

During rollcall vote No. 63 on S. 1287 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

During rollcall vote No. 64 on H. Res. 445 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

During rollcall vote No. 65 on H.R. 3822 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

During rollcall vote No. 66 on Journal I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

During rollcall vote No. 67 on Ordering Previous Question H. Res. 446 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

During rollcall vote No. 68 on Agreeing to H. Res. 446 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

During rollcall vote No. 69 on H. Con. Res. 290 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

During rollcall vote No. 70 on Owens Amdt to H. Con. Res. 290 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

During rollcall vote No. 71 on DeFazio Amdt to H. Con. Res. 290 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

During rollcall vote No. 72 on Stenholm Amdt to H. Con. Res. 290 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

During rollcall vote No. 73 on Sununu Amdt to H. Con. Res. 290 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

During rollcall vote No. 74 on Spratt Amdt to H. Con. Res. 290 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

During rollcall vote No. 75 on H. Con. Res. 290 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

IN HONOR OF JEANNE SIMON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 13, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Jeanne Simon, the wife of former Senator Paul Simon of Illinois. Jeanne Simon passed away on February 20th of this year. She was not only a gracious and dutiful politician's wife; Jeanne Simon forged her own career as a lawyer, author, politician, and lobbyist.

Throughout her full life, Jeanne Simon held many roles. She was among the first women to attend law school at Northwestern University. She served as an Illinois State Representative, Chairwoman for the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, and was a member of the faculty at Southern Illinois University, where she and her husband helped establish the Public Policy Institute there.

After her marriage to fellow Illinois State Representative Paul Simon in 1960, Jeanne Simon chose not to run for re-election to her third term as State Representative. Instead, she dedicated her time to her husband's campaigns as he was elected State Senator, then Lieutenant Governor, U.S. Representative, and finally U.S. Senator in 1984.

Aside from her notable political career, Jeanne Simon was also a successful author and an authority and spokesperson on varied issues from libraries to education to arms control. Her diverse and dynamic career was an inspiration and her tireless devotion to her country and her government will not be forgotten.

My fellow colleagues, I ask you to join with me in remembering Jeanne Simon, an extraordinary and passionate woman who will be greatly missed.

EDWARD W. RHOADS CHAPTER, KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 13, 2000

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to the men and women of the Edward W. Rhoads Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association in Tuscon, Arizona, who have joined together to honor those who fought in the "Forgotten War." Through personal commitment, they are working to identify veterans of the Korean conflict, especially those who live in or who served from Pima County, Arizona. Their commitment to those who served in Korea has encouraged a rebirth of patriotism and pride for Korean War Veterans. All branches of the United States Military are welcome to participate. The only requirement is that the veteran served on active duty.

The chapter is named for Edward W. Rhoads, Jr., who was the first casualty of the Korean War from Pima County. Mr. Rhoads was in Company G, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. He was captured on July 16, 1950, and died in North Korean POW Camp #3. His date of death is listed as December 31, 1951. He is credited with saving the life of one POW during the vicious "Tiger Death March." His story of quiet heroism, suffering and personal sacrifice is one of the many stories that need to be told and remembered of our Korean veterans.

I applaud the efforts of the members of the Edward W. Rhoads Chapter who have created a place where memories and heroic deeds can be shared by those who appreciate them most: the men and women who were there.

In addition, they have created a physical place of remembrance, a war memorial, to honor all who served during the Korean War. The names of the Pima County veterans who gave their lives in Korea will be inscribed on the memorial, which will serve as a reminder of all that duty to and love for one's country are part of our proud American heritage.

May America always be protected by individuals like the Korean War Veterans in the Edward W. Rhoads Chapter. In their youth they gave their vitality and innocence to protect our nation. Today they continue to give their energy and enthusiasm to protect the ideals for which our nation stands. May democracy always have such champions.

HONORING RICHARD B. HARVEY,
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE—PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 13, 2000

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to pay tribute and to congratulate Dr. Richard B. Harvey upon retirement from Whittier College. His educational leadership encouraged countless young students to seek careers in public service.

The inspiration that Dr. Harvey brings to the classroom springs from his commitment to educating students and his belief in the importance of the political process. Dr. Harvey has been an exceptional educator of our youth. He earned a B.A. degree from Occidental College, M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of California, Los Angeles. Within the Whittier educational community, Dr. Harvey participated as a Whittier college assistant dean, a dean of academic affairs and chair of the political science department. In addition to his academic pursuits, Dr. Harvey is also an author, a cohost on television programs, and a radio commentator, delivering political analysis of election results.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Dr. Richard Harvey best wishes on his retirement. His dedication and commitment to teaching California politics has earned him the respect of our citizens.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 13, 2000

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, due to a scheduling conflict I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote 115. Had I been present I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 4051, Project Exile: The Safe Streets and Neighborhoods Act of 2000. This bill would establish a grant program that provides incentives for States to enact mandatory minimum sentences for certain firearm offenses.

TRIBUTE TO MARTY RUBIN

HON. JULIAN C. DIXON

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 13, 2000

Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and my colleague Congresswoman LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD, I rise today to pay tribute to Marty Rubin, who after 44 years with the engineering firm of Parsons, Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas, Inc., is retiring as Chairman Emeritus with a rich legacy of work on transit, highway, bridge, and other public works projects across the nation. From his extensive involvement in the Los Angeles Metro Rail System to his engineering guidance on the Long Beach Blue Line and the Green Line

light rail systems, Marty's impact on the infrastructure of Los Angeles has been particularly profound. His friends and associates will gather to honor Marty on April 26 for the crucial role he played in the development of Los Angeles County's transportation system.

Marty Rubin's vision, energy, and wisdom in providing project planning, programming, designing, managing, engineering, and constructing support are recognized by public agencies nationwide. The numerous national transportation infrastructure projects outside of Los Angeles which have benefited from his expertise include San Francisco BART; the Honolulu Rapid Transit Program; the Aviation Parkway in Tucson; the California State Route 91 and State Route 126 Widening projects; the California 1-215 Corridor improvements; the Richmond-Petersburg Turnpike, Virginia; the Garden State Parkway, New Jersey; the Grand Central Parkway; and the New York Belt Parkway.

Marty's peers in the transportation industry and public transportation agencies around the country recognize Marty Rubin as a man of unparalleled integrity. For his efforts to promote minority opportunities in engineering throughout southern California, Marty Rubin has been recognized by the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers for his leadership. Among the honors he has received is the 1998 Milton Pikarsky Distinguished Leadership Award in Transportation from the School of Engineering from the City College in New York.

Marty Rubin has made an immeasurable contribution to the improvement of mobility for the residents of Los Angeles County and the generations of residents to follow. We are proud to call him our friend, and ask our colleagues in the House to join us in commending this accomplished engineer for his services to the nation's transportation infrastructure and wishing him well in his retirement.

THE ATOMIC WORKERS COMPENSATION ACT

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 13, 2000

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, today I speak about the issue of worker compensation. Today, the administration, Secretary Richardson, President Clinton, and Vice President Gore announced a worker compensation program for workers at the national laboratories all across this country.

Workers have worked at these nuclear establishments and plants for many years, and many of them have been injured as a result. This has been a very sad chapter in the history of the United States. The Department now acknowledges these occupational exposures and has decided to turn over a new leaf. I rise today to introduce legislation that deals with this situation. In New Mexico, about 3 weeks ago, I attended a hearing in my district where workers came forward; they talked about how patriotic they were. They talked about how they were serving their country for many, many years, and as a result of their work they believed they came down with cancers, with beryllium disease, with asbestosis, with a vari-

ety of other illnesses. These were very heart wrenching stories.

Among the New Mexicans who shared their testimony is Mr. Jonathan Garcia, who worked at Los Alamos National Laboratory for over 16 years. Mr. Garcia has radiation-induced leukemia. Mr. Garcia has been robbed of his health, but not his dignity.

Gene Westerhold worked for over 44 years cleaning up plutonium and hazardous chemicals for Los Alamos National Laboratory. Mr. Westerhold was told at one point that he was prohibited from working in certain areas due to his high radiation exposures. Yet, when he sought information of his exposure history, he was told his records were lost. Mr. Westerhold is a survivor.

Ms. Darleen Ortiz, whose father died of cancer after having spent his life cleaning up toxic materials at Los Alamos, is a survivor. Ms. Hugette Sirgant, a widow of a Los Alamos National Laboratory employee, has bravely taken on the role and responsibility as an advocate for both victims and survivors.

And lastly, Mr. Tomas Archuleta was exposed to beryllium, plutonium, asbestos, solvents, toxic metals and hazardous chemicals. Mr. Garcia, Mr. Westerhold, Mr. Archuleta, Ms. Ortiz, and Ms. Sirgant are survivors. These brave people have asked for my help in crafting legislation that would help them.

Today, I introduced a piece of legislation that will be comprehensive. It will deal with all of the injuries that occurred and that were talked about at the Los Alamos hearing. It is comprehensive in the sense that it will cover beryllium; it will cover radiation. It will cover asbestos, and it will cover the chemicals that these workers were exposed to.

Under this legislation, the workers will be able to come forward to demonstrate their exposure and their illness in a program similar to the Workman's Compensation program that is in place for the Federal Government.

My legislation will also provide that during the 120 day period while their claim is pending, Los Alamos National Laboratory workers will be able to get health care for their ailments related to their workplace exposures free of charge at the nearest Veterans Hospital.

And the burden is on the government, because many of these individuals came forward and talked about how they had worked their whole life, and they knew they were exposed, but then, when they asked for their records, there were no records. Their records were lost. So under those circumstances, we clearly have to put the burden on the Government.

Although my bill is specifically directed to New Mexico, I know there are many other of my colleagues around the country that have this same situation in their districts. They are Democrats and Republicans and all areas of the United States are affected. So I think this is a great issue for us to join together in a bipartisan way, and I urge my colleagues to work together to craft a solution to this problem at the national level.

The reason I think it is so important is that these workers were true patriots. They were people that loved their country, cared about their country, and worked for their country at a critical time for us. We now need to do something for them.

THE REVEREND DR. ERROL A.
HARVEY

HON. NYDIA M. VELAZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 13, 2000

Ms. Velazquez. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize a man whose faith defined his character and whose character is considered a model for modern social justice.

Mr. Speaker, Helen Keller once said, "Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved."

The Reverend Dr. Errol A. Harvey was born in the great city of Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1943. As the second of four sons born to Fred and Elizabeth Harvey, young Errol lived in Grand Rapids until 1965 when he graduated from Aquinas College with a degree in history and political science.

However, Errol, whose character was shaped at a very early age by the death of his dear mother Elizabeth, decided to answer the call of his faith and his God. Father Harvey entered Seabury-Western Theological Seminary and received a Bachelor's of Divinity degree in 1969. His work as a Catholic Priest took him from the Trinity Cathedral Church in Newark, New Jersey to Dorchester, Massachusetts to the infamous Bronx in New York.

And in every area in which he has lived, worked and taught, Father Harvey has left a legacy of community leadership, social justice and acted as a tireless champion of those who are less fortunate.

For instance, while Vicar of St. Andrew's Church in the Bronx, Father Harvey was instrumental in building St. Andrew's House, a 75 unit apartment complex for senior citizens and the physically challenged. St. Andrew's House became a beacon in a community long known as one of the poorest areas in New York City and in America.

Throughout his life, Father Harvey, armed with the courage of his convictions and the strength of his character, became a pioneer in the fight against homelessness, police brutality, labor exploitation and worldwide human rights abuses. He has fought against racial injustice and has been a vocal advocate for people with disabilities and those suffering from AIDS.

Today, Father Harvey continues to serve his adopted home of New York City as a member of the Board of Directors of Housing Works, Inc, the largest provider of housing and services for people with AIDS.

And while he has never sought out praise or any kind of honor, Father Harvey has been honored with such esteemed honors as the Outstanding Service Award from the Council of Churches of the City of New York and The Reverend Patrick D. Walker Leadership Award given by the Black Caucus of the Dioceses of New York.

And today, we honor Father Harvey one more time. Not with a glowing award or gold statue, but with a simple "Thank You and God Bless You Father."