detailed to Chicago, Illinois to serve on a special assignment with the Delivery Programs branch.

Months later, he returned to St. Louis to serve as Manager of the Chouteau Station, the first African American manager to serve in South St. Louis. In 1983, Mr. Reid was appointed Officer-in-Charge of the St. Charles post office, where he later was promoted to Postmaster, the position he ultimately retired from. He was the recipient of the National Association of Postmaster's first Postmaster's Leadership Award, which was presented to him at its National Convention in 1992.

In addition to his long and distinguished career with the Postal Service, Veto Reid is also an active and effective community leader. He serves on numerous local and regional Advisory Boards, Boards of Directors and committees, including the St. Louis NAACP Executive Board; the Tri-County United Way; the St. Louis Chapter of Habitat for Humanity; the Equal Housing Opportunity Council; the St. Charles County Community College Advisory Board; and the Linwood University Board of Overseers.

He was also inducted into the Vashon High School Hall of Fame in 1990; was appointed President of the St. Joseph Hospital SSM Advisory Board in 1995; and was elected President of the Rotary Club of St. Charles in 1999, the first African American to hold these positions.

Veto Reid has devoted his life to community service and helping others realize their dreams. He has made a positive impact on countless lives he has touched and for that we are all grateful for his efforts. Therefore, I want to take this time to proclaim November 3, 2001, as ''Vitilas 'Veto' Reid Day'' in Missouri's First Congressional District.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 24, 2001

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 395, 396 an 397, I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted ''aye'' on all three.

UNITING AND STRENGTHENING AMERICA BY PROVIDING APPROPRIATE TOOLS REQUIRED TO INTERCEPT AND OBSTRUCT TERRORISM (USA PATRIOT) ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 23, 2001

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I voted against H.R. 3162 because there are still problems regarding freedom of speech; 4 years is too long a period before mandatory Congressional review, and because there was no opportunity for the House to offer reasonable amendments to further refine the legislation. When we are dealing with the fundamental freedoms of every American there is no excuse not to take the appropriate time to do the best we can. This bill is better than when it first passed the House, not as good as the bipartisan bill that passed out of Judiciary Committee (36–0), and is certainly not our best.

MEMORIALIZING JOHN ''JACK'' TERRY'S LIFE AND SERVICE

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 24, 2001

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and to remember the life and service of a dear friend, a veteran and a former Member of this distinguished body, John ''Jack'' Hart Terry.

Congressman Terry was a gentleman, a committed family man, and a dedicated public servant for the people of New York and the Communities of the Syracuse region.

Jack's life, filled with significant accomplishments, began with his success at Notre Dame and the Syracuse Law School. His long, distinguished career included his law partnership with Smith & Sovik and subsequently as the senior vice president, general counsel and secretary to Niagra Mohawk Power Corp., for the Hiscock & Barclay law firm.

Jack Terry also served the Onondaga board of supervisors for six terms and was later appointed as the assistant secretary to the Governor of New York. He served for five years in the New York State Assembly and thereafter was elected as the representative of the people of New York's 34th Congressional District in 1970.

I had the honor and pleasure of working with Congressman Terry during my very first congressional campaign. He played a key role in my campaign activities and assisted me in organizing my Washington congressional office. During my first year in Congress, Jack provided me with invaluable guidance and friendship as my mentor.

During World War II, Jack Terry was awarded a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart, for his courageous service. As a veteran, he was an ardent supporter of our men and women in uniform.

My wife, Georgia, and I, join all of Jack's family and friends in sending our heartfelt condolences and prayers to his four daughters, Carole, Susan, Lynn, and Jean, his grandchildren, and the entire Terry family. We know that mere words can no way assuage their sense of loss.

However, we hope that they can take some comfort in the rich and fruitful life jack lived and the way the world embraced his charitable spirit. May the knowledge that many of us share their loss be of some consolation to the Terry family.

Jack Terry was a staunch advocate and an outstanding public servant for the people of his region and the state of New York. His dedicated service was a testimony to his life. Jack will be long missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 24, 2001

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, due to official business in the 15th Congressional District of Michigan, I was unable to be present during legislative business on Tuesday, October 23, 2001. Had I been present I would have voted ''aye'' on H.R. 3086, The Higher Education Relief Opportunities for Students Act, Rollcall No. 395; on H.R. 3160, The Bioterrorism Prevention Act, Rollcall No. 396; and H.R. 2924, Rewards to Protect the Federal Power Marketing Administrations.