

outside the city center. By moving to a larger venue, the Santa Barbara Gay Pride Festival hopes to educate the community at large, as well as to promote inclusion among many different religious, ethnic, social and business groups. Another goal of the festival is to promote awareness among the larger community, as it is hoped that with awareness comes respect.

Gay Awareness Day has been established to reflect on the progress made by the LGBT community, as well as an opportunity to celebrate acts of courage and determination in the pursuit of civil rights. The mere size of the festival demonstrates how much advancement the gay community has made over the last three decades and I can only hope that celebrations like this will continue for years to come.

CONGRATULATING AMERICAN LEGION POST 82 ON THE OCCASION OF THE NEW MEMBER INITIATION CEREMONY

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 31, 2001

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate American Legion Post 82 of Inglewood, Tennessee, on its recent initiation ceremony welcoming thirteen new members.

On September 30, 2001, the President of Unit 82 hosted an initiation ceremony and reception for these new members alongside thirty longtime members. This was the first initiation for new members conducted by the unit in more than 5 years.

During the ceremony the principles of the American Legion are expressed using candles and the pledge of loyalty. These fundamental precepts include the promotion of justice, freedom, democracy, and loyalty.

Additionally, each new member was presented with an American flag, an auxiliary pin, a copy of the United States Constitution, and the by-laws and regulations of Inglewood Unit 82.

Through patriotic organizations such as the American Legion, Americans can be assured that democracy and justice will be passed to future generations and that the light of freedom will continue to burn brightly.

PASSING OF MR. LARRY D. CALLAGHAN

HON. CYNTHIA A. MCKINNEY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 31, 2001

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to honor and remember Mr. Larry D. Callaghan for his tremendous contributions and a lifetime of servitude. Mr. Callaghan was a man who possessed a greatness of character and lived a dedicated and selfless life, which has served our nation and our nation's veterans in a most honorable way.

Larry's patriotism and valor became evident in Vietnam as a scout squad leader with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, part of the 119th Infantry Brigade. In July 1968, while on

a combat mission, he sustained a spinal cord injury caused by a land mine explosion. He was recognized for his service with the Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, and the Purple Heart.

Larry continued to distinguish himself as a leader aspiring to help others by joining the Paralyzed Veterans of America in 1968. During the past 30 years, he was actively involved in the New England Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America and served on the Executive Committee as a national vice president from 1989 to 1994. Most recently, Larry served as PVA national senior vice president last year.

I offer my condolences to his wife Beth and his children John and Megan. I hope that they can take comfort in the fact that a nation is in their family's debt for the dedicated compassion and service that Larry has shown in his life—one that is marked with greatness.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that you and all of my colleagues will join me today to remember and honor the life of a very remarkable man.

NORMAN SISISKY POST OFFICE BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2001

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, precisely because he was a man dedicated to the ethic of the working class, Norm Sisisky would be proud that a United States Post Office will bear his name.

As a patriot dedicated to justice, he would share the horror we all feel in the wake of the ongoing anthrax attack that has so profoundly touched the lives of our postal workers, their families and our communities.

Norm and I came to Washington together in the same class in the House of Representatives. We traveled together from time to time with the House Armed Services Committee.

On long trips to military interests around the world, you get to know people very well. For nearly our entire service together in Congress, we served on the House Armed Services Committee.

We sat beside each other for all of that time on the committee, and often put our heads together on issues witnesses addressed during their testimony. Norm was a constant source of inspiration and humor at our hearings.

At the same time, he was the consummate businessman. He could figure out quickly what the hidden costs were to taxpayers in any plan brought before our committee, and he could find the holes in plans any witness presented.

Norman Sisisky was dedicated to Virginia . . . to the Navy . . . and to the betterment of our fighting men and women. He was much beloved by his staff, his friends and the people he represented in Virginia.

Most of all, Norm was the ultimate patriot, whose highest calling was watching out for the interests of his district and the United States Armed Forces.

It is utterly appropriate that we honor his memory and the quality of his service by passing the Norman Sisisky Post Office Building Designation Act.

H.R. 1552—THE INTERNET TAX NONDISCRIMINATION ACT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 31, 2001

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1552, the Internet Tax Nondiscrimination Act, which extends the moratorium on Internet taxation. The current moratorium expires on October 21.

As we now know the Internet has had a global economic impact on the way business is transacted and some of the rapid expansion of the Internet is due to the fact that it has remained free from restrictive taxes.

There is growing concern, however, that as e-commerce continues to flourish, states and localities are losing more and more of their sales tax revenue because we lack a uniform system of collecting sales taxes on Internet purchases. Collecting these taxes is further complicated by the diverse and extensive web of taxing authorities throughout the country.

We need a nondiscriminatory tax system dealing with these complexities which will be fair to the states, and that at the same time continue to foster the expansion of e-commerce. The development of such a plan requires a thoughtful, careful, and innovative approach among participants at both the state and federal levels.

Extending the ban on Internet taxes for two years will give all involved entities more time to assess the impact of e-commerce on state revenues and to develop an equitable system of taxation and collection. By doing so, we can continue to reap the benefits e-commerce has to offer, while not sacrificing important and necessary revenue to states and localities.

RECOGNIZING JOSEPH DITOMASO

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 31, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joseph DiTomaso for being named an Extension Specialist Award finalist by the Friends of Agricultural Extension. The Friends of Agricultural Extension will recognize Joseph at their annual awards dinner.

Joseph is a U.C. Davis Weed Science Extension Specialist. He has continually been developing his program on the subject of "Control of Yellow Starthistle." The emphasis of his research has shifted from defining the biology and ecology of this serious pest to developing integrated system approaches to its long-term management, as well as to that of other non-crop weeds.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Joseph DiTomaso for being named an Extension Specialist Award finalist by the Friends of Agricultural Extension. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Joseph many more years of continued success.

HONORING DENNIS W.
SHAUGHNESSY

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 31, 2001

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Dennis Shaughnessy, who retired on September 14, 2001. Though his departure is a great loss, I would like to congratulate Dennis and thank him for 30 years of service and dedication to the County of Santa Barbara Probation Department.

Dennis Shaughnessy began employment with the Probation Department in 1971 as an officer assigned to the Santa Barbara Juvenile Hall. From the outset of his career, Dennis performed at an outstanding level and was identified as having management potential on his very first employee performance evaluation. He soon was promoted to Deputy Probation Officer in 1973, and began quickly moving up the ranks in the Probation Department from Senior Deputy Probation Officer to Supervising Probation Officer to Administrative Division Chief to his final position of Deputy Chief Probation Officer, the position he has held since 1996.

In addition to the innumerable hours Dennis has dedicated to the Probation Department, he also has found time to serve on various State committees, including advisory committees for the California Board of Corrections and several criminal information subcommittees with the Department of Justice. He has also initiated several programs that have been cited for outstanding merit by the local Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention commission. Specifically, the Los Prietos Boys Camp, a program in his division, has received much recognition. The Los Prietos Boys Camp is a program that provides an opportunity for juvenile offenders to be rehabilitated. The program provides at-risk youths opportunities to refurbish computers for the Santa Barbara County Education Office's "Computers for Families" program, or provide forest maintenance services for the Los Prietos National Forest. The program has been so effective it was awarded the CSAC Challenge Award in November 2000.

Mr. Speaker, for his lifetime of service and commitment to community involvement, I recognize and salute Dennis Shaughnessy and thank him for all his efforts on behalf of the entire Central Coast community. I am confident that Dennis will remain a prominent figure in the community as he enters a new phase in his life. We all owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude, and I wish him the best of luck in all of his future endeavors.

NORMAN SISISKY POST OFFICE BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2001

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2910, the Norman Sisisky Post Office Building Designation Act. I am honored today to pay tribute to Norman Sisi-

sky, who was a colleague and a familiar figure in Virginia politics for many years. It is fitting and proper that we should honor Norman today on the floor of this House where he acted so honorably as a public servant since he was elected to Congress in 1982 until his death earlier this year.

Norman Sisisky spent a lifetime serving Virginia and the United States, and we are all deeply indebted to this distinguished Virginia gentleman. Norman first displayed his love for this country when he enlisted in the Navy as a young man during World War II. His time in the Navy, though short, left a lasting impression and he never forgot that we must diligently tend to the needs of the men and women serving in the military.

At the conclusion of the war, he became a successful businessman and well known throughout the business community for transforming a small bottling company into a highly successful soft drink distributor. His business background and creative thinking proved invaluable when he later decided to enter elective politics. Norman served in the Virginia General Assembly for several years before being elected to the House of Representatives in 1982. Here in Washington, Norman was known as a staunch defender of our national security and worked tirelessly on behalf of the men and women who serve our nation in the military.

Norman was particularly effective in building coalitions in support for key programs and reaching across the aisle on matters of importance to Virginians. From ensuring adequate funding for aircraft carriers and submarines to modernizing our weapons systems, he was an ardent voice on the Armed Services Committee and an ally of every person who wears the uniform of the United States.

In his District, and throughout Virginia, his reputation as an outstanding Member of Congress was unparalleled. His legacy of constituent service, consensus building and selfless service is a model for all Members of Congress.

The people of the Fourth District, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States of America have truly benefitted from his dedicated service and at this time of national crisis his military mind and Congressional experience are sorely missed. Norman was successful in every aspect of his life and we rightly dedicate this post office in his memory today.

A TRIBUTE TO THE STUDENTS AT FRAZIER HIGH SCHOOL

HON. FRANK MASCARA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 31, 2001

Mr. MASCARA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a very special group of constituents in my district, the students at Frazier High School, which is located in Perryopolis, Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

On October 29th, Frazier students Tricia Keefer, Amanda Wetzell, Carrie Sterdis, Kara Steiner, Toni Keffer, Sara Toth, Rebecca Harmon and Ashley Madorma, presented me with a check for President Bush and America's Fund for Afghan Children. The compassionate students at Frazier High School raised \$616 for the needy Afghan children.

More than 10 million children in Afghanistan are suffering because of years of war and drought. One in four Afghan children will not make it to their fifth birthday, and one in three is an orphan. Remember, these children are innocent victims of a repressive government, a government that doesn't care about their suffering.

But thanks to the selfless efforts of the students at Frazier High School, and the efforts of hundreds of thousands of children across this country, fewer children in Afghanistan will suffer this winter. Every dollar raised will help make sure Afghan children receive the food, shelter and medicine they so desperately need.

Mr. Speaker, I know the entire House of Representatives joins me in saluting the hard work and dedication of the students at Frazier High School.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM H. ARMSTRONG

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 31, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize William (Harry) Armstrong on the occasion of his 71st birthday.

Harry was born in Merced, California on October 28, 1930. He graduated from Merced Union High School. Mr. Armstrong served in the Korean War and is a member of the American Legion, Post 147. He began working in the dairy industry in 1960.

Harry has extensive public service experience, including: appointment to the Clovis Planning Commission, election to the Clovis City Council, election as Mayor of Clovis, President of the League of California Cities, President of South San Joaquin Division of the League of California Cities Committee, Ex-officio member of the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, Chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, and Vice-Chairman of the Fresno County Water Advisory Board.

Harry lives in Clovis with his wife Jeanine. They have three grown children: Tom, an attorney; Jim, a businessman; and Megan, a teacher.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Harry Armstrong on his many years of public service and to recognize his 71st birthday. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Harry many more years of happiness.

SUPPORT FOR KAZAKHSTAN

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 31, 2001

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, following the terrorist attacks of September 11, the United States received a tremendous outpouring of sympathy from nations all over the world. One particular nation that has truly responded to the September 11 attack with an offer of real help for the United States is Kazakhstan.

Kazakhstan declared that it would support measures taken by the United States to combat terrorism and has offered the United