

This is surprising considering that many of the features being proposed for the RMS mirror elements that are common to other fisheries management regimes of which the pro-whaling nations are signatories.

I also appreciate the actions of the U.S. delegation in strong support of other important conservation proposals raised during the plenary. While I was disappointed to learn that proposals to create whale sanctuaries in the South Pacific and South Atlantic Oceans failed to pass, I was proud to hear that the U.S. delegation strongly supported both proposals. I was also pleased that the U.S. delegation joined a substantial majority of other nations to pass a resolution condemning Norway's desire to export minke whale blubber to Japan, and another resolution that reaffirmed the competence of the IWC in regards to the management of small cetaceans, such as Dall's porpoises. The administration was right to hold the line and support these efforts.

In closing, I would like to commend the leadership of the U.S. delegation to the 53rd meeting, the Commissioner, Mr. Rolland Schmitt, and the Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Michael Tillman, both from NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service. Their dedicated and tireless service on behalf of the American public in support of sensible, long-term protection of the world's great whales is remarkable. I would also like to extend my appreciation to the other members of the delegation who so ably supported Mr. Schmitt and Dr. Tillman so that they might excel under trying circumstances. Their preparations for this meeting in the midst of the political transition between elected administrations was nothing short of outstanding. They are all a credit to public service in the very best sense, and their efforts are noted and appreciated by the Congress.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS THAT THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS SHOULD SAVE SOCIAL SECURITY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND VIGOROUSLY SAFEGUARD SOCIAL SECURITY SURPLUSES, AND THAT THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION TO STRENGTHEN SOCIAL SECURITY SHOULD RECOMMEND INNOVATIVE WAYS TO PROTECT WORKERS' FINANCIAL COMMITMENT WITHOUT BENEFIT CUTS OR PAYROLL TAX INCREASES

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2001

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, today I, along with Ways and Means Chairman Bill Thomas, a number of my Ways and Means colleagues, and other Members of this body introduce a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the President and the Congress should save Social Security as soon as possible and vigorously safeguard Social Security surpluses, and that the President's Commission to Strengthen Social Security should recommend innovative ways to protect workers' financial commitment without benefit cuts or payroll tax increases.

Social Security is an enormously popular and successful program, and has helped keep millions of people out of poverty. It has been and will continue to be fundamental income security Americans can rely on.

However, we cannot ignore the fact that Social Security faces financial challenges in the near future. Shortly after the baby boomers begin to retire, Social Security's tax income will not be enough to cover benefit promises, even though hard-working taxpayers contribute billions of dollars of their wages to support the program.

If we do nothing, we would eventually need to reduce benefits by as much as 33% or increase taxes by almost 50% to keep the system in balance. Failing to act would be foolhardy and is entirely unacceptable. We must act soon to save Social Security for both today's seniors and for our kids and grandkids, so that all Americans will have a secure retirement and protection against income loss from disability or death of a family's breadwinner.

That is why I, along with many other Members of Congress, are introducing this sense of the Congress—because we have a duty to our seniors and to future generations to let them know their retirement security will not be jeopardized.

I urge my colleagues to follow our example and join us in expressing our dedication to saving a program that is the cornerstone of income security for Americans and has served our country well for over two-thirds of a century.

HONORING DIANE HARDEN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, often times we do not fully appreciate what we have until it's gone. Life is no exception. As Diane Harden suffered from a serious form of heart disease, she was faced with the challenge of losing her heart. Her life was in limbo and every day she was alive it was a blessing.

This experience of possibly losing her life led Diane to gain a new perspective. While her name was placed on a waiting list for nearly 3 months for a donor transplant, finally an organ donor was found to replace Diane's heart. An eighteen year old, under organ donor status, was able to assist Diane and eight others in the pursuit of a healthy life. With only a few bouts of minor rejections, she has fought strongly for her life and lives every moment to the fullest extent. Today, 14 years after the operation, she lives every day with a renewed sense of hope.

Diane now takes care of herself and her husband, who suffers from a disease that attacks the spinal chord. Throughout the couple's 31 years of marriage, they have grown together as they have both faced trying experiences with their health. At a time of celebration for her 50th birthday, Diane and seventy-six others gathered to honor her fourteen years of surviving an organ transplant.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my warmest regard and best wishes to Diane Harden and her husband. My prayers are with them for their continued health and renewed hopes.

FISK JUBILEE SINGERS
COMMEMORATIVE STAMP ACT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2001

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today I am proud to introduce a resolution calling on the U.S. Postal Service to honor the Fisk Jubilee Singers with a commemorative stamp. The Fisk Jubilee Singers are true heroes in the fight for civil rights and racial equality in education. Their heritage goes back more than one hundred and thirty years to just after the Civil War. These singers are part of a unique group of former slaves who made it their passion to achieve the kind of education that they did not have access to before emancipation. Their spirit has been felt all across this nation and around the world, and it is my honor to stand before you today to tell you about the legacy of the Fisk Jubilee Singers, whom I hold near to my heart.

The Fisk School was founded in Nashville, Tennessee, just after the end of the Civil War. This school was intended to transcend the racial divide, with the founders of the University opening the doors of education to all persons, regardless of their race. Recently emancipated slaves, ecstatic at the limitless possibilities for freedom offered by learning, took it upon themselves to create in the Fisk School an educational institution that would give to them a sense of profound moral purpose in the great American democracy. The sale of slave paraphernalia paid for the opening of the school, and in 1867 the Fisk School became Fisk University, now the oldest university in Nashville.

Fisk University's accomplishments in the advancement of educational opportunities for African-American's is far too long to mention here. I will tell you briefly that some of the most honored African-American artists, thinkers and activists attended or were involved with Fisk, including W.E.B. DuBois, Booker T. Washington, Charles Spurgeon Johnson, James Weldon Johnson, and Thurgood Marshall, to name a few of the more distinguished African-Americans. Indeed, Fisk University played an enormously profound role in the advancement of black learning and culture in America. I am both humbled by and proud of the time that I, too, spent at Fisk University. Many of the values I hold dear to my heart today I learned from my colleagues and professors at Fisk.

It was in 1871 that a group of students formed the Fisk Jubilee Singers, a choral group, with the intent to raise money for their beloved University. That same year, these singers took all of the money from the school's treasury and used it to tour around the United States and Europe. During that tour they raised enough money to preserve the University and to construct Jubilee Hall, which became the South's first permanent structure built for the education of black students. This building has also been dedicated as a National Historic Landmark. I swell with pride to tell you that the Jubilee Singers were the first internationally acclaimed African-American musicians. They introduced so-called "slave songs" to the world and are considered responsible for preventing that historic and spiritual music from extinction. The Fisk Jubilee Singers still perform to this very day.

Mr. Speaker, the Fisk Jubilee Singers have made a lasting contribution to racial equality and black culture in America. They introduced the spiritual as a musical genre, and demonstrated a truly unique commitment to their education. It is time that we in Congress honor their incredible achievements in such a manner that all of America will come to know of their commitment.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to pass my resolution encouraging the Postal Service to issue a postage stamp commemorating the legacy and achievements of the Fisk Jubilee Singers.

JOHN TERRANA HONORED

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2001

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House of Representatives to the hard work and achievements of my very good friend, Attorney John J. Terrana of Kingston, Pennsylvania, who will be honored on August 24, 2001, as Past President of the Wilkes-Barre Chapter of U.N.I.C.O. John's deep love of his Italian heritage makes it especially fitting that he is being honored by this fine organization of Italian-Americans.

Attorney Terrana is a 1970 graduate of St. John the Evangelist School in Pittston and earned his bachelor of arts degree in government and politics from King's College in 1974. In 1981, he served as a legislative assistant to former Congressman Ray Musto and was admitted to practice before the Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania and the U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals.

John earned his doctor of jurisprudence degree from the George Mason University School of Law in 1982 and established his private practice of law in Luzerne County. He was inducted into membership in the Wilkes-Barre Chapter of U.N.I.C.O. in 1988 and has served at various times on the chapter board of directors, in addition to serving as co-chairman of the Miss U.N.I.C.O. pageant for 10 years.

Last year, when the chapter elected him its president, he also attained the honor of being inducted the Million Dollar Advocates' Forum, an organization whose membership is restricted to trial lawyers who have successfully tried a case which resulted in a verdict or award in excess of one million dollars.

John's sense of humor and warm personality have made him a popular toastmaster and speaker at many events throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania. Everyone who knows John is well-familiar with his devotion to his family.

Attorney Terrana is the son of Dolores Terrana and the late Angelo Terrana and the brother of my former district director, Attorney Joe Terrana, as well as Attorney Angelo Terrana and Rosemary Dessoye, executive vice president of the Pittston Chamber of Commerce. John and his wife, the former Antoinette Farano, have three children, Katie, Julie and John Charles.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to call to the attention of the House of Representatives the

hard work and achievements of Attorney John Terrana, and I wish him all the best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2001

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, yesterday during rollcall vote No. 312, I inadvertently recorded my vote as "aye." My intention had been to vote "no" on the green amendment.

I ask that my statement be inserted in the RECORD at the appropriate place. Thank you.

HONORING HARRY BUTLER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Harry Butler for all of his contributions to Grand Junction and the state of Colorado. In addition, I would like to congratulate him on his recent election to the Grand Junction City Council, which marks the first person of African-American descent to hold a position on the City Council.

Harry has always been persistent in his efforts to achieve his goals. As a young child, he used to attend church services in the Handy Chapel located in Grand Junction. The chapel was also a residence for him and his wife, Danielle, after they were married. At that time, they exchanged rent for cleaning the facility. The church filled a large portion of his heart. Today, Harry serves as a minister and leads the Saturday morning services at the church he used to reside in.

From the age of seven, Harry has done everything from delivering newspapers to working for the Job Corps in Collbran for 11 years. Harry has consistently extended a helping hand to warm the hearts of others. He worked for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in Grand Junction and has become an outstanding minister. He and Danielle have been happily married for 37 years and are proud parents to three children.

Throughout his trials and tribulations, Harry strengthened his faith and found compassion in the Bible. He never takes a moment for granted and truly understands the value of life. Now as a City Councilman, Harry hopes to work on issues of community safety, drug utilization and transportation.

Mr. Speaker, Harry Butler has done great things throughout his life and I am certain he will tackle his new position with the utmost attention and dedication. I would like to extend my warmest regard to Harry and his family and wish him the best throughout his term as a councilman.

TRUTH IN EMPLOYMENT ACT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2001

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Truth in Employment Act which protects

small businesses and independent-minded workers from the destructive and coercive "top-down" organizing tactic known as salting. Salting is a technique designed by unscrupulous union officials for the purpose of harassing small businesses until the businesses compel their employees to pay union dues as a condition of employment.

"Salts" are professional union organizers who apply for jobs solely in order to compel employers into consenting to union monopoly bargaining and forced-dues contract clauses. They do this by disrupting the workplace and drumming up so-called "unfair labor practice" charges which are designed to harass and tie up the small business person in constant and costly litigation.

Thanks to unconstitutional interference in the nation's labor markets by Congress, small businesses targeted by union salts often must acquiesce to union bosses' demands that they force their workers to accept union "representation" and pay union dues. If an employer challenges a salt, the salt may file (and win) an unfair labor practice charge against the employer!

Passing the Truth in Employment Act is a good first step toward restoring the constitution rights of property and contract to employers and employees. I therefore urge my colleagues to stand up for those workers who do not wish to be forced to pay union dues as a condition of employment by cosponsoring the Truth in Employment Act.

DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA—AN ALL AMERICA CITY

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2001

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the city of Delray Beach, Florida, "The Village By The Sea," for being one of the ten cities selected by the National Civic League for the 2001 All America City Awards.

The All America City Award is America's oldest and most prestigious community recognition award. It recognizes exemplary grassroots community problem-solving and is given to communities that cooperatively tackle challenges and achieve results.

To qualify as a contender for this competitive Award an application is submitted that illustrates how three community projects were made possible by the efforts of volunteers, government officials, and businesses. The three successful initiatives of Delray Beach were: (1) the Youth Enrichment Vocational Program, which teaches skills and creates opportunities for high-risk youth; (2) the Community Neighbors Helping, which provides elderly minority citizens with food, clothing, and services that they could not otherwise receive; and (3) the Village Academy, a deregulated public school which provides an environment to address the needs of at-risk grade-school students. All of these programs have assisted the countless Delray Beach citizens both young and old with opportunities for a better future.

What makes each of these programs unique and warrants our attention is that through public and private cohesive efforts the residents of Delray Beach have, through their own initiative, created specific programs that address