

be," Tolly said. "And mother said she had only learned two things—how to swear and how to spit, although I think she already knew how to swear."

Tolly reflected that it "had to be a trial" for such a dedicated Republican to meet the staunchly Democratic first lady.

Maynard spoke of "her enormous influence and commitment to the Borough and around the state."

"She had such dedication to her community and to her church," Maynard said. "She was so dedicated to the (Stonington Free) Library, to the cause of learning and to volunteer work, and she did all that with great enthusiasm."

"I think of her just now standing in front of the (Borough) post office, speaking with someone and with her head thrown back in a laugh. It's really sad to think of her no longer being with us."

"She had a lot of energy, and she generated enthusiasm," First Selectman Peter N. Dibble said. "She cared deeply for the people she befriended, and there certainly were many people in this community who benefited from her friendship."

"For those of us involved in politics, she was a party stalwart who touched the lives of many of us, but she did not limit herself to partisan politics. She helped numerous people in public life regardless of party lines."

Maynard, Simmons, and Tolly Boatwright all mentioned a love of knowledge that pervaded Boatwright's life.

"Mother really cared about people no matter their age," Tolly Boatwright said. "And if a child made the honor roll, she would cut out the (newspaper article about it) and send it to the parents. She championed children and academic achievement, and doing the best they can."

Simmons said his daughter was one of those who received a clipping and a note of encouragement.

Boatwright's love of learning extended throughout her entire life.

"She had an amazing intellectual curiosity that she carried even into her later years," Maynard said. "In her 70s, I would see her still expanding her mind" as they took courses at Connecticut College.

Maynard is a Democrat, but he said "even though she was a vigorous partisan, I had such a regard for her willingness to stay involved. I just had the greatest regard for her."

#### THE NEED TO SUPPORT PASSENGER RAIL

#### HON. MICHAEL R. McNULTY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2002*

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, while the other countries of the industrialized world continue to support passenger rail services with 'High Speed' and 'Bullet' trains, the current Administration continues to nickel and dime Amtrak.

Last fall, this Administration and this Congress came to the rescue of our airline industry to the tune of \$15 billion. But when Amtrak asks for little more than 1 percent of that to cover its short term operating costs, the President hesitates.

This Administration is proposing retroactive repeal of the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT), sending \$25 billion in rebate checks to the richest corporations in the world. The rebate check to IBM alone would be \$1.4 billion. That

one check would keep the trains moving in America for all of next year.

Mr. Speaker, this is a disgrace!

The Administration should immediately release the funds necessary to keep Amtrak in service.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DR. MURRAY ROSS TO THE U.S. CONGRESS ON HEALTH POLICY

#### HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2002*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Murray Ross for his 14 years of service to the U.S. Congress at both the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission and the Congressional Budget Office.

MedPAC is the advisory panel to Congress that provides guidance on Medicare payment policies. Dr. Ross has served with distinction as MedPAC's founding executive director, providing outstanding policy analysis and exceptional service to Members of Congress and their staff.

Before MedPAC, he served as unit chief for the Health Cost Estimates Unit of the Congressional Budget Office, directing his staff in developing key spending and cost estimates for the Congress.

Prior to becoming the director of the health unit, Dr. Ross served as a principal analyst in CBO's Health and Human Resources Division, providing important analyses of health reform and income security policies.

While I may not have always agreed with the advice and analysis received from MedPAC or CBO during his tenure, I speak for many when I say that we always knew Murray was shooting straight with us and doing his best to see that we were provided accurate information in a timely manner.

It is with pleasure that I join the congressional and health policy communities in commending Murray Ross for his service to the Congress and America, in thanking him for his professionalism, and in wishing him well in his new endeavors.

I also welcome Murray to the San Francisco Bay area and look forward to working with him to improve health care in my home community.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. RUBEN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2002*

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was unavoidably detained in my Congressional District. Had I been present, I would have voted yes on rollcalls 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256 and 257.

#### ALLEN J. KAYNER: SETTING THE PACE FOR BAY COUNTY

#### HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2002*

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and mourning the death of Allen J. Kayner, a teacher and coach for untold high school athletes and students in the Bay City Public Schools in my hometown of Bay City, Michigan. Coach Kayner was a legend in the local running community, having founded both the Bay Area Runners Club and the St. Patrick's Day Road Race. He also taught history and geography at my alma mater, Bay City Central High School, and I considered him a friend and mentor.

Throughout his 30-year tenure with the Bay City Public Schools, Al Kayner was a devoted and intelligent teacher who gave the full measure of his talents to help students in and out of the classroom. His enthusiasm, patience and attention to detail were tremendous assets in teaching geography and history and they were also his greatest gifts as a coach.

In the early 1970s, Al founded the Bay Area Runners Club, serving as the club's first president and then again he offered his services as its president in the early 1990s. Before that, Al coached track and cross country at both Bay City Western and Bay City Central high schools. He also coached long-distance running at Essexville Garber High School for a short time.

Al will perhaps be best remembered as the man behind the St. Patrick's Day Road Race, which he organized and led from the start. On March 17, 1974, Al ran the first race with 65 other runners who began at Veterans Memorial Park and finished at Wenonah Park. The race now begins in Essexville and finishes in downtown Bay City, but otherwise it's the same footrace that Al envisioned 28 years ago and it is still going strong.

When Al died last year of cancer, the loss was certainly felt most by his wife, Judy, their three children, Karen, Kristine and Steven, and the rest of his loving family. However, his passing was most assuredly also felt by the entire community. Al left his mark on all those he met. It is especially fitting to honor him with fireworks on the Fourth of July because Al's life on this earth was certainly a star-spangled event never to be forgotten.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Al Kayner, a coach, teacher and friend to all. I am confident that Al is somewhere right now lacing up his running shoes and preparing for a heavenly marathon with the other angels. Godspeed, Al.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE LABOR COUNCIL FOR LATIN AMERICAN ADVANCEMENT

#### HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2002*

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement, which will be celebrating

its 11th Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner on June 15, 2002 in Orion, Michigan.

As southeastern Michigan is home to a thriving Hispanic community, we have the opportunity to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of a fabulous organization dedicated toward ensuring the prosperity of Hispanic communities throughout the nation. Since its founding in 1973, The Labor Council for Latin American Advancement, or LCLAA, has served as a loyal voice for over 1.5 million Hispanic trade union members in the United States and Puerto Rico currently representing 43 international unions in 45 national chapters. The LCLAA's mission is to achieve social dignity, economic justice and higher living standards for every Hispanic worker. The LCLAA fulfills this mission by assisting young Hispanics in school by establishing educational support services, organizing recreational activities and mentoring students. Every year the LCLAA offers disadvantaged Hispanic students the opportunity for educational advancement by awarding college scholarships. This year the LCLAA's Oakland County, Michigan Chapter will give 17 students the opportunity to receive a college degree by awarding tuition scholarships. As a result of generous donations and the undying commitment of the LCLAA, these students will achieve a college education and enter fields like medicine, law, education, business, and many others.

Our great state of Michigan is home to thousands of Hispanic Americans, patriotic citizens who give so much to our country every day. With help from the LCLAA, Hispanic communities throughout the country continue to prosper and celebrate their great achievements. The spirit and enthusiasm of the LCLAA and the Hispanic community it represents is an invaluable asset to our great state and our great nation.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement's Oakland County, Michigan Chapter, the student scholarship recipients and the entire Hispanic American community of Michigan on this wonderful day, and I salute them all for their years of tremendous contributions and support.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN FRANCIS "JACK" BUCK

SPEECH OF

#### HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 26, 2002

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who made a significant difference to many in the St. Louis region, Mr. John Francis "Jack" Buck.

Jack Buck was the voice of the Cardinals. He started calling games in 1954, and was the voice that I, along with millions of others throughout the Midwest, identify as St. Louis Baseball. We grew up listening to him and are deeply saddened by his death.

In addition to calling Cardinals games for almost 50 years, he also gained fame for his work on the CBS, NBC and ABC television networks and as the voice of the NFL on the CBS radio network. He called everything from pro bowling to Super Bowls and the World Series.

Buck was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame's broadcaster's wing in 1987, received the Pete Rozelle Award by the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1996, and received a lifetime achievement Emmy in 2000. He was a member of both the Broadcasters and the Radio Hall of Fame.

His sports-casting abilities were surpassed only by his community involvement. He happily gave his time to a variety of non-profit causes through the St. Louis area and was campaign chairman of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. He was commended by the city of St. Louis for his service, and received the distinguished University of Missouri's Journalism Award for his outstanding achievements in broadcasting and citizenship.

Mr. Speaker, Jack Buck truly was an icon to the people of St. Louis. It is fitting that we pass this resolution honoring this great man. I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this legislation.

#### MASS RAPES OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN BURMA

#### HON. CYNTHIA A. MCKINNEY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2002

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to call attention to the appalling campaign of terror-through-rape recently uncovered in Burma. A report by the Shan Women's Action Network and Shan Human Rights Foundation reveals a truly horrific campaign of systematic rape carried out by the military against women and girls—some as young as five years old—in Burma's Shan State.

While Burma's record of repression is well known, this new report shines a light on atrocities previously hidden by the dark clouds of dictatorship. The report, based on interviews with girls and women refugees along the Thailand-Burma border, documents the rapes of 625 women and girls by Burmese military forces against villagers in Burma's Shan State. Given the alarming numbers in this limited refugee population, it is likely that this is but the tip of the iceberg. While the exact scale of this atrocity is unknown, there can be no doubt that Burma's military leaders are using rape on a wide scale as a weapon of war against its own civilian population.

According to the report, an astounding 83% of the documented rapes were committed by military officers from 52 different battalions, usually in front of their own troops. 61% of the cases were gang rapes, and many women were raped inside military bases. Many were held captive and raped repeatedly for months on end. Many women recounted the terror of being severely beaten, tortured, or mutilated. In 25% of the documented cases the women were murdered after being raped. The report also notes how those murdered by the Burmese military were left in public areas in order to intimidate and terrorize villagers and family members.

In this report, hundreds of courageous Burmese women and girls recount the terror of their experiences. One young Burmese woman told of how she found her five year old sister "tied up and crying, with her sexual organs bloody . . ." Another recounted how she and other women of her village "were forced

to serve as sex slaves." Ironically, these new revelations of mass rapes come on the heels of the release of 1991 Nobel Peace Prize recipient Aung San Suu Kyi. But we harbor no illusions about the nature of this brutal military regime.

Mr. Speaker, whether they take place in Burma, Bosnia, or Eastern Congo, rape as a weapon of war is a grave violation of the Geneva Conventions and a crime against humanity. I call on the State Department, United Nations, and my colleagues in the Congress to speak out strongly against the military regime that continues to sanction and condone these rapes and other atrocities.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2002

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, this morning I recited our Pledge of Allegiance with extra vigor, for our nation is under attack—not from terrorists but extremists in our own country. Yesterday the 9th Federal Appeals court in San Francisco ruled that the Pledge is an unconstitutional endorsement of religion and cannot be recited in schools—CANNOT BE RECITED IN SCHOOLS. I am sure you share my outrage. There is a reason that our Marines in Iwo Jima risked their lives to display the stars and stripes. Our flag stands for all that makes this nation great. From kindergarten on, our children are taught respect for our flag—a flag that represents this wonderful and, yes, Godly nation. Our children are taught that the United States represents liberty and justice for all. Our Declaration of Independence, Constitution and even our currency state our country's relationship to God. On September 11th, as soon as it was safe enough the first thing Members of Congress did was to gather on the steps of this magnificent building and sing "God Bless America." The judges in California are clearly out of touch, not only with the principles upon which the Pledge is based but also with the sentiment of the American people. For the past 9 months Americans have proudly displayed their love for their nation, as well as their faith in God. We realize now more than ever that our nation has a special charge and thus revere the Pledge more than ever. I am proud of our flag, I am proud of our nation and I will proudly recite "one nation, under God" for the rest of my life.

#### CHANGING THE CORPORATE CULTURE

#### HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2002

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member commends to his colleagues the following editorial from the June 25, 2002, edition of the Lincoln Journal-Star entitled "Culture Change Is Needed in Corporate Crisis." The editorial suggests that changing America's business culture is the best long-term solution to the current crisis of business scandal after business scandal. These scandals have caused a