

root of the problems? We need to change the hearts of men, to start loving their neighbors and the neighbor's children as themselves. What's sad is, it doesn't cost one red cent. In fact it will save us money. My plea to you people today, is put all politics and religions aside and start living life like my little daughter Ashley did, by laying down her life for her sisters. It might cost you your life, but that should be easy to do, you already have an example in my daughter. Do whatever it takes to protect your family and friends. I know the only way she knew to do that was by example, starting with her love for Jesus, she learned at Sunday school. The next example was her mom and dad, who led her and were there for her, instead of chasing their desires. Because with me and my wife, we were raised and taught the same way, I wouldn't trade it for anything, because if I did, I wouldn't be here feeling like the proud father that I am, of all my children. I know without a shadow of doubt where my children are today, and only God knows where the murderer is. Please remember if you don't do as Ashley lived and did in her actions you might never see them again, and it hurts me to know that for you, their little lives might be in vain. I just want to say that for me, John William and Ashley Danielle Carpenter's lives weren't in vain. I will always keep you close to my heart John and Ashley in this life, but I guarantee you, I'll see you in heaven. Love you always and forever. Your Daddy & Buddy.

CELEBRATING HENRY BERMAN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2000

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, ten years ago, I had the privilege of standing on this floor to wish my dear friend, Henry Berman, a happy birthday. It is with great pleasure that I rise today, on the occasion of his 90th birthday, to pay tribute again to this wonderful San Franciscan.

Henry Berman continues to be a leader in San Francisco. He serves with distinction on the San Francisco Airport Commission and is the former chair of the San Francisco Fire Commission. He serves on the Executive Committee of the Anti-Defamation League and on the Board of Directors of the Northern California American Israel Political Affairs Committee. Henry continues his work with Glide Methodist Church on the annual fundraising event he helped to create, and he sits on the Board of Directors of the Fromm Institute for Lifelong Learning.

Henry Berman, however, is more than the sum of his affiliations. He is an extraordinary man whose energy and enthusiasm for life are contagious. His commitment to the poor, the marginalized, and those in great need is an inspiration to us all, and I am honored to count him among my friends.

I join his wife, Sally, his sons, Ronald and Robert, and all of his family and friends in wishing Henry a happy 90th birthday. Congratulations, Henry.

HONORING THE LATE OSCAR MAUZY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2000

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to former Texas State Senator and Supreme Court Justice Oscar Mauzy. He passed away on Tuesday, October 10, at the age of 73.

Justice Mauzy was my immediate predecessor in the Texas Senate from Senate District 23. He represented this District from 1967 until his election to the State Supreme Court in 1986. During his service in the legislature, Senator Mauzy served as the chairman of the Senate Education Committee, where he led efforts to improve education and to secure greater funding for education in poorer school districts. A labor lawyer by training, Senator Mauzy was also active in the areas of judicial reform, consumer protection, and workers' compensation. Later in his legislative career, Senator Mauzy served as Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, where he authored legislation to make jury selection uniform throughout the state and finally allow women to serve as jurors.

Justice Mauzy's dedication to education for our children continued during his six-year term in the Texas Supreme Court. He was the driving force behind a 9-0 decision that declared the state's school funding system inequitable. That decision led to enactment of a law to require wealthier school districts to share funds with lower-income districts.

I am deeply saddened that Texas has lost a public servant who dedicated more than a quarter century in service to his fellow Texans. I ask the House to join me in remembrance of Justice Mauzy, a true champion for working men and women and schoolchildren in my state.

SANTIAGO JIMENEZ RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS MUSICIAN AWARD

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2000

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Santiago Jimenez of San Antonio, Texas, who is being recognized for his accomplishments as a singer and accordion player by the National Endowment for the Arts. The National Heritage Fellowship is an award given to a select group of people, reflecting the diverse heritage and cultural tradition that have become a part of our society.

Local artists are nominated by a member of the community, in recognition of the artist's excellence in a particular area. Each year only a select group of these artists are honored. The National Endowment for the Arts has awarded only slightly more than 222 National Heritage Awards.

Mr. Jimenez plays a style of music known as conjunto, which has both German and Mexican roots. His music interest began when his father would take him to hear German polka bands in New Braunfels, Texas. At the age of 15, he began performing professionally

at weddings, clubs and traditional community settings. Following his father's example he developed creatively and incorporated a wider audience. In 1958, at the age of 17, with his brother he recorded *El Principe y el Rey del Acordeon*. Since then, he has made 60 recordings of more than 700 pieces of music on several different labels.

He started Chief Records, his own label, in order to give younger musicians the opportunity to have their music heard. He works to help others in an industry that he has experienced barriers to entry. Mr. Jimenez has toured throughout the US, Europe and South America to bring the world of conjunto music to millions.

I join the City of San Antonio and the National Endowment for the Arts in recognizing Santiago Jimenez on his accomplishment as a recipient of the National Heritage Fellowship award.

TRIBUTE TO MARGARET TOWSON

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 12, 2000

Mrs. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional individual and friend to the State of Missouri. This year, after 56 years of service to the citizens of Missouri, Margaret Towson will celebrate her retirement from her historic post at the Missouri State Senate in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Margaret Towson started in the Secretary of the Senate Office in 1949. During her tenure she witnessed twenty-six General Assemblies for the equivalent of almost fifty-two years. She then served as the distinguished Assistant Secretary of the Senate, whose duties, in addition to functioning as secretary and receptionist, included tallying and filing roll calls, maintaining good public relations with legislators and lobbyists, remaining in the office each day until adjournment, and addressing any challenge or task which required her assistance.

As a lifelong member of the Cole County Democrats and the Cole County Democratic Women's Club, Margaret Towson is widely recognized as an outstanding civic minded individual who has consistently committed her time and energy to promote civic involvement. One of Margaret's greatest moments came when her efforts were recognized by President Harry S. Truman, a man she greatly admired and affectionately referred to as "Cousin Harry."

Margaret Towson's kind, dedicated spirit is celebrated, admired, and respected in Jefferson City and throughout the State of Missouri. She will be missed not only for her professional excellence, but also for her personally endearing qualities and delectable apple pies that were savored by the many people she met and worked with. Margaret's retirement marks the end of a historic era in the Missouri State Senate. She is looking forward to spending more quality time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandson. Margaret Towson has left a lasting impression upon her peers and friends that will not be forgotten.

It is with deep gratitude and honor that I recognize Margaret Towson for over a half a century of friendship and service to the State

of Missouri. Her devotion is an example to us all.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and the Missouri Ninetieth General Assembly in congratulating Margaret Towson on her outstanding service to the people of Missouri.

LUPUS RESEARCH AND CARE
AMENDMENTS OF 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 10, 2000

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my strong and heartfelt support for the Lupus Research and Care Amendments Act, which was introduced by our hardworking and dedicated colleague, Congresswoman CARRIE MEEK. She has been a tireless advocate for this issue for years. As the Co-Vice Chair of the Women's Caucus, I am a proud co-sponsor of this legislation, as are 45 Women Caucus members. This legislation is the perfect illustration of a bipartisan effort to address a painful, debilitating disease that affects women nine times more often than men, and African American women three times more often than white women.

It is estimated that between 1.4 million and 2 million Americans have been diagnosed with this disease and that many more have undiagnosed cases. This serious, complex, inflammatory autoimmune disease can simultaneously affect various parts of the body, including the skin, joints, kidneys and brain. It can be difficult to diagnose this disease because its symptoms are similar to those of many other diseases and many people suffering the signs of its onset have never heard of lupus, nor understand how to respond to these symptoms.

The Lupus Research and Care Amendments Act authorizes funding to expand and intensify research on lupus at the National Institutes of Health, including basic research on the causes of lupus; research to determine why the disease is more prevalent in women and particularly African-American women; research on improving diagnostic techniques; and research to develop and evaluate new treatments. This bill also requires the Health and Human Services department to establish a grant program to deliver services to those afflicted with lupus and their families. The program would provide grants to state and local governments, nonprofit hospitals, community based organizations and community or migrant health centers to provide services for diagnosing and managing lupus.

I urge my colleagues to follow the women of the House, and pass this legislation to help countless women and families. This legislation will spur unprecedented yet direly needed research on how this disease affects women and on what the best treatments are to cure this disease. Lupus can be fatal if not detected and treated early, but with this research and proper delivery of services, we can not only enhance people's lives, but save them as well.

WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER
AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT
ON H.R. 4461, AGRICULTURE,
RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD
AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPRO-
PRIATIONS ACT, 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM DeLAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 2000

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to address a provision in the FY01 Agriculture Appropriations Conference Report that is not only disturbing, but highly objectionable on legal grounds. This provision was subject to absolutely no deliberative thought. In fact, the Chairmen of the House and Senate Judiciary Committee raised serious constitutional and legal concerns about it. The Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers decried it. I am referring to section 745 of the bill. It states, "No manufacturer of a covered product may enter into a contract or agreement that includes a provision to prevent the sale or distribution of covered products imported pursuant to subsection (a)."

Besides the fact that this provision baldly impedes the right of businesses to conduct affairs in the manner they so choose, what is perhaps most troubling about this provision, which restricts freedom of contract and clearly infringes on intellectual property and other constitutional rights, is that it was added to the Conference Report in the dark of night. This provision was not contained in either of the underlying House or Senate Agriculture Appropriations bills—or any other bill for that matter. Moreover, the provision was never the subject of any committee hearings or other public deliberation by the Congress.

While it will slip past Members today because it is buried deep in an important appropriations bill that, among other things, provides billions of dollars in drought relief to American farmers, I take small comfort in knowing that this provision will not slip past the Courts and will not survive judicial review.

Until that time, let us at least realize that this ill-advised provision requires narrow interpretation, not only because of the stealth with which it was included, but because an inappropriately broad reading would raise very serious questions with respect to conflicts with US patent and trade laws. To avoid—or at least minimize—such conflicts, the only interpretation of this provision (which replaced a broader proposed provision that the Conference Committee rejected) is that it is strictly limited to contacts or agreement involving drug reimports, and also containing explicit contractual provisions to this purpose and effect.

Make no mistake—this provision is horrid. That's what you get when you have a flawed process—you get flawed policy. It profoundly affects both intellectual property rights and constitutional rights. It has no place in this bill and I am deeply disappointed the Conference Committee allowed such a provision to be included in this bill.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4205,
FLOYD D. SPENCE NATIONAL DE-
FENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB STUMP

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 11, 2000

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the conference report for the FY01 National Defense Authorization Act named for my distinguished colleague and Chairman of the Armed Services Committee, FLOYD D. SPENCE. Chairman SPENCE has been a great advocate of our nation's military and has worked tirelessly to rebuild a military weakened by years of cuts in the defense budget. Under his leadership we have increased the Department of Defense's budget \$60 billion over the past five years of Clinton-Gore administration cuts.

This bill makes significant progress in keeping faith with the greatest generation by restoring the promise of lifetime health care to America's military retirees and their families. Congressman BUYER's efforts to address a financial challenge resulted in taking retiree health care out of the defense budget and setting up a long-term funding plan to ensure that our nation's military retirees will have access to the medical care that they have deservedly earned.

The defense authorization act also provides active duty service members a new opportunity to convert their Post-Vietnam Era Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) benefits to the Montgomery GI Bill if they declined to do so before or withdraw all funds from their VEAP accounts. The bill also builds upon the concurrent receipt initiative provided in last year's defense bill. Beginning in fiscal year 2002, those service-members who are medically retired and rated at least 70% disabled by VA will be eligible for additional special monthly compensation of up to \$300.

Mr. Speaker, I regret that my colleague from Virginia, Readiness Subcommittee Chairman Herb Bateman passed away before seeing this bill signed into law. Throughout the measure are marks of his efforts to ensure that our defenders of freedom are battle ready and have the tools and resources they need. I also wish to thank the retiring Members of the panel who have worked tirelessly to rebuild our nation's military. Your support for our men and women in uniform has not gone unnoticed.

While we have successfully increased funding in critical modernization programs, we have a long way to go. Following the "lost decade" of defense in the 1990s, America's military must be reshaped to meet the challenges of the post-Cold War world. Starting immediately, the United States must commit the resources necessary to improve current military capabilities and prepare our forces to face the threats of the coming decades. Anything less jeopardizes the military's readiness and America's place in the world.