

becoming California Superior Court Judge for Napa County in 1979. Judge Champlin also served as a Justice Pro Tem for the California Court of Appeals First Appellate District in 1996 and 1998.

The Napa County community has recognized Judge Champlin for his great work numerous times. In 1987 he was named the Napa Citizen of the Year by the Napa Chamber of Commerce and KVON Radio. He was named a Silver Beaver by the Silverado Council of the Boy Scouts of America in 1985 and was likewise granted the Award of Merit by the Napa District of Boy Scouts in 1984.

Judge Champlin has been a dedicated family man throughout his life. He has been married to Lynne McWilliams for 34 years and together they have two children, Christopher and Catherine Champlin.

Clearly, Mr. Speaker, Philip Champlin has been an outstanding lawyer, judge and citizen. Our Napa Valley community has been fortunate to have such a dedicated and distinguished man serve us throughout the last three decades. It has been my honor, first as a State Senator and now as a Congressman to represent Philip Champlin. For these reasons, I move that we officially honor Judge Philip Champlin for his meritorious service to the people of Napa County, California.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY RECOGNIZES THE JAMESBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Jamesburg Volunteer Fire Department's 100th anniversary. Over the last century, the members of this organization have made a tremendous contribution to their community by protecting their residents and assisting other local departments.

On March 19, 1900, a special meeting was held at the Jamesburg Borough Hall to discuss fire protection in Jamesburg. At this time, the Borough had allocated \$666 for fire protection. At this meeting, it was determined that there was a need to create a permanent organization to provide fire protection and prevention in the Borough of Jamesburg; The organization was named "The Jamesburg Fire Protective Association."

The next month, arrangements were made for the purchase of a Holloway Double Fifty Gallon Tank Chemical Engine for \$1,440. Later that month, an organizational meeting was held, and 55 volunteers attended to offer their services. The name of the organization was changed to "Jamesburg Fire Co. No. 1." The first fundraising event was held on May 15, 1900, and was a huge success, raising over \$100. The same night as the organizational meeting, the company responded to its first call—a fire that destroyed a local barn.

To summon the volunteers for a fire call, an alarm system was needed. The first was a flange of the rim from a locomotive wheel that was sounded by being stricken with a sledge hammer. This system proved inadequate and the company purchased a 1,100-pound bell in November of 1901. The alarm system was

electrified in 1914 by placing an automatic striker in the bell.

Starting in 1901, local youth were allowed to assist the department by carrying water in pails to the scene of the fire. These youths affectionately referred to as the bucket brigade. The tradition still exists today in the form of a Junior Membership Program that allows individuals between 16 and 18 years of age to join the department and learn the skills of firefighting in preparation for becoming certified firefighters.

In 1982, the Borough of Jamesburg formed a fire district, allowing the department to receive some funding through a fire tax. Today, the Jamesburg Volunteer Fire Department is a completely volunteer staffed department that upholds the pride and tradition of their founders. In addition to providing fire protection in the borough, the department is contracted to respond to calls in Monroe Township and a stretch of the New Jersey Turnpike.

I urge all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of the Kingston Volunteer Fire Company.

AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF NON-DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT (NORMAL TRADE RELATIONS TREATMENT) TO PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

SPEECH OF

HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 4444.

Giving China permanent normal trade relations with the United States gives up a valuable tool for protecting the human rights in China. It assures China that it can take American jobs through low wages and forced labor.

In the auto industry GM has admitted that GM plans to increase its use of China-made parts in its Shanghai facility from 40 to 80 percent. Those parts will replace parts made in America. The manufacturing jobs will move from the U.S. to China.

REI announced this month that it is closing its Seattle clothing plant to open a plant in Mexico. REI credits NAFTA for the move. As a result of NAFTA 325 jobs have now moved to Mexico for a simple reason: The Mexican workers will be paid \$50 per week. This is a foretaste of what is to come with PNTR especially with Chinese workers earning 25 cents per hour.

Chinese workers have little in the way of rights. Chinese workers are prohibited from freely organizing labor unions and any signs of discontent are punished.

A demonstration last week in Liaoning by 5,000 workers and retirees over unpaid wages and pensions was met by 1,000 police who forcefully broke up the demonstration, beat 50 people and arrested the organizers. That is the usual Chinese government reaction to workers seeking justice.

The Chinese government operates 1,100 factories, farms and other facilities which use forced labor. U.S. law prohibits the importation of goods made by forced Labor, but the goods are widely believed to enter this country. Harry Wu, who spent 19 years in the forced labor

system, has brought 28 complaints about these imports. The State Department's Report on Human Rights for 1999 states that whenever the U.S. Customs has identified illegal goods, China simply ignores or denies the allegation. We cannot expect any U.S. firm to be able to compete against manufacturers using forced labor.

Increased trade has not helped improve human rights in China. According to the State Department's Human Rights Report for 1999 released in February, 2000, "A crackdown against a fledgling opposition party, which began in the fall of 1998, broadened and intensified"; "tens of thousands of members of the Falun Gong spiritual movement were detained. . . . several leaders . . . were sentenced to long prison terms . . . and hundreds of others were sentenced to reeducation through labor"; "child labor persists"; and "poor enforcement of occupational health and safety regulations continues to put workers' lives at risk." A single sentence in the Report sums up China's human rights record: "Abuses included instances of extrajudicial killings, torture and mistreatment of prisoners, forced confessions, arbitrary arrest and detention, lengthy incommunicado detention, and denial of due process."

H.R. 4444 is indeed a trade bill. It trades American jobs and Chinese human rights for a chance for profits from China. That is a trade I am not willing to make, and urge Members to vote against the bill.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE JEFFREY A. KELLOGG, OUTGOING LONG BEACH CITY COUNCILMAN AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, today, I want to pay tribute to the Honorable Jeffrey A. Kellogg, for his 12 years of distinguished public service as a Long Beach City Councilman and Chairman of the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority.

On July 18th, Councilman Kellogg will leave public office and his position with the Alameda Corridor. He will be truly missed by his colleagues and the Long Beach community for his steady leadership, vision and calming influence.

Councilman Kellogg has represented the City of Long Beach on the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority Governing Board since it was formed in 1989 to oversee design and construction of the Alameda Corridor rail cargo expressway. He has served as Chairman three times, including during the project's critical early stages. Councilman Kellogg is the only member of the Alameda Corridor Transportation Governing Board to have served since its inception.

In 1995, Congress recognized the Alameda Corridor as "a project of national significance." The Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles comprise our nation's busiest port complex, and cargo volumes are projected to triple by 2020. The Alameda Corridor will link the ports to the transcontinental rail yards near downtown Los Angeles, creating a more efficient

way to distribute cargo and allowing our ports—and our nation—to maintain their competitive edge.

It is a testament to Councilman Kellogg's exemplary service that the Alameda Corridor is now in full-scale construction, on budget, and on schedule for completion in 2002.

Councilman Kellogg has conducted himself with great honor and integrity during his years as a public servant, and should be commended for his outstanding service.

COMMENDING ISRAEL'S REDEPLOYMENT FROM SOUTHERN LEBANON

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Con. Res. 331, a bill that commends Israel's redeployment from southern Lebanon. I commend and thank my colleagues, the sponsors of this resolution for giving all members an opportunity to formally support Israel's recent withdrawal from southern Lebanon.

We have all witnessed some tough times in Israel's journey toward the peace it desires. This unilateral and courageous step shows the world and especially those in the Middle East that Israel is committed to moving forward for peace.

This decisive action on Israel's part is one of many risks Israel's leaders have proven willing to take in order to make peace a reality. I commend Prime Minister Barak, the members of the Knesset, and the people of Israel for their courage and resolve. I also want to acknowledge the important work of so many in our country who have devoted time and energy to ensuring a bright future for Israel.

I am committed to supporting Israel and helping to guarantee her security so that the dream of peace in the Middle East may one day be a reality.

Along with my colleagues, I hope to see the United Nations bring about a more secure environment in southern Lebanon, including taking action to disband any terrorist organizations in that area.

I am so proud of Israel for taking this meaningful step toward peace. While Israel has shown great restraint in the face of violence, I want to reassert my belief that Israel has every right to protect itself against terrorists or attacks by other nations. Israel is the United States' closest ally in the Middle East and other nations would not be wise to test the strength of the U.S.-Israel relationship.

Again, I applaud Israel for this bold move, and I urge all parties in the Middle East to re-enter serious negotiations for peace in the Middle East. I urge all of my colleagues to vote in support of H. Con. Res. 331, so that this body can be on record in our support for Israel's efforts to bring peace to that nation and the region.

FIRE TRIBUTE TO BROWARD COUNTY'S RESCUE SERVICE

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute to Broward County's Fire Rescue service. Recently, they were named the number one emergency and medical service in the state of Florida.

Broward Fire Rescue has had many outstanding accomplishments this year. They received a grant of \$100,000 to put automatic external defibrillators in public buildings. This program is intended to quicken the process of helping heart attack victims. They were also the first agency in the county to give the heart attack clot-busting drug, Retavase, to patients while on the way to the hospital. In addition, the fire-rescue workers transport heart attack and stroke victims to the county hospital that is best equipped patients rather than just the nearest one. Furthermore, the agency began airing fire-safety announcements before films at Muvico theaters.

I would particularly like to honor the men and women of Broward Fire Rescue for their tireless efforts of providing care for the injured and sick. Without these individuals, the accomplishments listed above would not be possible. The agency should be recognized for their hard work and dedication to Broward County and its residents.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ROUND VALLEY INDIAN TRIBES STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST INDIAN WOMEN PROGRAM

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Margaret Hoaglen and the Round Valley Indian Tribe's STOP Violence Against Indian Women Program.

A recipient of the 2000 National Crime Victim Service Award, Special Award for Innovations in Service to Victims in Indian Country, the Round Valley STOP Program is an example of how dedication and collaboration with local resources can make an impact on victims of domestic violence and their children in Indian Country.

The Crime Victim Service Award, the highest award for victim advocacy, honors those that have provided extraordinary service and great commitment to victims.

In existence since May 1998, the Round Valley STOP Program has forged partnerships with local agencies, entering into agreements with the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office and the County Victim Witness Unit.

In addition, they completed a draft Tribal Domestic Violence Ordinance that has generated discussion of issues surrounding domestic violence. The program works closely with the local domestic violence shelter and has provided funding for a Children's Program offering care and support for children living in the shelter.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we acknowledge Margaret Hoaglen and

the Round Valley STOP Violence Against Indian Women Program for the dedicated service they provide to victims in Indian Country. Congratulations to them for receiving this very important award.

HONORING T. L. HANNA HIGH SCHOOL IN ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

HON. LINDSEY O. GRAHAM

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, today I honor T. L. Hanna High School in Anderson, SC. This school has been recently named a 1999–2000 school year "Blue Ribbon School" by Secretary of Education, Richard Riley.

Since its inception in 1982, more than 3,800 of the most successful and challenging schools in the country have been honored by inclusion in the Blue Ribbons Schools Program. The schools chosen for this program must fulfill stringent, research-based criteria for overall academics, excellence. To be eligible to be a Blue Ribbon School, schools are judged in all areas of academics, instruction, professional development, and school curriculum. In addition, honored schools exhibit exceptional levels of community and parental involvement, high student achievement levels and rigorous safety and discipline programs within their schools.

T. L. Hanna High School was one of only four schools in South Carolina honored with this prestigious award this year. In fact, they were one of an elite 198 schools nationwide chosen for this honor for the 1999–2000 school year.

T. L. Hanna High School is an outstanding example of effective public school and is well deserving of this national award. Their parents, students, teachers, administrators, and school officials should all be proud for achieving this special honor. This school is a strong example of excellence in academics in the 3rd District of South Carolina and should serve as a model for schools across the country. I am proud to have this blue ribbon school in my district of South Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my fellow colleagues will join me in congratulating T. L. Hanna High School for their commitment to educational excellence.

CONSUMER AUTOMOBILE LEASE ADVERTISING IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2000

HON. JOHN J. LaFALCE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. LaFALCE. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing today legislation to amend current federal law to provide consumers with more relevant, complete and timely information about the terms and costs of automobile leases. My legislation, the "Consumer Automobile Lease Advertising Improvement Act of 2000", seeks to empower consumers by providing them with the information they need to evaluate lease offers, to comparison shop for the best lease