

Emergency Evaluation Committee, director of the Ohio State Employment Relations Board and Cuyahoga County personnel director.

Furthermore, Mr. Denihan is serving on the advisory boards of the Levin College's Local Officials Leadership Academy and Public Works Management Program.

Mr. Speaker, I know that my colleagues will join me in honoring Mr. Denihan's tremendous career and wish him healthy and productive continuation of his career.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE COMPLETION OF THE HUMAN GENOME PROJECT

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 26, 2000

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the tremendous accomplishment of our world's scientific community under the leadership of the United States' private and public research resources at their completion of the historic Human Genome Project's mapping of human Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA).

The complete map of human DNA, which is a collection of 100,000 genes, marks the beginning of a new era for mankind. This momentous day may seem ordinary to those who do not know what the world was like without the wheel, penicillin, electric light bulb, radio, television, or computers. Because of the work done by the laboratories and researchers primarily in this country in conjunction with partners in other nations have completed the diagram for the human body's operating instructions.

Today, when the sun rose in the East the world was fundamentally no different than it had been from the start of the previous century. However, at the setting of the sun in the West, the world now has bold new horizons in human health improvements and medical breakthroughs, because of the President' announcement that the Human Genome Project had assembled a working draft of the sequence of the human genome.

Today's announcement means that 97% of the human genome is now known, which precedes the process of finding out what are proper and improper arrangements of DNA links for health persons. We know that keys to cures of dreaded human illnesses such as cancer, diabetes, and degenerative brain disorders reside in the DNA of human beings. However, along with the crippling physical debilitating conditions caused by spinal cord injury and brain trauma can now at long last not be seen as an end to promising lives.

I would like to make special mention of the contributions of Dr. Richard A. Gribbs and his colleagues at the Human Genome Project at the Baylor College of Medicine Human Genome Sequencing Center, located in the City of Houston, Texas. Through their collaborative work with hundreds of other researchers around the country the meticulous process was begun that created by concatenation cDNA sequencing the blueprint for human DNA. The blueprints for human DNA. The blueprints were reproduced in the form of clones that could represent segments of human DNA to create maps. After the study of

sections of DNA the process has begun to understand how each of us is different. The critical questions of survival and death can be found in those links, which form human DNA.

More than anything else today's announcement gives each of us hopes that our children's tomorrow will be brighter than all of our yesterday's. We must be sure that we legislate the proper application of the medical achievements, which come from this effort, which must also remain within the reach of the poor of our nation. This goal should be a centerpiece of the continued federal support of the Human Genome Project and spin off medical technologies.

Therefore, I encourage my colleagues to join me in celebrating a momentous accomplishment and offering well wishes for the work, which must follow.

SUPERINTENDENT LARRY WILE

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 26, 2000

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to come today before this House and the American people to formally recognize and honor Superintendent Larry Wile of the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency for his 40 year dedication to educating Michigan's children. He has been a friend of mine and a steady friend of education. He has always had the interests of the students first.

Superintendent Wile began his career as a teacher and administrator in the Climax-Scotts Schools, a community in my district. This June, after 40 years of service, he will retire as Superintendent of the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency.

Larry Wile has had a distinguished professional life. He served as an administrator in Michigan's Comstock Public Schools. For twenty-eight years, he has served southwest Michigan first as the Assistant Superintendent and then Superintendent of the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency.

Mr. Speaker, I'm here to acknowledge Superintendent Wile as a brilliant example for many young Michiganders. Throughout his service, Larry Wile has exemplified leadership, perseverance, and above all, hopefulness for the future of our great country.

In addition to serving as an educator, Larry Wile has also served as the Chairman of three notable organizations: the State Association of Intermediate School District Administrators, the Regional Principal's Organization, and the Kalamazoo County School Officers Association. He continued his tradition of excellence as a member of the Kalamazoo County Chamber of Commerce Legislative Committee. Superintendent Wile personifies what it means to be a true public servant in today's society. For forty years, and indeed, his entire life, Larry Wile has shown a concern and a proactive attitude in regard to his community, a passion for instilling ethics and knowledge into his students, and ultimately, a love for his family.

Mr. Speaker, I believe I speak for every member of this Congress and all those who have been touched by Superintendent Wile's care and intellect when I extend to his wife Rosie, his children and grandchildren our congratulations and best wishes for a retirement

filled with happiness and productivity. I now respectfully ask you to make these remarks a part of the permanent record of the Congress in order to ensure that future generations of educators, students, and the American public have the opportunity to be inspired by the contributions of Superintendent Larry Wile of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND
MONSIGNOR CLYDE HOLTMAN

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 26, 2000

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to the Rev. Msgr. Clyde Holtman on the occasion of his retirement. The Reverend Holtman was born in Westphalia, Texas. He was also baptized, made his First Communion, was confirmed, was ordained to the priesthood May 15, 1949, and offered his first Mass in the Church of the Visitation in that same community.

Msgr. Holtman has served in eleven parishes in the Austin Diocese for over 50 years. He has also served as Dean of the LaGrange Deanery, Judge of the Marriage Tribunal, Diocesan Resettlement Director, Diocesan Consultant and President of the Infirm Priest's Fund.

On May 30, 1985, Msgr. Holtman was invested as a Prelate of Honor in the Church by Pope John Paul II.

Msgr. Holtman has touched thousands of lives in the central Texas area. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Reverend Holtman on his retirement.

HONORING ROY AND JUDY
TRIVETT

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 26, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with personal privilege that I enter this tribute in acknowledgment of Roy and Judy Trivett, great Americans and superb business leaders.

The Trivetts' family business was recognized by the Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce as the Small Business of the Year. The Trivetts were recognized for their tireless efforts developing a successful electrical business. In 1994, the Trivetts started Royal Electrical from one room in their home. Today, Royal Electrical is a successful business with 23 employees and \$1.5 million in gross revenues.

The depth of this family goes far beyond the business community. They have been equally active in trade and community organizations. Their company, in conjunction with Electrical Contractors, Inc., provides training for select employees, and they also work with Pueblo Community College providing various other types of training.

In addition, Roy is also the current President of the Rock Mountain chapter of the Electrical Apparatus Service Association, and both the Trivetts are active leaders in the Trinity Lutheran Church and serve on the board of the Rare Breed Foundation.

The people of Colorado have every right to be proud of the Trivetts. On behalf of the people of Colorado, I thank you both, Roy and Judy, for your hard work and service to the Pueblo community. We are all very proud of you.

IN HONOR OF KENNETH E. BROWN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 26, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kenneth E. Brown, a distinguished Ohio entrepreneur a former recipient of the Northern Ohio Live 1999 Award of Achievement for Neighborhood Revitalization.

Since graduating from the Levin College of Urban Affairs in 1989, Kenneth B. Brown founded Progressive Urbana Real Estate. As the broker and president of this self-financed enterprise, he transformed the one-person storefront in Tremont to a 21-agent, six-person staff in a renovated, company-owned building in Ohio City.

Kenneth Brown is being honored with the Alumni Special Achievement Award for his dedication and collaborative work in the Tremont Ridge Project. This undertaking uses the grid of the original 20-foot-wide housing lots plotted just after the Civil War to maintain the historic pedestrian nature of the neighborhood.

there are now 39 homes completed—bungalows and colonials priced between \$130,000 and \$150,000 and featuring elegant 10-foot ceilings, loft balconies, hardwood floors, fireplaces, two-story living rooms, above-ground English-style basements, and rooftop decks. When completed, Tremont Ridge will total 60 units, including townhouses and scattered sites. Kenneth Brown's commitment not only beautifies the city, but also allows neighborhoods to benefit from the project, with homeowners able to apply for interest-free loans to rehabilitates their own homes.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring Kenneth E. Brown for his service to the community in maintaining a beautiful historical site.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 26, 2000

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, due to a family health emergency in Los Angeles, I was not present during the House's consideration of the VA, HUD and Independent Agencies Appropriations Bill, last week. However, I was recorded as voting on an amendment to this bill offered by Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. The mistake was fortunately caught by the diligent staff of the Minority Leader. Nevertheless, members should be aware that although the digital voting system used by the House of Representatives is very reliable, it is not perfect. I have been assured by both the Chairman of the Committee on House Administration and the Clerk's Office that they are thoroughly investigating the incident and that it

does appear to be a true statistical anomaly which is unlikely to occur again. I would like to thank the Chairman and the office of the Clerk for their quick attention to this matter as well as the staff of the Minority leader, who first discovered this error and brought it to the attention of the Clerk. Finally, while I was mistakenly recorded as voting "aye" on the amendment, had I been present, I would have voted "nay".

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT A. BORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 21, 2000

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4635) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Chairman, I rise to support the Hinchey-Waxman amendment and to express my opposition to the anti-environment provisions contained in the bill and its report.

Mr. Chairman, it seems as though we go down this road every year—fighting riders and report language designed specifically to stop the Environmental Protection Agency from advancing the protection of human health and the environment.

Just a few short weeks ago, the Majority claimed to have adopted a policy of no anti-environmental riders in appropriations bills. Unfortunately for human health and the environment, this is not the case. Instead, the Majority has determined to place anti-environmental provisions in the Committee Report. This amendment is necessary to undo that harm.

Mr. Chairman, I am particularly concerned that the report accompanying this bill would prohibit EPA from removing contaminated sediments from rivers and lakes, even where such removal has been thoroughly studied and is the correct response. Contaminated sediments pose huge risks to human health and the environment.

Mr. Chairman, we all know that there are two sites that drive this issue every year—the Hudson River and Fox River—which are both heavily contaminated with PCBs.

This broad language will stop or delay cleanups not only at these two sites, but also at 26 other sites in 15 states. It is time to stop interfering with EPA protecting human health and the environment, and support the Hinchey-Waxman amendment.

Mr. Chairman, I also am deeply troubled by language in the bill that would prevent EPA from spending any money to advance the process of developing and implementing the program for Total Maximum Daily Loads, or TMDLs.

The TMDL program is the final phase of the Clean Water Act. It is the mechanism by

which we will fulfill the promise made to the American public in 1972 to make the Nation's waters fishable and swimmable.

The opposition to the TMDL rule is badly misguided and fueled by an unwillingness to achieve water quality in a fair and timely manner. The TMDL process is the most effective, most rational, and most defensible way to achieve water quality. Let me describe it.

First, states identify those waters where the water quality standards that the states developed are not being met.

Second, states identify the pollutants that are causing the water quality impairment.

Third, states identify the sources of those pollutants.

Finally, states assign responsibility for reducing those pollutants so that the waters can meet the uses that the states have established.

We have made great improvements in water quality through the treatment of municipal waste and industrial discharges. But these point sources are no longer the greatest source of impairment. Nationally, the greatest problem is nonpoint sources, and now, nearly 30 years after the Clean Water Act, it is time for the states to get all sources of pollution to be part of the solution.

Mr. Chairman, while the TMDL process may be complicated in its execution, it is the most fair and efficient way to clean up the Nation's waters. The TMDL rule is not a perfect rule. Many have criticized it, including some in the environmental community. However, the majority of the environmental community supports going forward. The Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies supports going forward. I am attaching letters that demonstrate this support. I hope that EPA does in fact move forward, and that the harmful language in the bill is eliminated.

Mr. Chairman, I urge support for the Hinchey-Waxman amendment and submit the following communications for the RECORD.

JUNE 19, 2000,

U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE. On behalf of the organizations listed below, we are writing to you in strong opposition to an anti-environmental rider on the FY 2001 VA-HUD appropriations bill regarding the Clean Water Act's TMDL program, which may go to the House floor as early as today. Our organizations have consistently opposed all anti-environmental riders, and we urge you to oppose this and other such anti-environmental riders on appropriations bills this year.

The section of the VA-HUD Sub-Committee report, under EPA-Environmental Programs and Management, attempts to use a rider to interfere with EPA's rulemaking process and guidance on the Clean Water Act. Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) are part of the Clean Water Act's strategy for attaining and maintaining water quality standards in polluted waters. They require that states identify all sources of pollution that impair the uses of waterbodies, such as drinking, swimming or aquatic habitat. Once identified, the TMDL process is a way to ensure that responsibility for reducing the pollution is fairly allocated. The conservation community considers this rider an attack on a key opportunity under the Clean Water Act to clean up our nation's waterways. Furthermore, we have serious concerns about Congress' interference with the rulemaking process with a rider.

Moreover, Committee report language encourages EPA to revoke a Clean Water Act guidance document issued by the agency's