

Association, increasing the library's extensive collection of wine-related books and other resource materials into a nationally recognized collection.

Ms. Davis' commendable career was marked by exceptional customer service as a librarian and Director. A friendly atmosphere and superior service prevailed in both libraries where she worked, a result of her positive outlook that was contagious among her staff. Ms. Davis was particularly attentive to the needs of children and families, ensuring a welcoming atmosphere of warmth and curiosity for every visit.

In addition to her considerable contributions to the public library, Ms. Davis has been a dedicated wife, mother and grandparent. She and her husband Buz have been blessed with three children and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, it has been my great honor to represent Ms. Clayla Davis as her Congressman. Clearly, her life has been one of great public service, dedication and commitment. For these reasons, it is necessary that we honor this woman for her distinguished service to the people of Saint Helena and all of Napa County, California.

MIRIAM G. CANTER MIDDLE
SCHOOL DEDICATION

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 1, 2000

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I recognize the dedication of the renaming of Chicago's Louis Wirth Experimental School to the Miriam G. Canter Middle School. Miriam G. Canter, my constituent and my friend, died on October 22, 1999. However, her dedication and commitment to her community and the public school system, lives on in the lives of the students at Louis Wirth Experimental School.

This school, located in my district, was founded in 1969 by a group of influential parents and community residents, led by Mrs. Canter. As a parent and long time, proud resident of Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood, she had a vision for her community's children. She believed they needed a school that would offer modern, flexible educational programs designed to use children's experiences to enhance their learning.

Over the years, Mrs. Canter's vision has been realized. Since its founding, the school has provided enriching educational programs that prepare children for success in high school and beyond. In addition, Mrs. Canter retained an active interest in the Wirth School long after her own children graduated. She served as president of the Parent Teachers Association and remained an active member of the Local School Council under her passing. In fact, her last fight was to get a new gym and lunchroom added to the facility.

So, in a lasting tribute, on October 12, 2000, the community, Local School Council and the Chicago Public School System will dedicate the renaming of the Louis Wirth Elementary School to the Miriam G. Canter Middle School. I stand in total agreement with this action and believe it is a most appropriate way to honor this mother, community leader, and public school advocate.

Truly, her work embodies the spirit of advocacy that will ensure educational excellence in the nation's public schools for our children.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 1, 2000

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday afternoon, October 28, 2000, I had a family matter to attend to in my district and I was unable to cast votes on two Motions to Instruct the Conferees on H.R. 4577, the Labor-Health and Human Services Appropriations Act for FY2001.

The first Motion to Instruct the Conferees, which passed the House by a vote of 305-18, instructed that the highest level of funding for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) be enacted.

Mr. Speaker, I fully support this Motion to Instruct the Conferees and had I been present for the vote, I would have voted yes. I have long been a strong supporter of the LIHEAP program. As you know, the LIHEAP program was fully funded in the preliminary conference agreement at the President's requested funding level of \$1.1 billion for fiscal year 2001, plus an additional \$300 million for emergencies. It is my understanding that recent negotiations on H.R. 4577 resulted in an additional \$300 million for LIHEAP, bringing the FY 2001 total to \$1.7 billion. Additionally, Republicans have agreed to advance-fund another \$1.4 billion for FY2002, so that States can begin to plan for next year. The President requested a total of only \$1.1 billion for LIHEAP this year, therefore we are \$600 million over the President's funding request.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I fully support the LIHEAP program and these increased funding levels. Had I been present, I would have voted yes on the Motion to Instruct the Conferees to help my constituents in Chicago and Chicago's South Suburbs cope with rising heating costs and the upcoming winter.

The second Motion to Instruct the Conferees on H.R. 4577 failed to pass the House by a vote of 150-159. This motion would have instructed the Conferees to agree with President Clinton's proposals on classroom size reduction and school construction.

Mr. Speaker, I have long been an advocate of making educating America's children one of our top priorities here in Congress. Preliminary funding levels for H.R. 4577 included more than \$43 billion for federal education funding. This is \$562 million more than the President requested and \$5 billion more than last year. Special Education Grants would be funded at \$6.3 billion, \$1 billion over the President's request. Impact Aid would be funded at \$1.3 billion, \$258 million more than the President's request, and \$78.5 million more than last year. Head Start is increased \$33 million over the President's request bringing total FY01 funding to \$6.3 billion.

Certainly, I believe that education should be a top priority, as should smaller classrooms and neighborhood schools that are not falling apart. Had I been present for the vote, I would have supported the motion to instruct which encourages the conferees to work with the bipartisan proposal on school construction and

efforts being led by Congresswoman NANCY JOHNSON on this issue.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 1, 2000

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, on October 31, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote 585. Rollcall vote No. 585 was on passage of H.J. Res. 121, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on H.J. Res. 121.

IN MEMORY AND HONOR OF
DAUNE MARIE WEISS

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 1, 2000

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, when Andrew called me in Washington and asked me to honor Daune today, I was honored.

In Washington, we still do not have a budget and we are operating on a 24-hour continuing budget resolution—one day at a time—one day at a time.

For Chris and Sarah, Peter, Andrew, Robert Palmbo, the Langestaff, Weiss, and Weber families, and for all of us who knew and loved Daune and Dick, we must take it one day at a time—every day will be a challenge—some days, you feel like you cannot or do not even want to get out of bed, to face another day without Daune—without our loved one.

For my family, we know, we still struggle each day without our B.J.

But like Daune—we must move forward each day with all the confidence and gusto. Daune, the mother, the wife, the teacher, the sister, the friend, the community leader and business woman, showed us, taught us with her "can do" attitude to approach each challenge with enthusiasm, because behind that "Buergermeister" smile there was a strong woman who would not be denied, she was a kind, gentle, loving person—a love that engulfed her family and penetrated throughout the Gaylord community.

I still remember when we were staying at the Holiday Inn, and my sons forgot their swimming suits. Great disappointment was written all over them. Of course, Daune asked them, what was wrong? When our young sons told her their dilemma of having to spend a day at the Holiday Inn without their swimming suits—it just wasn't going to be fun.

Daune just smiled and said to our sons "Come on, follow me" and she marched them back to a storage room with a box full of suits, and sure enough there were two suits that fit the boys. They were thrilled as they ran off to the pool.

When we told our son Ken about the sad news, he used one word to remember Daune by, "Lederhosen."

In 1993, our first Alpenfest parade, Daune made sure we all had the appropriate dress and "Lederhosen," all the way down to the little Alpine hats for our boys, ages 11 and 13.

I told them they did not have to wear the hats, but they had to wear the "Lederhosen"—they did, but only once. I still have my "Lederhosen" and they have taken on a new meaning.

No matter what time I would arrive at the Holiday Inn, it seemed like Daune was always there. Usually it was late at night. I would look "wrung out" and Daune would see me—her motherly instincts would take over—she would put her hands on her hips, and through that smile, would sternly ask me why was I not getting enough sleep and when was the last time I ate, and quite frankly, I could not remember, so she would say, "Come on, follow me" and we would go back into the kitchen and she would build me a sandwich, no matter what time it was.

The last time I checked into the Holiday Inn it was late. Dick Bebbell was at the front desk. He learned from Daune and asked if I was hungry, and no offense to Dick Bebbell, but Daune's sandwich had a better touch to it.

By her example, Daune taught us all kindness. That is what made her Holiday Inn staff the best!

For all of us Democrats, from all the campaigns of Irwin, Weiss, STUPAK, all Democrats, we knew we had an ardent supporter, an unending volunteer, and a great friend in Daune Weiss. There may not be a lot of Democrats in Otsego County, but we had Daune and she never let us down!

Daune, you never let us down. As we continue on in life, one day at a time, whether we are working in Washington, DC, Newberry, Gaylord, Moran, Northern Michigan University, Colorado, MSU, or Lake Superior State University, the mother, the sister, the teacher, the businesswoman, our "Buergermeister," now with "angelic" wings will guide us, as we face each day, as we face each challenge. Through Daune's warm, contagious smile, we can do it, we will do it—for Daune, one day at a time.

SHAMBALA WILD ANIMAL PROTECTION ACT WILL REGULATE POSSESSION OF WILD ANIMALS TO PROTECT PUBLIC AND ASSURE ANIMAL WELFARE

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 1, 2000

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, hardly a week goes by without a child or an adult—a member of the family or an innocent neighbor—being injured or even killed by a "pet" lion, tiger, or other wild animal. Owning these wild animals is a serious responsibility, but it is unfortunately a responsibility that is not taken seriously by some people.

In response to this serious problem, Mr. Speaker, earlier this year I introduced H.R. 5057—the Shambala Wild Animal Protection Act. The legislation would amend the Animal Welfare Act to protect public safety by placing restrictions and controls on the personal possession, breeding, import, export, transfer, or sale of protected wild animals such as lions, tigers, leopards, and similar animals. The bill directs the Secretary of Agriculture to establish standards that must be met to permit personal possession of these wild animals where no

regulation currently exists. The purpose of this legislation is to establish criteria for ownership both to protect the public and to assure that these beautiful animals are treated humanely.

In developing this legislation, Mr. Speaker, I have worked with leaders of the animal sanctuary community who, like me, have been alarmed about the many incidents relating to death and injury resulting from irresponsible possession of wild animals. The principal leader of this effort is Tippi Hedren of the Roar Foundation and the Shambala Preserve in California. Ms. Hedren is the star of Alfred Hitchcock's classic films, *The Birds* and *Marne*, and other films.

The legislation would require a permit for the personal possession of such animals, but any agency or official of the Federal Government or of a state or local government or research facility which is currently regulated under the Animal Welfare Act would not be required to obtain this additional permit. Zoos, animal parks, and wildlife sanctuaries also would not need this additional permit if the facility has been licensed by state or local authorities whose standards meet or exceed the requirements that would be established in bill.

Individuals currently possessing protected wild animals on the effective date of the enactment of this legislation would retain possession if they apply for a permit within one year of the date of the enactment of the legislation. The Secretary of Agriculture through the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service would establish specific personal permitting requirements, as well as housing and care standards for each species covered by the legislation.

Mr. Speaker, a number of our distinguished colleagues have joined me as cosponsors of H.R. 5057, including Mr. ABERCROMBIE of Hawaii, Mr. DEFAZIO of Oregon, Ms. ESHOO of California, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. FILNER of California, Mr. GALLEGLY of California, Mr. KASICH of Ohio, Mr. KLECZKA of Wisconsin, Mr. KUCINICH of Ohio, Ms. LOWEY of New York, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Ms. MORELLA of Maryland, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. PALLONE of New Jersey, Mr. PORTER of Illinois, Ms. RIVERS of Michigan, Mr. SHAYS of Connecticut, Mr. STARK of California, and Mr. WAXMAN of California.

This fall, Mr. Speaker, under the sponsorship of my friend and colleague from California, RICHARD POMBO, we introduced H.R. 5360, which would direct the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of federal and state laws that regulate private ownership of these exotic wild animals and would also direct the Secretary to make recommendations to the Congress regarding these matters. We felt that such a study would provide the necessary groundwork to deal effectively and knowledgeably to achieve the goals of H.R. 5057.

I regret, Mr. Speaker, that despite the length of time we have spent in session this fall, we have not been able to deal with either the Shambala Wild Animal Protection Act or, at the very least, with the more modest proposal I made with Congressman POMBO in H.R. 5360 to undertake a thorough analysis of existing laws and regulations at the state and federal level and to propose to the Congress ways to deal with the matter of private ownership of these animals.

Mr. Speaker, if my constituents return me to the Congress in the upcoming elections, I intend to pursue this matter in the next session

of the Congress. I strongly urge my colleagues to join me in the effort to deal with this serious public safety and animal welfare issue.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SECURITY FOR ALL ACT

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 1, 2000

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I introduced legislation today to provide important tax deductions to both individuals and businesses who invest in security devices for their property.

Fortunately, during the past several years the rates of property crime have been decreasing nationally. Even then, we still do have a real problem of property crime in this Nation.

Annually, millions of dollars are lost by robberies or thefts to people's homes and businesses. This Congress should do everything it can to encourage crime prevention and protection for law-abiding citizens.

It is for that reason, that I introduced the Security for All Act. My legislation would amend our current Federal Tax Code to provide for deductions to individuals and businesses for the installation of qualified security devices.

According to the FBI's 1999 Uniform Crime Reports, in my hometown of New York City, there were over 40,000 burglaries and over 140,000 larcenies of both personal and commercial property.

Besides the high monetary costs burdened by our society by these crimes, there are the uncounted personal costs of recognizing a stranger came into your home, rifled through your stuff and stole your possessions.

The need for his technology has already affected consumers and businesses. The need for hotels to switch to electronic access control locks to replace traditional key locks was done out of a necessity to protect the consumer and to protect the hotel industry for insurance purposes. In a similar fashion, discounted insurance rates would benefit the homeowner and the small business owner.

We must do everything in our power to stop these criminals, and I view my bill as a solid preventive effort at accomplishing this goal.

CONGRATULATIONS TO COFFEE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 1, 2000

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Coffee Regional Medical Center located in Douglas, GA, for receiving the 2000 Georgia Rural Health Association Rural Hospital of the Year Award.

Moving into their new facility in 1998, Coffee Regional Medical Center is serving our community by promoting health and delivering health related services. Furthermore, this new facility has enabled Coffee Regional Medical Center to reduce operating expenses and increase profitability. This new facility has become a source of pride for the citizens of Coffee county, and I want to congratulate them on their accomplishments.