

soldiers with the resources they need to protect freedom and even to protect themselves. The President's military budget proposal is long on rhetoric and short on correcting the many gaps in readiness that have developed over years of neglect under his administration. While the President's budget hands out billions to government bureaucracies and bloated federal agencies, it falls well short of any serious attempt to provide for the safety of our troops.

The truth is, we aren't keeping our promises to those who serve. You can look no further than our military personnel retention rates to see what years of grossly under-funded budgets have done to morale throughout the service. Highly trained men and women are leaving the military in record numbers. The Navy's loss of aviators, many of whom are stationed near my district in San Diego, has reached a critical level. In some cases, we no longer even have the necessary personnel to staff our carriers.

Mr. Speaker, our military personnel are the finest in the world. The readiness and safety of those who protect freedom should not be sacrificed for the personal legacy of a self-absorbed President. It's time we provide them with the best equipment and training available. Anything less is unacceptable.

RECOGNIZING 1ST SERGEANT MICHAEL HAYES FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 8, 1999

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to come before the House today to honor the long and distinguished record of service of Marine First Sergeant Michael Hayes. Whether serving his nation in the Marine Corps or providing for the needy during the holidays here at home, Sergeant Hayes has set a record of achievement that we can all be proud of.

Even while serving the Marine Corps faithfully here in New Haven, Sergeant Hayes went above and beyond the call of duty and worked diligently to involve his staff and Marine cadets with the community. Of all his accomplishments, the most impressive and the most touching has been his work on behalf of numerous "Toys for Tots" campaigns. His commitment has brought more than thirty thousand toys to needy children in the Greater New Haven area, putting a smile on the faces of so many of New Haven's kids on many Christmas mornings.

At the end of this year, Sergeant Hayes will leave the Marine Corps, retiring with the United States Armed Forces Meritorious Service Medal, a honor he most certainly deserves. His generosity and dedication to the needs of New Haven residents will not be forgotten.

ROCSAT-1 LAUNCH FROM SPACEPORT FLORIDA A GREAT SUCCESS

HON. DAVE WELDON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 8, 1999

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I have the distinct privilege of bringing to the Members' attention the fact that Spaceport Florida has successfully launched its second satellite. On Tuesday, January 26, 1999, I was pleased to personally observe as an Athena rocket left Florida's Spaceport to deploy the ROCSAT-1, the first satellite launched by the Republic of China, Taiwan. I am proud of the success of the government of Taiwan, Spaceport Florida, and involved commercial companies in this endeavor.

The launch of ROCSAT-1 was accomplished with the cooperation of Taiwan's National Space Program Office, Lockheed Martin and the Spaceport Florida Authority. This is only the latest example of the Spaceport Authority's ability to successfully launch payloads into space and at a competitive price. I am hopeful that this successful endeavor between the Republic of China and Florida will lead to more exciting and profitable ventures that will benefit both parties. This is a proud moment for Taiwan and Florida.

After personally viewing the historic launch, I can also say that I firmly believe that Florida's first rate launching capabilities are advancing and will strengthen our competitiveness. I am also pleased that Taiwan chose Florida as the place for launching their satellite. Florida has a proven track record of dependable launches and we added to that number on January 26. I hope this will be the first launch of many.

A BILL TO EXCLUDE FROM GROSS INCOME REWARDS RECEIVED BY REASON OF PROVIDING INFORMATION LEADING TO THE CONVICTION OF A CRIME TO THE EXTENT THAT THE REWARD IS USED TO COMPENSATE VICTIMS OF CRIME

HON. AMO HOUGHTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 8, 1999

Mr. HOUGHTON. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleague from New York, Mr. McNULTY, as well as a number of other colleagues, in introducing a new bill to effectively exempt from taxation the proceeds of the Federal government's reward of \$1 million paid to Mr. David Kaczynski for information leading to the conviction of the Unabomber.

We introduced a similar bill late last session, which was passed by the Senate but, due to procedural and content changes, was not considered in the House before adjournment. We believe we have addressed the content concerns of the proposal and are reintroducing a more general bill to be considered through the regular legislative process.

As you may remember, in the fall of 1995 Mr. David Kaczynski provided invaluable assistance to the FBI. As a result of Mr.

Kaczynski placing the health and safety of American citizens ahead of family loyalty, Federal authorities were able to apprehend his brother Theodore, the infamous Unabomber.

The Federal Government had offered a \$1 million reward for information leading to the conviction of the Unabomber. Not wanting to profit personally from the tragedy caused by a deeply troubled member of their family, David Kaczynski and his wife pledged to distribute the net proceeds, after taxes and attorneys' fees, to his brother Theodore's victims and their families. However, because this income was considered taxable they were only able to direct \$534,150 to a community based foundation to be used to benefit the victims of violent crime. If this reward had been tax-exempt, David and his wife would have had approximately \$200,000 more to distribute.

Accordingly, we are reintroducing the bill today, which would permit the full reward to be tax-exempt and allow the amount, otherwise used to pay taxes, to ultimately benefit the victims and their families. We invite our colleagues to cosponsor this legislation and assist us in closing this chapter of the Unabomber saga and bring some sense of justice to the Unabomber's victims and their families.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN R. KASICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 8, 1999

Mr. KASICH. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, February 3, 1999, I was unavoidably detained and unable to record a vote by electronic device on Roll Number 9. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on Roll Number 9.

On Wednesday, February 3, 1999, I was unavoidably detained and unable to record a vote by electronic device on Roll Number 10. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on Roll Number 10.

On Wednesday, February 3, 1999, I was unavoidably detained and unable to record a vote by electronic device on Roll Number 11. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on Roll Number 11.

INTRODUCTION OF THE KNOW YOUR CUSTOMER PROGRAM ABOLISHMENT ACT

HON. VAN HILLEARY

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 8, 1999

Mr. HILLEARY. Mr. Speaker, on December 7, 1998, the Comptroller of the Currency, the Office of Thrift Supervision, Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation published regulations which cut against the very foundations of individual liberties. Under the title of "Know Your Customer" regulations, the proposed rule intends to prevent money laundering. However, it instead intrudes on the privacy of law-abiding citizens.

Under the proposed rule, all banks and thrifts in our country would be required to (1) identify their customers, (2) determine the

source of income of its customers, (3) determine the "normal and expected" transactions of each customer, (4) monitor each customer's account activity to insure it is compatible with historical patterns, and (5) report any "suspicious" transactions.

Thus, if your financial institution, in which you have placed both your finances and trust, feels that you have withdrawn or deposited an amount that could be interpreted as suspicious or outside the "normal and expected" transactions that you make, you could have your name sent to law enforcement authorities. All of us at one time or another have had to deposit or withdraw money that falls outside our "normal" transactional history. Whether putting a downpayment on a house, a car or even a wedding ring, it is not the FDIC, the FBI or our local bank's business on when and why we would want to make such a transaction or even from where we receive our income.

One would think that if the federal government were to order financial institutions to comb over their customer's finances, they would at least take part of the burden off the financial institution. However, this regulation instead puts an onerous mandate on member banks and thrifts. These institutions must compile all the paperwork, put in all the man hours, and ultimately take all the heat for spying on their customers.

I am all in favor of preventing money laundering; however, this regulation violates the basic privacy rights of American citizens. There are surely other ways to catch the drug dealers and other illegal money launderers that do not infringe on the personal liberties of so many innocent and law-biding citizens.

Luckily the federal government's attack on personal freedom has not gone unnoticed. Already the FDIC has received more than 15,000 comments on these new regulations. All but 12 of these comments are negative.

I am hopeful that by filing this bill today will further discourage the FDIC and other federal agencies from following through with this ill-conceived and shoddily designed rule.

CELEBRATING THE 86TH
BIRTHDAY OF ROSA PARKS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 8, 1999

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 86th birthday of Rosa Parks, a pivotal force in the struggle for civil rights in America. Ms. Parks touched millions of lives when she refused to give up her seat on a Montgomery, Alabama city bus. Rosa's courageous action served as a catalyst for the legendary bus boycott in Alabama and was one of the critical turning points in the Africa-American civil rights movement. With the support of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and other civil rights activists, Rosa Parks' action and the subsequent boycott demonstrated the power of individuals and communities to tear down injustice and bring about social change. Her spark ignited a fire that helped to eradicate legal segregation in the South, raise the consciousness of people around the country, and challenge our democracy to guarantee and secure liberty and justice for all.

Rosa Park's 86th birthday and her legacy are especially important today as we celebrate

the fourth day of Black History Month, a history which Rosa Parks helped to create. Because of her labor of love and her continued work in the civil rights movement, our children have opportunities which, for many of our parents, were merely dreams and fantasies.

On this day, the anniversary of her birth, I am pleased to join Congresswoman JULIA CARSON and others in a bipartisan effort to honor Rosa Parks by introducing legislation to present her with a long-overdue Congressional Gold Medal. I hope that Members of Congress and people across our nation will join me in supporting this important legislation.

The American people and I wish you a joyous 86th birthday, and we thank you, Rosa Parks, for your life's work and for your invaluable legacy.

TRIBUTE TO ANDREW E. AUSONIO

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 8, 1999

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the passing of Andrew E. Ausonio, who died October 17, 1998, a devoted husband and father an innovative businessman, a leader in his community and a humanitarian both at home and abroad.

Andy was a native of the Salinas Valley, graduating from Salinas High School, and attending Hartnell Junior College. His service in the Armed Forces drew him away for a time, but upon his return Andy applied his attention to developing his business and personal resources. His business capacities took him from Control Operator at the Moss Landing PG&E Electric Generation Plant; to become a founder of numerous property-related firms including Ausonio Construction Company, Inc.; to a position as Director and then Chairman of the Board of the Bank of Salinas; and Director of Artichoke Industries.

Andy committed considerable energy to improve this community as a member of the Elks Lodge; President of Native Sons of the Golden West; President of the Castroville Rotary; Festival Chairman for the Castroville Artichoke Festival; President of the Notre Dame High School Board; Commissioner for the Castroville Fire District; President of the Salinas Valley Builders Exchange; Chapter President of the Associated General Contractors; Finance Commission for the Monterey Finance Commission; Director for the Monterey County Private Industry Council; Director for the Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital Foundation; and as a member of the Advisory Committee for California Assemblyman Peter Frusetta.

Andy had a musical side and was a member of the Watsonville community, brass and German bands. He was the major fundraiser in getting the North Monterey County High School band to play at President Bill Clinton's Inaugural Celebration in Washington, D.C.

As a Rotarian, Andy organized a trip to the village of San Antonio Such, Guatemala, to work on a sewage water treatment system that was a threat to the health of the population due to the untreated sewage in the local streams. He returned to determine how the Rotary could best help the local people, and subsequently organized a literacy project. The project used Spanish books from California

schools that were distributed in Guatemala. During his tenure, Andy also made improvements to the infrastructures in other areas of South America and Italy.

Andy enriched his own community and communities around the world, with his ability to implement his practical talents through the medium of his larger vision of the world and its values. His work will be lasting, as will the lessons he taught every individual, whom he has inspired. Our deepest sympathies go to his family and those closest to Andy Ausonio.

PLUMBING STANDARDS
IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1999

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 8, 1999

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise to day to introduce the Plumbing Standards Improvement Act of 1999. This bill would begin to restore common sense to our government by repealing the ridiculous federal mandates on toilet size and showerhead flow, 1.6 gallons per flush and 2.5 gallons per minute, respectively.

In 1992, Congress considered and eventually passed the Energy Policy Act (EPA). At that time, a unique coalition of environmental activist and plumbing manufacturers joined forces to expand the size of our already bloated government and push for a national policy on, of all things, plumbing products. With the help of the U.S. Department of Energy, this coalition claimed it was essential to ban certain types of toilets and showerheads. Instead of allowing individuals to make their own choices, this group claimed the federal government should choose the types of plumbing fixtures Americans can use in their private and public bathrooms.

Since passage of the 1992 EPA, the voices in opposition to this policy have become loud and clear. I first became aware of the problems our national plumbing laws have created when I began to receive complaints from a variety of frustrated individuals. These discontented consumers, plumbers, remodelers, landlords, home builders, and others were upset their new, expensive toilets were repeatedly clogging and consistently required multiple flushes. Obviously, these new products were not saving water and therefore proved counterproductive to the original intent of the legislation.

To date, I have received thousands of calls, letters, and faxes from individuals all across the country, and the political spectrum, who support restoring common sense to our government and reducing the enormous burden placed on them by inefficient and needless government mandates. The message is clear, and often written on toilet paper: "Get the government out my bathroom!"

While support for ending these mandates has steadily grown, the importance of this issue has grown even further. Currently, the Department of Energy is considering a ban on top-loading washing machines as well as certain types of water heaters, fluorescent lamps, central air conditioners, and other common products used by American every day. In addition to providing relief for those suffering under plumbing fixture laws, we must pass this bill to