

basis for my support. It is proper for the federal government to foster a regulatory framework that stimulates competition and encourages deployment of advanced services to people who live in small towns and rural communities.

IN HONOR OF GINA QUIN

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 27, 2001*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, please join me today in welcoming Ms. Gina Quin, Chief Executive Officer of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, to Cleveland as guest of honor at the Collins and Scanlon, 22nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Open House.

Educated at University College Dublin with an undergraduate degree in psychology and a Master of Business Administration, Ms. Quin currently represents 3000 Business Members in the Greater Dublin City Area. Her position requires her to develop policy that will aid in the overall development of Dublin by maximizing enterprise and investment opportunities within the Capital city.

Ms. Quin has held various other executive positions before her appointment to the Dublin Chamber of Commerce in 2000. She was an executive for both Lansdowne Market Research and the Irish Export Board. For six years prior to her work with the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Quin served as chief executive for Gandon Enterprises where she was responsible for managing business activities across both manufacturing and service industries.

My fellow colleagues, let us welcome our distinguished friend from Ireland, Mr. Gina Quin, to Cleveland to join in our celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

**SALUTING THE EXCHANGE CLUB  
CASTLE PROGRAM OF FORT  
PIERCE, FLORIDA**

**HON. MARK FOLEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 27, 2001*

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, next month marks an important milestone for those who battle child abuse. This will be the date when a key facility in my district marks its twenty year anniversary. In my community we are blessed to have as our neighbor the Exchange Club CASTLE program in Fort Pierce, Florida. In celebration of their 20 years of fighting violence against children, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting this achievement.

The CASTLE program (Child Abuse Training and Life Enrichment) is a true American success story. In fact, what was once a small program has spawned a legion of 100 similar facilities in 27 states. CASTLE began two decades ago with a budget of just \$40,000 serving just 25 families and has grown exponentially. Today it provides crucial services to more than 10,000 families in and around my Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, child abuse is a silent scourge that strikes families from all walks of life and

in every community rich, poor, small and large. Without the services of agencies like the Exchange Club's CASTLE program, our nation would bear the burden of thousands more cases of child abuse and suffer the effects of families torn apart.

What makes CASTLE so successful is their broad approach to the problem, working not just with parents, but with community officials, educators and children themselves in many cases working to stop violence before it occurs. CASTLE has developed dozens of community-wide programs to target at-risk youngsters and ensure that those most in need get the care, comfort and protection our society owes to them. Their message has resonated loudly throughout Florida and across the country: violence has no place in our homes and families.

Mr. Speaker, April marks the start of national child abuse prevention month. I am proud to salute the Exchange Club's CASTLE program on this important occasion and look forward to their continued success in our community and throughout the state. They have indeed made our nation a better place to live.

IN HONOR OF SCOTT MICHAEL  
DANIELSON

**HON. EDWARD SCHROCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 27, 2001*

Mr. SCHROCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Petty Officer Second Class Scott Michael Danielson who passed away in service to our nation during a training exercise on February 22, 2001.

Petty Officer Danielson was a member of U.S. Navy Seal Team Eight, based at Little Creek Amphibious Base in Virginia Beach, Virginia. A native of Royal Oak, Michigan, Petty Officer Danielson joined the Navy in 1992 and owing to his exemplary service, was given the opportunity of joining the elite Navy Seals.

Petty Officer Danielson served our nation supporting Task Force Falcon during Operation Guardian in Kosovo. During his outstanding career, Petty Officer Danielson earned several medals and commendations including the Navy Commendation Medal, three Navy Achievement Medals, two Good Conduct Medals, the National Defense Medal, the Kosovo Campaign Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Medal, and the NATO Medal.

Mr. Speaker, America lost one of her finest with the untimely passing of Petty Officer Second Class Scott Michael Danielson. His passing reminds us of the danger that the men and women of our military face in both times of peace and war.

Our grateful nation mourns the loss of Petty Officer Second Class Scott Michael Danielson and extends its sympathies to Scott's loved ones. His family should be proud of the life he lived and should never doubt the gratitude of his nation for his courageous and exemplary service.

REGARDING THE RECENT PRESIDENT BUSH DECISIONS TO RELAX ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

**HON. SILVESTRE REYES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 27, 2001*

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the recent decisions by President Bush to renege on a campaign promise to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by power plants. The President in the last week and a half has also rescinded a strict new standard for arsenic levels in drinking water, suspended new cleanup requirements for mining companies, and threatening to challenge a logging ban on nearly 60 million acres of national forest land.

Americans want to have the environment dealt with in a responsible way, and this way does not include cutting the acceptable level of arsenic in our drinking water from 10 parts per billion to 50 parts per billion. A responsible way to deal with the environment does not include allowing electric utilities to decide not to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide. I am concerned that unilateral decisions are being made without thought about the long-term consequences that these decisions will have on our environment and the health of our people.

The United States-Mexico border suffers disproportionately from pollution. For example, my district of El Paso, Texas is an air-quality, non-attainment area and experiences huge problems with emissions from power plants and other airborne pollutants. If there is one thing that we cannot afford to do at this juncture in our history, it is to begin relaxing environmental standards in our country without taking into consideration the long-term effects of these actions.

I urge the administration and my colleagues in Congress to act in a more responsible manner when it comes to environmental policy and the development of legislation that may have dire long-term consequences.

IN HONOR OF JOHN D. BAKER

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 27, 2001*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate John D. Baker on being awarded the 2001 Irish Good Fellowship Club's Good Fellowship Award. This prestigious award is a well-deserved honor which recognizes the dedication and commitment John D. Baker has shown to his family and the workers of our nation.

John D. Baker has had three children during his forty years of marriage. Always ready with a smile or kind word, Mr. Baker has been a living example of compassion for his children. He has worked hard to make sure that they grew up in a loving, caring environment.

Throughout his life, John D. Baker has exhibited a dedication to working men and women throughout the Cleveland area. He has been an active member of the International Longshoremen's Association since 1959, and now serves as the Vice-President to that organization. John D. Baker has committed his life

to the cause of worker's justice. John D. Baker has served on many councils and committees, covering a wide-range of issues. From labor disputes to historical preservation, John D. Baker has played an important role in the development of the Cleveland area.

John D. Baker is a deserving recipient of the Irish Good Fellowship Club's Good Fellowship Award. Throughout his life, he has worked to help other people; both in their personal lives as well as in their workplaces. John D. Baker has been a great force of fellowship for many people, always offering caring words of encouragement and his friendship. A fellowship award is truly justified by Mr. Baker's daily life.

Throughout his life, Mr. John D. Baker has proven to be a leader by bringing people together and working for a more just society. His hard work and dedication have inspired many people to strive with him when he stands up for workers everywhere. My fellow colleagues, please stand with me in honoring Mr. John D. Baker.

**MACHINIST BATTLED BIG LABOR FOR FOUR DECADES; RIGHT TO WORK ADVOCATES MOURN JOHN WALDUM, THEIR "HAPPY WARRIOR"**

**HON. TOM DELAY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 27, 2001*

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, throughout its 45-year history, the National Right to Work Committee has been blessed with many loyal friends who selflessly offered their support in one legislative battle after another.

But even in the pantheon of Right to Work champions, there is no one else like John Waldum Jr., a retired machinist and former union member and a Committee board member since 1967.

Mr. Waldum, who served as the Committee's chairman from 1998 until last spring, passed away November 28 in Lake Worth, Fla.

"John had a slogan. 'You only keep what you are willing to defend.' And John took that slogan seriously. He spent his life fighting against the odds, but with an indomitable spirit that was, and will continue to be, an inspiration to us all."

Mr. Waldum first recognized the injustice and inherent dangers of compulsory unionism as a young man working in Missouri, which had (and has) no Right to Work law.

Kansas City union bosses wielded their monopoly power over his job to intimidate him into joining a strike—even though he believed it unjust and contrary to his long-term best interest.

Mr. Waldum quickly became a convinced Right to Work supporter, even as he continued to try to improve the system from within, both as a member of the Machinists union and as a shop steward for the United Auto Workers union.

As a result of his outspoken support for Right to Work, he endured years of harassment from power-hungry union officials.

Finally, in the early 1960s, Mr. Waldum and his family moved to Florida, a Right to Work state.

He later became a research and development machinist for the Pratt-Whitney Engine Corporation. All the while, he kept on fighting for the Right to Work cause.

When President Lyndon Johnson and the union hierarchy moved in 1965 to reimpose forced union membership and "fees" in Florida and other Right to Work states by abolishing Section 14(b) of the Taft-Hartley Act, Mr. Waldum enlisted in efforts to stop them.

The pointed testimony that Mr. Waldum and other freedom-loving workers gave to the U.S. House Labor Committee helped slow 14(b) repeal down and ultimately paved the way for its defeat by a Right to Work filibuster in the U.S. Senate.

During the 1970s Mr. Waldum participated in a successful campaign to tighten enforcement of Florida's Right to Work law and stiffen penalties for violators.

After he retired and moved with his wife Dorothy to Sebring, FL, Mr. Waldum relished the opportunity to expand his lobbying activities on behalf of the Right to Work cause.

During the 1990s he visited Washington, D.C., a number of times, and accepted invitations to testify before the National Labor Relations Board and congressional committees.

In 1993, he undoubtedly dumbfounded NLRB officials when he called the federal laws empowering union bosses to force workers to pay union dues as a job condition "a travesty of justice" that has transformed Organized Labor into "nothing more than a union press gang."

His testimony and his many letters to the editor often brimmed with moral indignation about how federal law and Big Labor-influenced bureaucrats trample the freedom of the individual worker.

But the ever-present twinkle in his eye made it clear that Mr. Waldum was not angry—only determined to make the world a better place.

John Waldum was a true gentleman and an outstanding spokesman for the Right to Work cause and he will be deeply missed.

Mr. Waldum is survived by his wife and their son and daughter, and four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**THE INTRODUCTION OF THE FAIRNESS FOR CIVIL SERVANT RESERVISTS AND GUARDSMEN ACT OF 2001**

**HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 27, 2001*

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce legislation today that will ensure the fair treatment of all civil servant reservists and guardsmen who are called up for active duty service. The Fairness for Civil Servant Reservists and Guardsmen Act of 2001 will mandate that all federal agencies pay the employee share of Federal Employee Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) premiums if they are on active duty for more than 30 days.

Currently, the federal government pays only the government portion of the health premium when a reservist is called to active duty. Because these men and women take leave without pay from their federal jobs, they often find themselves having to pay their portion of the

premium from a much smaller salary, which can be a serious strain on their family finances. While reservists and their families are also eligible for military health care during this period, this alternative often constitutes a burden on the families, who may have to travel great distances to get to military health facilities and are forced to develop a new relationship with a different doctor.

The men and women of our National Guard and Reserve units perform absolutely essential functions in times of conflict. The soldiers of Milwaukee's 128th Air Refueling Wing and 440th Airlift Wing have answered the call time and time again. Those who also happen to be federal employees should not, on top of everything else, have to worry about how their families will get health care while they're off serving our country.

During the Gulf War, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) asked federal agencies to cover both employee and employer costs of FEHBP premiums for those reservists and guardsmen who were on active duty and on leave without pay status. Last year, one of my constituents contacted me asking why this policy had not been extended to all civil service employees on active duty since the war. I then began contacting OPM and the Department of Defense (DoD) requesting that the policy be made permanent.

In June 2000 the OPM circulated a memo to agency heads encouraging them to make the policy a formal one. Earlier this month, DoD announced that it will begin covering health care premiums for all of its civil servant reservists or guardsmen who are called to active duty.

This bill would require that all federal agencies pay the FEHBP premiums of all their employees who are reservists or guardsmen that are called up for active duty in the future. It would also require federal agencies to reimburse the premiums paid by employees who served on active duty during Kosovo, Bosnia, and the 1998 Iraq operations.

Regarding the cost of this legislation, it is a very small price to pay for fairness. For example, the Pentagon estimates that it will only cost \$2.3 million to reimburse the 1600 DoD employees who have served in the Balkans and Iraq over the past 10 years. Since the DoD is the largest employer of reservists and Guardsmen, that will be the highest amount any agency has to pay. More importantly, the Pentagon has even said they don't need supplemental appropriations to make the retroactive payments. Future costs will vary depending on the individual contingency operation.

I urge all of my colleagues to support this fair and important legislation.

**IN HONOR OF MARJORIE PHILONA CONDON**

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 27, 2001*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Marjorie Condon, a lifelong resident of Ohio, who dedicated her life to the teaching profession. She will be missed, not only by her beloved family, but also by hundreds of former students.