

this body of Congress and this nation. Jim has gained the respect of his colleagues and fellow citizens and I am proud to represent him and his family. Jim's life is a testament to hard work and a passion and an example to us all. Thank you Jim for all that you have done to protect our precious resource of water and all that you have done for your community and enjoy your retirement.

A TRIBUTE TO THE FIGHTING MEN
AND WOMEN OF CANADA AND
AMERICA

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2002

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor all those American and Canadian soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who have sacrificed their lives in military conflicts over the years, especially those killed in our joint struggle against the evils of terrorism in Afghanistan and throughout the world.

Throughout our mutual histories, America and Canada have enjoyed a special kinship and a great friendship. Our longstanding defense partnership with Canada traces back to World War II and remains well-entrenched and highly successful. Our commonality of interests and heritage often has resulted in significant collaboration in times of war as well as times of peace. America has no better friend than Canada and vice versa.

Americans and Canadians owe a debt of gratitude to those citizens of both nations who have donned their country's uniforms and gone off to war. The freedoms we enjoy in the United States and those enjoyed by our friends to the north remain intact in large measure because of the willingness of our brave men and women to stand up to tyranny and aggression wherever such acts have occurred. Today, we are faced with a new kind of war and again America and Canada have teamed up to vanquish those who would destroy our way of life. Together, we will win the fight and protect the freedom-loving people of our two peaceful countries.

Sadly, this new war has already taken its toll on America and Canada with the unimaginable loss of life that occurred in the vicious terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center in New York, on that doomed flight that crashed in rural Pennsylvania and at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Families in both our countries suffered losses in those tragedies and in the subsequent military actions in Afghanistan and elsewhere.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to those patriots in Canada and the United States who willingly put life and limb on the line to protect and defend our liberties. A free society comes with a price and those brave Americans and Canadians who paid the ultimate price deserve a place of honor on the platform of freedom shared by our two individual nations.

STATEMENT ON FEDERAL TRADE
COMMISSION'S INITIATIVE TO
EDUCATE PARENTS ABOUT
INTERNET GAMBLING

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I want to share with our colleagues my statement regarding the Federal Trade Commission's recent announcement of an initiative to educate parents about children and Internet gambling. This Congress must make it a priority to pass Internet gambling legislation this year. Our children and families deserve nothing less than our best effort on this critically important issue.

STATEMENT BY THE HONORABLE FRANK R.
WOLF OF VIRGINIA

FTC INTERNET GAMBLING INITIATIVE
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SUBCOMMITTEE

Thank you all for being here today. I also want to thank and recognize the efforts of the others who will speak after me: Timothy Muris, chairman of the Federal Trade Commission; Dr. Rachel Vollberg, board member on the National Council on Problem Gambling, and Dr. Marianne Guschwan, chair of the American Psychiatric Association's Committee on Treatment Services for Addicted Patients.

Thank you all for appearing here today and for offering this public education initiative on an urgent issue facing this country's youth and families—the proliferation of Internet gambling.

As a member of Congress, I have been deeply concerned about the spread of gambling in this country. Perhaps no where has the proliferation been more explosive than in Internet gambling.

In 2000, Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. reported that there were then at least 650 Internet gambling web sites, and that total revenues for 1999 had been \$1.2 billion (an 80 percent increase from 1998) and would grow to \$3 billion by this year, 2002. Others estimated that Internet gambling could soon easily become a \$10 billion-a-year industry. Several new gambling sites appear on the web every day.

The negative consequences of online gambling can be as detrimental to the families and communities of addictive gamblers as if a bricks and mortar casino were built right next door.

Just as with traditional forms of gambling, online gambling can result in addiction, bankruptcy, divorce, crime, and suicide—the costs of which must ultimately be borne by society.

In its 1999 final report to Congress, the bipartisan National Gambling Impact Study Commission expressed alarm about the growing problem of youth gambling. The commission said, "Adolescent gamblers are more likely to become problem or pathological gamblers."

Several studies also have shown the link between youth gambling and its association with alcohol and drug use, truancy, low grades and illegal activities to finance gambling.

As the gambling commission noted, youth gambling like youth smoking is often an issue of accessibility and marketing. There is perhaps nothing more accessible to children today than the Internet. The commission's report asked, "How do we as a nation quantify the values in lost opportunities to these young individuals?"

According to the gambling commission, gambling on the Internet is especially entic-

ing to youth, pathological gamblers, and criminals.

But there are currently no mechanisms in place to prevent young people—who make up the largest percentage of Internet users—from using their parents' credit card numbers to register and set up accounts for use at Internet gambling sites.

The National Gambling Impact Study Commission recommended that a total prohibition of gambling on the Internet would provide law enforcement with the additional authority it needs to prosecute dishonest operators.

Internet gambling evades existing anti-gambling laws, endangers children in the home, promotes compulsive gambling among adults, preys on the poor, and facilitates fraud.

I could stay here all day cataloging story after story of ruined families, bankruptcies, suicides and official corruption which at their root you can find a history of gambling.

Gambling is a dangerous product. Study after study has shown that for many in our society, it is also strongly addictive. Gambling's proliferation over the Internet in the last few years illustrates just how pervasive and accessible it is to our youngest citizens.

I am hopeful that Congress will pass Internet gambling legislation this year. In the mean time, the FTC, the National Council on Problem Gambling, and the American Psychiatric Association have taken the lead in calling to the public's attention the risks of online gambling.

These organizations deserve public praise.

Internet gambling is particularly targeted to young people, and public education about the inherent dangers of online gambling is vital to helping parents protect their families.

IN HONOR OF SISTER PATRICK
CURRAN

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and work of Mercy Sister Patrick Curran, who died peacefully on June 10, 2002. Sister Patrick was an inspiration and a friend to so many, and we were blessed to have her with us. Her entire life was an act of worship, and we will cherish her memory forever.

Sister Patrick's life embodied a Franciscan spirituality of compassion for and solidarity with the poor. Throughout her life, Sister Patrick devoted herself unconditionally to serving her sisters and brothers who were poor and elderly. She worked as a young nun in Harlem and East Los Angeles, in residential care facilities in Denver and St. Paul, and in elderly and homeless organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Having spent 20 years with the Little Sisters of the Poor, including several years at St. Ann's home in San Francisco, Sister Patrick Curran transferred to the Sisters of Mercy in Burlingame in 1984. She spent 12 years as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Mercy Retirement and Care Center in Oakland before accepting a position as Executive Director of the St. Anthony Foundation, a homeless service and advocacy agency in the Tenderloin of San Francisco.

St. Anthony Foundation is best known for its Free Dining Room that serves an average of 2,000 meals each day. It also has a dozen other programs that serve homeless and low-income people. Her leadership guided St. Anthony Foundation through important times in its history and development. She distinguished herself by her ability to bring together very talented people—staff, volunteers and donors—to provide quality service to St. Anthony's guests. She was steadfast in her efforts and once remarked, "You can't give up hope. I see poverty but I see more hope. At St. Anthony's we have hundreds of young people coming to work. The young people are a sign of hope for the future."

Her work in the Bay Area and around the nation was recognized in 2000 when Archbishop William Levada presented her with the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Cross, an award bestowed by the Pope on lay persons and clergy who have given exceptional service to the Church. In 2001, she received an honorary degree from the University of San Francisco School of Nursing for her years of service to the sick and aging.

It is with great personal sadness and recognition of their loss that I extend my deepest sympathy to her mother Bridget Curran, her entire family, and to her religious community, the Sisters of Mercy of Burlingame. To all who loved Sister Patrick, thank you for sharing her with us and for giving her so much happiness. I am proud to join my constituents in thanking and praising Sister Patrick for her dedication to the elderly and poor of California and of this Nation.

TRIBUTE TO MITCH KEHETIAN,
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD, METRO DETROIT SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, each year the Metro Detroit Society of Professional Journalists holds its annual banquet, a celebration honoring local journalists and the recent work they have accomplished. This banquet is traditionally the largest Society of Professional Journalists event of the year, honoring distinguished journalists with the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award. Recipients of this award have shown outstanding dedication to journalism and their contributions continue to leave a lasting impression on all those in the field. This year, on June 26, 2002, as the Metro Detroit Society of Professional Journalists honored three local journalists with Lifetime Achievement Awards, they honored Mitch Kehetian, for his leadership and outstanding dedication to field of journalism.

A long-time Macomb Daily editor, Mitch Kehetian is a landmark journalist for the Metro Detroit area. Working hard as a reporter for the Detroit Times, Mitch wrote and reported for the paper until its close on November 6, 1960. Working a variety of reporting jobs in Ohio and Michigan, he then established himself permanently at the Macomb Daily, where he has held a number of excellent positions, including managing editor and editor-in-chief.

Known to his community and colleagues for his unparalleled commitment to the field and unwavering focus, he has truly led the Macomb Daily to excellence. Also a former Society of Professional Journalists chapter president, his outstanding efforts with the Society of Professional Journalists continue today as he leads the way in pursuit of the highest standards of journalistic excellence.

I applaud Mitch Kehetian and the Metro Detroit Society of Professional Journalists for their leadership, commitment, and service, and I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting them for their exemplary years of leadership and service.

A TRIBUTE TO CHAPTER 571 OF
THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF
AMERICA ON THE OCCASION OF
THE DEDICATION OF THEIR MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I had an opportunity on Memorial Day 2002 to attend an extremely moving and inspirational event in my congressional district.

On that day, in the small town of Hermansville in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, members of Chapter 571 of the Vietnam Veterans of America dedicated the Thomas St. Onge Vietnam Veterans Museum and Memorial.

Creating this museum and memorial has been a project based on love, dedication and pride. You might even say, Mr. Speaker, that this museum is a structure built literally on donations, because the land for the museum itself was donated by local residents Richard and Anne Lungerhausen, and planning was done in the clubhouse, a structure donated by Wells Fargo.

I said this was a project based on love. Tommy St. Onge was killed in 1969 in the bitter fighting in the A Shau valley, a battle for control of the northern highlands of South Vietnam. Tommy's death was one of many tragedies recounted in the book *Hamburger Hill* by Samuel Zaffiri. Although he died more than three decades ago, Tommy is remembered with love by his peers. Love and fellowship permeate this project, Mr. Speaker. The dedication ceremony booklet quotes Major Michael O'Donnell, himself a Vietnam casualty, who wrote lines that are so well known to Vietnam veterans, "Be not ashamed to say you loved them, though you may or may not have always. Take what they have left and what they have taught you with their dying and keep it with your own."

This museum does just that, Mr. Speaker. It takes those things "they have left," as Major O'Donnell said—including artifacts as large as a Bell U-H1 "Huey" helicopter and an M-60 Main Battle Tank—and it uses them to teach new generations.

And what does this museum teach about the Vietnam War, and the men and women who served and died there? The 34 members of Chapter 571 have this to say about the mission and goal of their museum and memorial: "Our wish is for all people to remember them as they were, forever young, husbands, sons,

daughters, brothers, sisters, and friends. We hope to educate the public, especially those who were too young to understand what this war was all about."

History has yet to truly judge this war, Mr. Speaker, but we know there are lessons to be learned right now. The single greatest lesson we can teach our children is that it was not for lack of dedication, faith, patriotism, comradeship or discipline on the part of the American soldier, sailor or airman that South Vietnam ultimately fell to the North Vietnamese army. Our fighting men and women, who were sometimes savagely and terribly treated by opponents of the war at home, went to Vietnam in answer to the call to duty. There they suffered grievous wounds, the loss of comrades, and sometimes the loss of faith and idealism, but they answered the call to duty! In the history of America's wars, here has been no higher honor gained, nor greater sacrifice made, than that of the veterans of our war in Vietnam!

In the small town of Hermansville in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, the members of Chapter 571 of the Vietnam Veterans of America and their families and other club members have worked since 1996, donating thousands of hours and thousands of their own dollars in pursuit of the dream of celebrating this honor and sacrifice. Their dream is not complete, Mr. Speaker. Jerry Ayotte, the chapter's president, described for me the concept of a museum that will one day have a rotunda with four wings to include personal mementos and military memorabilia from World War I, World War II, and the Korean War.

I encourage you and all our colleagues to visit this museum, Mr. Speaker. It's located at N 16462 Linden Street, and, until a regular staff can be hired, it's open only on Sunday afternoons, when two volunteers are available. Hermansville is a small town, but it was small towns like this across America that supplied our heroes in Vietnam, and that continue to support our military with their taxes and—the greatest sacrifice—with their own sons and daughters.

When you are there, you can meet and thank—as I have had a chance to meet and thank—the members of Chapter 571 for their efforts to keep alive both the memories of fallen comrades and the conviction that these comrades did not fall in vain, because they offered their lives in the belief that they fought for America's greatest ideals of freedom.

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 571 and their spouses are: Richard Adams and his wife Ann, Peter and Karen Anderla, Ronald and Debbie Augustine, Gerald and Patti Ayotte, Calvin and Cindy Baird, Roger Clark, Edward J. Donahue, Darryl D. and Gretchen Fossen, William N. Isetts, Robert and Cathy Laroche, Bernard E. and Brenda Loukkala, Russell Peters, Dale I. and Sharon Peterson, Dennis C. and Beth Peterson, Edwin L. Plettner, Gary F. Poupore, Terrance L. Richer, Wayne J. and Linda Rochon, Lyle R. and Jo Schoen, Norman J. Schreiner, Louis R. Schuette, Roger L. and Priscilla Schuette, Peter Tanguay, Ronald D. and Susie Tomasi, Roger J. and Randy Treves, Terrence W. and Rosemary Trudell, Donald J. Trulock, Thomas R. and Sally Unger, Paul C. Vinzant, James R. and Rebecca Wash, James E. Watson, Edwin R. Whytsell, Edward A. and Marianne Zahn, and Ronald E. Zahn.