

generous and continued attention to the District of Columbia.

One hundred thirty-eight years ago, President Lincoln ended slavery in the District, nine months before the Emancipation Proclamation was signed. In 1862, the existence of slavery and denial of human rights in the Nation's Capital was a contradiction in terms. Today, we use this occasion to draw attention to a continuing contradiction. District of Columbia citizens are still denied basic rights in the Capital of the free world. The District is the only jurisdiction in America whose citizens pay taxes, but are denied full representation in Congress. D.C. residents are the only Americans whose laws can be overturned by Congress, in violation of American principles of local self-government.

I am pleased to note that this year the D.C. Council has passed a bill designating April 16th as District of Columbia Emancipation Day. How much more would District residents rejoice if they had the full representation and freedom enjoyed by other Americans. How much more joyously would they celebrate if the right to vote in this House and in the Senate were their basic right.

Because of a historic court case, we believe this right is within our reach. Two lawsuits on their way to the U.S. Supreme Court, *Adams v. Clinton* and *Alexander v. Daley*, have been consolidated to challenge the denial of basic democratic rights. We are indebted to the attorneys, John Ferren, former D.C. Corporation Counsel; Charles Miller and Thomas Williamson, of Covington & Burling; Jamin Raskin, Professor of Law, American University; and George LaRoche, who handled this case before a three-judge court. And we are indebted to the 75 citizens who are the plaintiffs in these suits and who, therefore, represent all the citizens of the District of Columbia.

Judge Oberdorfer, the distinguished, dissenting jurist in the case, wrote, "Under established constitutional principles, neither the . . . people of the District nor their posterity forfeited [their] constitutional right when the District became the seat of government." In the District, we have a history of recognizing April 16th as a day of celebration. We do so this year with special determination to gain and enjoy all the benefits that American citizenship provides—full representation in Congress.

I salute D.C. Reading is Fundamental for its continued efforts to promote Emancipation Day in the District. Its work inspires our children to read, to learn the history of this city, and to insist, as Americans, upon their full rights.

HONORING JO ANNE DARCY OF CALIFORNIA

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 12, 2000

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Jo Anne Darcy on the occasion of her retirement as Senior Field Deputy for Los Angeles County Supervisor Mike Antonovich, in the county's Fifth Supervisorial District.

Mrs. Darcy has served as Senior Field Deputy for Los Angeles County Supervisor Mike Antonovich, serving the unincorporated areas

of the Santa Clarita Valley, ever since Supervisor Antonovich was elected in 1980. She has diligently served the citizens of the Santa Clarita Valley in a wide variety of roles, from case work to law enforcement to parks, as well as representing the Supervisor at events in the district. She has performed her job with great dedication, energy, skill and obvious love for the people of Santa Clarita Valley.

Mrs. Darcy is also the Mayor of Santa Clarita. I had the honor of serving with Mrs. Darcy on Santa Clarita's first elected City Council when the city was incorporated in 1987. She has served continuously on the City Council since then, having been re-elected to another four-year term in April 1998. She served as Mayor in 1990, 1994, 1999 and 2000.

Mrs. Darcy has been a tireless and dedicated public servant, both in her elected and appointed positions, and in the many volunteer activities in which she has been engaged. These activities are too numerous to mention fully. However, some of them include serving on the California State Film Commission, chairing the film committee of the Newhall-Saugus-Valencia Chamber of Commerce; serving as Founding Officer of the Friends of the Libraries of SCV; co-chairing and serving as Executive Director of the Western Walk of Fame and Newhall Walk of Western Stars; Founding the Zonta Club of SCV; serving as Founding Member of the SCV Historical Society; Founding Officer to the Association to Aid Victims of Domestic Violence; President of the Santa Clarita Valley American Heart Association; Chairing an annual wine auction that Benefits the SCV Senior Center's Meals on Wheels Program.

Mrs. Darcy has been named the Woman of the Year by the SCV Chamber of Commerce; the Outstanding Woman from the Soroptimists, the Citizen of the Year from the Santa Clarita Elks Lodge, and many, many other honors from community groups.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to continuing to work with Mrs. Darcy in her role as Mayor and City Council member of Santa Clarita. I wish her all the best in her retirement from Supervisor Antonovich's office.

CONGRATULATING UND'S
FIGHTING SIOUX

HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 12, 2000

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, I want to commend the University of North Dakota's Fighting Sioux hockey team for their exciting win Saturday night over Boston College to clinch the NCAA Division I National Championship for Hockey. Congratulations to UND President Charles Kupchella and UND Hockey Coach Dean Blais and, of course, to the entire Fighting Sioux team.

This is the seventh time that the University of North Dakota hockey team has won the NCAA Division I hockey championship. The last time the team won the title was in 1997.

This team out of Grand Forks, North Dakota exemplifies the very best features of our great state. They work hard, support each other, rally behind one another, and, through teamwork, they get the job done. These players are

true champions on the ice, and, like all true champions, they share the glory.

The efforts of these young men are reflected not only in their collective win, but in the honors that some of the individual earned this year. Lee Goren, otherwise known as "Scorin' Goren," earned the tournament's Most Outstanding Player award and led the league in scoring while goalie Karl Goehring, had eight shut-outs during the season. Their accomplishments reflect well on the team, their coach and the spirit at UND.

Just, as they are examples of the best of UND athletics, these athletes are also stellar performers in the classroom. Combined, the team has a cumulative grade point average of 3.12; stand-out goalie Karl Goehring has a 4.0 gpa. To me, one of the most exciting statistics about the team this year is that twelve members of the team were named to the WCHA All-American Academic Team.

North Dakota has much to be proud of at the University of North Dakota. UND's John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences is one of, if not THE, best non-military aviation program in the world. UND's Energy and Environmental Research Center has clients all over the world and UND's School of Medicine and Health Sciences is a national leader in educating doctors for rural medicine and family practice, and has educated about 20 percent of the Native American doctors currently practicing in the United States.

There is no shortage of outstanding programs at the University of North Dakota, but this week, the work of the UND hockey team justifiably takes center ice. They are true champions, and North Dakotans—especially UND alumni such as myself—are proud of their accomplishments.

These men are role models both on and off of the ice. They are skilled athletically, academically and are known for their good sportsmanship.

I want to commend them for their achievement today. These young men represent North Dakota well. I wish them continued success in all of their future endeavors.

TAXPAYER BILL OF RIGHTS 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. MAX SANDLIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 11, 2000

Mr. SANDLIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Taxpayer Bill of Rights 2000. This legislation offers strong protections of taxpayers, including much-needed safeguards on personal information. This bill recognizes the importance of protecting taxpayers' privacy and would help prevent the illegal disclosure of personal information.

The Taxpayer Bill of Rights, however, fulfills only a small part of our obligation to protect individual privacy. Last year, I voted for legislation, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Financial Services Modernization bill, that contained new federal protections of consumers' financial privacy. This legislation, which passed Congress and was signed into law by the President, allows consumers to protect their privacy by choosing to opt-out of information sharing by their financial institutions.

The protections included in the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act are an important beginning

and represent a minimum federal standard. Most importantly, the new law affords states the opportunity to pass even tougher restrictions on information sharing, thus giving them the chance to enact their own consumer privacy protections above and beyond the federal minimum.

Allowing consumers the right to opt-out is a step in the right direction, although we still have many challenges ahead of us with regard to adequately protecting medical information and safeguarding Internet privacy. I urge my colleagues to join me in this important effort and continue to work hard to protect the privacy rights of every American.

TRIBUTE TO DR. HENRY J.
HEIMLICH

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 12, 2000

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Dr. Henry J. Heimlich, a community hero, an internationally recognized leader in health care, and a dear friend who will be honored on April 20 by the Rotary Club of Cincinnati. This recognition will come during National Heimlich Maneuver Week. He was selected for these honors because of his outstanding contributions to the medical community that have literally saved thousands of lives.

In fact, Dr. Heimlich has been credited with saving more lives than any other living person. Dr. Heimlich's most notable accomplishment, of course, is the Heimlich Maneuver, which he created in 1974. Since its creation, the Heimlich Maneuver has been used to save the lives of countless people from choking deaths, to prevent and halt asthma attacks, and to clear near-drowning victims' water-filled lungs more safely.

Perhaps lesser known is the Heimlich Operation, which is considered the first successful organ transplant in history. This operation enables patients with an esophagus birth defect, who previously only could be fed through a tube inserted into their stomachs, to eat normally.

Dr. Heimlich also invented the Heimlich Micro Trach, a tiny tube that is inserted into the trachea to deliver oxygen from a small tank directly to the lungs, enabling oxygen-dependent patients to become mobile and return to work and social activities.

Dr. Heimlich's Chest Drain Valve is credited with saving the lives of thousands of American soldiers during the Vietnam War. It is used in emergency treatment of people with chest wounds to clear air and fluids from the chest cavity. Up to a quarter million of these valves are used worldwide every year in civilian and military medicine.

Although he has already achieved much, Dr. Heimlich is still working to save lives. He continues development of malariotherapy, which, through a curable form of malaria, increases the body's immune responses to fight viruses and cancer by increasing production of such biochemicals as interferon, interleukin-1 and tumor necrosis factor. Dr. Heimlich believes that malariotherapy can be used, with more research, to fight cancer, AIDS, and Lyme disease.

At the age of 80, Dr. Heimlich continues his important work at the Heimlich Institute where new ways to improve and save lives are being researched. All of us in Cincinnati are grateful to him for his full devotion, service, and most impressive contributions to our community and the world.

WILDLIFE AND SPORT FISH RESTORATION PROGRAMS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2000

SPEECH OF

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 5, 2000

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3671) to amend the Acts popularly known as the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act to enhance the funds available for grants to States for fish and wildlife conservation projects and increase opportunities for recreational hunting, bow hunting, trapping, archery, and fishing, by eliminating opportunities for waste, fraud, abuse, maladministration, and unauthorized expenditures for administration and execution of those Acts, and for other purposes:

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Chairman, I submit the following into the RECORD in support of H.R. 3671.

ARCHERY MANUFACTURERS AND
MERCHANTS ORGANIZATION,
Gainesville, FL, March 13, 2000.

Hon. DON YOUNG,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR DON: We heartily support H.R. 3671, the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000. We feel this measure will tighten-up the administration of these programs and we are particularly supportive of Sec. 102, Firearm and Bow Hunter Education and Safety Program Grants of H.R. 3671. This will go a long way toward fulfilling the commitment made to our sport and industry when we agreed to be taxed under Pittman-Robertson some 30 years ago.

We also are greatly appreciative of having had the opportunity to participate in discussions with staff leading up to the writing of H.R. 3671. There was a refreshing openness in this entire process.

Sincerely,

DICK LATTIMER,
President/CEO.

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF
AMERICA, INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION,
Fairfax, VA, March 13, 2000.

Hon. DON YOUNG,
Chairman, House Resources Committee, Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN YOUNG: The NRA wholeheartedly supports your bill, H.R. 3671, the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act. We speak on behalf of every one of our 3.2 million members who pay into the Pittman-Robertson trust fund whether they own firearms for self-defense, recreational shooting, collecting or hunting.

Sportsmen and other firearm owners put their faith and trust in the Federal Government when they elected to be taxed to help fledgling state fish and wildlife agencies of

the 1930's begin to launch what we take for granted today as scientific wildlife management. For over six decades, sportsmen have trusted the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to manage their excise tax dollars for the benefit of state wildlife restoration programs. However, alarmed over several programs created with the use of administrative dollars, but without legal authority, the NRA went on record in a statement submitted for your 1996 oversight hearing on the "Teaming with Wildlife" concept urging the Congress to examine how the Service was spending trust fund administrative dollars. Never did we imagine the extent of waste, abuse and mismanagement that was uncovered through your Committee's investigative efforts.

The NRA strongly believes that meaningful, long-lasting reform can only be assured through legislative reform as embraced by your legislation, H.R. 3671. What the Service can implement administratively to strengthen internal controls and management for Pittman-Robertson trust fund and its counterpart, the Dingell-Johnson trust fund, should be encouraged. But those efforts alone cannot restore the trust of our members. Reform must be anchored in corrective measures made as amendments to the underlying laws.

The NRA appreciates the opportunity that you accorded us to participate in discussions regarding the shape the reform language should take. Your bill reflects a very deliberative process in assimilating a diverse array of recommendations and views. There are two provisions of H.R. 3671 I would like to comment on that are of particular importance to our membership. First, the bill ensures that none of the administrative funds will ever be used by any organization that promotes or encourages opposition to hunting, fishing or trapping or for any project that promotes such opposition. This is language critical to a reform bill.

Second, on behalf of all our members that rely on shooting ranges for firearm and hunter safety courses and recreational and competitive shooting, we appreciate having language in the bill that earmarks funds for shooting and archery range purposes. These funds will supplement the discretionary funds made available to states from one-half of the excise tax revenue collected on the sale of handguns and archery equipment. For years our recreational shooters have expressed concern that states have not lived up to the bargain struck with them in support of the extension of the excise tax in the 1970's. We trust that the states will look to these funds as additional support to assist them in meeting the needs of the excise tax paying shooters, hunters and archers and will not attempt to use these funds as an offset to the discretionary funds.

We thank you for your leadership in overseeing the examination of Service's management of the trust funds and your commitment provide an avenue to restore health and vitality to the programs. These trust funds are unprecedented in the world and while the conservation dollars can be counted in the billions, the conservation benefits are inestimable. It is important for all of us who cherish our fish and wildlife resources to see that the sportsmen and women of this country are given a sound reason to be taxed for the benefit of the conservation, restoration, and enhancement of those same resources.

Sincerely,

JAMES JAY BAKER,
Executive Director.