

an equal chance to compete in the world of work when they leave school.

Americans consistently tell us that education is their highest domestic priority. In that context, we need to put a face on America's education priority, the face of America's poorest children. We must articulate our plans for the next century; a message of inclusive economic participation, self-reliance, affordable higher education, market-driven job training, world-class public schools, and accountability for educators and students.

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1) to close the achievement gap with accountability, flexibility, and choice, so that no child is left behind:

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Chairman, I rise to commend my colleagues on the Education and the Workforce Committee for crafting a bill that contains landmark investments in education and prioritizes disadvantaged children and low-performing schools.

In total, H.R. 1 authorizes \$22.8 billion, about \$5 billion more than was appropriated in fiscal year 2001. This bill creates new accountability systems that hold our schools responsible for delivering the first-rate education that our children deserve. It tackles the problem of illiteracy by creating two new reading programs and authorizing them at three times the level of past programs. H.R. 1 gives children more personal attention and improves teacher quality by almost doubling funding for class size reduction and professional development for teachers. It authorizes \$11.5 billion for Title I in 2002 with increases over five years that amount to almost twice the 2001 level. Finally, H.R. 1 rejects both vouchers, which would drain resources from public schools, and "Straight As," which would politicize education and deny critical funding to the students who need the money most.

In sum, H.R. 1 is a remarkable measure. My only fear is that the budget we were forced to vote on last week so binds our hands that we will not be able to keep our promises. By enacting a \$1.35 trillion tax cut and a four percent cap on discretionary spending increases, we have virtually guaranteed that we will not adequately fund all the programs we are about to authorize. Mr. Speaker, reforms without resources will not produce results.

I ask my colleagues to vote in favor of H.R. 1. However, we must all remember that our job is not over until we meet these obligations during the appropriations process.

HONORING ROBERT INGLIS

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2001

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Robert Inglis and his continued

commitment to the young people in my district through his nearly seven-decade long affiliation with Lawrenceville, New Jersey's Boy Scout Troop 28. Bob's years of dedicated community service have made him a valuable contributor to our society whose efforts are to be applauded.

Bob's relationship with the Boy Scouts began in 1932 when he joined Troop 28 at the Lawrence Road Presbyterian Church. At this time, Bob, a resident of the Trenton-Lawrenceville area for most of his life, also became affiliated with the Mounted Troop 112 Field Artillery at Eggerts Crossing Road. Since his childhood, Bob has maintained his ties with Troop 28 as a Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, or assistant. Outside of his various official duties, Bob has also volunteered his time whenever the need arose.

One of the highlights of Bob's youth was his participation in the MacGregor Arctic Expedition of 1937–38 as an assistant surveyor. During his time with the expedition Bob had the opportunity to assist in groundbreaking polar magnetism experiments. After his graduation from Rutgers University in 1943, Bob became the first scout in Troop 28 history to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. During a two-year stint in the army from 1944 to 1946, which took him to France and later to Germany, Bob served as an army machine gunner. Bob's postwar life included marriage and a 38-year-long career with both New Jersey and Lawrence Township's Department of Health.

Robert Inglis' generous support of the Boy Scouts and his brave service to the United States have been exemplary. Once again, I applaud Robert Inglis and ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his steadfast commitment to our community.

TRIBUTE TO FATHER HOWARD LINCOLN

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2001

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, this June, we will be honoring Father Howard Lincoln, on the occasion of his leaving the Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, and also on the 10th anniversary of his ordination for the Diocese of San Bernardino.

Father Lincoln was ordained a Catholic priest in 1991 for the Diocese of San Bernardino. He served as Associate Pastor for Saint Catherine of Alexandria Church, Riverside; Priest Moderator for Our Lady of Fatima and Saint Bernardine's Churches, San Bernardino; and as Pastor of Saint Catherine of Siena Church, in Rialto for the past six years. He has been the Director of Communications and the Spokesman for Bishops Straling and Barnes for the past nine years and has served on numerous diocesan committees for the Diocese of San Bernardino.

Father Lincoln is a friend, a mentor, a guide to my family, to his parish, and the community of Rialto. He is known throughout our area for his outstanding sermons and his work as a fine educator, counselor and community leader. I have been privileged to know Father Lincoln, and have found him to be a mentor, a scholar, and an inspiration.

But Father Lincoln is also very down to earth, enjoying recreational pastimes. His golf

game is so exceptionally good that he was appointed Official Golf Pro for the Vatican in 1997! A highlight for me was when we had a chance to play the Congressional Golf Course and Robert Trent Jones.

In furthering the mission of his parish to build the community through worship, education and service, Father Lincoln has been a gifted spiritual leader, a man of vision, virtue, and wisdom. His sermons have inspired and uplifted, causing me to reflect on the words of the Scripture:

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. Jude 24–25

Many times, we seek guidance, so that we may know the right way in our personal lives, our careers, our public lives. This has been true for me as a husband, father, grandfather, and public official. Father Lincoln has always been there in times when I have sought spiritual guidance, so that I might know the power and the comfort of the Lord in making decisions that are fair, just, and right.

I am very pleased to have known Father Lincoln over the years, and wish him every success in his new posting. I offer my best wishes, and ask for the blessing of God to mark this occasion.

EASTERN QUEENS DEMOCRATIC CLUB HONOREES

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2001

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask all my colleagues to join me in recognizing Chester (Chet) Szarejko, Cantor Doreen Gammel, Frank Biordi, Joanna Laba, and Mohammed Saleh, who will be honored by The Eastern Queens Democratic Club at its Annual Awards Dinner on May 31, 2001.

Chet Szarejko has demonstrated strong leadership qualities as the Democratic District Leader of the 24th Assembly District in Queens County, NY. Chet also serves as Political Activities Chair of the Polish American Congress, which represents the more than one million Americans of Polish descent in the New York Metropolitan area. He has met with many Polish leaders, including Lech Walesa, and has worked to organize the Polish community in New York politics. He recently testified at the Holocaust Restitution Committee and helped to organize several Holocaust programs. Due to his activism among Americans of diverse backgrounds, members of the Southeast Asian Community have nicknamed Chet the "Queens Political Ambassador." He has been awarded citations from various immigrant communities and has received local acclaim as a champion of immigrants and new Americans.

Cantor Doreen Gamell studied music and philosophy for years before finding her true calling. When Cantor Jacob Taron asked her to substitute for him at a Friday night service in Port Washington, she found the perfect home for her voice, mind, and heart. Several years of study and several student pulpits later, Doreen Gamell became the Cantor at Temple Shalom in Floral Park. In addition to her duties at the synagogue, Cantor Gamell

has been recognized for her work instructing developmentally challenged adults in the study of the Jewish texts and music, and in ritual and Torah cantillations.

Frank Biordi, President of Biordi Construction Company, has long been involved in community and business affairs in Queens, and has been a strong supporter of various local and national civic organizations. Frank has been a generous benefactor of the SIDS Foundation, Cancer Care Society, Deepdale Gardens Boulevard Bank Drive, Bayside Little League, and New Hyde Park Little League.

Joanna Laba is the Executive Director of Savoy at Little Neck, a world-class assisted living facility which opened in the fall of 2000. Her responsibilities include: developing and maintaining operational systems, maintaining a maximum census, developing initiatives consistent with resident-care needs, maintaining the memory support program, and supervising admission criteria practices. Joanna has also developed and managed support groups for seniors and their caregivers, including those concerning Alzheimer's and other memory-impairing diseases.

Mohammed Saleh was born and raised in Bangladesh, and received his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the University of Dhaka. Mr. Saleh has served his community in several capacities: as President of the Long Island Muslim Society, Former President of the Empire State Pharmaceutical Society, and Founding President of the Bangladesh-American Pharmacists Association. He currently owns three pharmacies in the New York Metropolitan Area and is an active member of the Pharmacists Society of the State of New York and the National Community Pharmacists Association.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring these exceptional Americans as they are honored by The Eastern Queens Democratic Club, for their outstanding service and tireless dedication to the community.

**HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY TO
JONATHAN FRIEDMAN**

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2001

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding individual and a good friend, Jonathan Friedman, who is celebrating his 50th birthday on June 3, 2001. Jonathan is a wonderful person, full of integrity and honesty, dedicated to improving the world around him, and an all-around good guy.

Jonathan and I have been friends since the early 60's when we worked together in the California Federation of Young Democrats. He was only in high school, but even then he was extremely interested in politics. In the Young Dems, he was a master debater on the Resolutions Committee and was known for providing a fresh and interesting insight which challenged previous policies of the Young Democrats. Jonathan's contributions to the Democrats for Israel Club and the California Democratic State Central Committee are equally impressive and indispensable.

Jonathan has enjoyed a distinguished career since receiving his M.B.A. at Wharton

Graduate School, where he majored in finance. His educational background, which includes a B.A. from UCLA, enabled him to enter the business world in 1975 as a securities analyst and later as an Assistant Vice President at Equitable Life. His interest and acumen in the financial arena continued to grow and led to a position with the Ford Foundation in New York. He made his way back to Los Angeles to serve as an investment consultant at the J. Paul Getty Trust. After a successful stint there, he turned his skills and savvy to the retail market by starting his own jewelry business, Miller Gems.

I frequently turn to Jonathan for analysis of legislative proposals in tax and financial matters. His counsel in these areas (and many others) has been invaluable to me.

Jonathan also finds time in his busy schedule to be of service to the Jewish community in Los Angeles and nationwide. He serves as a member of the Jewish Community Relations Council which fosters equal protection and justice for all, and he is a long-time member of the American Israel Policy Action Committee. Jonathan is also a volunteer board member of the Friends of the UCLA Library.

So it is with special joy that I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing my good friend, Jonathan Friedman, a very happy 50th Birthday and many happy returns. His friendship has added immeasurably to my life.

**A TRIBUTE TO MAJOR STEWART
H. HOLMES, USMC**

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2001

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding Marine Corps Officer, Major Stewart H. Holmes, who served with distinction and dedication for two and a half years for the Secretary of the Navy, Commandant of the Marine Corps and under the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (FM&C) as the Marine Corps Appropriations Liaison Officer in the Appropriations Matters Office. It is a privilege for me to recognize his many outstanding achievements and commend him for the superb service he has provided to the United States Marine Corps, the Department of the Navy, the Congress, and our nation.

During his tenure in the Appropriations Matters Office, which began in December of 1998, Major Holmes has provided members of the House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Defense as well as our professional and associate staffs with timely and accurate support regarding Marine Corps plans, programs and budget decisions. His valuable contributions have enabled the Defense Subcommittee and the Marine Corps to strengthen its close working relationship and to ensure the most modern, well-trained and well-equipped marine forces attainable for our nation's defense.

Mr. Speaker, Stewart Holmes and his wife Deborah have made many sacrifices during his marine career, and his distinguished service has exemplified the Marine motto "Semper Fidelis." As they depart the Appropriations Matters Office to embark on yet another great Marine adventure, I call upon colleagues to wish them both every success.

HONORING LILLI PEREZ

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2001

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this occasion to congratulate Lilli Perez Iyechad on the publication of her new book entitled *An Historical Perspective of Helping Practices Associated with Birth, Marriage and Death Among Chamorros in Guam*.

A native of Guam, Lilli earned her bachelor's degree in Social Work from the University of Guam. She holds a masters degree in Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma and was awarded a Ph.D. by the Bryn Mawr College, Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research in Pennsylvania. Her areas of concentration include mental health, family dynamics and the significance of cultural explication. For almost two decades, she closely worked with numerous Native American community groups focusing particular attention on Pacific Islanders.

Lilli is currently employed as an extension agent by the Cooperative Extension Service at the University of Guam. She is a member of the Guam Association of Social Workers, the National Association of Social Workers, the Council on Social Work Education, and the National Network for Collaboration. On a part-time basis, she also provides services as an individual, marriage, and family therapist—concentrating her efforts on "at-risk" populations.

The sociological discussions brought about by Lilli in this book will bring about knowledge and understanding about Guam's culture and traditions. This goes a long way towards getting the professional and academic communities acquainted with the unique situation and needs of Chamorros in Guam. I applaud her efforts and urge her to keep up the good work.

**FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER
AFFORDABILITY ACT**

HON. JOHN J. LaFALCE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 25, 2001

Mr. LaFALCE. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing the "First-time Homebuyer Affordability Act." This legislation is identical to H.R. 1333 from the 106th Congress.

This bill is a pro-homeownership initiative, based on the principle of empowering families and individuals to use funds in their own retirement accounts to buy a home.

The "First-time Homebuyer Affordability Act" unlocks the more than \$2 trillion currently held nationwide in Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA's) for homeownership use. It does so by allowing individuals to borrow up to \$10,000 from their own IRA (or from their parent's IRA) to use as a down payment on a first-time home purchase. Since funds are borrowed, rather than withdrawn, the homebuyer does not incur federal taxes or a premature withdrawal penalty.

This bill is a targeted effort to narrow the arbitrary disparity between treatment of 401(k) retirement plans and IRA retirement plans. Under current law, individuals may borrow