

Through community action such as this, the American tradition of tolerance and acceptance will continue to thrive.

The resolution that I introduce today is modeled after the one organized by my constituents in Hayward. As the resolution states, judging people by appearance, color of skin, or religious beliefs is contrary to the fundamental principles of our country. Racism undermines our unity as a people and leads to social unrest and alienation. Therefore, there truly is no room for racism in our society.

During this time of heightened tension, we must be particularly vigilant to protect the rights of all Americans, regardless of color or creed. I applaud my constituents in Hayward, California for their campaign against racism and I am pleased to introduce this resolution on their behalf.

THE TANF REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2001

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2002

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, all too often, we forget that work-first policies do not just affect adult individuals.

We must remember that—when we talk about adults—we are also talking about families—and families include children.

While their parents are away from home at work, children require quality—affordable—child-care.

It is an unfortunate reality that many of the jobs performed by parents supported by TANF involve working late at night or at irregular hours—in fact, at the very times when it is extremely hard to find safe, affordable child-care.

These circumstances are particularly difficult for families with young children and children with disabilities.

Even when the parents are able to find child-care, they often find that their jobs do not pay enough to cover food, housing and utilities. Stretching those dollars to cover the cost of child-care can be extremely difficult for low-income families.

I have co-sponsored the TANF Reauthorization Act of 2001 (H.R. 3113) because—as we continue to emphasize work as a means to achieving economic security—we must stand up for working families by making safe, quality, affordable child-care accessible to all children.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO WALT WINKLER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I pay tribute today to Mr. Waldemar “Walt” Winkler, a good friend of mine and a good friend to all who knew and loved him. Walt was a man of unquestioned integrity and of unparalleled morality. He will be sorely missed by each and every person whose life he touched, and I am no exception. As his family mourns his loss, I believe it is

appropriate to remember Walt and pay tribute to him for his contributions to his city, his state and his country.

Walt, who was born on October 27, 1912, was an avid outdoorsman who dedicated his life to his nation and to the principles of forestry. He received a forestry degree from the University of Minnesota and went to work for the U.S. Forest Service shortly after graduating. When Pearl Harbor was attacked, Walt joined the Air Force and fought bravely in the European Theatre. After returning from the war, he went back to work for the U.S. Forest Service, serving in the Medicine Bow, Rio Grande and Black Hills national forests. In 1957, Walt took a position with the White River National Forest, where he served until his retirement in 1975.

Walt was not only a soldier and a trusted government employee, but he was also a dedicated volunteer. He selflessly gave his time to the Boy Scouts of America, the American Red Cross, the Rotary Club, the American Legion and the Society of American Foresters. He was also an avid painter and sportsman. He is survived by his wonderful wife Jane, his son Waldemar Jr., brother Clyde, daughter-in-law Lisa Pedolsky and granddaughter Merritt.

Mr. Speaker, we are all terribly saddened by the loss of Walt Winkler, but take comfort in the knowledge that our grief is overshadowed only by the legacy of courage, selflessness and love that Walt left with all of us. Walt Winkler's life is the very embodiment of all that makes this country great, and I am deeply honored to be able to bring his life to the attention of this body of Congress.

ELECTION FUND FREE CHOICE AND SAVINGS ACT

HON. J.C. WATTS, JR.

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2002

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce legislation today that will strengthen our political parties and at the same time reduce our federal deficit.

The bill I am introducing today, the Election Fund Free Choice and Savings Act of 2002, reduces the deficit by providing that contributions made to the Presidential Election Campaign Fund must be made with after-tax additions to the contributor's regular tax payment. This would provide for a truly voluntary contribution from the citizen rather than a reallocation of funds from the Treasury or from the Social Security Trust Fund.

Additionally, the bill provides free choice by allowing taxpayers to choose to designate contributions to the Fund to a particular political party.

For over 25 years, presidential elections have been financed largely through public funds which are raised through a voluntary tax checkoff. All Americans are familiar with the checkoff box for the Presidential Election Campaign Fund which first appeared on their tax forms in 1972. By checking the box, taxpayers allocate dollars from the Treasury to be distributed to federal candidates, nominees, and party nominating conventions. The taxpayer has no voice as to whom these funds go or where these funds will be spent.

My proposal allows taxpayers who contribute to the Fund to have the option of designating a particular political party to receive their contribution. This free choice for American taxpayers would recognize the importance of America's political parties in our electoral system. It would strengthen the parties' ability to educate citizens, to register new voters and to promote voting in general. Furthermore, it would assure the taxpayer that their contribution is not going to an individual who holds political views in opposition to their own.

Additionally, by requiring that contributions to the Fund be made with after-tax dollars, the federal deficit is reduced substantially. In 2000 the Fund disbursed over \$200 million to candidates. In the future these funds would stay in the Treasury or the Social Security Trust Fund and help to pay down the national debt.

I encourage my colleagues to join me in cosponsoring this important reform to the Presidential Election Campaign Fund. It is a simple question of fairness and fiscal discipline that merits your support.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2002

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, during today's rollcall votes on S. 1888, H. Con. Res. 312, H.J. Res. 82, and ordering the previous question on H. Res. 342, I was in Ohio attending the funeral of a family member. Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of each of these measures.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL PETER T. BENTLEY

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2002

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication to the community and to the overall well-being of California's Inland Empire and the Nation is unparalleled—Colonel Peter T. Bentley.

Calvin Coolidge, America's 13th President, once said, “Patriotism is easy to understand in America; it means looking out for yourself by looking out for your country.” On Saturday February 9th 2002, Colonel Bentley will be honored for over 30 years of distinguished military service in which he dedicated his career in protecting fellow Americans.

Colonel Bentley is the outgoing commander of the Air Force Reserve Command's 452nd Air Mobility Wing at March Air Reserve base in Riverside California. The wing is the Air Force Reserve's only unit-equipped air mobility wing with 18 C-141Cs, 10 KC-135Rs and more than 4,000 reservists.

With true valor and love of country, Colonel Bentley voluntarily enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1970 through Officer Training School in Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He has served in a variety of flying, command and staff positions throughout his career in the Air Force and Air Force Reserve. He is a command pilot with more than 8,000 hours in air

refueling, cargo and troop transport aircraft. Colonel Bentley is a veteran of the Southeast Asia conflict having flown 60 combat hours there.

Throughout his career, Colonel Bentley earned numerous medals some of which include the Air Force Commendation Medal, National Defense Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with service star and the Vietnam Service Medal. His commitment to service and the protection of America and her citizens is an example of the greatness that exists within this Nation.

Mr. Speaker, in my district of Riverside, California we are fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated individuals who give unselfishly of their time, talents and their lives to ensure the well-being of our city, state, nation and in Colonel Peter T. Bentley's case—world.

**TRIBUTE TO REGIS COLLEGE OF
WESTON, MASSACHUSETTS ON
ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY**

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2002

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Regis College of Weston, Massachusetts on its 75th anniversary.

Founded in 1927 by the Congregation of Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, Regis College is one of the leading Catholic liberal arts and sciences college for women. With more than 10,000 graduates world wide, the Regis college curriculum provides an intellectual base from which its students can acquire the values, ideas, techniques and habits which allow continual self-education. Regis College is committed to exploring the needs and problems of the changing world and thus shapes the liberal arts curriculum to assure graduates an excellent foundation for future success.

As a women's college, Regis is devoted to building awareness of women's roles in society and provides a solid structure for women to develop into leaders of the future.

I commend Regis College on its successes and its 75th anniversary.

**THANK YOU, MARS, FOR THE RED,
WHITE, AND BLUE M&M'S**

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2002

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I stand before this chamber today to recognize the efforts of one of the Commonwealth of Virginia's foremost corporate citizens Mars, Incorporated based in McLean, Virginia. The Mars family and Mars associates have a long history of support for this nation. Mars, Incorporated's M&M's were a favorite of American GIs serving in World War II. In those days, the candy was packaged in cardboard tubs, and were both sold to servicemen and included in C-rations. They were a convenient snack that traveled well in any climate. Today, American servicemen and women will commonly find M&M's in the "Meal-Ready-to-Eat" packages issued to them in the field.

Immediately following the attacks on September 11, Mars associates wanted to do something to help the rescue and recovery efforts in New York City and at the Pentagon. These plant associates came up with the idea of producing special M&M's, in Red, White and Blue colors, to be distributed to the rescue and recovery workers carrying out their duty in lower Manhattan and at the Pentagon. Mars associates produced and sent rescue and recovery workers over 500 cases of these special M&M's.

As word of these special candies circulated, Mars, Incorporated has been deluged with requests from consumers for the Red, White and Blue M&M's. In response, Mars, Incorporated is partnering with the American Red Cross to develop a program through which Red, White and Blue M&M's will be made available for retail sale with 100% of the profits going to the American Red Cross disaster relief funds. Red, White and Blue M&M's are also on their way to military commissaries around the country.

In the same spirit, other Mars, Incorporated facilities and subsidiaries also stepped up to help. On the date of the terrorist attacks, a company promotional vehicle was in Boston. When Mars, Incorporated became aware of the attack on the World Trade Center, it immediately diverted its vehicle to New York, initially to Shea Stadium, where media reports indicated that rescue workers would be congregating after their shifts. With its working kitchen and self-contained power generation, the New York Police Department dispatched the vehicle to Ground Zero. Beginning on the evening of September 11, the vehicle and crew provided over 10,000 hot meals, along with coffee and snacks.

I stand today in salute of the efforts by Mars, Incorporated. May their actions be a guide to other corporations, demonstrating that successful corporations can also be good corporate citizens and lend a hand in our nation's time of great need.

**PAYING TRIBUTE TO STEVE
SAMEK**

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to take this opportunity to recognize an outstanding individual who has dedicated his life to serve and protect the citizens of the State of Colorado. Sergeant Steve Samek of the Pueblo Police Department has faithfully served his fellow Coloradans for over twenty-six years. After a long and successful career as one of Colorado's finest, Steve announced his retirement from the force in December of last year. As he looks forward to a new career, I would like to take this time to highlight Steve's service to his community.

Steve has faithfully served the Pueblo Police Department in various capacities throughout his long career. As a member of the Narcotics Division, he worked to keep our streets safe and free of drugs. He trained to defend our citizens and protect their lives as a supervisor of the department's SWAT team. Most recently, he headed the Internal Affairs Division to ensure our peace officers are respon-

sible in the enforcement of our laws and properly execute their role in the community. I understand his retirement will not last long, since a body armor manufacturer has recently acquired his expertise and I am confident that the experience and diligence Steve has shown in his dedication to law enforcement will serve him well as he prepares to help protect his fellow officers.

Mr. Speaker, as a former law enforcement officer, I am well aware of the dangers and hazards our peace officers face today. These individuals work long hours, weekends, and holidays to guarantee their fellow citizen's rights and protection. They work tirelessly and with great sacrifice to their personal and family lives to ensure our freedoms remain strong in our homes and communities. Their service and dedication deserve the recognition and thanks of this body of Congress and this is why I bring the name of officers like Steve Samek to light today. I wish you all the best Steve and good luck in your future endeavors. Thanks for your service to Pueblo, Colorado.

**TRIBUTE TO MARTIN AND GRACIA
BURNHAM**

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2002

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 257th day that Martin and Gracia Burnham have been help captive by Muslim terrorists in the Philippines.

Martin and Gracia Burnham have devoted their lives to helping others as missionaries with the New Tribes Mission since 1985. They have been stationed in the Philippines where Martin flies medical supplies to those in need and they both help with education.

The Burnhams inspire all those they meet with their selflessness, energy, infectious laughter, gentle spirits, overwhelming faith and love of life.

It is heartbreaking for the Burnham's loved ones to know that there is little they can do to help Martin and Gracia in their hour of greatest need—the hour that for so many others Martin and Gracia committed their lives to serving.

In closing, Monday, February 11th is the 15th birthday of Martin and Gracia's oldest son, Jeffrey. Unfortunately it seems that Jeff, like his siblings Mindy and Zach, will have to celebrate his birthday without his parents. I ask that you join me in sending Jeff warm birthday wishes and praying that he receives the present he most wants—his parents' safe release.

**CROSSROADS MIDDLE/HIGH
SCHOOL**

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2002

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Cherokee County is proud not only of its traditional school system, but also its emerging programs that reach out to students with additional needs—students who are bright and full of potential, but do not do not thrive in traditional