

Although I support today's historic vote to lower taxes, I remain concerned that Congress has not put in place a mechanism to ensure that we do not return to deficit spending. A group of moderate Senate Members proposed the inclusion of a trigger provision, triggering each stage of the tax cut on successful debt payments with actual surplus funds. I support this common sense, fiscally responsible approach to lowering taxes because the 10-year \$5.6 trillion projected budget surplus is built on unrealistic spending assumptions and economic growth rates. These projections have been wrong over and over again. In fact, over the last five years these projections were off the mark by an average of \$58 billion a year. We do have a budget surplus this year—and a large projected 10-year surplus—but we also carry a crushing \$5 trillion national debt racked up over 35 years of deficit spending. Tying future tax cuts to budget surpluses would act as an insurance policy making certain that Congress does not backslide and return to an era of fiscal irresponsibility.

This bill provides tax relief for millions of Americans. Phasing out the marriage penalty, increasing the child tax credit, and expanding the earned income tax credit are three provisions within this bill that especially benefit working families. I am glad both sides agreed to include these beneficial cuts. I have outlined my concerns where Congress could have worked to craft a better bill. Phasing in significant portions of this plan next year and creating a mechanism guaranteeing that tax cuts do not occur at the expense of deficits are a few of my concerns. Although these reservations give me pause in enacting this tax plan, I believe that on balance, this bill will reduce taxes on American families, encourage savings, and give Americans greater control over their financial future.

HONORING DR. ROGER TRIFTS-  
HAUSER'S TWENTY YEARS OF  
SERVICE IN THE GENESEE COUNTY  
LEGISLATURE

**HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 8, 2001*

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding public servant, an American patriot, and my good friend, Dr. Roger Triftshauser.

On Friday, June 8, Roger will be honored for his twenty years of service as a member of the Genesee County Legislature. First elected in 1982, Roger was elected for ten consecutive terms, rising to the position of Chairman of the Legislature. Earlier this year, he resigned his position to become Special Assistant for Intercountry Affairs for Governor George E. Pataki.

That Roger would resign from the Legislature to answer the Governor's call is no surprise to those who know him. Because Roger Triftshauser has always answered the call to provide his leadership and service to his community.

A native of Warsaw, New York, Roger accepted a commission in the United States Naval Reserve while a student at the University at Buffalo. He received his degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1961, and served on active duty as a Naval Dental Officer from 1961 to 1967. Roger has served the Naval Reserve Dental Corps for more than 30 years, earning promotion to Rear Admiral.

Roger's tenure in the Genesee County Legislature was marked by outstanding strategic leadership, a bedrock commitment to values and principles, and an unquestioned devotion to making his community a better place to live, work and raise a family.

Mr. Speaker, it is my sincere pleasure to offer my congratulations and thanks to my friend, Dr. Roger Triftshauser for his two decades of service to the Genesee County Legislature, and I ask that this Congress join me in saluting his service and achievements.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN SPARKS

**HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 8, 2001*

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, to my great dismay, John Sparks, Vice President of Public and Government Affairs, will soon conclude nine years of outstanding service to the American Symphony Orchestra League. While the League's membership includes more than 900 orchestras, and some 3,000 individuals, artist agencies, trustees, and volunteers, John's work has reached far beyond the music and arts community to benefit the nation at large. I would like to take a few moments to recognize the outstanding work that John has accomplished over almost a decade of service.

In particular, John has distinguished himself as an advocate for the right of nonprofit organizations and individual citizens to voice their concerns about public policy. When some sought legislation to limit the ability of America's charities to communicate with legislators, John was instrumental in leading the effort that ultimately protected this basic right. With the publication of "Best Defense: a Guide for Orchestra Advocates," he literally wrote the book on civic participation in arts policy. And, his regular contributions to SYMPHONY Magazine have provided readers nationwide with thoughtful inquiry and evenhanded analysis of emerging public policy, while persistently professing the responsibility of every individual to actively participate in the public sector.

I would also like to recognize John's extraordinary contributions in the areas of nonprofit and arts policy. He has tirelessly defended federal support for the National Endowment for the Arts through years of challenges, and has expertly represented the concerns of orchestras and their audiences in an uncommonly diverse array of policy areas, ranging from postal rates to tax policy.

John's tenacity, sincerity, political acumen, and keen sense of humor, are indeed rare qualities to be found in one person. I express my sincere thanks to John Sparks for his in-

valuable work on behalf of orchestras, the arts, non-profit organizations, and our country.

CALDWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 8, 2001*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to offer my sincerest congratulations to the Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, June 9, 2001.

While the Caldwell Fire Department was officially established in 1901, its origin goes back to the late 1890's when a group of concerned local residents purchased a horse drawn fire wagon from the town of Montclair.

Housed in a barn on Roseland Avenue in Caldwell, local farmers and businessmen provided the horses needed to pull the fire equipment because the town refused to pay for the horses to pull the fire wagon. On occasions when horses were not available, the men pulled the wagon themselves.

To summon the men to a fire call, the metal trolley wire poles along Bloomfield Avenue were struck with a metal object.

The original horse drawn fire wagon was replaced with a used motorized fire truck in the early 1930's.

Over the past 100 years the Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department had several homes. In 1921 a new borough hall was built at 14 Roseland Avenue, which housed the fire equipment and the police department on the first floor. In the early 1920's, the borough hall was moved to its present location on Provost Square while the firehouse remained at 14 Roseland Avenue.

In 1937, the firehouse was expanded to accommodate Caldwell's new 1937 La France Pumper and Ladder Truck. The building had to be expanded again in the early 1960's to accommodate larger pieces of equipment.

Outgrowing the building at 14 Roseland Avenue, the fire department moved to its current headquarters at 30 Roseland Avenue in 1980.

The current building is home to five fire trucks, three reserve trucks, administrative offices, and all of the equipment necessary to maintain an active fire department.

When the Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department officially formed in 1901 it had 18 volunteers. Today the department is made up of 38 volunteers. With the exception of a paid driver during the late 1940's and a paid chief for a few years in the late 1960's, the fire department has successfully served the Borough of Caldwell with an all-volunteer staff.

On Saturday, June 9, 2001 fire departments from across the State of New Jersey will join the Caldwell Fire Department to celebrate its history and future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in offering congratulations to the Caldwell Fire Department.

TRIBUTE TO BERNICE A.  
PETERSON

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 8, 2001*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bernice A. Peterson. Bernice's retirement as Recorder in Sonoma County is an appropriate opportunity to honor her for her 24 years of successful leadership in this position. Bernice was the first woman to hold the Recorder's position and is the most senior department head in the County. She will be the last Recorder in the State of California; this office will now be combined with another county office as is the case around the State.

Ms. Peterson began working for Sonoma county in 1973 and was appointed to serve as Recorder in 1977. She won election for six additional terms. During that time she has transformed the Recorder's Office into a state of the art electronic operation with a staff dedicated to friendly and efficient public service. Ms. Peterson was the guiding force behind the establishment of the County's records management division, and her work has preserved and restored valuable historical records of Sonoma's illustrious past.

A nationally recognized leader in a variety of organizations that promote records manage-

ment and preservation, Ms. Peterson's skills have had an impact beyond Sonoma county. Her community service involvement includes the Soroptomists Club, League of Women Voters, United Way, Sonoma County Museum, Salvation Army Advisory Board, and Women's History Month projects. Mr. Speaker, Bernice Peterson's career is a model of the importance of commitment and high quality work performed with good humor and skill for the benefit of many.

IN MEMORY OF ISTVAN  
ESZTERHAS

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 8, 2001*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Mr. Istvan "Stephen" Eszterhas, a renowned Hungarian novelist, retired editor, and friend.

Mr. Eszterhas, originally from the Kispest section of Budapest, began his writing career very early in life. At age 16 he was already a published author and by age 30 he had written his first novel, a memoir about growing up during World War II. He penned six more books before coming to the United States in 1950. His works focused on his ethnicity and cultural

heritage, and have been internationally recognized. In 1958 his manuscript "Rest Easy, Comrade," won a literary contest sponsored by Rome's Anonimus Foundation. Mr. Eszterhas' last work was a collection of poetry that was published in 1998. His beautifully-crafted compilation of poems has touched thousands of people.

Eszterhas, in addition to holding a law degree from the University of Budapest, was editor of Catholic Hungarians' Sunday when it was the only Hungarian newspaper in the country. He retired in 1978, but never stopped writing.

His deep faith and commitment to his heritage led him to the Danubian Cultural Institute and St. Stephen's Dramatic Club. Also, he served selflessly as the national president of the Committee for Hungarian Liberation. His involvement and dedication to the world community will be remembered by many people for years to come.

Mr. Eszterhas is survived by his son, Joe, and six grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the memory of a wonderful, caring man. Mr. Eszterhas served Cleveland and his country in many capacities, and was an inspiration to many. He has touched so many of us, and will be greatly missed.