

property with the income produced by such property. While the new law modified the method by including all estimated income generated by the property, however, it made no changes to the treatment of participations.

Projected participations—such as percentages of the gross receipts due an actor—have been included as part of the total cost of a film ever since studios have been forced to forecast the total revenues of a film under the income forecast method. But the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has indicated that it will disallow participations as part of a film. Participations were not an issue addressed by modification to the income forecast method. Studios have negotiated their complex transactions based on the clear and well-established principle that the cost of a film includes participations.

The legislation that we have introduced today will ensure that participations are a part of the total cost of a film. First, the legislation would guarantee that income-contingent costs are includable in basis, thereby accepting the conclusion of *Transamerica Corp. v. U.S.* The legislation provides that the depreciation allowance, as so determined, will apply notwithstanding section 404 or section 419. There would be “no inference” clause with regard to films placed in service after the effective date to the 1996 amendments to section 167 (that is, films placed in service after September 13, 1995).

Second, the look-back regime is tightened in two ways: (i) a third recomputation year is added; and (ii) the 10 percent de-minimis rule is applied on an annual basis not on a cumulative basis in the recomputation year. Thus, if the taxpayer initially estimates that the film's ultimate income will be \$1,000X and the estimated ultimate income in year two is increased or decreased by more than 10 percent, then the look-back computation is required for that last year. The 10 percent threshold then applies to the new estimated ultimate income.

This legislation was the result of consultations with the staff of the Committee on Ways and Means and the Joint Committee on Taxation. An analysis was done of the legislation for films in the following three situations: (1) where the film takes off late; (2) where the film falls short of expectations; and (3) where the film exceeds expectations. For each scenario, calculations were done using escalating income-contingent costs, and provided calculations on both an annual basis and a cumulative basis of accounting for adjustments to forecasted revenues. The conclusion confirmed that the legislative changes would not create distortion under the income forecast method.

We look forward to working with the Committee on Ways and Means to find the appropriate legislative vehicle to address this technical correction that will reiterate Congressional intent on changes made to the income forecast method in the Small Business Job Protection Act.

THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 28, 2001

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to discuss the importance of community health centers.

Since 1965, America's health centers have delivered comprehensive health and social support services to people who otherwise would face major financial, social, cultural and language barriers to obtaining quality, affordable health care.

Health centers serve those who are hardest to reach. They are located in America's inner cities, isolated rural areas, and migrant farm-worker communities—areas with few or no physicians and other health and social services. Community health centers are not-for-profit health care providers and are required by law to make their services accessible to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay.

There are more than 1,000 community health centers located in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Collectively, these centers serve as a health care safety net for more than 11 million patients, over 4 million of whom are uninsured.

Health centers foster growth and development in their communities. Over \$14 billion in annual economic activity is generated by health centers in many of America's most economically depressed communities, and they employ over 50,000 people and train thousands of health professionals and volunteers.

Community health centers offer a wide range of preventative and primary medical and dental care, as well as health education, community outreach, transportation, and support programs. Health centers focus on wellness and early prevention—the keys to cost savings in health care. Through innovative programs in outreach, education and prevention, health centers reach out and energize communities to meet urgent health needs and promote greater personal responsibility for good health.

For less than one dollar per day for each person served (less than \$350 annually), health centers provide quality primary and preventive care to low-income, uninsured and under-insured individuals and families. Through reductions in hospital admissions and less frequent use of costly emergency room visits for routine services, health centers save the American health care system almost billions each year.

Health centers provide quality care to millions of Americans who lack health coverage. However, they cannot continue to expand care to the growing number of uninsured patients who seek assistance without a significant increase in their appropriations.

President Bush recognized the importance of health centers with his recent proposal to double the number of patients health centers serve over the next five years. I strongly support this proposal, and an increase in funding this year is the first step needed to reach this goal.

Today, America's health centers are the family doctor and health care provider for over 10 million people. Expanding the role of community health centers is a proven, viable, and

cost effective way to bring quality health care to uninsured patients and medically underserved communities.

TRIBUTE TO LOIS PEARSALL

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 28, 2001

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lois Pearsall upon the occasion of her retirement as a rural development specialist with the United States Department of Agriculture in Caro, Michigan. Lois has given 35 years of dedicated service to her country through her employment with various governmental agencies since 1965.

Lois began her government career as a clerk stenographer with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Department of the Army at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. before relocating to Michigan in 1970. Since then, her unparalleled devotion to addressing the needs of Michigan residents has earned her many awards for both the quality and effectiveness of her work.

Over the years, Lois has set the standard in her service to the residents of mid-Michigan, consistently going well above and beyond the basic requirements of her job to aid those faced with financial hardship. In her role in the Rural Housing Program and Farmer Loan programs, she played an integral part in providing shelter and economic stability to some of the more vulnerable citizens of our communities. She has been a vital and tireless leader in securing decent, safe and affordable housing in rural Michigan.

Most recently, Lois has worked as a loan specialist for the Multi-Family Housing Program. Overseeing the management of more than 250 apartment projects in the Lower Peninsula of Michigan, Lois has spent countless hours and expended considerable energy in guiding innumerable communities, borrowers, tenants and management companies into housing partnerships to put roofs over the heads of a considerable number of families throughout the state.

All those who have benefitted from Lois' efforts no doubt also owe a debt of gratitude to her husband, Al, and son, Albert, for their willingness to share Lois' time and talents for the benefit of the commonwealth. Lois will be the first to acknowledge that Al's and Albert's work on the family farm gave her the time and freedom to help other farm families, friends, neighbors and strangers achieve their dreams.

I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deep appreciation to Lois and her family for outstanding service and wishing them well in all future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO SAL TORRES

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 28, 2001

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to Gonzalo “Sal” Torres, an extraordinary city councilman and community leader from Daly City, California. Sal, who also served as

Mayor of Daly City, was recently re-elected to the city council and has been honored as “one of the top 20 lawyers under 40” by the newspaper California Law Business.

Sal has demonstrated his commitment to excellence and his civic concern since he was a student of psychology at UCLA. He received the Chancellor’s Marshall Honors for his academic accomplishment as well as his participation in various community service projects, including the Amigos Del Barrio Tutorial program. Sal was the Director of this excellent program which matched over 200 under privileged elementary school students with college students who offered various types of academic support. Sal’s civic concern with the Hispanic community continued following his graduation from UCLA in 1983 in his work with Hispanic Consumer Advocates, the first consumer affairs radio show in Los Angeles to be broadcast entirely in Spanish.

Mr. Speaker, Sal earned awards for scholarship and advocacy on many occasions during his legal education at the University of San Francisco School of Law. These awards included the Judge Harold J. Haley Award and the Student Bar Association Award. Today Sal puts his legal education to good use as Assistant General Counsel to Tomen Agro Inc., where he handles international commerce, anti-trust and trademark matters, and public relations.

The heavy demands of his profession have in no way limited Sal’s commitment to community service. If anything, the list of community activities in which Sal has been involved has grown since the beginning of his professional career. Sal has been an active participant in the State Bar Association’s Human Rights Committee and the Volunteer Legal Services Program of the San Francisco Bar. He has volunteered to take San Mateo youths on probation to clean up graffiti as part of Daly City’s anti-graffiti program. He is also the mentor for Unity 2000, an organization that aspires to change negative stereotypes about local teenagers.

Sal has also been the General Counsel to San Mateo County’s Latino Leadership Council, a remarkable organization that strives to educate the general public on social, political, and economic issues that affect the Latino community. He worked as the Newsletter Editor and as one of the Directors of the San Francisco La Raza Lawyers Association. Sal also managed to find time to host a weekly public affairs television show that focuses on issues of concern to the Latino community. This already extensive list only begins to describe Sal’s endeavors to improve the community and the lives of those around him.

Mr. Speaker, Sal’s service and dedication to Daly City deserves special commendation. He was first elected to the City Council in 1996. The economic prosperity which the city has enjoyed has given him and his fellow council members an opportunity to make an important contribution to the health and vitality of the city. Daly City has been able to implement a \$40 million capital improvement program that is creating new community centers, libraries, and improved parks and playgrounds.

Sal has also demonstrated the capacity to handle crisis situations. He worked to secure funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) which helped to evacuate and reimburse the residents of 30 seaside homes that were dangerously close to

slipping off a cliff following severe winter storms. The residents of Daly City are truly fortunate to have Sal’s energy and intelligence to advocate their interests.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have this opportunity to pay tribute to Sal Torres. He has been an outstanding leader whose civic concern and whose dedication to public service should be an inspiration for all of us. I think the advice that Sal gives to the teenagers whom he mentors best describes this spirit: “Never give up. Follow your heart. If you are persistent and believe in your heart that you can do it, nothing can ever stop you.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 28, 2001

Mr. BOYD. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably delayed on Roll Call vote 50. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call vote 50.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 28, 2001

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, on March 23, 2001, I regrettably missed a recorded vote on Roll Call 60. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

LET’S SUPPORT COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 28, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I want to join my colleagues in stressing the importance of funding community health centers at a level of at least \$175 million for FY 2002. In my home State of New York, we provide over 164,000 residents who are uninsured or Medicaid recipients with health care services. Low-income New Yorkers are dependent on these centers for important services like, immunizations, breast and cervical cancer exams as well as treatment for asthma, diabetes and heart disease.

Communities served by community health centers make a real difference in the quality of life for that community. For example, infant mortality rates have been shown to be 10 to 40 percent lower than communities not served by health centers. Health center patients have lower hospital admission rates and shorter hospital stays, and make more appropriate use of emergency room services. Moreover, centers have significantly increased the use of preventive health services like pap smears, mammograms, and glaucoma screening services among the populations they serve. The centers have also made significant strides in preventing anemia and lead poisoning. And finally, centers have been reported to make the

benefits of public insurance programs available to more eligible children and adults. The HHS inspector general recently commended health centers for their successful efforts in finding thousands of children and adults who are eligible for, but not enrolled in, the Medicaid and S-CHIP program and assisting them to enroll in these programs.

In addition, we need to ensure that the re-authorization of the health centers program under section 330 of the Public Health Act occurs early during the 107th Congress. I especially want to stress the need to restore authority for facility construction and renovation as well as an appropriate allocation among the community, migrant, homeless and public housing health center programs.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to working with my colleagues on Energy and Commerce’s Subcommittee on Health to fully support community health centers and I urge my colleagues to actively support this critical health care program which provides so much in the way of services to low-income Americans.

IN MEMORY OF EL PASO CITIZEN AND WWII VETERAN FRANCISCO TORRES

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 28, 2001

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize a proud and distinguished individual from my district of El Paso, Texas who passed away earlier this month. Mr. Francisco Camargo Torres was a longtime resident of El Paso and was a devoted member of the Catholic Church. When the time came for our young men and women to answer the call of duty during World War II, Mr. Torres proudly offered service to his country as a member of the U.S. Army Air Corps.

Mr. Torres returned home a hero with several decorations including the American Defense Ribbon, the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, the European African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal and four Overseas Bars. Mr. Torres leaves a proud and honorable legacy for his family, friends, and for his nation to admire. The service he offered to his country is one that we, as a nation, recognize as the greatest sacrifice for the survival of freedom and liberty. Mr. Torres fought against the enemies of the United States and did so with distinction.

Upon his return home, Mr. Torres worked for and retired from the Southern Pacific Railroad. He returned to his community and worked to ensure its growth and prosperity. Mr. Torres is survived by his wife Roselia V. Torres, his sons Jose Francisco, Victor, Rosendo, Armando, and Jaime, daughter Lilia Maria Carter, 16 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, individuals such as Mr. Torres chose to fight for the freedom of their country and returned to help build its future. The Torres family can rest assured that posterity is well served by Mr. Torres’ accomplished life. Mr. Torres was laid to rest in Fort Bliss National Cemetery and his legacy and blessings to the city of El Paso and the family survived by him will never be forgotten. I honor this veteran and citizen of my district and offer my most sincere condolences to his family.