

TRIBUTE TO FARMER-CHEF
MARKETING ALLIANCE

HON. BOB SCHAFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2001

Mr. SCHAFER. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise today to express gratitude and congratulations to the Farmer-Chef Marketing Alliance of Fort Collins, Colorado. The alliance prides itself on bringing together farmers and restaurant chefs to benefit local agriculture and businesses.

The Farmer-Chef Marketing Alliance, coordinated by Colorado State University and the Colorado Department of Agriculture's markets division, has created new opportunities for local farmers to sell fresh vegetables to local chefs. This innovative and unique program has given chefs fresher produce for their restaurants, enhancing the quality of their food while also supporting local farmers. In a recent edition of the Fort Collins Coloradoan, Dawn Thilmany, Associate Professor of Agriculture and Resource Economics at Colorado State University, said, "There's a push for community-supported agriculture, and we think this is a good way to do it."

The Farmer-Chef Marketing Alliance is a shining example of two different sectors coming together to achieve a common goal. I applaud the alliance for its courageous and noble efforts to enhance the quality of community restaurants while also supporting local agriculture through teamwork.

As an exceptional program located in Colorado's Fourth Congressional District, the Farmer-Chef Marketing Alliance not only makes its community proud, but also those of its state and country. It is a true honor to have this alliance reside in Colorado, and we owe it a debt of gratitude for its service. I ask the House to join me in extending wholehearted congratulations to the Farmer-Chef Marketing Alliance.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR,
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 11, 2001

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3061) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes:

Ms. LEE. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to express my support for the H.R. 3061.

I believe this bill represents a good bipartisan effort which focuses on priorities many good programs that will benefit our nation and its citizen.

This bill also contains provisions which will be crucial in our efforts to rebuild the nation's confidence during the difficult days since the events of September 11, 2001.

I want to also express my appreciation to the chairman and the ranking Appropriations Committee and the Chairman and Ranking Member of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Subcommittee, who had the responsibility of crafting this legislation and included provisions for the global fight against HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.

These provisions will expand funding for our global HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria efforts on the African continent, and in developing countries throughout the world.

As many of you know, more than two years ago, I began to work with my colleagues to build a bipartisan and bicameral coalition to raise the level of attention and expand the United States response to the global AIDS crisis.

Although we can and must do more to fight this killer disease, the provisions funded in this bill provide proof that with leadership and a strong will to bring relief to those who need it most, we can and will work together toward eradicating the global scourge of AIDS from the face of the earth.

We all know that HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria continue to ravage Africa and developing countries throughout the world.

Each day, over 17,000 people die each day from AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria worldwide! Our nation is leading the global fight against these infectious diseases. However, we can and must do more.

We have only reached the tip of the iceberg in the global AIDS crisis and it is compounded by TB and malaria mortality rates. It is clear that our fight must continue.

Without an expanded and coordinated response, the CDC, international AIDS experts and health experts indicate that new HIV infections, alone, will rise to 100 million by the year 2007. Already over 50 million people have been infected worldwide—over 70% of those infections are in sub-Saharan Africa.

Once the global AIDS fund is operational, it will support a wide range of interventions, from education and prevention to the procurement of HIV/AIDS/TB related drugs and commodities, including antiretroviral agents in situations where their use can be effectively managed, and anti-malaria interventions such as insecticide-treated bed nets.

The goal is to have the global fund in operation with the capacity to manage resources and procure essential drugs and commodities by early 2002. To maximize the global fund's impact, the funds should be used for results-based programs that specifically increase the number of people covered by the direct provision of drugs, other commodities and services to beneficiaries in countries severely affected by these diseases.

The fact that techniques which prevent the spread of HIV infection exist, and that drugs exist that can substantially reduce the rate of mother-to-child transmission and prolong the lives of people who are infected, makes it incumbent on us to immediately utilize whatever budgetary mechanisms are available.

The funding provided in this bill moves us closer to that goal.

It is for these reasons that I support this legislation and urge my colleague to also support it.

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SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

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Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Chairman, I rise to bring attention to the need to appropriate an additional \$5 million to Education Technology State Grants. This will offset the Safe and Drug-Free Schools by \$5 million.

Throughout the last two decades, information technology has become increasingly prevalent in society. We, as policymakers, have been interested in the use of this technology in elementary and secondary schools partly out of concern over poor student performance, and the idea that educational technology can improve that performance. Also, many of us feel that students in America should receive training in school that will enable them to work in an increasingly technological environment. Furthermore, the Administration has stated that schools should use technology as a tool to improve academic achievement, and that using the latest technology in the classroom should not be an end unto itself.

The purpose of my amendment speaks to the interests of Congress and that of the Administration. This amendment will provide more funding to a program that has worked for our kids. For fiscal year 2002, this bill will appropriate the same amount of funding it did last year. If we truly want our students to excel in technology so that they can successfully compete in this increasingly technological environment, we must continue to provide them with the tools necessary to do so. This is exactly what education technology state grants provide.

Education technology state grants provide schools with the necessary support for the acquisition and use of technology and technology enhanced curriculums, instructions, and administrative support to improve education in elementary and secondary schools. Funds are allocated to states proportionate to their share of ESEA Title 1, Part A funding, which speaks to the heart of the digital divide—providing technology to those who otherwise would not have the opportunity to access it.

Mr. Chairman, as the need for more people who are technologically savvy increases, we need to be certain that our students have the ability to successfully compete globally. There is no reason why companies on American soil continue to look for technologists outside of our country when we have able minds and bodies here. Let us take care of our country's future now. Let us assure America and its people that a decade from now we will have Americans who can run our computer programs and be the inventors of the latest technology.

If the need to be competitive does not steer my colleagues in the right direction, let the need to have Americans only have access to our computers. Let Americans only have the ability to decode top secret information that may prevent further attacks against us. Let Americans lead us out of our vulnerable stage.

I urge my colleagues to support my amendment and continue supporting our children in their efforts to become technologically savvy so that they may control our future.

INTRODUCING POSTAGE WAIVER BILL FOR DONATIONS TO "AMERICA'S FUND FOR AFGHAN CHILDREN"

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2001

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, on October 11, 2001, President Bush announced the establishment of the "America's Fund For Afghan Children" and asked America's children to send one dollar to the children of Afghanistan. In order to enhance the impact of our children's charitable contributions, I am introducing legislation to waive U.S. postage for donations to this fund.

The "America's Fund For Afghan Children," will be overseen by the American Red Cross, will provide America's children, who are blessed with so much, with the opportunity to reach out to aid the innocent children of Afghanistan who suffer constant oppression, chronic malnourishment and grossly inadequate medical care.

Mr. Speaker, because I believe that we, in Congress, can play a vital role in ensuring that none of the money that is raised by our youngest citizens is consumed by postage. This measure encourages participation in this worthwhile endeavor and advances the President's effort to provide America's children with a tangible way to bring much needed humanitarian relief to the children of Afghanistan. Under this measure, donations sent to the following address would be delivered free of postage: America's Fund for Afghan Children, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC 20509-1600.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the House to pass this legislation that sends the message that the U.S. Congress supports their efforts to help the children of Afghanistan.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

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ing September 30, 2002, and for other purposes:

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to voice my opposition to Congressman ISTOOK's amendment to the Labor, Health, Human Services and Education Appropriations bill.

I am concerned with Congressman ISTOOK's proposal to increase the abstinence-until-marriage education program by \$33 million.

Although I believe that educating teenagers about sexual abstinence can be beneficial it cannot be the course of sexual education.

There is no substantive evidence that shows that abstinence-only education is effective.

Instead, research repeatedly shows that the most effective route to combat teenage pregnancy is a comprehensive sexual education program.

In my community, the Latino community, an abstinence-only lifestyle is preached in most households.

Young Latinas are repeatedly told that if they have sex outside of marriage or become pregnant, they will be cut off from their families.

However, 13 percent of Hispanic women in the United States aged 15-19 still become pregnant each year.

Teenagers are sexually active; therefore they should know about the family planning methods available.

In fact, each year, family planning services prevent about 386,000 teenage pregnancies.

While I am pleased that Congressman ISTOOK's amendment does not draw any funding away from the much-needed Title X family planning program, I still cannot support such a large funding increase for a program that is so limited in scope and whose effectiveness has yet to be determined.

I urge my colleagues to oppose this amendment.

IN HONOR OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER JIMMY DIMORA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great man who has affected the lives of thousands in Northeast Ohio, County Commissioner Jimmy Dimora, recipient of the Bikur Cholim Hospital's 2001 International Brotherhood Award.

Mr. Dimora is a great man, skilled politician, public servant, and most importantly, a friend. In January 1999 he began his term as Cuyahoga County Commissioner with the one simple goal to simplify county government and make it "user friendly" for his constituents. Commissioner Dimora's main goal was to bring common sense to political dilemmas, and solve problems rather than to create them. He was soon, thereafter, elected by his fellow commissioners as President of the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners.

Before working in County government, Commissioner Dimora was a dedicated public servant in the city of Bedford Heights. He served as Mayor from 1982 through 1998, running for re-election without opposition every time. He served before that as Council-at-Large for four years, and also was a city employee for six years. Mr. Dimora has dedicated his entire life

to selflessly serving the public. As Mayor, he accomplished countless great feats: he instituted new programs and expanded services without raising property or city income taxes, expanded a full-service jail, and renovated the largest and best-equipped recreational facility of its kind in the state.

Commissioner Dimora is truly dedicated to serving his fellow man. He is a people person, a problem solver, and a consensus-builder. His tenure as Chairman of the Democratic Party in Cuyahoga County has demonstrated his incredible honor and the respect he has gained from his fellow colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring a very fine man on his recipient of the Bikur Cholim Hospital's 2001 International Brotherhood Award. Commissioner Jimmy Dimora is truly a man of the people, and has served the Cleveland community selflessly his entire life.

TRIBUTE TO EDWARD A. KELLY, JR.

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2001

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Edward A. Kelly, Jr., my good friend and a mainstay of Burlington County for over 40 years.

Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania into a family of seven children, his parents were born in Ireland, emigrating to the United States in their twenties. Growing up in a working-class neighborhood, his early youth was spent in sports, while attending West Catholic High School.

Married to the former Mildred "Millie" Hansberry, the Kellys became one of the first families to settle in Levittown, New Jersey, now known as Willingboro.

Having served on the Willingboro Board of Education, and later as a member of the Willingboro Council, Ed was elected Clerk of Burlington County in 1969. His rising popularity brought about his reelection to an additional four five-year terms, from which he retired at the end of 1994, after more than 25 years of continuous service.

A member of nearly 70 different service clubs, his service as a member of the Board of Directors of the Burlington County Chapter of the Boy Scouts of America earned him the Silver Beaver Award, scouting's highest honor.

A major supporter of our active duty military and retirees, Ed is a founding member of the Burlington County Military Affairs Committee (BCMAC). His commitment to our military is so highly-regarded that he was appointed by Governor Christine Todd Whitman to the New Jersey Veterans Service Council.

His six-year term as State Chairman, New Jersey Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Committee (ESGR) came to a close on September 30, 2001. His leadership will be sorely missed.

For his many years of dedicated service both as a long-time member of the ESGR, and especially, during his six-year term as State Chairman, and as one of his loyal supporters, I pay tribute to him today.