

plan that will restore America's prosperity so that all of our hard working families can have security in their family finances. We must pass a strong economic plan, not a risky gamble with our nation's economic strength.

The Republican bill mortgages the future based on a guess. If the projected surpluses fall to materialize, Social Security and Medicare will be on the chopping block. The American people know that the budget projections are not real. They are an estimate. It is irresponsible to make decisions that will directly impact people's lives based on a ten-year number we know is no more reliable than a ten-year hurricane forecast.

This bill is a cynical maneuver for short-term political gain. I support and have voted for exempting virtually all North Carolina families from the estate tax, but this bill sunsets in 2010 which would reinstate the estate tax. I support immediate relief from the marriage penalty, but this bill will hurt families by driving up interest rates on homes, cars, and credit cards.

As the only former state schools chief serving in Congress, I was very pleased by the President's promise to improve education. But this bill saps the resources we need to strengthen our schools for the 21st Century. The bill does nothing to help states build schools to relieve overcrowding and get our students out of trailers even though we have strong, bipartisan support for tax legislation to accomplish that priority. And the spending cuts that this bill requires will threaten child care, Head Start, job training and college aid that are vitally important to allow people to make the most of their God-given abilities.

Mr. Speaker, a great deal of attention has been paid lately to the trouble on Wall Street and signs the economic boom may well be over. One sector that hasn't been booming for some time is agriculture, and farmers in my district have been hurting in the face of production cuts, commodity price losses and natural disasters. I was appalled when the Budget Committee passed its budget that would gut important farm programs to finance this tax bill. If approved, these cuts would eliminate funds to identify solutions to the state's hog waste problems and force dozens of our Farm Service Agency offices to close their doors. These agriculture cuts are wrong, and I will fight to restore them despite the expected passage of this Republican tax bill.

Mr. Speaker, we can have responsible tax relief balanced with sound investments in our nation's future, but this tax bill is a missed opportunity. I urge my colleagues to vote down this bill and come together to pass a responsible tax cut that honors America's values and respects the people's priorities.

IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT
OF MISS MADELINE MALONE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Miss Madeline Malone of Lakewood, Ohio for her 43 years of dedicated teaching service on this seventh day of June, 2001.

It seems that everyone who walks the halls of St. James School in Lakewood, Ohio knows

Miss Madeline Malone. Her kind spirit and gentle smile have greeted students for the past four decades. Her teaching style has captured the hearts and minds of countless students who now live throughout northeastern Ohio and beyond.

Miss Malone taught primarily History and Social Studies to junior high students; however, she taught not only from a textbook. Her life lessons and wisdom touched the souls of each of her students. Her career has been a distinguished one. Her past students recognize her and remember her teachings. Upon retirement, there is no doubt that she will be missed.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Miss Madeline Malone, a fine teacher and citizen. Her love of children has earned her the respect of students, parents, and faculty, as well as the entire Lakewood community.

TRIBUTE TO RON STARK

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute Ron Stark, the outgoing President of the Rancho Cucamonga Chamber of Commerce, and a leading citizen of our community.

Ron is admired in the Inland Empire community for his strong record of business success and public service. He is the owner of Star Kreative Services, a full-service Marketing and Advertising Agency, specializing in budgeting, planning, media purchases, and complete corporate identity design.

Ron's leadership this past year is indicative of a Chamber President who continuously gives of his time and finances to promote a business friendly environment that enhances the quality of life and the economy of Rancho Cucamonga. He has served on the Board of Directors since 1995 and began his term as President July 1, 2000.

Some of the accomplishments under Ron's leadership were: Increased the image and visibility of the Chamber to its members and the community by moving into the historic Thomas Winery Plaza. Reorganized the community's 61-year-old Grape Harvest Festival to a true premier community event. Established a monthly President's Roundtable of nine Inland Valley Chambers, which discusses regional economic development and legislative issues. Encouraged the creation of a West End Community Calendar on the Chamber's Website, which enhances special event planning among the Chambers and service clubs. It offers the community and visitors a complete calendar of events 24 hours a day. Continued the Annual Spring Swing and Vintner's Dinner as pre-eminent events in the Inland Empire. Formed an effective Business Advocacy Group that tracks all legislation impacting the business community. This enhanced the Chamber's image as a true watchdog for the business community. He also wrote letters to various legislators urging either support or opposition to various legislation that would have an impact on the community. Increased "Shop Rancho" promotion activities encouraging the residents to "Shop Rancho without leaving the home or office." Continued the popular one-on-one counseling and Small Business Workshops for busi-

nesses that provided various management and marketing tools for the 21st Century. Reached a three-year goal (set in 1999) of establishing a six-month operating reserve of \$145,000 one year early. Attained a three-year goal (set in 1999) of reaching 1,000 members, for first time in eleven years, one year early.

In summary, Mr. Speaker, Ron Stark has set the bar high for future leaders of the Chamber. We salute him for his outstanding work, and wish him well in his future endeavors.

HONORING WALTER CAMPBELL

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to rise before you today to pay tribute to a loyal friend and a tireless advocate of America's workers. On June 5, friends and family will gather in Lansing, Michigan, to honor Walter Campbell, as he celebrates his 90th birthday.

Walter Campbell was born in Manistee, Michigan in 1911. His family moved to Muskegon, where he spent most of his life. He became active in the labor movement when he joined Local 404 of the Allied Industrial Workers, AFL-CIO, in 1937, while employed by Borg Warner in Muskegon Heights. He was elected to serve the union in various capacities, including chief steward, bargaining committeeman, and president. In 1941 he took a new endeavor when he began work with the international union. He became an international representative in 1943 and remained in that position until 1967, when he was elected Regional Director of AIW Region 7 and a member of the Michigan AFL-CIO Executive Board and Executive Committee. During his tenure with the AFL-CIO, Walter held many positions and chaired several committees. In 1959, Walter was appointed by Governor G. Mennen Williams as one of two labor members of the Michigan Employment Security Commission. He was consistently reappointed and served seven consecutive terms, three of which he served as chairman. His final term ended in 1987, 11 years after his retirement from the Michigan State AFL-CIO.

Walter's commitment to labor is matched only by his tremendous commitment to improving the community. He has been a member of United Way of Michigan's Board of Directors, and chairman of the Michigan Welfare Reform Coalition. He has worked with such groups as the Michigan Diabetes Association, United Negro College Fund, and the Michigan Catholic Conference, among many others. Since retiring, Walter has devoted much of his time to the United Way, assisting them with campaigns throughout the state. Walter has given so much of himself to the community that he has been recognized for it by many organizations. He has received awards for distinguished service by the Michigan League for Human Services, Boy Scouts of America, the Tri-County Volunteer Action Center, and the Lansing Human Relations Board. On June 9, 1979, Walter was honored by Grand Valley State College with an honorary Doctorate of Humanities.

Walter has also stood as a standard by which other community leaders are measured.

In 1977, the Michigan United Labor Community Services School started the Walter A. Campbell Community Service Award to the student best demonstrating involvement in community services. In 1981, the Capital Area United Way established the Walter Campbell Award for Outstanding Volunteerism for those who stood out as an inspiration to others for community service through the United Way.

Mr. Speaker, Walter Campbell is a great humanitarian, an unselfish leader, and a true role model. In addition, he is a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. I personally have had the privilege of knowing Mr. Campbell for over a third of a century and I am clearly a better person because of him. He is a symbol of excellence to everyone in this nation, and is a shining example of the best our society has to offer. I ask my colleagues in the 107th Congress to please join me in wishing Walter a very happy 90th birthday, and many more to come.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY RECOGNIZES THE TINTON FALLS LIBRARY FOR ITS ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Tinton Falls Library Association's 40th anniversary, which marks a milestone in the Borough of Tinton Falls' ongoing commitment to promoting literacy and to encouraging reading among borough youth. The library's ongoing service to the local community over the past four decades has truly been an invaluable asset to many residents of my district.

When the Tinton Falls Library first opened its doors in June of 1961, its total holdings amounted to a mere 2,000 volumes. Today, the library houses over 35,000 items, including a multimedia collection comprised of numerous videos, periodicals, and books on tape. Six computers (two with Internet access) are also available for public use.

For the past four decades, the library has also been committed to active service to the community of Tinton Falls. Its many programs include five-times daily Story Hours for children aged two to third grade, regular provision of books on Tinton Falls schools' Summer Reading Program lists, a Vacation Reading Club for children, as well as a group for teens that encourages community service, leadership, literacy, and volunteerism. Tinton Falls Library has also been host to a variety of borough cultural events and meetings held by local organizations.

The library's success is due to many reasons, but the main reason is the good, dedicated work of the staff and volunteers who make it work.

Once again, I would like to congratulate the Tinton Falls Library Association on its 40th anniversary. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding its many accomplishments and efforts in service of our community.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1836,
ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TAX
RELIEF RECONCILIATION ACT OF
2001

SPEECH OF

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2001

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I am opposing the passage of H.R. 1836. This legislation is fiscally irresponsible and, contrary to its official title, will not result in economic growth, but could have a significant negative impact on our economy.

I support a tax cut. I have supported a tax cut since this process began in February. But this is the wrong tax cut at the wrong time. The House of Representatives and the President started this process all wrong. The President submitted this massive ten year tax cut of \$1,600,000,000,000 before he had even submitted a budget for Fiscal Year 2002. And the House proceeded to pass this huge tax cut, without having passed a budget. This is completely irresponsible. It is the equivalent of a family taking money out of circulation for the next ten years before they have sat down and decided how much they need this year for health care costs, how much they need to educate their children, how much they need to protect their home, how much they need for transportation, or how much they need for food, shelter, and clothing. Again, Mr. Speaker, I had no problem with cutting taxes, I just wanted it done in a responsible manner and after a budget had been passed.

Once the House had passed a budget, the leadership continued on its blind path of irresponsibility by insisting on the President's \$1.6 trillion cut. I supported a much more realistic plan, which would have divided the on budget surplus, the surplus after contributions to the Social Security and Medicare Trust Funds are deducted, into thirds. Under this plan, the \$2.7 trillion surplus could have been divided into \$900 billion for a tax cut, \$900 billion to further pay down the National debt, and \$900 billion to help fund National priorities such as education, veterans' health care initiatives, a prescription drug plan for our elderly, transportation infrastructure needs, disaster relief, and National defense. But now, many of these programs will go lacking because H.R. 1836 cuts \$1.35 trillion, almost half a trillion dollars more than the plan I supported.

This is only the broad perspective of this legislation, however. We must also look at it from the immediate effects it will have on the individual taxpayer. In reality, the impact on middle income Americans is virtually zero.

I support elimination of the Marriage Penalty. But, adjustments to the Marriage Penalty do not even begin until 2005. This priority of almost every Member of the House and Senate is not dealt with for four years, and not completely eliminated for eight years. The adjustment to the Estate Tax is so minuscule until its elimination in 2010 that it will have virtually no impact on those family farmers and small business owners who need relief right now. If you own a small business or family farm, you better do all you can to stay alive until 2010.

But finally, Mr. Speaker, the real changes to our tax code, the changes that have the most effect and impact, are for those individuals and families with adjusted gross incomes of more than \$136,000 a year. The people making these large salaries will experience virtually all the tax cuts in this misguided legislation. The majority of my constituents, hard working taxpayers who fall into the 15% tax bracket, receive virtually nothing. Nothing! In fact, the 15% bracket does not change, except for the marginal \$300 savings they will see from the creation of the 10% bracket on their first \$6,000.

Accordingly, the people in my district who need tax relief the most, receive none. The small business owner and small farmer do not get any Estate Tax relief, the married couples of the Second Congressional District of Arizona don't receive any relief from the penalty for four years, and those families making less than \$45,200, those in the 15% tax bracket, get virtually nothing, while the top one percent of taxpayers in our Nation, those making more than \$373,000 a year, get 45% of the tax relief.

This is an unfair tax bill which I am not able to support.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN JOSEPH
HUGHES

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition and celebration of an esteemed author and free-spirited poet, Mr. John Joseph Hughes, on this second day of June, 2001.

Born in 1915, Hughes witnessed the turmoil and gloom of the Great Depression and later served in the U.S Air Force during World War II. He was sent to India, Burma, and China where he witnessed the atrocity and horror of the battlefield; he beheld how impoverished the living conditions were in these struggling nations. His travels and experiences have made him a lifelong seeker of peace, righteousness, and justice.

As an adolescent he contracted skin cancer. Though faced with this challenge in his life, he still managed to succeed. He became an avid Journalist and later worked on progressive campaigns to further his ideology. With his cheerful Irish demeanor and kind-spirit, Hughes has made countless friends in his life journey.

Romanticism guides his life and spirituality, and even led to his thoughts becoming concrete in the form of free-versed poems. It is a collection of those wonderful verses that we are celebrating today, compiled in "Cats in the Colosseum." Countless hours have gone into this compilation; the poems are sewed together with beauty and eloquence.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebration of John Hughes and "Cats in the Colosseum." We are truly blessed as a Cleveland community for him and his poems, and are grateful he has shared them with us.