

A mighty force had struck my way.
 Being thrust upon the deck,
 With no feeling in my legs or neck
 "Abandon ship", a voice cried out
 I could not stir or even shout.
 Merchant seamen rest in the deep
 Heroes in eternal sleep
 Confined to a watery grave.
 Patriots, bold and brave.
 To my regret, I cannot leave.
 There is no consolation for those who
 grieve—
 Here forever, I am part of the sea
 Having given my life for others to be free.

HONORING SHOLL'S CAFETERIA, A
 WASHINGTON LANDMARK

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, on March 15th, I joined in celebrating the 72nd Anniversary of Sholl's Cafeteria. Sholl's is more than a business, it is a cherished institution here in Washington.

One of the most important family rituals is eating together, joining together in a daily activity and discussing the events of the day and the plans for tomorrow. Sholl's provides this family atmosphere by providing a place for people to come together in an enjoyable environment, to share in taking a meal and to experience the sense of community.

I would like to submit for the RECORD this poem by John Seitz which honors this Washington landmark.

ODE TO SHOLL'S CAFETERIA

(By John R. Seitz)

Come bring along a friend to Sholl's. Liver and onions! Ah, the rolls! The chopped steak is the best in town. Meatloaf or blue fish share renown.
 Some folks favor the rhubarb pie, While pumpkin's what others swear by. Something lighter you might savor Is egg custard, rich in flavor.
 Water glasses catch the eye, Sparkling with ice as you go by. Coffee is smooth from cup to cup. Whichever time of day you sup.
 Is breakfast the meal you prefer? The eggs will suit without demur. The bacon's always crisp and done. Waffles, pastries, suit everyone!
 So grab a tray, and step in line. The wait's not long, and you'll do fine. Sit where you like, then dig right in. Your tasty meal waits to begin.
 Now you may hear, a threatening fear, That Sholl's could close and disappear. It's true; but Sholl's is open now. It plans to stay, and here is how.
 Patrons, diners, all who should Step forth for food that's cheap and good, Promote tradition with these goals! So "S.O.S."—"Support Our Sholl's!"

EXTENSION OF REMARKS CONCERN FOR RELIGIOUS MINORITIES IN IRAN

HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, ten percent of the citizens of the Islamic Republic of Iran

are members of religious minority groups. According to the State Department and internationally recognized human rights organizations, religious minorities in Iran—including Sunni Muslims, Baha'is, Christians, and Jews—have all been the victims of human rights abuses simply because of their religious beliefs. More than half the Jews in Iran have been forced to flee that country since the Islamic Revolution of 1979 because of religious persecution.

Five Jews have been executed by the Iranian government in the past five years without having been tried. There has been an increase in anti-Semitic propaganda in the government-controlled Iranian press. I want to express my concern today about the thirteen Jews who Iran accused of spying for the United States and Israel and who were arrested on the eve of Passover in 1999. These men are currently being held in an Iranian jail, and although their trial has already begun, they have still not been charged. Further, contrary to Iranian law, these prisoners have been denied the right to choose their own legal counsel, and ten of the defendants have been imprisoned for over a year without any legal representation.

Both Israel and the United States have denied that these men were spying on their behalf. But, this case is indicative of the continued concern I have regarding Iran. From the continuing development of long range missiles capable of striking our friends and allies in the Middle East, to the lack of basic human rights and freedom for the Iranian people, to support for terrorists who target Americans, Iran persists in engaging in a pattern of unacceptable behavior that should cause all of us great apprehension.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in expressing alarm about Iran. It is my hope that the thirteen Jews currently being held on these trumped up espionage charges will be accorded their basic legal rights and that Iran will release all prisoners held on the basis of their religious beliefs.

HONORING MILES LERMAN

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, after 22 years of dedicated service, Miles Lerman will soon step down as Chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council. At the end of this month, the Museum will be honoring his extraordinary commitment and dedicated leadership.

I would like to join with Mr. Lerman's fiends and colleagues in saluting his years of service not just to our Nation, but for the cause of justice throughout the world.

During World War II, Mr. Lerman fought the Nazis as a partisan in the forests of southern Poland. Upon liberation, he returned to his native town only to discover that his mother and siblings had been murdered.

After the War, he rebuilt his life in the United States, with his wife Chris, a survivor of Auschwitz.

Mr. Lerman has long been prominent in Jewish leadership, for which he received the medal of achievement from the Prime Minister of the State of Israel.

In 1980 he was appointed by President Carter to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, to build a national Holocaust Memorial Museum in tribute to the victims of Nazi atrocities. He has been reappointed repeatedly by subsequent presidents. The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is now the largest single repository of Holocaust artifacts in the world outside of the Nazi death camps.

In recognition of these achievements, President Clinton appointed Miles Lerman as Chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, the governing body of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Mr. Lerman has also received numerous honors throughout his distinguished career, including the Outstanding Civilian Service Medal, Department of the Army, May 15, 1996; The Inaugural Israeli Bonds Freedom Award, the State of Israel Bonds, Washington D.C. June 5, 1994; the Jules Cohen Memorial Award, Jewish Community Relations Council, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for commitment to international human rights and holocaust education, March 3, 1994; Commander's Cross (the highest award for a non-citizen of Poland), presented by Lech Walesa, President of the Republic of Poland, April 3, 1993; the Partisans Cross, for bravery in combat with the Nazi invaders, presented by the Order of Council of Ministers of the Republic of Poland, July 14, 1989; Prime Minister's Medal of Achievement, the State of Israel Bonds, June 10, 1973.

HONORING GERALD SQUILLANTE

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, we all rely on hospitals for our well-being or more accurately, the people in our hospitals to help us through our individual crises. One of the people I want to praise today for his work is Gerald Squillante, Director of the School of Radiation Therapy at Montefiore Medical Center.

He has brought diligence and compassion to his work and he is being honored for his 18 years of service at Montefiore Hospital to the people of the community. He graduated from the first class of the School of Radiation at Montefiore Medical Center's Radiation Oncology Department.

For the 18 years he has served as Director he has dedicated his time and ability to assist the administrative, technical and medical staff whenever they have called on him. He has been a dedicated teacher who helped his students reach their goal of graduating from the School of Radiation Therapy Technology and to pass the National Registry Examination in order to obtain their licenses to treat.

He has shown care and devotion to his family, his colleagues and his students, who are known with affection as "Jerry's Kids".

I want to join with his family, friends, colleagues and students in wishing him the very best on his anniversary. The work he does certainly is a benefit to all of us.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
KRISTY L. LAUDICK ON HER AP-
POINTMENT TO ATTEND THE
UNITED STATES MILITARY
ACADEMY AT WEST POINT

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding young woman from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Kristy L. Laudick of Van Wert, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

Mr. Speaker, Kristy's offer of appointment poises her to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming cadet class of 2004. Attending one of our nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer. Truly, it is one of the most challenging and rewarding undertakings of their lives.

Kristy brings a special mix of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming class of West Point cadets. While attending the Culver Military Academy in Culver, Indiana, Kristy has attained a grade point average of 3.42, which places her thirty-third in her class of one hundred seventy-nine students. During her time at Culver Military Academy, Kristy has received several commendations for her superior scholastic efforts. During her first year, she received two Gold Cards. Kristy received two gold A's, one Silver Star, and one Gold Star during her second year. In addition, she received two Gold Stars and two Silver A's for her academic efforts in her third year.

Outside the classroom, Kristy has distinguished herself as an excellent student-athlete. On the fields of competition, Kristy has participated in Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Swimming, and Varsity Crew. She has also been involved in the Fall Rowing Club. Kristy has served as Secretary of the Campus Activity Board and is involved in the German Club, Band, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to stand and join me in paying special tribute to Kristy L. Laudick. Our service academies offer the finest education and military training available anywhere in the world. I am sure that Kristy will do very well during her career at West Point and I wish her the very best in all of her future endeavors.

A SALUTE TO REDFORD HIGH
SCHOOL

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mrs. Teresa Holder-Hagood and the students of Redford Senior High School in my home district of Detroit, MI. On Tuesday, April 25th, 2000, I was honored to visit with them to discuss various issues the students deemed important.

The memorable opportunity was prompted by a visit from Mrs. Holder-Hagoods' govern-

ment class to my Detroit office in September of last year. The students were quite inquisitive, following up their visit with over 40 written requests to join them and address an even larger assembly. After personally responding to each inquiry, I arranged to meet with several classes of Redford students on Tuesday, April 25th, 2000; we were joined by my former staffer Ms. Susan Watson, a "locked-out" Detroit newspaper columnist, now with the Detroit Federation of Teachers.

Our visit proved to be a very stimulating session, capturing the essential character of the Detroit secondary-school community. After I was introduced by Ms. Cheri Luster, a sophomore in the school's college-prep curriculum, I found myself fielding questions covering a wide array of topics ranging from racial profiling and mandatory minimums to voting and education reform. While the student's inquiries were incisive, I could not help but be struck by their outstanding scholastic accomplishments, including, but not limited to, two Grand Winners in Math and Science at the Metro-Detroit Annual Engineering Fair and Leading Contender at the National Competition on Robotics—2000. At a time in our nation's history when an understanding of information and technological innovation is critical, these successes deserve acclaim.

Moreover, Redford Senior High School is currently celebrating its 80th Anniversary; what more wonderful way to mark the occasion than to tout these victories in national scholastic competitions.

In the early 1900's, the very first teacher at Redford, Mr. Hiram Wilmarth, started out in a small white-frame school teaching only eight students. Today, Mrs. Holder-Hagood and her Redford colleagues, under the guidance of Principal Dr. Walter McLean, exemplify that same kind of solid commitment to student achievement. As senior teacher in the Social Studies Department and school "Special Events Chairperson", Mrs. Holder-Hagood, who has taught at Redford since 1969, utilizes the kind of educational tools which enrich her student's understanding of real world institutions in real time, through interactive experience.

This approach to education is epitomized by the "Close-Up" educational program here in Washington, D.C., which arranges "close-up" meetings with Capital Hill legislators. Several Detroit area schools, including Redford, have visited my Washington office through this wonderful program, and its benefits have been quite rewarding for all participants.

From its humble beginnings in 1907 of just under 10 registrants, Redford High School's enrollment has mushroomed to approximately 2,500 students from many backgrounds and cultures, and on Thursday, June 22, 2000, Redford High School expects to graduate over 250 seniors.

While there is still much reform needed in our nation's urban learning centers, stories of triumph, like those being authorized by Mrs. Teresa Holder-Hagood and the students, teachers, administrators and parents of Redford High, remind us of what true heroism really is and encourage us all. And so, on behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I want to wish Redford Senior High School of Detroit a Happy 80th Anniversary and every success in the coming years.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 4528

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill H.R. 4528 the International Academic Opportunity Act of 2000 along with the distinguished gentleman from New York, Mr. HINCHAY to encourage undergraduate college students to study abroad for a year.

Experts agree that a global society is the future. Americans, need to be prepared to operate in an international environment and economy. This preparation starts at a young age and is the reason I am introducing this measure to assist college-level students to study abroad.

I have been a longstanding supporter of international exchanges, because exposure to a world outside of one's home country leads to greater understanding. People-to-people contact—the seeing, doing and interacting—is how we learn to appreciate similarities, differences or other ways of doing things. I would like to expand the horizons of our college students by providing incentive grants to encourage lower income students to consider a study abroad program.

This bill authorizes \$1.5 million to be made available to the State Department for grants up to \$5,000. These incentive grants are to be used to cover travel or other expenses related to studying overseas. The intention of the bill is to provide current study abroad programs that exist on many college and university campuses with funds that would allow them to reach out to other students that may not have considered such study because of the added expense of travel and living.

Developed with the assistance of college administrators and exchange experts, it is hoped that a streamlined program will encourage more students to participate in an overseas educational program and motivate them to learn and apply a foreign language. These experiences and skills will serve them well as they enter the workforce. Through these grants, I want to help prepare and motivate our young students to participate in the international arena.

Mr. Speaker, I submit the full text of this important measure to be inserted at this point in the RECORD:

H.R. 4528

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "International Academic Opportunity Act of 2000".

SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.

It is the purpose of this Act to establish an undergraduate grant program for students of limited financial means from the United States to enable such students to study at institutions of higher education in foreign countries. Such foreign study is intended to broaden the outlook and better prepare such students of demonstrated financial need to assume significant roles in the increasingly global economy.

SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF GRANT PROGRAM FOR FOREIGN STUDY BY AMERICAN COLLEGE STUDENTS OF LIMITED FINANCIAL MEANS.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to the availability of appropriations and under the authorities of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, the Secretary of