

known over a span of more than 20 years. He's someone I've worked with in representing the people of our state of Illinois, both in Congress and our state legislature. He's someone who helped me rally the troops when I was chief deputy whip, and he's someone who supported me for Speaker of the House. I have great respect for TOM.

Since he was elected in 1991, TOM has worked for the families in Illinois' 15th District. TOM, a farmer himself, stood up for Illinois farmers' interests as Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops and Research. He fought for the Republican principles he represents so that he could make American lives better—a balanced budget, lower taxes, fair treatment for small businesses, welfare reform and Social Security and Medicare reform.

TOM wanted to retire so he could spend more time with his wife, Connie, his six children and his grandchildren. I hope his future years with them are filled with much happiness. I wish him the best of luck and thank this honorable and decent man for everything he has done for both the people of Illinois and the men and women of this country. I know our friendship will continue even after he goes back home.

#### 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF NAEMT

### HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 25, 2000*

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to highlight an important milestone for America's Emergency Medical Services systems and to voice my continued support for the nation's EMTs and Paramedics.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT). For 25 years NAEMT has represented the interests of America's 600,000 EMTs and Paramedics, while witnessing the evolving role of EMS in this country. No longer are EMS personnel simply "ambulance drivers," but instead they provide quality medical care for the sick and injured, including advanced life support with such interventions as intravenous cannulation, cardiac defibrillation, endotracheal intubation, and medication administration. But EMS personnel today do more than just clinical medicine. Whether it be a free blood pressure and blood sugar screening hosted by the local EMS agency in the rural town of Eveleth, Minnesota or the initiation of a defibrillator training program for community members in Omaha, Nebraska, EMTs and Paramedics across America exhibit a special dedication to the people of their communities. I applaud America's EMS personnel for their 25 years of outstanding service.

The aging population and concerns about healthcare for the 21st century are both issues we are fervently debating in Congress right now. EMS, as part of the allied healthcare system, is not immune from the effects of these emerging issues. Instead, these issues are rapidly increasing the roles of EMS personnel. At the NAEMT conference "Outlook 2000" in Reno, Nevada on November 8–11, America's EMTs and Paramedics will boldly step forward and accept these new challenges.

Mr. Speaker, I am convinced that today's EMTs and Paramedics will continue to proudly serve the people of this nation and will confront future challenges not with trepidation, but with the same confident altruism that led them to first develop America's EMS systems a quarter century ago.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 25, 2000*

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, on October 24 I was in my district and was absent for rollcall votes No. 541, No. 542, and No. 543. Had I been present, I would have voted: "yea" on H. Res. 634 (rollcall vote No. 541); "yea" on H. Con. Res. 414 (rollcall vote No. 542); and "yea" on H.R. 4271 (rollcall vote No. 543).

#### NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MUSEUM ACT

SPEECH OF

### HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 24, 2000*

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, as a co-sponsor of this legislation, I rise today in support of S. 1438, the National Law Enforcement Museum Act, which honors the men and women who serve our nation as law enforcement officers.

America's law enforcement officers are one of our most valuable resources. Almost one million individuals nationwide perform an incredibly important task as they put their lives in danger on a daily basis to protect and serve the American people. As a former police officer, and the father of a former police officer, I know the inherent risk involved in the profession and salute these men and women for their efforts.

This legislation will allow the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund to go forward with plans to build the most comprehensive law enforcement museum and research facility in the world. The museum will serve to educate and inform the public of the risks and duties that law enforcement officers face on a daily basis.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the National Law Enforcement Museum Act. America's law enforcement officers are highly deserving of the praise and recognition that the museum will bring them.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JIM NUSSLE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 25, 2000*

Mr. NUSSLE. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, October 24, 2000, I was unavoidably detained by weather problems in the Midwest and missed rollcall vote #541–#543. Had my votes been recorded, they would have been in the following manner:

Rollcall Vote #541 (On agreement to H. Res. 634) "yea".

Rollcall Vote #542 (To suspend the rules and pass H. Con. Res. 414) "yea".

Rollcall Vote #543 (To suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4271) "yea".

#### NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MUSEUM ACT

SPEECH OF

### HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 24, 2000*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of S. 1438, the National Law Enforcement Memorial Museum Act. This important piece of legislation would give all Americans a place to honor and commemorate the members of our nation's law enforcement agencies and provide a museum for those who have made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty.

Mr. Speaker, during our nation's history, nearly 15,000 federal, state, and local law enforcement officers have lost their lives in the line of duty. According to the most recent FBI statistics, almost 63,000 officers are assaulted each year, and this results in more than 21,000 injuries. I am appalled to report that on average, one police officer is killed somewhere in the United States every 54 hours.

Everyday some 740,000 law enforcement professionals are asked to put their lives on the line to protect the safety of others. We owe all of these officers a huge debt of gratitude. I believe that the time has come to honor all law enforcement officers and to pay particular honor to their fallen colleagues for their outstanding service and sacrifice made for our country.

Mr. Speaker, this important legislation will establish a comprehensive law enforcement museum and research repository. The museum will permit researchers, practitioners, and the general public to have access to this premiere source of information on issues related to law enforcement history and safety.

As my colleagues are aware, in 1984 we mandated the establishment of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. This memorial was dedicated in 1991 just a few blocks from this Capitol Building. The legislation we are considering today calls for the construction for the National Law Enforcement Museum near the current memorial, a proper place for this important museum.

Mr. Speaker, the time has come to finish what we began in 1984, and I urge my colleagues to join me in voting for this important legislation.

#### COMMODITY FUTURES MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2000

SPEECH OF

### HON. THOMAS W. EWING

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 19, 2000*

Mr. EWING. Mr. Speaker, the Commodity Exchange Act now bans the offer and purchase of single stock futures products in the

United States. The bill would lift that ban, subject to joint CFTC and SEC regulation, effective in one year for public customers and 8 months for institutional investors. U.S. investors today also are barred from buying single stock futures traded on foreign exchanges. Section 221(j) of the bill includes an amendment to the Commodity Exchange Act that would immediately allow U.S. investors to buy single stock futures—even those based on U.S. stocks—that are traded on foreign exchanges. This disparate treatment of U.S. and foreign exchanges has been pointed out by numerous futures and securities exchanges, and other financial industry representatives.

If U.S. customers are going to be allowed to purchase futures on equities traded overseas, the products should be subject to the same timing restrictions and oversight that is applicable to domestic security futures products. Section 221(i) would allow foreign exchanges to offer in the U.S. and U.S. investors to purchase, security futures products only under terms and conditions acceptable to the SEC and CFTC. Section 22(j) of the bill thus may conflict with Section 221(i) of the bill. This issue needs to be addressed before the bill is sent to the President.

#### OLDER AMERICANS ACT AMENDMENTS OF 2000

SPEECH OF

#### HON. DONNA MC CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 24, 2000*

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I support H.R. 782, the Older Americans Act Amendments and I commend its sponsors for getting it to the floor of the House today. This program has not been reauthorized since it expired in 1995, but continued only through annual appropriations.

Today when we pass this reauthorization measure, we can finally say to our Senior citizens that we care about their concerns, enough to provide the support and assistance they need.

Mr. Speaker I especially applaud the bills provisions with regard to older people of color, who are often poorer, lack health care services and experience greater difficulties having their needs met.

The seniors in my district have benefited greatly from this act in the past and from the annual appropriations to continue the services—from the elderly nutrition programs to the home care for the frail elderly and the senior community service employment program. They are very proud of the variety of needed services they give to the community through this latter program.

We are also pleased that this reauthorization includes a national family caregiver support program. Many families across the country will be helped through this important measure.

Mr. Speaker, this reauthorization is long overdue and I am pleased to join my many colleagues in supporting it.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE  
DONALD P. LEMM, MAYOR OF  
BELLWOOD, ILLINOIS, ON THE  
OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

#### HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 25, 2000*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, Donald P. Lemm has lived in Bellwood, Illinois all of his life, he and his late wife Ida had four children and five grandchildren. He and his current wife Joy, live at 517 51st Avenue. Mayor Lemm is a graduate of DePaul University with a degree in business administration and accounting. He is a member of the VFW and served in Korea with the 71st Station Hospital as Sergeant Major.

Prior to becoming Mayor, Donald P. Lemm was a CTA Executive for 40 years, serving in the capacities of Training Specialists, Methods Analysts, Superintendent of Bus and Rail Transportation and Retired as Manager of Insurance and pensions. He also served as Administrative Assistant to the Chairman of the CTA Board and was retained by the CTA as a consultant for three years after retirement.

Mayor Lemm is active in St. Simeon Parish, has served several times as President of the Holy Name Society, is a member of the St. Simeon's Contemporary Choir and St. Simeon's Traveling Troupe, is a Lector and minister of the cup and has served as a member of the Parish Finance/Planning Committee. Prior to becoming Mayor, Donald P. Lemm served for sixteen years as village clerk. As Mayor, he has led the village to greater property values, added business, a more diverse and professional workforce, and a more open atmosphere for village residents.

Mayor Lemm, has served as chairman of the West Suburban Neighborhood Preservation Agency and is a Board Member of such groups as the Boys and Girls Club of Bellwood and Hillside, the Council of Mayors, West Central Municipal Conference (V.P.), West Cook Solid Waste Agency and many more.

Over the years Mayor Donald P. Lemm has vividly demonstrated what it means to be a true public servant. He has consistently put the interest of his community above his personal agendas, he has not played politics with the peoples' needs, he has been a true representative of the people's interest and balanced manager of their affairs. Therefore, I am pleased to congratulate him on an excellent public career and wish him and his family well in retirement.

TRIBUTE TO LT. HAZEL WHITE, ON  
THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

#### HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 25, 2000*

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor California Department of Corrections Lieutenant Hazel White, who will be retiring on October 31, 2000, having completed 35 years of state service.

Lieutenant White began her career with the Department of Corrections in 1965.

As Camp Commander at Camp Prado, CC #28, she represents the institution with professionalism and distinction, serving as mentor, role model, and example.

Her diligence in handling matters has been an incentive for the staff at Camp Prado and staff from other camps to follow in her footsteps by utilizing professionalism in dealing with all issues. She has been sensitive to issues involving other CDC staff, the inmates and their families. Hazel reminds all who work with her of the importance of working together as a team, by her own diligence and actions.

Throughout the course of her distinguished career, Hazel has been assigned numerous special tasks and projects, including Rape and Assault prevention, and auditing various institutions. Her peers and supervisors have commented often on her enthusiasm and self-motivation.

Her continuous rating of outstanding in performance reports, and numerous awards and commendations issued to her from her superiors speak for themselves regarding her achievements throughout the years, not only as Camp Commander and Lieutenant but as officer and sergeant.

A devoted wife to Charlie White, a retired CDF Fire Captain, Hazel has three adult daughters, and she is also a devoted grandmother. She has been very giving to the community, participating in local youth sporting activities.

People comment on her quick laugh, her sense of humor, and her persistent optimism about the world.

In short, she is a model of excellence we can all follow, at work and in our community. It is my hope that she enjoys a productive, happy, and long retirement. I wish her all of our hopes, all of our thoughts, all of our good prayers, as she embarks upon this new period in her life.

SALUTING JACINTO ACEBAL FOR  
RECEIVING THE UNITED STATES  
POSTAL SERVICE LIFETIME  
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

#### HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 25, 2000*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate a friend and constituent of my Congressional district, Jacinto "Ace" Acebal, on receiving the Dot Sharpe Lifetime Achievement Award.

This national award for diversity achievement is presented by the United States Postal Service to outstanding postal employees who have demonstrated contributions over a substantial period of their postal careers, including community and civic involvement.

Jacinto joined the United States Postal Service as a letter carrier and during his career has been promoted to Supervisor of Customer Service, Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor Investigator, Human Resource Specialist, and most recently, Hispanic Programs Specialist. As a result of the work that he has accomplished in his latest position, there are more Hispanics on the United States Postal Service south Florida district registers, and the hiring of Hispanic has increased from 35% to 50.4%.