

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, because of family medical reasons, I returned to Los Angeles on May 23, 2001, and remained there for the balance of the week. Therefore, I was unable to cast my floor vote on roll call numbers 146–149.

The votes I missed include roll call vote 146 on the Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 1836, the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act; roll call vote 147 on Approving the Journal; roll call vote 148 on Agreeing to H. Res. 153, Waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 1836; and roll call vote 149 on Agreeing to the Conference Report accompanying H.R. 1836.

Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted “yea” on roll call votes 146 and 147; and “nay” on roll call votes 148, and 149.

IN HONOR OF FATHER JOHN J. CREGAN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate and honor Father John J. Cregan on his Fortieth Anniversary of Ordination, this third day of June, 2001.

Father Cregan has a long and distinguished history in Cleveland. Born on the second of June, 1935, Father Cregan went to St. Vincent de Paul grade school, and later graduated from Saint Ignatius High School. After attending St. Meinrad Minor Seminary, Cregan was ordained at Saint John Cathedral by Auxiliary Bishop Floyd Begin on May 20, 1961.

After ordination, Father Cregan reached out to the Cleveland and world communities in countless ways. His love and spirituality led him to St. Joseph, Blessed Sacrament, and Saint Thomas More where he served selflessly as Assistant Pastor. In 1987, Father Cregan began preaching at Our Lady of Angels Church where he still spreads the Word today.

Father Cregan's joy and strong faith is apparent after listening to any of his sermons. His kind-spirit and good-nature has brought countless people to his church. His dedication, generosity, and love to his members is like no other; he truly cares for all people. We, as a community, are blessed to have people like Father Cregan in our neighborhood.

Mr. Speaker, Father Cregan has served his community selflessly. His love and talent has led him to numerous churches in the Cleveland area where he has shared his faith. Please join me in celebration and recognition of Father John J. Cregan on his Fortieth Anniversary of Ordination.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER MAYOR BOB NOLAN

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep regret that I rise to pay tribute to the former Mayor of Upland, California Bob Nolan. On April 24th of this year, Mr. Nolan passed away, leaving the community he served to grieve the loss of a dear friend.

The circumstances surrounding Mr. Nolan's death, while unfortunate, speak highly of his dedication to the community he loved. Mr. Nolan had traveled here from Upland, California to serve as San Bernardino County's representative to the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials Conference. Shortly after arriving, Mr. Nolan was hospitalized for an emergency appendectomy. Postoperative complications arose, and Mr. Nolan never left the hospital.

Mr. Nolan served his community in many ways. Shortly after graduating from Upland College in 1959, he was hired to teach sixth grade at Sierra Vista Elementary School in Upland. In 1966, he became an assistant principal and was named principal the following year. When he retired in 1988, former students and parents spoke highly of his stern, but well-respected nature.

His reputation as an outstanding teacher and principal served as a springboard to a successful election to the Upland City Council in 1984. Always putting the interests of the city first, he worked tirelessly on every action warranting the Council's attention. As a result, it was not surprising when he was chosen to serve as the City's Mayor in 1988. For three terms, his tenacity and competitive spirit inspired both residents and city staff to tackle everything from increasing Metrolink ridership to the development of a Senior Center.

Even upon his retirement from the City Council, Mr. Nolan's love for Upland could not be extinguished. He continued to fight for transportation issues and served on numerous regional boards. His commitment to his community was matched only by his devotion to his family. His wife, Nadine, his son, Jeff, and his granddaughter, Lindsey, will most certainly experience a void that was once filled by a loving personality.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this 107th Congress celebrate the life and contributions of Bob Nolan.

MILWAUKEE VALVE COMPANY
CELEBRATES ITS CENTENNIAL**HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, on April 8, 2001, one of Wisconsin's cornerstone businesses, the Milwaukee Valve Company, celebrated its 100th Anniversary. Since it's founding in 1901, this family-owned business has exemplified the state's long tradition of excellence in manufacturing.

While Milwaukee Valve was a successful regional producer in its first half century of exist-

ence, it has evolved into an international distributor of more than 4,000 products since Herschel Seder and Max Koenigsberg purchased the company in 1959.

The company's place in the community has always been important to Herschel. In a time when manufacturer relocation is all too commonplace, the company is still headquartered at its original location at Burrell Street, near Lake Michigan on Milwaukee's south side.

However, Milwaukee Valve's contributions are not limited to the Milwaukee area. The U.S. Navy counts on the manufacturer for its top-quality specialized marine valves, for use in our submarine fleet. The Seders are proud to boast that the “Made in the USA” symbol applies to virtually every valve in their product line.

Though his company is highly respected throughout the industry, Herschel Seder is equally well known in the Milwaukee area for his devotion to his family and the community around them. Now a second generation of Seders sits at the helm of Milwaukee Valve. With the vision and leadership of Jim, John and Diane, the Seder family business is poised for even greater success into the 21st century.

And so, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Seder family and all the loyal employees at the Milwaukee Valve Company on this milestone, and wish all the best as they begin their second 100 years.

TRIBUTE TO DR. HARRY JAROSLAW

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, for over 45 years, Dr. Harry Jaroslaw has worked tirelessly for the residents of New York State as a superior educator, and more importantly, as a role model to our children. In the overcrowded and sometimes violent New York City schools, Dr. Jaroslaw provided his students with the knowledge and hope that is ever important in children's lives.

For the past 13 years, Dr. Jaroslaw has brought his enthusiasm for teaching to the students of the Mineola School District. During his tenure as Superintendent of Schools for Mineola School District, Dr. Jaroslaw has helped a great number of students attend prestigious universities and colleges. When he began, the percentage of students attending college was 39 percent. Today, it's an astounding 80 percent. He also played an integral part in raising student scores on both the Regents and State Achievement exams well above the Nassau County and New York State average. Dr. Jaroslaw helped Long Island students think globally by establishing educational programs in foreign countries as Africa, Mexico, Israel, Sweden, Italy and Brazil.

Dr. Jaroslaw's efforts have not gone unnoticed. He has been honored as “Administrator of the Year” by both the Nassau County Music Educator's Association and the Long Island Teachers of Foreign Language. In addition to his many awards and recognitions, Dr. Jaroslaw has served as chairman of a national committee for the American Association of

School Administrators as well as the Governor's Task Force on alternative teacher certification.

Dr. Jaroslaw's extensive career is evidence of his devotion to the education of our children. I applaud Dr. Jaroslaw for all he has achieved in his lifetime, and thank him on behalf of those whose lives he has touched through teaching.

IN MEMORY OF MR. VACLAV
HYVNAR

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Mr. Vaclav Hynar for his many years of service and countless contributions to his community.

Mr. Hynar, originally from Czechoslovakia, served his world community selflessly throughout his lifetime. He studied law at Charles University in Prague before he was expelled for leading anti-Communist activities. After his release from prison, he and his wife, Miloslava, fled the country.

After moving to the United States, Hynar settled in Cleveland and worked at Lempro Products as a machine operator. In 1954, he became editor of "Novy Svet," a locally published Czech newspaper, but later left that position to work in the Cuyahoga County auditor's office. He soon moved to City Hall where he worked as an ethnic affairs aide to two Cleveland mayors. After serving Mayor Perk and then Mayor Voinovich, he retired in 1985.

His distinguished career was not only in the political realm. He served his ethnic community as president of the National Alliance of Czech Catholics and later received an award from Pope John Paul II for his heartfelt work and dedication to the Catholic Church. His loyalty and love for his Czech heritage and freedom earned him the love and respect of the entire Cleveland community.

Mr. Hynar is survived by his wife, Mila; daughter, Ludmila of Cleveland Heights; and son, John of Boston.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in honoring the memory of a wonderful, loving man. Mr. Vaclav Hynar served Cleveland in many capacities, and was an inspiration to many. He has touched so many of us, and will be greatly missed.

TRIBUTE TO LT. GENERAL DANIEL
W. CHRISTMAN

HON. JOHN M. McHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

Mr. McHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lt. General Daniel W. Christman—the 55th Superintendent of the United States Military Academy—upon his retirement from the Army.

As a member of the United States Military Academy Board of Visitors, I want to extend my sincere appreciation and gratitude to General Christman for his long and distinguished service to the United States Army and our na-

tion. At the end of this month, General Christman retires after serving 36 dedicated years in the Army during times of peace and war.

In many respects, General Christman's military career has brought him full circle. He began his active duty service in the military in 1965 after graduating first in his class from West Point. On June 8th, he relinquishes command after serving five years as the Commanding General and Superintendent of the Academy. Throughout his career, General Christman has occupied a number of senior executive and key command positions and has earned numerous military decorations.

General Christman has accomplished what most of us seek to do in our lifetimes—he leaves wherever he has been a better place than he found it. Serving on the Board of Visitors during General Christman's tenure, I have witnessed first-hand the positive difference his leadership has made for one of America's finest institutions. General Christman has enhanced the environment in which the Academy's cadets live, learn and prepare to become tomorrow's leaders. May they continue to learn from his example.

General Christman exemplifies the qualities that we seek in our leaders—selfless service, dignity, compassion and honor. In his final command brief General Christman stated that the Academy has the responsibility of 'deepening this understanding of what it means to be an inspirational leader.' General Christman has been such a leader. And to him, we owe our sincere appreciation and gratitude for all that he has done in the service of our nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 74TH ANNUAL
SCRIPPS HOWARD NATIONAL SPELLING BEE

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a group of outstanding New Mexico students for participating in the 74th Annual Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee held last week in Washington, DC. The participants have demonstrated hard work and determination. They are New Mexico's finest spellers.

Sarah Paige Berling, 13 of Albuquerque, is an honor student, member of her local YMCA swim team, and a violinist for the Albuquerque Junior Orchestra. Sarah also enjoys reading, writing, drawing and attending her Sunday night youth group meetings. She attends school at home.

Brendan T. Guinn, 10, of Gallup, enjoys all his academic studies, especially mathematics. Brendan likes to read and explore the canyons and backcountry of the Navajo reservation where he and his family reside. Brendan is interested in a career as an U.S. Navy Seal.

Jackie Metts, 13, of Clovis, participated in the last year's 2000 national finals. Jackie plays the trumpet in her school's varsity band, participates in the gifted students program at Yucca Junior High School, and is also a member of the National Junior Honor Society. Jackie enjoys English and is a fan of the Harry Potter series.

Julie E. Palmer, 14, of Kirtland is a straight A student and was the winner of her school's

seventh grade English, History and Science awards. Julie's interests include writing, rock-climbing, reading, soccer, hockey, and music. She has won numerous piano awards and was selected as the 2001 Young Artist by the San Juan College Fine Arts department.

I want to commend each student for their time and commitment they invested to prepare for this competition. I applaud their hard work and determination and wish them well in their bright futures.

THE COMING ENERGY WARS;
COMMENTARY BY BUD SHUSTER

HON. DON SHERWOOD

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

Mr. SHERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, our highly respected colleague, Bud Shuster, who served as both Chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and a Ranking Member of the Intelligence Committee, has written a very well researched and thought-provoking piece titled "The Coming Energy Wars," which appeared recently in several publications including the May 31 issue of the Chambersburg Gazette. I commend it to my colleagues.

From the sluicing of water to the splitting of the atom, civilization has turned natural sources of energy into power to do the world's work. Throughout history prosperity has been inextricably linked to society's access to sources of raw energy and the technological capacity to convert and distribute it in usable forms. The American economy has been built upon an energy base especially on a cheap and abundant supply of oil. But that is about to change.

Some say the California energy crisis is a wake-up call: Others say it isn't even a crisis. But as a philosopher once observed: "Facts are stubborn things. Wishing won't make them go away." The facts are that California's energy demand has increased in the past decade by more than twice the national average; it produces less energy per capita than any other state; has not built a new power plant in a dozen years; and has banned coal-generating plants, creating upward pressure on the price of natural gas. While deregulating wholesale prices of electricity, but keeping a cap on retail prices, it has plunged its power companies into insolvency. Brownouts aren't being imagined and blackouts are no longer unimaginable.

But instead of being a wake-up call to produce more energy, California's experience just might be a harbinger of things to come. The U.S. population is projected to increase from 283 to 325 million by 2020, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

During the same period, U.S. petroleum consumption is slated to increase by 33 percent, domestic oil production to decline by 16 percent, and imports to increase by 33 percent, according to the Energy Department. All forms of energy consumption, converted into BTU's increase from 84 quadrillion in 1990 to 98 quads last year, and is projected to top 121 quads by 2020, up 44 percent in 30 years.

During the same period, world population is slated to exceed 7.5 billion by 2020, a 41 percent increase in 30 years, with most of the growth occurring in the developing countries. The industrialized world's demand for energy will increase by 23 percent, but total global demand will soar by more than 50 percent, according to the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Nevertheless,