

first on the ground in Ethiopia, helping to deliver critical food and humanitarian assistance to victims in the hardest-hit areas. The organization has spearheaded education, public health and food distribution programs in the region to meet the needs of a people on the brink of starvation.

Ethiopia today faces a crisis not unlike the famine of 1984. Sustained periods of drought have led to high rates of malnutrition, severe water shortages and a significant loss of livestock. Save the Children has developed a program to address each of these issues, by aiding in the distribution of food and water to the poorest areas and by vaccinating livestock to prevent death and improve the food security of families who depend on livestock for their livelihood. The organization has prepared and initiated food distribution programs for some 135,600 children and adult family members in the Liben, Afdheer, and Borena regions, with plans to distribute 9,200 metric tons of wheat, vegetable oil, and corn soya blend.

Over 10 million people face severe food shortages in Ethiopia alone. Nearly 16 million in the Greater Horn of Africa risk imminent starvation. We cannot afford to turn our backs to their outstretched arms or turn a deaf ear to their anguished cries. Instead, we must continue to provide humanitarian assistance to these victims. I am particularly proud that Save the Children of Connecticut is helping to lead this effort, both within Africa and our own country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, during the day on Wednesday, May 17, 2000, I attended the funeral services for Representative STUPAK's son. As a result, I was unavoidably absent from rollcall votes 190 through 193.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall 190, "yes" on rollcall 191, "yes" on rollcall 192, and "yes" on rollcall 193.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE GRAND OPENING OF THE OVER 60 HEALTH CENTER, CENTER FOR ELDERS INDEPENDENCE AND MABLE HOWARD APARTMENTS IN BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in celebration of the Grand Opening of the Over 60 Health Center, Center for Elders Independence and the Mable Howard Apartments located in the new Over 60 Building in Berkeley, California. This event will take place on Sunday, May 21, 2000, and include public tours, food and entertainment.

The Over 60 Building is a unique collaboration of three local non-profit organizations. Over 60, a division of LifeLong Medical Care, is the oldest community health center serving seniors in the United States; the Center for El-

ders Independence is one of 13 nationally-claimed "Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly" (PACE); and Resources for Community Development is a developer of low-income housing in Alameda County. This partnership will offer a full continuum of medical and community-based long term care services for low-income elders that will allow them to remain independent, socially active and live in a community throughout their life span.

In addition to the health care component of this new facility is the Mable Howard Apartments, named posthumously for one of Berkeley's most active, committed and influential residents. This site includes forty affordable studios and one-bedroom apartments for seniors with health care services just an elevator ride away.

The opening will showcase the building, introduce the local community and media outlets to these services, and unveil a community mosaic art project featuring beautiful tiles hand-made by over 600 elders and children that are installed throughout the building. This art project was funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Over 60 Building is truly an innovative model of care for seniors, quickly becoming a source of civic pride and a valuable resource for the citizens of Berkeley. I am excited to join in this grand opening and look forward to the possibility of similar facilities being established throughout the country.

IN HONOR OF JULIANA TEXLEY,
RETIRING SUPERINTENDENT OF
ANCHOR BAY SCHOOLS

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the distinguished career of retiring Superintendent of Anchor Bay Schools, Juliana Texley. Administrator, educator, author and mother, Dr. Texley has dedicated her life to sharing knowledge and bringing it to others in multiple formats and settings.

Dr. Texley has been with the Anchor Bay Community Schools since 1990, but has been educating all her life. Beginning her career as a science and math teacher at Richmond High School, as her education increased, so did her responsibilities as an educator. She held instructor positions at Macomb Community College, St. Clair County Community College, Wayne State University, and Central Michigan University. Dr. Texley's influence on students has transcended the traditional classroom. She has contributed to many of the most respected scientific journals, studies and forums in the sciences.

Mr. Texley's toughness and determination were just what the Anchor Bay schools needed when she took over as Superintendent in 1993. She oversaw the rebuilding of a district ready to burst due to urban sprawl and new development. Thanks to her vision and resolve the Anchor Bay School system will soon see a brand new high school in addition to plans to renovate and modernized the elementary schools and junior high.

The presence of Dr. Juliana Texley will surely be missed throughout Anchor Bay Schools. But her legacy as a leader will be

seen in every modernized classroom and every successful student that walks the halls of an Anchor Bay school. Please join me in wishing Dr. Texley and her family all the best as she begins her new life.

HONORING THE SILVER BELL CLUB, LODGE 2365 OF THE POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THE UNITED STATES

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the Silver Bell Club, Lodge 2365 of the Polish National Alliance of the United States, will be hosting the 27th Annual Hank Stram-Tony Zale Sports Award Banquet on May 22, 2000. Nineteen Northwest Indiana High School athletes will be honored at this event for their outstanding dedication and hard work. These exceptional students were chosen to receive the award by their respective schools on the basis of academic and athletic achievement. All proceeds from this event will go toward a scholarship fund to be awarded to local students.

This year's Hank Stram-Tony Zale Award recipients include: Christopher Bruszewski of Wheeler High School; Sara Butterworth of Andean High School; Doug Dyzinski of Boone Grove High School; Julie Hoover of Merrillville High School; Tim Kacmar of Crown Point High School; Jeannie Knish of Munster High School; Michelle Kobli of Whiting High School; Adam Kowalczyk of Hanover Central High School; Vanessa Krysa of Valparaiso High School; Tom Kubon of Bishop Noll High School; Kari Lukasik of Lake Central High School; Daniel Matusik of Highland High School; Greg Mytyk of Hobart High School; Gary Ray of Lake Station High School; Jonathan Siminski of Hebron High School; David Taborski of Calumet High School; Mark Wachowski of Lowell High School; Kevin Wlazlo of Griffith High School; and Natalie Yudt of Portage High School.

The featured speaker at this gala event will be Mr. Len Dawson. Mr. Dawson was a quarterback for Purdue University as well as the Kansas City Chiefs. With Dawson's leadership, the Chiefs won the AFL Championship in 1962, 1966, and 1969. Dawson quarterbacked for the Chiefs in both of their Super Bowl games, and was selected as Most Valuable Player in Super Bowl IV when the Chiefs upset Minnesota 23-7.

Hank Stram, one of the most successful coaches in professional football history, will also be in attendance at this memorable event. Hank was raised in Gary, Indiana, and graduated from Lew Wallace High School, where he played football, basketball, baseball, and ran track. While attending college at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Hank won four letters in baseball and three letters in football. During his senior year he received the Big Ten Medal, which is awarded to the conference athlete who best combines athletic and academic success. After college, Hank began coaching in the NFL, where he became best noted for coaching the Kansas City Chiefs to a Super Bowl victory in 1970.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my distinguished colleagues to join me in commending

the Silver Bell Club, Lodge 2365 of the Polish National Alliance of the United States, for hosting this celebration of success in sports and academics. The effort of all those involved in planning this worthwhile event is indicative of their devotion to the very gifted young people in Indiana's First Congressional District.

FLOYD D. SPENCE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2000

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4205) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes:

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong support of the Gilchrest amendment to H.R. 4205. The amendment allows the Department of Defense to activate 5 more crucial emergency response teams designated as Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams, formerly called RAID teams, to address an emergency event caused by a weapon of mass destruction. As Chairman of the Special Oversight Panel On Terrorism, facts have been revealed to show that an event caused by a terrorist is becoming much more likely. It has also been revealed that first responders to such an event are not currently equipped to handle an incident that includes nuclear, biological, or chemical materials.

There are many adversaries of the United States who are becoming increasingly sophisticated and well financed. So it is not a matter of . . . "if" . . . we are attacked by a weapon of mass destruction but . . . "when" . . . we are attacked. Our nation needs to be ready with well-trained teams that can help local first responders in managing such an event. These response teams, as trained and equipped by the Army, are a valuable resource for respective state governors.

Some parts of the country, such as my own area in New Jersey, are densely populated and have a great need for a response team. The New Jersey National Guard and the State of New Jersey needs to have a team that can easily reach the populated areas of its state and the surrounding region. Cities like Philadelphia and Atlantic City just to name two are far from the reach of even the closest response teams currently scattered throughout the country.

It is important that we have enough response teams to be able to work in concert with various agencies such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Federal Emergency Management Agency, State Police, local law enforcement agencies, fire departments, hospitals, and emergency medical technicians to respond to WMD events all over the country. It is equally imperative that the response team have the means for being mobile so that a team may expeditiously deploy to a region that otherwise would be inaccessible by normal transportation mechanisms.

Mr. Chairman, I applaud the decision by the Secretary of Defense to create an organization that is immediately available to him for that expeditiously deploying resources in the event of a WMD incident. I also urge the Secretary to evaluate methods for enhancing prevention measures to complement the consequence management efforts. As individuals and groups gain an easier time to acquire information, materials, and resources, the need for our senior officials and citizens to have a sense of urgency becomes more evident.

Mr. Chairman, our nation has yet to face a WMD event involving nuclear, biological, or chemical weapons and we owe it to ourselves to be prepared. Some of the nation's most populated region are currently unprepared and unprotected. This amendment will provide a valuable resource that may be applied some of those regions.

I urge other members to emphatically support this measure.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, there are times when the obligation we have to be a good parent conflicts with the schedule of the House of Representatives. Tomorrow is such a day for me. Accordingly, I would like to note for the record that, were I able to be present tomorrow, I would vote in favor of the Transportation Appropriations bill the House will consider. I appreciate the assistance my district will receive because of this important appropriations bill as well as the courtesy that has been extended to me by both the Chairman and Ranking Member in considering funding requests important to Silicon Valley.

In addition, I have been informed that there will likely be an amendment offered to strike the provisions in this bill that would freeze CAFE standards at their current level. I would also like to note for the record that I would vote in favor of this amendment.

CELEBRATING THE 80TH BIRTHDAY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE JOHN PAUL II

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I speak in celebration of the 80th birthday of His Holiness Pope John Paul II.

Pope John Paul II was born Karol Wojtyla in Wadowice, Poland in 1920. He studied secretly during the German occupation of Poland. His experience during the Nazi occupation of Poland changed his path. Karol Wojtyla was active during the war in the Christian democratic underground group and helped Jews escape Nazis. Before the end of World War II, he decided to become a priest.

In 1946, he was ordained and spent eight years as a professor of social ethics at the Catholic University of Lublin, Poland. In 1964, he was named the archbishop of Krakow and

only three years later he was appointed cardinal by Pope Paul VI. On October 16, 1978, Cardinal Wojtyla was elected Pope. He took the name of this predecessors, and became the first Polish leader of the Roman Catholic Church and the youngest pope in this century.

John Paul II has been the most traveled, popular and political pope. He has visited over 100 countries and almost every country that would receive him. He was a strong critic of the Communist regimes in Eastern Europe, especially in his native Poland and Soviet Union. In addition, he has opposed economic sanctions against Cuba, Iran and Iraq. Pope John Paul II is determined in promoting liberty and equality for all the people. Pope John Paul II stays determined to lead Catholics into the third millennium.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in sending His Holiness Pope John Paul II the best wishes for his birthday and many years of healthy and productive work. Stolat!

RECOGNIZING MAY 2000 AS NATIONAL ARTHRITIS AWARENESS MONTH

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2000

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I bring to the attention of my colleagues an illness that affects millions of Americans. I am speaking of Arthritis. Today I recognize May 2000 as "National Arthritis Awareness Month." You may be surprised to learn that arthritis affects children and adults and is not limited to senior citizens.

Arthritis affects the lives of 43 million Americans or one out of every six of us, including 285,000 children. This number will grow to over 60 million individuals by 2020. Unfortunately, this crippling disease remains the leading cause of disability in the United States and it costs our economy \$65 billion annually.

What many of us do not know is that Arthritis also is more common among women—for whom it is the leading chronic condition and cause of activity limitation.

Despite these compelling facts, for generations, our nation has labored under the many myths surrounding Arthritis. It is still widely believed that arthritis is an inevitable part of the aging process. It is also widely believed that there are few effective treatment options for Arthritis apart from taking a few aspirin. Finally, yet another falsehood is that individuals with arthritis should refrain from physical activity.

Despite these misunderstandings and myths, however, we can do something to combat Arthritis in America.

Thanks to the work of voluntary organizations like the Arthritis Foundation, we are spreading the message that there is help and hope for Americans living with this painful and debilitating disease. In the past year, we have reached several milestones in our battle against Arthritis. Whether it involves the new and exciting treatment options arising from our investments in research or our first steps in implementing the National Arthritis Action Plan, we have been provided new tools to aid us in our fight against the disease.

In early 1998, the Arthritis Foundation joined forces with the Centers for Disease Control