

what the game of golf was about. He knew that was what life was about. And if you ever walk one of his courses, you will see that his work reflected those truths.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my House colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Robert Trent Jones, Sr. and express our condolences to his two sons, Bobby and Rees and their families. Robert Trent Jones, Jr. and his wife, Clairborne, are distinguished members of my Congressional District and I consider them to be a part of my family as well.

THE JING LYMAN CIVIC
LEADERSHIP AWARD

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 23, 2000

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, members of the American Leadership Forum have come to Washington, DC this week to hold what they call a "gathering." ALF's senior fellows have come from around the nation to meet and reflect on the idea of civic engagement, develop projects to increase civic involvement and to announce the recipient of a prestigious award being given for the first time.

The award is called the Jing Lyman Civic Leadership Award. It is named after Jing Lyman, one of the most outstanding individuals I've ever had the privilege to know. She is a national treasure and one of America's great women.

Her contributions to our nation and its communities are numerous. Of particular note are her activities that reflect the values of the American Leadership Forum for which Jing has served as National Board Chair. In several organizations, Jing's role was creator and leader. She was the founder and board president of the National Organization for Women's Enterprise, Inc. She was a founding member and chair of the Women and Foundations organization. She was a founding member and executive committee member of the Stanford Midpeninsula Urban Coalition, and she was a founding member and the first director of the Midpeninsula Citizens for Fair Housing.

Mr. Speaker, the recipient of the American Leadership Forum's first Jing Lyman Award will be selected based on his or her substantial accomplishments in innovative community building and for building bridges beyond his or her own sphere or influence. Throughout her life, Jing Lyman has developed groundbreaking organizations in her community to connect women to the opportunities our society offers, and she has continually expanded her sphere of influence beyond Stanford University in order to build housing for the poor and disadvantaged throughout the community.

While working on these civic activities Jing Lyman has been an active member of the Stanford University community. She has been a steady and devoted partner to Stanford University's President Emeritus Richard Lyman. Together they have been an inspiration to thousands of Stanford students. They are my close friends and my frequent advisors.

Another great American woman, Eleanor Roosevelt, wrote, "Friends, you and me. You brought another friend. And then there were three. We started our group, our circle of

friends. And like that circle, there is no beginning or end." Jing Lyman's achievements have reflected this simple dynamic. She has not only accomplished a great deal, but she has gained innumerable friends and admirers along the way. The projects and organizations she has founded and advanced, will live long beyond ourselves.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to join me in extending our congratulations to Jing Lyman on the occasion of this inaugural award, and to convey the gratitude of the American people and their Congress for the extraordinary and lasting contributions she has made to our Nation.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD
SERVICES IN CONNECTICUT
CELEBRATES ITS 50TH YEAR!

HON. JAMES H. MALONEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 23, 2000

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to bring to the attention of the House of Representatives and the American people the celebration of an event, and the history of an activity, that has gone on now for fifty years. Today and tomorrow, June 22nd and 23rd, 2000, the American Red Cross Blood Services, Connecticut Region, is marking its fiftieth anniversary of blood collections in Connecticut.

In 1950, at the Danbury Teacher's College, now the campus of Western Connecticut State University, in my congressional district, the first efforts to collect blood in Connecticut began. During that year, about 10,000 pints of whole blood were taken using sterile glass bottles. In 1999, nearly 160,000 pints were collected using sterile plastic collection kits.

We have come a long way in advancing this very necessary program. Not only is the Red Cross to be congratulated for its efforts, but the people of Connecticut are to be commended for supporting the program and making the collections possible. The American Red Cross Blood Services continues to serve Connecticut's hospital Banking and Financial patients as the only provider of blood products to our state's 33 hospitals, as well as providing this and other forms of assistance in their disaster relief efforts.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Connecticut's 5th District and the state as a whole, I congratulate the American Red Cross, and in particular, the American Red Cross Blood Services, Connecticut Region, for their commitment to our area and for the wonderful service they provide to all of us on a daily basis.

A RUSH TO DEATH IS NEVER
NECESSARY

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 23, 2000

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, Gary Graham (Shaka Sankofa) was exterminated by the State of Texas yesterday, June 22, 2000. He was killed with a lethal injection despite that

fact that there are many reasons to doubt the guilty verdict which placed him on death row. Gary Graham clearly deserved more time alive to investigate fully all of the irregularities surrounding his trial. Since death is irreversible and human life is sacred, time should not have been rushed. The American people and their powerful State Governors should fully note recent developments which indicate that a large percentage of the people on death row are probably not guilty. Gross inadequacies in the criminal justice system are generating deadly mistakes. In my opinion there are too many people who approve of the death penalty as a just punishment for certain crimes. At the same time almost no American citizens approve of the execution of innocent victims. Gary Graham was the 222nd person executed in Texas since the state resumed capital punishment in 1982. He was the 135th person executed during the present Governor's tenure. Mr. Speaker, the Rap poem below summarizes this disgracefully sad situation.

CREDO OF THE EXECUTIONER

When in doubt
Just let them die
Ambitious Governors
Never cry
Witness eyes
Never lie
Bargain basement lawyers
Refuse to pry
Treat the truth
Like a spy
Voters yell for blood
Compassion is swept away
In a primitive flood
Savages satisfied
Delighted that so many
In great Texas
Have already died
When in doubt
Kill them first
Then publicly pray
Moral indignation
Soon fades away.

RECOGNIZING THE CHINATOWN
HEALTH CLINIC

HON. NYDIA M. VELAZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 23, 2000

Ms. VELAZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great honor to recognize the achievements of an outstanding organization that provides excellent services in New York's 12th Congressional District. The Chinatown Health Clinic (CHC), located in the Lower East Side of Manhattan, was selected as one of the winners of this year's "Models That Work" competition sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, for their Primary Care Mental Health Bridge Program (PCMH).

The Chinatown Health Clinic is a non-profit, community based health care facility established in 1971 to provide health care services to the New York City Asian community. CHC provide access to quality and culturally sensitive health care and health education services. It advocates on behalf of the Asian community who, due to cultural, language, education or financial barriers, may not have access to basic health care services or health education activities.

The Bridge Program was created by the Chinatown Health Clinic in response to the

significant barriers to delivering mental health to the Asian American community. CHC has a 27 year history of providing bilingual and bicultural outpatient primary cares services and it contributes to the Bridge Program by conducting educational outreach activities in the community about mental health, substance abuse, and providing concrete services to patients who may need financial assistance or social services.

As you can see, the recognition made to the Bridge Program by the Department of Health and Human Services is indeed well deserved. I commend the Chinatown Health Clinic for its hard work and continuous commitment with the Asian community and would like to personally congratulate them on this significant achievement.

HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY TO
DANIEL AND BERNITA O'CONNER

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 23, 2000

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, throughout our lives we receive countless blessings and among these, the greatest gift is that of love. Today, I am proud to be able to pay tribute to two people who have cherished this gift and demonstrated their love and devotion to one another each and every day over the past fifty years.

On June 24th, two extraordinary people, Daniel and Bernita O'Conner are celebrating their golden wedding anniversary. Together with their children Patrick, Daniel and Erin, their grandchildren Danielle, Caitlin and Meaghan, and a number of friends that their years of work and community involvement have brought them, they will celebrate this most special of days.

After meeting at Sacred Heart Church in Kawkawlin, Michigan, these two young people soon fell in love. They were married on June 24, 1950 in Essexville, Michigan, and ever since that day, Daniel and Bernita have shared a wonderful life together. They have found happiness as lifelong companions. As nurturing parents, tireless workers, selfless community leaders and lifelong Democrats, the O'Connors truly represent all that is right in this country.

Daniel and Bernita are not only dedicated to each other and their family, but they are also dedicated to their church. They have always been active in the Catholic Church, including several parishes in my district. Holy Trinity in Bay City, St. John the Evangelist in Essexville and Sacred Heart in Kawkawlin, have been fortunate to have the O'Connors as members. Their commitment to their faith and strong family values makes them excellent role models for everyone who crosses their paths.

Mr. Speaker, in these days of disintegrating families, it is reassuring to see a strong, stable marriage built on love, respect and trust. Their lives together have been a blessing to each other, and an inspiration for those of us fortunate enough to know them. I urge you and all of our colleagues to join me in wishing Daniel and Bernita O'Conner the happiest of anniversaries, on this their fiftieth, and many more to come. May God's continued blessing be upon them and their beautiful family.

TRIBUTE TO STATE SENATOR
ROBERT LAMUTT'S WORK ON E-
SIGNATURE LEGISLATION

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 23, 2000

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to honor a leader from the Seventh District of Georgia State Senator Robert Lamutt. Senator Lamutt is a true leader in providing state regulations on electronic commerce, commonly known as "e-commerce."

The Internet has experienced phenomenal growth since its inception. It has become a tool with which millions daily access more information than in any single library, communicate with friends, or purchase goods from retailers located all over the world. As e-commerce continues to boom, it has become imperative to enact federal and state legislation that will enable, enhance, and protect future Internet users.

The greatest barrier to regulating electronic transactions has been the lack of consistent rules governing the use of electronic signatures ("e-signatures"). For the past two years, the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Law, an organization comprised of e-commerce experts, has been working to develop a uniform system for the use of e-signatures for all 50 states. Their product, the Uniform Electronic Transaction Act, is in the final stages of review. When the UETA is completed, it will be used by state legislatures to enact the legislation and establish the uniformity necessary for the interstate use of e-signatures.

As a Georgian, I am proud these new standards were in part crafted from Georgia Senate Bill 62, signed into law by our Governor on April 19, 2000. This legislation grants "e-transactions" the legitimacy of traditional, paper-based transactions. Senator Robert Lamutt, R-Marietta, was the bill's primary sponsor. Senator Lamutt's insight and understanding helped define one of the more difficult aspects of the bill. Instead of focusing on limiting the scope of competitive solutions, the Georgia bill looked at defining e-signatures from a minimalist perspective. The language clarifies that just because something is done electronically, it is still legally binding. It was this "real" solution to a complex issue that enabled the UETA drafting committee to move toward its final draft.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Georgia Senator Lamutt's pioneering work on this issue. He is a tremendous asset to Marietta, the State of Georgia and indeed, the nation. I am most proud of his approach in creating greater uniformity in electronic transactions, electronic records and electronic signatures. This insight will inevitably lead to greater, legally binding e-commerce, and will help us in the Congress as we endeavor to develop federal legislation regarding this important aspect of interstate commerce, and as H.R. 1714, the e-signature bill passed by the House on June 14, 2000, moves forward.

REAL SOLUTIONS TO VIOLENT
CRIME

HON. DAVE WELDON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 23, 2000

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, the immediate reaction of the advocates of additional gun control to violence we see in our communities is to call for new, more restrictive gun controls on law-abiding Americans. The American people are smarter than that. In fact recent survey's have shown that the American people don't believe additional gun control laws passed by the Congress will reduce crime. The American people know that criminals, by definition, are not law abiding citizens. Criminals are law-breakers and if they are not willing to abide by laws against murder and robbery, they are not going to comply with a new law that would require that they go down to the local police station and register their firearms. To believe that they would do such a thing is lunacy.

Mr. Speaker, the solution to our problems is two part. To address the near-term problem of violent crime we need to lock up criminals, including those who use guns in the commission of a crime. Examples of where this has been initiated in various states shows that this works. Second, we need to emphasize in our society that life has value, that life is not expendable.

Many Americans may recall just a few months ago, the stand-off between police and Joseph C. Palczynski, the Maryland man who killed four people and held three others hostage in Baltimore this past March. Let's take a look at this guy's criminal record, and ask whether or not this man should have been out on the streets. (According to Wash Times)

In 1988 he was convicted of battery and sentenced to two years probation. In 1989, he assaulted a 16 year-old girl and was subsequently sentenced to four years in jail. However, he was somehow let out and in 1991 he beat up his girlfriend, while she attended high school. In 1992, following another domestic violence complaint by a girlfriend, and after holding police at bay for 16 hours, he was arrested on two outstanding warrants including a weapons violation charge. In 1995 he received a 10 year suspended sentence for the battery of another girlfriend's father.

On March 4, 2000, he was arrested on assault charges in a domestic-violence incident and released the next day on a \$7,500 bond. Just 2 days later, on March 7, he murdered three people with a gun bought by a friend and on March 8 murdered another person. On March 17-21, he held police at bay while holding a family hostage.

AL GORE and his liberal friends in Congress have a solution to prevent this crime in the future: gun registration.

The American people are not stupid. They recognize this as an opportunist's attempt to exploit this situation to advance their anti-Second Amendment agenda. Their solution has no relation to the crime and is no solution.

Common sense says this guy should never have been out on the streets. The real solution is to ensure that these types of criminals are kept behind bars, not impose new restrictions on the Second Amendment rights of law abiding citizens.