

Service Award in 1995. He was also past President of the Warrensburg Rotary Club, a Paul Harris Fellow, and a member of the Missouri Bar and Johnson County Bar Association. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Warrensburg and a life member of the American Legion.

Mr. Crouch is survived by his wife, Sue; two sons, Garrett and Jeff; and one grandson, Drew.

Mr. Speaker, Garrett Crouch was a true friend through the years, to both myself and my father. He will be missed by everyone who had the privilege to know him. I am certain that the Members of the House will join me in paying tribute to this fine Missourian.

LEGISLATION TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 1999

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduced legislation which will amend the provisions of the Trade Act of 1974.

I think that everyone will agree that reimbursement of training costs under the Trade Readjustment Act (TRA) is of critical importance to those individuals who have been negatively impacted by the North American Free Trade Act (NAFTA). I have seen firsthand companies relocating and jobs being lost because of this Act.

Currently, an individual cannot be reimbursed by TRA funds for any training costs which have been incurred prior to the approval of the training program under the TRA.

In fact, an individual in my District encountered this problem. My constituent was laid off due to job relocation and started school just days prior to the certification of the TRA petition. Since the TRA makes no provisions to retroactively approve training, the individual did not receive a reimbursement. His only other choice would have been to deny his training an entire semester which would have meant he would be out of work even longer.

The legislation I introduced today would prevent this from occurring again by providing a retroactive 30-day period, preceding the date the Secretary approves the TRA petition, during which someone could be reimbursed for training expenses under the act.

This is the only way for individuals who try to plan ahead and then find themselves in this type of situation to take advantage of the funds allocated under TRA.

I encourage all of my colleagues to join me in supporting this modest proposal.

GAY AND LESBIAN DEMOCRATIC CLUB TWENTY-FIVE YEAR FIGHT FOR GAY RIGHTS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 1999

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute the Gay and Lesbian Democratic Club, on its twenty-fifth anniversary.

The Gay and Lesbian Independent Democrats (GLID) began as the Gay Independent Democrats five years after the Stonewall demonstrations.

GLID has played a central role in the fight for gay rights and in the election of openly gay candidates. An early leader of GLID, Christopher Lynn served as the head of New York's Taxi and Limousine Commission and later as NYC Transportation Commissioner. More recently, GLID leaders such as Tom Duane and Deborah Glick, two of the first openly gay persons elected to office in New York, used GLID as a springboard to elected office. In recent years, GLID played pivotal roles in the elections of three gay City Council Members, Christine Quinn, Margarita Lopez and Phil Reed.

As fighters for gay rights, GLID has been in the forefront of the effort to enact an appropriate domestic partnership bill in New York City. At the Federal level, GLID has worked to promote civil rights for gays, including efforts to pass the Anti-Hate Crimes Bill. GLID is one of the leading organizations fighting anti-gay measures like the Defense of Marriage Act and the Religious Liberties Freedom Act.

As part of their celebration GLID will honor three outstanding gay leaders in the city and state of New York. Two of these honorees, Tim Gay and Harry Wieder are long time members of GLID. Through their work with GLID, they have helped to reach out and mobilize gays and lesbians to elect progressive candidates. They have manned the barricades to protest injustices like the murder of Matthew Shepherd and discrimination in the military.

Tim Gay is a long time district leader in the Chelsea area of New York City, Tim Gay's diligence in fighting to improve the quality of life for his constituents has greatly contributed to the revitalization of Chelsea.

Harry Wieder in addition to his activities as a gay activist, has served as a leading advocate for the physically and mentally disabled. As a founder and board member of the 504 Democratic Club (named for a key provision in the Rehabilitation Act of 1973), Harry Wieder has fought tirelessly for the disabled and the reform of our health care system.

Barbara Kavanaugh was one of the first openly lesbian officeholders in New York State. A true trailblazer, Barbara was elected to the Buffalo City Council as an openly gay candidate. She currently serves as the Assistant Attorney General for Buffalo and has been active in the National Stonewall Democratic Federation.

I salute GLID for leading the fight to ensure full rights for gays and lesbians. This battle may take another twenty-five years, but with the strong efforts of GLID and others we can succeed.

H.R. 1400, THE BOND PRICE COMPETITION IMPROVEMENT ACT

HON. TOM BLILEY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 1999

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I am in receipt of the following correspondence from the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BARRETT), the chairman of the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Resource Conservation,

and Credit, regarding H.R. 1400. I submit the letter for the RECORD.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,
Washington, DC, May 24, 1999.

Hon. TOM BLILEY,

Chairman, House Commerce Committee, House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I want to take this opportunity to offer my congratulations on your bill, H.R. 1400, the Bond Price Competition Improvement Act of 1999. This important legislation will improve transparency in the bond market that will be beneficial to those purchasing these important financial instruments.

In reading the bill's report language, I note in section 3 that the bill's proposed changes "are to affect only debt securities." The report language states further that these "changes are not intended to affect the exemption from registration requirements enjoyed by securities issued by government sponsored enterprises, or to impose any requirements on government sponsored enterprises."

As chairman of the House Agriculture credit subcommittee, I am extremely sensitive to proposals affecting the providers of credit to farmers and ranchers across our nation. The Farm Credit System, a government sponsored enterprise whose authorities fall solely within the jurisdiction of the Agriculture Committee, is an important provider of credit to production agriculture. The 500,000 farmers who use Farm Credit System institutions for their credit needs are facing terrific challenges brought about by bad weather, low commodity prices and lost export markets. Any change in registration requirements and the cost associated with such a change would be unwelcome, particularly at a time of such stress in the agricultural economy. Again, I note your bill in no way contemplates changes relative to securities issues by the Farm Credit System and therefore I am pleased to support H.R. 1400.

I appreciate all the work you have done on this legislation, and I look forward to working with you on issues of mutual concern in the future.

Sincerely,

BILL BARRETT,
*Chairman, Subcommittee on
General Farm Commodities,
Resource Conservation and Credit.*

HONORING THE OAKLAND HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 1999

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the accomplishment of a dedicated group of young men who worked together in the true spirit of sportsmanship to achieve a distinguished goal.

The Oakland High School baseball team of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, won the state 3-A baseball championship this past season, the first Rutherford County high school team to ever win a state baseball championship.

These players trained vigorously and played tirelessly, as their 37-2 record indicates. They deserve recognition for a job well done.

I congratulate each team member, head coach Mack Hawks, assistant coach Jeff Mitchell, managers Brian Johnsey and Jacob Lamb, and school Principal Ken Nolan. I know they won't soon forget this milestone.

The players are true champions. They are Chuck Akers, Jeremy Slayden, Casey Rauschenberger, Brennan King, Jeremy Wilson, Shane Vaughn, Brian Blaylock, Jason Sharber, Bennie Hendrix, Jerry Knox, Joey Yost, Stephen McGowan, Caleb Barrett, Matt Lane, Tommy Smith, John Williams, Patrick Hicklen, Stevie Kline and Noah Thompson.

A TRIBUTE TO JUNETEENTH

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 1999

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Juneteenth Independence Day. June 19, 1865, is the date that news of freedom reached slaves in Texas; two and one-half years after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation to abolish slavery. This holiday is now celebrated throughout our country as a time of joy, remembrance, and reflection.

It is my hope that all citizens recognize this important day and that we celebrate together for our communities, our nation, and our children. Among the plans for celebrating this day in Wisconsin's Second Congressional District, the Nehemiah Community Development Corporation's 1999 Juneteenth Celebration Executive Committee has organized a special event with beautiful cultural exhibits, colorful dancing, delicious food, exciting entertainment and music! I want to commend the organizers of this and other important celebrations going on in Wisconsin and throughout the United States.

Former U.S. Representative Barbara Jordan captured the aspirations of many who recognize the important symbolism of this day. She said, "What the people want is simple. They want an America as good as its promise." How true her words are. Locally and nationally, the struggle for equality continues, but this holiday offers hopefulness for a better future.

IN MEMORY OF THEODORE WILSON GUY

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 1999

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I inform the House of the death of Colonel (Retired) Theodore Wilson Guy, United States Air Force, of Sunrise Beach, Missouri.

Colonel Guy was born April 18, 1929, in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Theophilus Wilson and Edwina LaMonte Guy. He was a highly decorated fighter pilot in Korea and Vietnam and was a prisoner of war for five years and one month in Laos and Vietnam. In March, 1968, his plane went down in Laos and he was the first military officer captured in Laos. He was eventually interned in North Vietnam and spent over four years in solitary confinement while a P.O.W.

Colonel Guy received the Air Force Cross, Silver Star with one oak leaf cluster, the Distinguished Flying Cross with three oak leaf

clusters, the Air Medal with 12 oak leaf clusters and the Purple Heart with one oak leaf cluster.

Colonel Guy retired from the Air Force in 1973. He then became national adjutant for the Order of Daedalians and in 1977, became associated with TRW, with subsequent assignment in Iran as the senior tactical advisor to the Commander, Iranian Tactical Air Command.

Colonel Guy graduated from Kemper Military College in 1949, and immediately entered the Air Force, becoming a pilot in September, 1950. Except for senior service schools, his entire career was spent in Air Training Command and Tactical Air Command in the operations field. He amassed 5,700 hours of flying time—all in fighter or fighter trainer aircraft. Colonel Guy was a frequent speaker at local schools, colleges and universities throughout the United States.

Colonel Guy is survived by his wife, Linda; his two sons, Ted Jr. and Michael; two stepdaughters, Elizabeth and Katherine; one brother, Donald; and three grandsons.

Mr. Speaker, Colonel Guy was a dedicated airman and true patriot. I am certain that the Members of the House will join me in paying tribute to this fine Missourian.

BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION OF 1999

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 1999

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, on the first day of the 106th Congress, I introduced H.J. Res. 1—the Balanced Budget Amendment Resolution of 1999.

Passage of this measure is of great importance to my State of Colorado. In fact Colorado, by adoption of House Joint Resolution 99—1040 in both House of the Colorado General Assembly, supports H.J. Res. 1 as a matter of official state policy.

I have spoken many times on the floor of the urgent need for a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution. Today I urge my colleagues to once again consider the necessity of this amendment. Furthermore I commend the leadership of Colorado State Representative Steve Tool, who is also my State Representative, and Senate President Ray Powers, for sponsoring H.J. Res. 99—1040. These statements have added great credibility and weight to the argument in favor of a balanced budget amendment.

Accordingly, I submit for the RECORD Colorado H.J. Res. 99—1040 and urge colleagues to consider the thoughtful opinion of the State of Colorado.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 99—1040

Whereas, the federal budget has been balanced only once since 1969, and federal public debt now exceeds \$5.5 trillion, an amount equaling approximately \$20,000 for every man, woman, and child in America; and

Whereas, Chronic deficit spending demonstrates an unwillingness or inability on the part of the executive and legislative branches of the federal government to spend no more than the amount of available revenues; and

Whereas, Fiscal irresponsibility at the federal level lowers our standard of living, de-

stroys jobs, and endangers economic opportunity now and for those in the next generation; and

Whereas, The federal government's unlimited ability to borrow money to finance its deficits raises concerns directed to the fundamental structure and responsibilities of government, making such fiscal policies an appropriate subject for limitation in the United States constitution; and

Whereas, The United States constitution vests the ultimate responsibility for changing the terms of that charter with the people, as represented by their elected state legislatures, and opposition by a small minority in the United States Congress has consistently thwarted the will of the people that a balanced budget amendment be submitted to the states for ratification; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the sixty-second General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein,

That we, members of the Sixty-second General Assembly, request the Congress of the United States to expeditiously pass and submit to the legislatures of the fifty states for their ratification an amendment to the United States constitution requiring that, in the absence of a national emergency the total of all federal appropriations for any given fiscal year not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for the fiscal year. Be it

Further resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to each member of Colorado's delegation to the United States Congress.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO CHLOE WILLIAMS FOR HER DEDICATION TO OUR NATION'S VETERANS

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 17, 1999

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with pride that I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding individual from the great state of Ohio. This weekend, in very special ceremonies in Columbus, Ohio, the Ohio Veterans of Foreign Wars will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the organization. At those ceremonies, Ms. Chloe Williams will be among those helping make the 100th Anniversary a success.

Ms. Williams, of Post 1090, has given her time and energy to assisting our nation's veterans. A veteran of the United States Army, Ms. Williams is a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Through her service to our veterans and the VFW, she has moved through the ranks at the district and state levels of the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary.

Mr. Speaker, it is people like Chloe Williams that truly make a difference in the lives of our veterans. Through her work in District 8 and around the state, she has vigorously promoted the programs of the VFW, especially the Operation Uplink program, which provides long distance phone service to active duty personnel and to veterans.

It has been said that America thrives and prospers due to the unselfish and dedicated efforts of her citizens. With the hard work of Chloe Williams and the two million members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, I think that adage is perfectly clear.

Mr. Speaker, on this 100th Anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, I would like to