

U.S. Human Rights Policy and totally unacceptable. In addition to encouraging condemnation by national and world public opinion it is vitally necessary that our government examine its relationship with the Polish government to determine ways to accelerate a just settlement of this sordid victimization. It must be noted that in both Switzerland and Germany, recent steps have been taken to establish large funds for labor and bank deposit claims. Private property claims are not only more easily validated; tradition also considers property rights as almost sacred. World opinion and all Democratic governments must act vigorously to uphold the rights of Polish Jews.

RECOGNITION OF MARY TURNER'S 40 YEARS' SERVICE TO THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2000

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize a very special humanitarian and volunteer in my congressional district, Mary Turner of Dothan, Alabama.

Mary Turner recently celebrated a remarkable four decades of service to Southeast Alabama as an employee of the Wiregrass Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Mary started to work as a secretary with the Red Cross on May 30, 1960. In January 1979, Mary became Chapter Manager, serving Houston, Henry, Dale and Geneva counties.

Since its inception some 83 years ago, the Wiregrass Chapter of the American Red Cross, has faithfully provided the community with disaster services, health and safety programs, services to the Armed Forces, support of the blood services program, Project Share, and many other outreach efforts. And for nearly half of its history, Mary has played an important role in supporting many of these local Red Cross programs.

Additionally, Mary has been active in and a member of many local, regional and state social and human service organizations, including the Governor's Conference on Volunteerism.

A kidney transplant and coronary by-pass surgery have not diminished Mary's dedication to serve others. She is presently active as a member of the Zonta Club of Dothan, the Association of Service Agencies, the Transplant Support Group, and Highland Park Methodist Church.

I wish to extend my best wishes to Mary and my personal thanks for her efforts to better the lives of so many. America is greater because of its volunteers and the work of people like Mary Turner who help to rebuild and strengthen our communities and restore and enrich our lives.

IN SUPPORT OF REAUTHORIZING PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AD- MINISTRATION

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2000

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleagues, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. CAPPS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. STRICKLAND, Ms. DEGETTE, and others as original cosponsors of legislation to reauthorize programs administered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Established by Congress in 1992, SAMHSA has built on Federal-State partnerships with communities and private organizations to provide a safety net of services for individuals and families with substance abuse problems and mental illness. In 1995, the last year for which statistics are available, drugs and alcohol cost the American public \$276 billion in unnecessary healthcare costs, extra law enforcement, auto accidents, crime, and lost productivity. The bill introduced today recognizes the challenges of SAMHSA's comprehensive mission and builds upon its successful programs with over a dozen new provisions, a number of which include prevention initiatives that target risk factors contributing to substance abuse and mental illness.

An important aspect of this bill is its extension of the Secretary's flexibility and authority to create programs of regional and national significance in the areas of substance abuse prevention and treatment, and mental health services. This bill affords the Secretary new opportunities to respond to changing societal trends and tomorrow's needs through knowledge development grants, enhancing expertise of service providers, and implementation of regionally sensitive, community-specific programs on an as needed basis.

This bill also places a special emphasis on programs for our Nation's young people, aimed specifically at fostering a generation of drug and alcohol-free youth. This past December, when HHS released its annual report of illicit drug use among teenagers, "Monitoring the Future," we learned that overall marijuana and other illicit drug use among 8th, 10th and 12th graders had leveled off; but, decreases in crack cocaine use among 8th and 10th graders were offset by increases in the use of ecstasy among 10th and 12th graders, and steroid use among 8th and 10th graders. This is not good enough for America's next generation. Therefore, this bill provides funding to: strengthen families; prevent underage drinking; deter methamphetamine and inhalant abuse, particularly by adolescents; create developmentally appropriate early intervention and substance abuse treatment programs; help young people cope with exposure to violence; and permit re-entry into society from the juvenile justice system with appropriate wrap-around services (aftercare and mental health counseling) in place. These are model programs of which we can all be proud. The bill also improves coordination of services to children of substance abusers and provides new help for children and adults with fetal alcohol syndrome.

According to SAMHSA's 1998 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Statistics Source

Book, of the 52 million Americans between the ages of 15 and 54 who experience a substance abuse or mental health problem, 8 million, or more than one in seven, have both a mental health and an addiction problem. This represents nearly 5 percent of all Americans in this age group. The bill introduced today acknowledges the common co-occurrence of these conditions by establishing best practices for treatment strategies, and by significantly expanding and improving access to those services for both individuals and families.

SAMHSA has been the payer-of-last-resort for millions of Americans with mental health and substance abuse problems. Disorders of the brain are perhaps the most complex challenges we face. While stigmatizing, they are treatable and often preventable. This bill identifies and addresses the broad range of issues contributing to the complex concerns of substance abuse and mental illness. It creates new Centers of Excellence which will lead by example and represents a major step forward for America by providing compassionate and responsible solutions.

IN MEMORY OF MAYOR HUGH MARTIN CURRIN

HON. EVA M. CLAYTON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2000

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, July 15, 2000, Mayor Hugh Martin Currin, of Oxford, North Carolina, left this life. He was laid to rest today, after serving a total of 25 years as Mayor of Oxford, over a period which spanned 50 years. He spent almost a third of his life as Mayor. At age 78, he died at his home and has now been called to rest and to reside in a place of total peace.

Mayor Currin was first elected to that position in 1949, after having graduated from Oxford High School, Wake Forest College and Wake Forest Law School. This son of a tobacco farmer served as a Naval Officer during World War II. Over the years, in addition to Mayor, he served in various public positions. He was known for his ability to work with all people. The late Floyd McKissick, Sr., himself an attorney in Oxford, once said of Mayor Currin, that he was a "man of vision." He said the Mayor, "had the nature and capacity to treat a man fairly. He converted Christianity to the political arena." Indeed, despite his many activities and responsibilities, he still found time to teach Sunday School class for more than 40 years.

His years of service were perhaps captured best, in his own words. He said, "The City of Oxford has improved, not because of me or the commissioners, but because the people in this Town cared, and still do." Then, he added, "That's why Oxford has come so far—the people."

Mayor Currin was a devoted husband and loving father, whose son, also a lawyer, practiced with him in Oxford for many years. I know his wife, Doris; his son, Hugh Martin, Jr.; his daughter, Patricia Currin Mangum; and his two granddaughters will miss him dearly. All who knew him were touched by his humility, strength of character and faith in God. He was loved and well respected.

God's finger has gently touched Mayor Currin, and he now sleeps. I am confident that

he has left a lasting impression on those who came to know him, and the principles that guided him will now serve as guideposts for those he leaves behind. He shall surely be missed. I feel certain, however, that he would want all of us to rejoice in his life and the time he spent on this earth.

ALEXIS DEVIN BLACK RECOGNIZED FOR SPECIAL PRAYER

HON. J.C. WATTS, JR.

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2000

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the outstanding accomplishments of one of my younger constituents, Alexis Devin Black. Miss Black was recently selected as the Grand Prize Winner of the "My Prayer for America" contest conducted by KQCV, a Christian radio station in Oklahoma City. I would like to draw my colleagues' attention to this 13-year-old's eloquent prose, My Prayer for America, which outlines the characteristics that many hope our future America will acquire. Miss Black's special prayer follows:

MY PRAYER FOR AMERICA
(BY ALEXIS DEVIN BLACK)

Dear God,
My prayer for America comes from younger lips, but it speaks the truth of experience. I pray countless things for America, but above all I pray America come back to its forefather's beliefs. America's history speaks many things, but one that was spoken so clearly from the beginning was You. I pray that America will look at America and stop trying to save a world from problems that arise from some of its own influences.

My prayer for America comes from sighted eyes, but it has looked through blind ones. I pray America will realize that all people are truly created equal and though some may be different, that does not make them a lesser person. I pray that one day a disability can be ignored and a person recognized.

My prayer for America comes from a stable home, but it can easily recognize a broken one. America has created a chicken exit for those who cannot handle marriage. They call it divorce. I pray that even if couples only "stay together for the kids" that they will stay together, not just for their children, but for You.

My prayer for America is one of hope, but it knows degeneration. America has degenerated in every possible and driven God away, therefore falling into its present state. I pray we will, as Americans, take responsibility for our actions and stop blaming our country. For a country can be no stronger, or righteous than its citizens. Amen

TWA FLIGHT 800

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2000

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the families of those passengers killed in TWA Flight 800. It has been four years since the Boeing 747 exploded over the ocean, 10 miles from Smith Point Park in Long Island,

killing all 229 passengers and crew. Yesterday, the families of those aboard came together on the anniversary of the July 17, 1996, crash to remember their loved ones and to break ground on the memorial that will honor the memory of all those who were lost on that fateful night four years ago.

The memorial will have the names of all 229 people killed on Flight 800 chiseled into a curving slab of black granite, the centerpiece of a 2-acre garden that is scheduled for completion on the fifth anniversary of the crash one year from now. The memorial will provide a place for the families of the victims to go and pay tribute to their loved ones.

These families will always remember the day the jet burst into flames at about 8:45 p.m. and then plummeted into the dark waters. What ensued was a massive search over five square miles of debris in the open ocean. Hours later, the Coast Guard and rescue workers began the sad, sad task of turning their rescue mission into a recovery mission.

While the cause of the crash remains uncertain, the end result is still the same. Families that were once happy and complete still experience a deep sense of loss that endures. Life will continue for the parents, husbands, wives and children of those lost and though the years will pass, these families will never again be whole.

On this anniversary of TWA Flight 800, I encourage everyone to pause and remember the victims and their families. Remember those who waited so many hours only to learn that there was no hope for survivors. These are the people that struggle to make it through every day without those who were lost. For most of us, the events of that day have begun to fade into vague memory. For the families devastated by this tragedy, the memories will be forever vivid and full of pain. Let us take this day to rededicate ourselves to the memory of those lost on this day in 1996.

A TRIBUTE TO THE PHILLIP
WHITE FAMILY REUNION

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2000

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a proud example of American family values, the Phillip White Family Reunion.

Phillip White, Sr., was born a South Carolina slave in 1810. By 1870, he and his wife Elizabeth had established roots in Newnan, Corveta County, Georgia. They gave birth to four children during slavery, and one other child four years after the end of the civil war. Amazingly, they kept their family group together while enduring that most evil of institutions. Their model of love of family endures to this day.

Since that time, the Phillip White Family has established itself in many states in this great nation, including Maryland, Michigan, Georgia, Ohio, California, Connecticut, New York, and especially in my own District in Philadelphia.

Mr. Speaker, the Phillip White Family began holding its reunions on the fourth Sunday in July in the early 1900's in Monroe, Georgia. In 1969, these family meetings evolved into today's Phillip White Family Reunion.

Each year, the reunion is held in a different city. Fittingly, the first White Family Reunion of the new millennium will be held in America's First City, my own Philadelphia. I am proud to welcome this great family to our fine city and I invite all my colleagues to join me in honoring them today.

MARGARET M. GENERALI K-5
SCHOOL

HON. JAMES H. MALONEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 2000

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker and my distinguished colleagues, I ask that you join me today in recognizing the achievements of a group of youngsters from the Margaret M. Generali K-5 School in Waterbury, Connecticut. The students, along with their student council advisor, Mrs. Laura Dunlap, succeeded in raising over \$1,500 for the National World War II Memorial.

Mrs. Dunlap and the schools' student council members worked for two months at their fundraising campaign, including \$1,000 raised standing outside a local grocery store. Moreover, the students did not merely rely on adults to donate money; \$563 was given to the fundraising effort by their fellow classmates from Generali School.

At a time when young people are often tempted in harmful directions, it is especially important to acknowledge and reward positive efforts made by our newest generation. The students of Margaret M. Generali K-5 School are the very youngest in our public school system. Yet, through their fundraising, they have demonstrated an understanding and patriotism that is a credit to any age group.

These youngsters clearly recognize the contributions of the millions of men and women who fought and died in a war fifty years before they were born. They decided to make it their goal to help build a memorial honoring those courageous heroes of World War II.

On behalf of the House of Representatives and World War II Veterans and their families throughout our great nation, I want to thank the students of the Margaret M. Generali K-5 School for their hard work, their commitment, and their patriotism. It is gratifying to know that these industrious, bright, young Americans will be the ones leading America in the future.

AIMEE'S LAW

SPEECH OF

HON. MATT SALMON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2000

Mr. SALMON. Mr. Speaker, the amended version of H.R. 894, which we are considering today does not include the section in the original bill that provided compensation to the victims of the crimes covered under this bill. This section, which would have transferred \$100,000 to each victim of these crimes, was removed from the legislation over a year ago. In fact, the version of Aimee's Law that the House passed by a vote of 412 to 15 on June