

But it seems that Congressional interest can have a catalyzing effect on Foggy Bottom. At hearings last Tuesday before the House International Relations Committee, William Burns, Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, disclosed that Mr. Powell has now raised the issue with the Saudi Foreign Minister and that he himself brought it up with Crown Prince Abdullah 10 days earlier, on the eve of the Government Reform Committee's hearings.

But Mr. Burns continued to define the issue as a custody dispute. And his remarks suggest that State still refuses to treat this as a state-to-state issue, in favor of a touchy-feely approach about "keeping families connected." This is a long way from "Perdicaris alive or Raisuli dead"—Teddy Roosevelt's tart reaction when a Berber bandit chieftain took an American hostage in Tangier.

In a TV spot running under the title "Allies Against Terrorism," the Saudi government urges Americans to "listen to America's leaders" when it comes to the "facts" about the country that spawned 15 of the 19 September 11 hijackers. It features President Bush vouching for how the Saudis have been "nothing but cooperative." This is their chance to prove it.

#### HONOR OF MABEL BROWN SCHINE

#### HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2002

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a final tribute to the magnificent life of Mabel Schine. Mabel passed away recently in San Francisco after a lifetime of community service and leadership. We are very grateful for her distinguished career and her inspirational life, and we will miss her greatly.

As a dietary expert at San Francisco's Mount Zion Hospital, Mary's Help Hospital, and the Jewish Home for the Aged and as the City's first African American District Health Director, Mabel demonstrated her remarkable talents as a dietician and as an expert advisor during her thirty-year career.

Her service to the City of San Francisco included work for the Economic Opportunity Council and Model Cities Program and on the Citizen's Advisory Committee for Mayor Feinstein's Office of Community Development. She served as Treasurer of the San Francisco Black Leadership Forum and was actively involved in San Francisco politics.

Following her retirement, she continued to serve her community at Bayview Hunter's Point Senior Health Day Care Center, Bayview Hunter's Point Boy and Girls Club, and as President of the San Francisco Sickle Cell Disease Foundation. Her service also extended to Contra Costa County where she led non-profit boards, ran government commissions, and tirelessly and eloquently advocated on behalf of the black community.

To her husband Lloyd Schine, her daughter Marvin Jean and her son Lloyd Jr., her sisters, her grandchildren and her many dear friends, thank you for sharing Mabel with our City and our community. I hope it is a comfort to you that so many people share your grief and honor her memory.

#### TRIBUTE TO PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY AND THE FILIPINO AMERICAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

#### HON. DAVID E. BONOIR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2002

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Filipino American community of Michigan, who celebrated the Philippine Independence Day on June 22, 2002.

On July 4 of 1946 the Philippines gained its independence. Since that glorious day, the nation has endured many hardships but has continued to persevere. The Philippines and its proud citizens are entering into a new era of political, social, and cultural growth. They possess a focused vision of their future and will do all they feel is necessary to ensure prosperity.

The relationship between the United States and the Philippines is strong and growing stronger. Today, the United States is enriched by the many Philippine Americans who have made this country their home. As the second largest Asian group in the United States, Philippine Americans are making their mark, serving as hard working members of the civic, business, and professional communities. They have made major contributions to nearly every facet of American society.

As Michigan is home to a thriving Filipino American community, we have the opportunity to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of a fabulous people. The Filipino American Community Council's KALAYAAN 2002 Picnic and Pistahan attests to the wealth of the culture we have developed here in Michigan. With food, music, cultural performances and dances, the spirit and enthusiasm of the Philippine American community of Southeastern Michigan is very strong. The Philippine American community truly adds to the wonderfully diverse American culture by sharing with us their customs, traditions and beliefs. They have been such an invaluable asset to our great state.

Mr. Speaker, I join the people of the Philippines, those of Filipino ancestry around the world and Filipino Americans in Michigan celebrating Independence Day. I salute all of them for the tremendous contributions to freedom and human dignity which they have made.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO GEORGE CURRIER

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who has spent the last six years in the dedicated service of his community of Collbran: George Currier. George is a great Coloradan who has given of himself countless times during his term on the Collbran Board of Trustees. His knowledge and love for the community, as well as his vision for the future, have made him an invaluable resource to the whole town.

George Currier was born and raised in his beloved Collbran. His family was in the ranch-

ing business during his childhood; and while they would leave town every winter to ranch their cows in the Appleton area, George and his family would return with the nice weather: Collbran is George's home.

During George's time on the Board of Trustees he has overseen numerous improvements to the community, including the construction of a new town hall. But more important than the physical development that has been undertaken during his watch, George values the many Collbran town employees with which he has worked closely during his six years of service. However, George's efforts to better his beloved hometown have not been limited to his service in town government: George, his wife Nancy and their three children remain active in the Collbran community.

Mr. Speaker, it is with pride that I bring to the attention of the body of Congress the accomplishments of a man whose love for his hometown, and whose desire to improve his community, is an inspiration to his friends and neighbors alike. A public servant in the truest sense of the phrase, George Currier's time on the Collbran Board of Trustees has been a fine example to all of us who serve our nation in elective office. With appreciation, I echo the praise George has received from his friends and neighbors in Collbran and salute him for his six fine years of service to his community.

#### HONORING UPS EMPLOYEE ALLEN "CHUCK" BITTNER

#### HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2002

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, Chuck Bittner started with UPS back in 1966 as a Package Car Driver delivering mail to the businesses and residents of the Inland Empire in Southern California. After 25 years of safe driving, drivers are inducted in UPS' Circle of Honor, which is the highest honor awarded to Package Car Drivers. Chuck not only achieved that illustrious accolade but was also recently honored for a staggering 30 years of safe driving by his Center Manager. With 30 years behind the wheel and not a single traffic mishap, Chuck has truly accomplished something special. The people of Southern California owe Chuck, and other delivery drivers like him a debt of gratitude for keeping our roads safe. Despite this impeccable driving record, Chuck says he will probably retire in the next year. He will certainly be missed as he and his truck have become a familiar and reassuring sight in the Southern California neighborhoods.

#### IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF HARVEY LEGGETT, SR.

#### HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2002

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the life of an honorable, respected, and valuable member of the Ypsilanti community, Reverend Harvey Leggett, Sr. Rev. Leggett,

who passed away Monday, was a man of wisdom and a man of God, and served his community with distinction. He will be dearly missed.

Reverend Leggett guided the St. John's Missionary Baptist Church in Ypsilanti for 32 years. His style moved the members of the church. So commanding, in fact, was his delivery and presence that he was nicknamed "sergeant." He was not only masterful on the pulpit, but also was an accomplished writer and singer, who employed a good sense of humor.

"Sergeant" Leggett's dedicated service was not limited to Ypsilanti, but included serving in leadership positions in national African American Baptist conventions. In so doing, his work touched the lives of many across this great land, and his memory will be broadly remembered.

Rev. Leggett is survived by his wife of 42 years, Bernice, as well as sons Steve, Willie, and Harvey Jr., and daughter Angela. They are in the thoughts and prayers of many in the Ypsilanti community, and I would ask that they also be in ours. Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to join me in extending our condolences to the Leggett family, and to honor the life of a great man and community leader, Harvey Leggett Sr.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JAN NOWAK—  
JEZIORANSKI

**HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2002*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of the most respected leaders of America's Polish community, Jan Nowak-Jezioranski. As he prepares to return to Poland, I would like to take this opportunity to bid him farewell and thank him for his decades of service in this country as a remarkable civil servant and defender of freedom and democracy.

Both the United States and Europe are greatly indebted to Mr. Nowak-Jezioranski. In World War II, he was an acclaimed "Courier from Warsaw" who served as a liaison between the Home Army in the occupied Polish territory and the Polish government in exile in London and representatives of the British government. In addition, he was a key witness that spoke out against the atrocities of the Nazi occupants in Central and Eastern Europe. Near the end of the Cold War, Jan Nowak-Jezioranski was the director of the Polish section of Radio Free Europe. In this capacity, he gave millions of his countrymen the strength and courage to not give up hope behind the Iron Curtain. As a U.S. Citizen, Jan Nowak-Jezioranski bolstered my colleagues and my efforts to contain the Soviet block. Due to his leadership, he was able to help opposition groups in Central and Eastern Europe flourish.

Jan Nowak-Jezioranski's vision helped Poland become one of our closest allies in Europe. Following the historic changes, he helped the American public realize the importance of supporting Poland's struggling democracy both economically and politically. Mr. Nowak-Jezioranski recognized the need to abolish the political, social and economic divi-

sions in Europe and therefore, he diligently supported NATO expansion. As a member of the Alliance, Poland has proven a creditable source during the Kosovo campaign and the war on terrorism.

Mr. Nowak-Jezioranski has been a long time supporter of the transatlantic community and promoter of democratic values. I believe that our nations will maintain their commitment to strengthening the transatlantic community and encouragement of democratic ideals. It is my hope that from across the Atlantic, Mr. Jan Nowak-Jezioranski will remain active in the public debate on issues that are key to our nations' futures. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing immense gratitude for Mr. Jan Nowak-Jezioranski's numerous contributions to the cause of democracy and freedom,

SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAM  
PROTECTION ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 25, 2002*

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Social Security Program and Protection Act. This legislation is a protective measure that would maintain the integrity of Social Security Programs.

H.R. 4070 would protect the nearly 7 million Social Security and SSI beneficiaries who cannot manage their own finances and have a "representative payee." This legislation prevents misuse of benefits by: (1) authorizing the reissuance of certain misused benefits, (2) disqualifying from serving as representatives payees fugitive felons and those who have been convicted and imprisoned more than a year, and (3) expanding civil monetary penalties to include representative payees misuse of benefits.

In addition, this legislation would also further protect Social Security by Clarifying that civil monetary penalties can be imposed for failure to notify SSA of changed circumstances that affect eligibility or benefit amount.

H.R. 4070 includes provisions that aim to support meaningful work opportunities for individuals with disabilities. The bill would ensure that employers who hire individuals with disabilities through referral by an employer network qualify for the Work Opportunity Tax Credit.

Now is the time to save Social Security. We must ensure the viability and integrity of Social Security for the sake of our nation's most deserving citizens. Half of all American workers do not have employer-provided retirement programs and must rely on Social Security and their own savings.

If we do not protect Social Security, there will be serious poverty among the elderly. Women are particularly vulnerable because they have lower income retirement than men and are likely to live in poverty. Couple this reality with the vulnerability of those recipients who cannot manage their own financial affairs and the need to safeguard social security becomes even more evident.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my Colleagues to support this legislation. Social Security is one of the most critical issues facing Congress today. This legislation recognizes the importance of

Social Security to the long-term economic stability of Americans.

ESTABLISHMENT OF MID-COLUMBIA  
VETERANS MEMORIAL IN  
THE DALLES, OREGON

**HON. GREG WALDEN**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 2002*

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with my colleagues the pride I feel as an American and as a native of The Dalles, Oregon in the establishment of the Mid-Columbia Veterans Memorial, which I will join the community leaders of The Dalles in dedicating on the 4th of July. On this hallowed day, as we observe the founding of the greatest nation in the history of mankind, it is fitting that we honor the patriots who have fought and died to keep it so.

This memorial was conceived by the citizens of The Dalles to pay tribute to the sons and daughters of Oregon's Mid-Columbia region who served our nation in times of war. Building on an existing memorial to local veterans of the Vietnam War, leaders of this community launched an effort to create a lasting monument to every veteran of the Mid-Columbia who has served the United States in uniform. Built from funds gathered from the State of Oregon, the federal government, local businesses and private citizens, the memorial we will unveil arose from the hearts of the men and women of the Mid-Columbia who remain forever grateful for the sacrifices that purchased the freedom they so deeply cherish. I am proud to have assisted in securing federal funds for this worthy project, just as I am proud to have hailed from a community whose ground has been so fertile in producing patriotic citizens.

Mr. Speaker, no memorial to our nation's veterans seeks to glorify armed conflict or celebrate the tragedy that war represents. Rather, they are erected to pay homage to the virtue that is found among men and women for whom the triumph of despotism and tyranny is more terrifying even than their own deaths.

Mr. Speaker, the philosopher John Stuart Mill once wrote, "War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things. The decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which thinks that nothing is worth war is much worse. A man who has nothing for which he is willing to fight, nothing he cares about more than his personal safety, is a miserable creature who has no chance of being free unless made and kept so by the exertions of better men than himself."

It is only by God's grace that our nation has been blessed with such men and women, whose exertions have safeguarded the freedom not only of this nation, but of much of the rest of the free world. Men like Charles R. Rubart of The Dalles, who was killed in action in 1899 while serving in the Philippines, far from the beauty of his native land. Men like Loren Kaufman, a son of The Dalles who received the Congressional Medal of Honor for gallantry in action during the Korean War. Men like Stan Adams, another Korean War veteran who also received our nation's highest award for leading the men under his command on a bayonet charge against an enemy force 10