

CNRC gets sufficient federal funding to conduct pediatric nutritional research. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation which provides necessary funding for agriculture and nutrition research programs.

COMMENDING BEN AFFLECK

HON. TONY P. HALL

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2001

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a very special person, Ben Affleck, who came to town yesterday to host a fund-raiser on behalf of the A-T Children's Project. A-T (Ataxia-Telangiectasia) is a genetic disease that attacks children. How Ben became involved is noteworthy.

Ben met Joe Kindregan, then 10, three years ago while Ben was filming a segment of his hit film, *Forces of Nature*, at Dulles Airport. Joe had just started using his power wheelchair and was given the opportunity to meet Ben on the set during filming. Ben and Joe immediately hit it off and their friendship has grown since then. Ben and Joe meet occasionally and keep in touch by e-mail. Recently, Ben invited Joe and his family to the premiere of his new movie, *Pearl Harbor*, in Hawaii. Over the last few years, Ben has been able to witness first-hand the toll A-T has taken on Joe, and Joe's increasing dependence on his family, just to get through the day. Ben's devotion to Joe—and the Kindregan family's work with the A-T Children's Project and families—has made a tremendous difference in their lives and has given them additional hope that, with the help of people like Ben, a cure is possible.

Ben is a gifted young actor, popular, and hitting all the right high spots that a demanding career in Hollywood requires. He has gone beyond acting and has journeyed into the entrepreneurial world of producing shows as well. He has many developing interests in his life; takes the time to stay close to his mother; and seems to truly strive to make a real difference in this world.

Ben has taken the time to learn about the disease and the various research projects that are focusing on finding a cure. He appeared before the Senate yesterday as a compassionate and informed witness to talk about this dreadful disease, and the remarkable progress this small foundation has made in so short a period of time in its search for a cure. He requested that Congress provide increased funding to NIH for A-T research. He also joined many Members of Congress and friends last night to do push-ups and shoot hoops at an event to raise money and awareness about A-T.

I believe that Ben Affleck is an exceptional person. In his work with A-T, he has demonstrated a deep compassion and interest in his fellow man, which is particularly notable when coming from someone in the midst of achieving enormous fame and fortune. Ben has been a true hero to the A-T kids, and I extend my personal thanks to him.

IN HONOR OF MR. CARROLL
O'CONNOR

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Carroll O'Connor, a truly remarkable man, who has influenced the lives of many people throughout his acting career, most notably known for his character of Archie Bunker in "All in the Family".

Mr. O'Connor was very enthusiastic about "All in the Family" which began in 1971 and lasted eight seasons. Mr. O'Connor portrayed a cranky, ignorant, and even caustic man whose wholesomeness and honesty won over the sympathy of audiences. He stated about the show, "Right from the start I loved the idea of this show. It was frank and refreshing, a lot more true to life than anything on the air. Everybody was talking about creating shows that were relevant, but nobody wanted to touch the real thing."

As the television show grew, Mr. O'Connor's popularity soared to unbelievable heights. He was not just the character that he was known for, but he was a lovable man who truly cared for all. The show's other cast members spoke of the cast as a family. After the death of his son he spent a significant amount of his time working against drug abuse. Mr. O'Connor was dedicated to the cause and traveled the country promoting laws in the state legislatures that would allow victims of drug abuse to sue drug dealers for monetary damages.

Let us honor the memory of Carroll O'Connor for his remarkable contributions to the people through his life of service, most notably playing the role of "Archie Bunker."

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2001

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2330) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the Gilchrest/Oliver amendment. The amendment would strike the language that was inserted in the bill to ensure that the Kyoto Protocol is not implemented prior to its ratification in the Senate.

This language has been added over the past several years ago to numerous appropriations bills. As I understand it, the reason what that some were concerned that President Clinton was moving too fast to address global warming.

It's important to note that the Inspector Generals of the EPA, the Department of Energy,

and the Department of State all agreed that the Clinton Administration was not trying to prematurely implement the Kyoto Protocol.

But that's all beside the point now.

We have a new President who has made it clear that he intends to do nothing about global warming, except study it. He has pronounced the Kyoto Protocol fundamentally flawed and "dead," and he has reversed his campaign promise to regulate carbon dioxide.

As it stands, this bill seems to say we still need to restrain any federal efforts to address global warming. But if there is ever a time NOT to send cautionary messages about acting too fast to address global warming, it's now. The danger we face today is in acting far too slowly.

Last year, efforts on the floor to amend the Kyoto language were successful. I urge my colleagues to send the same good message that we sent last year—this anti-Kyoto language wasn't necessary in past years, and it's not necessary now. There is now a scientific consensus that global warming is real, and it is time for Congress to confront it.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. HOWARD
L. HOGAN

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2001

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an extraordinary man, Mr. Howard L. Hogan, who is retiring after 36 years of dedicated service to the El Rancho Unified School District.

A native of California's 34th Congressional District, Mr. Hogan was born and raised in the town of Whittier. After graduating from Whittier High School in 1958, Howard attended California State University at Long Beach, where he received his Bachelor of the Arts Degree in 1962.

Upon completing his undergraduate education, Mr. Hogan immediately began his teaching career. He taught one year with the Santa Ana School District before serving his country in the United States Army. After his service, Howard rejoined the workforce as a teacher with the El Rancho Unified School District in 1965.

Since that day, over 36 years ago, Mr. Hogan has involved himself in all levels of the educational process. He has been a teacher of the industrial arts, a high school dean, a high school counselor, and an assistant principal. In 1986, he became Principal of the El Rancho Adult School, a position he has held ever since. In the last 15 years, he has brought significant change to the District, working constantly to elicit excellence from students.

Throughout the years, Howard has been a fervent advocate of adult study, emphasizing the importance of life-long education. As Principal of the El Rancho Adult School, he supported and directed the creation of a new site for the program. This school, designed to serve the needs of Southern California's adult community, is something that Mr. Hogan and the entire neighborhood take great pride in.

After 36 years of unwavering service, Howard's retirement is greatly deserved. He plans to devote his retirement to personal business

matters, volunteer activities, and, most importantly, his wife, Jo Anne.

Howard Hogan is an ideal citizen who has shown enthusiasm and commitment to the students of El Rancho Unified School District. In his 36 years as a teacher, he has made limitless contributions to both faculty and students alike. I know my colleagues will join me in congratulating Howard for all his accomplishments and wishing him the best of luck in his retirement.

“HONORING A FALLEN HERO,
YASBEL ‘MAC’ ARREDONO ORTIZ”

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2001

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ysabel “Mac” Arrendondo Ortiz, who proudly served his county in Korea. Although he was listed as Missing In Action on Dec. 2, 1950, his family never gave up hope that he would return home. In January of 1954 his mother, Concha, received notice that Corporal Ysabel A. Ortiz had been awarded the Purple Heart Award posthumously for making the supreme sacrifice for his county.

Cpl. Ysabel was born and raised in the 31st Congressional District city of El Monte, California. He was a third generation El Montean. His grandfather, Longino Ortiz, came to America in 1915 to look for a better life for his family and escape the troubles of the Mexican Revolution. He arrived in El Monte and sent for the rest of the family from Leon, Guanajuato, Mexico.

Ysabel A. Ortiz, or Mac as his friends and family knew him, attended school in El Monte at a time when Mexican-American children were segregated from white school children. Mac attended school up to grade 5 at Lexington School and then Columbia school from grade 6 through 8. He attended El Monte High School and then enlisted in the U.S. Army at age 18.

Mac’s service to his country has not gone unrecognized. His name appears on a bronze plaque honoring our nation’s war dead at the El Monte Historical Museum. Mac’s photo also hangs in the La Historia Society Museum/Museo de Los Barrios Veterans Exhibit, which is also in El Monte. To this day, Cpl. Ysabel “Mac” A. Ortiz’s Purple Heart is proudly displayed by his sister Chata.

Mac Ortiz was survived by his mother, Concha Ortiz (now deceased); his father, Ysabel M. Ortiz, Sr. of West Covina, CA; his brothers Harold Ortiz (now deceased) and Jose Lucio Ortiz, of Oklahoma; his sisters Esmeralda “Chata” Ortiz Ureno of Covina and Jennie Sanchez of Whittier; his step-brothers Manuel Ortiz of El Monte and Rudy Ortiz of Bakersfield; and his step-sisters Rose Soto of West Covina and Ana Sanchez of Arcadia.

Mac Ortiz’s loving memory lives in the hearts of Chata and the entire Ortiz family. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mac Ortiz’s contributions to our great nation.

THE KIDNAPPING OF THREE ISRAELI SOLDIERS

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2001

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, on October 7th of last year Hezbollah terrorists crossed the Israel-Lebanon border and perpetrated the cowardly kidnapping of three Israeli soldiers. In the last nine months Hezbollah has repeatedly refused to provide any information on the fate of these young men, leaving their families and friends in a state of torturous limbo.

Last week it was revealed that the United Nations is in possession of a video tape that was made of the scene of this crime the day after it occurred. The Israeli government investigators believe that this tape may contain material evidence that will help them identify the terrorists who committed this act.

U.N. peacekeepers should be expected to keep the peace. This includes assisting in the apprehension of those who violate international borders to commit war crimes.

I have introduced a House Resolution that calls for the United Nations to immediately provide Israeli investigators with an unedited copy of the crime scene video tape and any other material evidence that would help bring these terrorists to justice and to end this nightmare for the families of Adi Avitan, Binyamin Avraham, and Omar Souad.

I urge my colleagues to join me to show our strong support for the rule of law, for the sovereignty of our ally Israel, and for these men held in captivity by terrorists.

RECOGNIZING MR. PAUL MARKLOFF

HON. JAMES C. GREENWOOD

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2001

Mr. GREENWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Paul Markloff, whose honesty and character have made him a hero to an elderly woman in the wake of Hurricane Allison. Mr. Markloff is a nineteen-year employee of Nationwide Insurance and a resident of Sellersville, Pennsylvania. On June 19 he was assigned to the case of a woman whose apartment had been flooded and then burned when the water caused a natural gas explosion in the building. She had no family to help her recover from the damage. Her apartment was devastated by the fire and she told Mr. Markloff that she had lost everything. She mentioned that she had \$8,000 in cash inside her apartment. When Mr. Markloff and a maintenance worker went in and searched the charred furniture, they found a total of \$420,000 cash in a dresser. Despite the fact that the woman had not mentioned this much money—she said, in fact, that she didn’t even know she had that much—Mr. Markloff gathered the money together and drove her immediately to her bank. He made sure that all the cash was carefully deposited in a special account and then took her to dinner and found her a room for the night.

Mr. Markloff’s actions in assisting this woman in a time of crisis would have been

commendable even had they not also included such an impressive display of honesty. Had he only helped her find housing, he would have earned our praise. By returning her savings, about which she herself was unaware, he has shown himself to be a man of high moral and ethical standards. It is always inspiring to know that there are people like Mr. Markloff, who are generous enough to do the right thing without thought of personal gain. Mr. Markloff told a local newspaper that he didn’t expect any reward for his actions because he was “just doing his Job.” Perhaps he was not rewarded monetarily, but he certainly deserves our recognition and thanks. His actions remind us how much good is in all of us and I am honored to pay tribute to him today.

IN HONOR OF ST. JOHN WEST SHORE HOSPITAL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor St. John West Shore Hospital in commemoration of its 20th anniversary. Since its establishment in 1981, the hospital has been faithfully serving the needs of western Cuyahoga and eastern Lorain county residents.

Since its induction as a fledgling medical facility on March 1, 1981, St. John West Shore Hospital has subsequently expanded and broadened its services, making it a bastion of service and charity for the Westlake community. The hospital’s initial years were filled with uncertainty, but its current success renders the institution an emblem of triumph and progress for us all to admire. The Westlake community welcomed and supported the hospital since its induction as a medical facility, forging the reciprocal relationship that has been so integral to the hospital’s survival and growth. A testament to this mutual support and rapport was the monumental opening of Medical Buildings 2 and 3.

In 1989, the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine became the sole sponsors of the hospital, setting the framework for the hospital’s establishment as an institution dedicated to the well-being of the community. However, the hospital does not qualify its services to solely the physical needs of the Westlake residents, but also nurtures their spiritual needs as witnessed by its induction of the annual Festival of the Arts in 1992. In line with its commitment to serving the public, the facility pays arduous attention to the needs of each individual. To expedite the fulfillment of each patient’s particular and unique needs, the hospital became part of a not-for-profit juncture in 1999, under the auspices of University Hospitals Health System and the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine Health System. This Joint effort further compounded the hospitals’ steadfast dedication and mission as a health care advocate at the service of its people.

I laud St. John West Shore Hospital on its 20th anniversary in sincere awe and reverence for its magnanimous and unrelenting efforts in the service of the residents of Westlake.