Act of 1999" and working hard to include these provisions in the tax bill that will soon be considered by the House Ways and Means Committee.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES HARRISON

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 1999

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a fine young man who resided in the 1st Congressional District of Arkansas and was taken from this world last week, James Harrison from Paragould. A bass-baritone, James was a singer at Ouachita Baptist University, and was returning on Flight 1420 from a choir tour in Germany and Austria.

Although James was only 21, he certainly lived a wonderful life. He was a responsible, trustworthy person. His love and concern for others very likely could have cost him his life.

Along with his contributions to the Ouachita Singers, James was the music minister at First Baptist Church of Royal. His friends say he could look at any piece music and sing it. He played the guitar and saxophone and was in charge of setting up before concerts at Ouachita. "Arv" as he was called, for his middle name Arvin, was a patient, level-headed young man who devoted his life to Christ.

I ask that all Americans join us as we pray for the families and friends of the passengers and crew members who perished in the crash, that they might gain some measure of solace and understanding about their profound and very public loss.

IN HONOR OF KEVIN SHANAHAN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kevin Shanahan, one of the founders of Irish Dancing in the Cleveland area.

Kevin Shanahan came to the Cleveland area from his home in Dublin, Ireland in 1953. The thriving Irish community in Cleveland welcomed his expertise in Irish Dancing. And because of Shanahan's efforts, Irish Dancing has transformed over the years into a popular and creative expression of Irish culture.

Under the auspices of the West Side Irish America Club, Mr. Shanahan organized the first Cleveland Feis in 1957. Through his beginning efforts and the Club's hard work, the Cleveland Feis has become a premier Irish event. Even today, it is a festival to which everyone in the Irish community looks forward each year.

While Mr. Shanahan has returned to Dublin, to live in the house where he was born, his legacy lives on in the Cleveland area. The students he taught during his time in Cleveland continue to carry on the Irish Dance traditions they learned from the master.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring a man who has kept traditional Irish Dancing alive in the Cleveland area, Mr. Kevin Shanahan.

THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 143RD INFANTRY REGIMENT

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 1999

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the outstanding members of the 143rd Infantry Regiment and to recognize the proud tradition of that body upon their annual Regimental reunion. I would especially like to recognize the war veterans of the regiment, including one who has been with the group since World War I.

This unique regiment has a strong and deep connection with the Waco community, which is in my Texas Congressional District. Throughout its long history, it has been made up primarily of Central Texans. The Regiment began as a Militia Company in 1873 and has seen many different designations and missions throughout its history. These have included service in the Spanish American War, World War I, and World War II. In World War II the 143rd distinguished itself as a truly outstanding military unit by becoming one of the first American detachments to land in Europe and then later one of the first to enter Rome.

After World War II, the Regiment helped Waco recover from a devastating tornado, working around the clock in rescue and patrol operations. In the 1960's the Regiment was reorganized into an Airborne Unit and exists today as an active National Guard unit.

The superb all volunteer paratroopers of the unit are among America's best, and today they continue the proud tradition of the 143rd Infantry.

I ask Members to join me and offer our heartfelt thanks and congratulations to an outstanding American Regiment—the 143rd Infantry.

TRIBUTE TO PRESLEY SAM, KENNETH TAKEUCHI, BARBARA TANIGUCHI, IZUMI TANIGUCHI, CAMILLE WING, GERYOUNG YANG

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 1999

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Presley Sam, Kenneth

Takeuchi, Barbara Taniguchi, Izumi Taniguchi, Camille Wing and Geryoung Yang, for being selected the 1999 Portraits of Success program Honorees by KSEE 24 and Companies that Care. In celebration of Asian-American Heritage Month for May, these six leaders were honored for their unique contributions to the betterment of their community.

Presley Sam, a refugee from Cambodia, came to Fresno knowing no one. Through the offices of the Lao Family of Fresno, he became a Community worker and was later hired by the Police Department in Elkhorn Juvenile Boot Camp Facility. Presley serves as an executive member of the Board of Directors for the Cambodian Buddhist Society of Fresno.

Kenneth Takeuchi worked for 32 years for the Fresno County Parks Department. He is a member of the San Joaquin River Parkway Trust, the Shinzen Garden Committee and the Fresno Buddhist Church. Mr. Takeuchi is a marathon and ultra-marathon runner and race organizer. Over the past 16 years, he has directed runs for many fund raisers for organizations such as United Cerebral Palsy, the American Heart Association and Special Olympics.

Barbara Taniguchi has been a member of the Japanese American Citizens League since 1955. Very involved in her community, Barbara has served on the Fresno Unified School District Desegregation Task Force, the Central California Nikkei Foundation and on several library boards.

Izumi Taniguchi, Professor Emeritus of Economics at California State University Fresno since 1993, has been a board member of the Central California Nikkei Foundation since its inception. He has held many offices in the Japanese American Citizens League at the local, state and national levels and is active in numerous other community organizations.

Camille Wing has served on the Board of Hanford's Taoist Temple Preservation Society since 1979 and has become a valuable resource on the history of early Chinese immigrants in Hanford. She is also active in serving Kings County Library, the Hanford Visitors Agency and community recycling efforts.

Geryoung Yang maintains a successful Fresno dental practice. He established a California State University, Fresno Hmong Student Association and has been active in the Sky Watch Project. Mr. Yang's goal is to be a mentor and role model for Hmong young people.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I pay tribute to the KSEE 24 Companies that Care 1999 Asian American Portraits of Success honorees. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing these honorees many more years of success.

TRIBUTE TO GARY GLOVER

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 1999

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great Arkansan, a man who served his community as a minister of youth and music, and who was a devoted father and husband, Mr. Gary Glover.

Mr. Glover spent much of his life as a dedicated church member, sharing his faith and

conviction in God with others. He received his ministry license in 1988 after attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, and served Levy Baptist Church in North Little Rock at this time. Before settling in Arkansas, Mr. Glover served as director of housing and Christian training at Happy Hill Farm Academy and Home in Granbury, Texas. Here he supervised Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary students. After Mr. Glover came to Arkansas he served as youth minister at Sylvan Hills First Baptist Church in North Little Rock.

Clearly, Mr. Glover was a caring and giving man. Even after his passing, Mr. Glover continues to give through the donation of his organs. His family, including his wife, Becky, and his three sons, Drew, Daniel, and D.J., decided Mr. Glover would have wanted to continue helping others and felt this donation is something he would have wanted.

Gary Glover was a man of great influence and inspiration for many. He was a strong voice for the Christian community in Arkansas and elsewhere. May we attempt to live our lives as generously as he.

HONORING TAIWAN'S ASSISTANCE TO KOSOVO

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 1999

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to learn that NATO and Yugoslavia have reached an agreement and the Kosovars can finally return to their homeland. Yet there is more good news on the way. Dr. Lee Teng-hui, President of the Republic of China on Taiwan just announced that Taiwan will provide the Kosovar refugees with \$300 million in aid. This aid includes food and medical care that are urgently required, as well as job training and rehabilitation programs to promote the reconstruction of Kosovo in the long run. We welcome such generosity from the Republic of China, and applaud its contribution to peace and stability in the international community.

Under the dynamic leadership of President Lee Teng-hui, the Republic of China has become a prosperous, full-fledged democracy, and it has demonstrated on numerous occasions its willingness to help the needy. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our appreciation to President Lee and the people of the Republic of China for their generosity to the Kosovar refugees and contributions to the international community.

HONORING JOSE ORLANDO MEJIA, MD

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 1999

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Jose Orlando Mejia, the Chief of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine and the Director of the Medical Intensive Care Unit at Woodhull Medical and Mental Health Center, and Assistant Professor in the Department of

Medicine at the State University of New York Health Science Center at Brooklyn.

Board certified in three specialties—Internal Medicine, Pulmonary Medicine, and Critical Care Medicine—Dr. Mejia is an expert in asthma, emphysema, smoking-related illness, and diseases of the lungs, respiratory system and heart.

Graduated from the Autonomous University of Santo Domingo School of Medicine in the Dominican Republic, he has received advanced training through a Pulmonary Medicine Fellowship at the Long Island College Hospital, and a Critical Care Medicine Fellowship at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine Montefiore Hospital.

For nearly twenty years, Dr. Mejia has dedicated his work to caring for the people of our communities. He has taken a holistic approach to care-giving—not only working to heal the patient, but care for the community as well. He is a keen diagnostician and excellent communicator—speaking to patients in both English and Spanish. As such, he can provide a unique type of care—providing a level of comfort and support emotionally while healing people physically.

Dr. Mejia's special interest in asthma is particularly important to the communities I represent in New York's 12th Congressional District, where air pollution is an enormous problem. Due to the traffic and waste-transfer sites that are located throughout Brooklyn, asthma and other respiratory problems are particularly high—especially among children. Dr. Mejia's work addresses these problems in a direct and critical way.

Many times people who make valuable contributions to our communities go unrecognized. I would like to urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Mejia for the work he has done, the people he has helped, and the strength he has given to our communities. Because of his work the 12th Congressional District is a better place, and I thank him and wish him continued success.

TRIBUTE TO BEVERLY GARLAND

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 1999

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Beverly Garland, who is being honored as 1999 NoHo Citizen of the Year at the 7th Annual NoHo Theatre & Arts Festival. Through the years Ms. Garland has played an invaluable role in helping NoHo emerge as a thriving center of music, dance and theater in what had been a declining section of North Hollywood. As a successful businesswoman and actress, Ms. Garland is the perfect representative for NoHo. The Festival could not have made a more appropriate choice for its citizen of the year.

Much of the world knows Beverly Garland for her role as Fred MacMurray's wife in the long-running television series "My Three Sons," and as Kate Jackson's mother in "The Scarecrow and Mrs. King." That was then. Today she continues to lead a very busy life as a television actress. Her recent movies for TV include "Finding the Way Home" with George C. Scott and "The World's Oldest Living Bridesmaid," with Donna Mills. She has

also appeared as a guest star on "Friends," "Ellen" and "Diagnosis Murder," and recently became "engaged" to Grandpa Charles on the popular weekly series "7th Heaven."

With more than 200 television and film roles to her credit, it comes as no surprise that Ms. Garland has received a star in her name on the famous Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Those of us who live in the east San Fernando Valley also know Ms. Garland for her business skills and civic involvement. She and her family own and operate Beverly Garland's Holiday Inn on Vineland Avenue in North Hollywood, a 258-room hotel that recently teamed with Holiday Inn Worldwide. The hotel is not only popular with visitors to the area, but is a central location for community meetings, chamber of commerce events and other important local activities.

Ms. Garland has not at all been hesitant to use her skills as a public speaker to promote the area. She holds the position of Honorary Mayor of North Hollywood and lends her presence at many public functions. She has also served on the California Tourism Corporation Board of Directors and is a member of the Greater Los Angeles Visitors and Convention Bureau.

I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Beverly Garland, whose devotion to her community, commitment to the arts and dedication to her craft are an inspiration to us all. She has contributed greatly to the rise of NoHo and its emergence as one of the "hot spots" of Los Angeles.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT TAYLOR AND THE FRESNO CHAPTER OF THE MONTEREY BAY JAGUARS

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 10, 1999

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robert Taylor, coach of the Fresno chapter of the Monterey Bay Jaguars, for his outstanding achievements and dedication to the youth of his community. The Monterey Bay Jaguars is a track and field club for children ages six and up.

Taylor, a Fresno parole officer, devotes his time twice a week, between February and July, to his "star athletes." He started with about 15 athletes from Bethune Elementary school in Fresno, where he was a tutor. The chapter now has more than 40 athletes from Fresno County. Taylor recruited co-workers and parents to help him run the growing program. Despite what some may think, this is not an "inner-city" group of kids. "We have a mixture," Taylor says. "Most of these kids are on the honor roll. Some of those kids down there have some money. But I don't want it to be like they're the rich kids. These kids are talented."

Indeed they are. Most of Taylor's kids had not participated until this year, but have won a combined 700 awards at the state and national levels since February. Taylor's secret to this success is a regimen of discipline and mental stability. Taylor designed a program that teaches the children the fundamental aspects of the sport and puts them through a college level workout twice per week. Taylor says he believes all of his athletes can compete in college and beyond and boasts about