

hospitals, at home, and in nursing homes. In addition, our dedicated group continuously supports the Institute of Logopedics for Special children.

I am happy to offer my congratulations to WAVES on their 60th anniversary and my strong support for the important work they do recognizing and promoting the valuable service of women veterans.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 393

SPEECH OF

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2002

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 393, the resolution offered by Representative JOSEPH CROWLEY.

We have all heard during the past year and a half about the egregious acts of anti-Semitic behavior that have spread through Europe—vandalism of synagogues; desecration of graveyards; personal attacks of people of Jewish faith; boycott of products made in Israel. These actions are cowardly and have resulted in the worst wave of anti-Semitic behavior since 1945.

Today, I rise to support this resolution that calls upon the governments of Europe to protect their residents—Jewish and non-Jewish alike. We must fight for understanding and cooperation between people of all religions, not just in the turbulent Middle East but wherever prejudice and discrimination occur.

Our nation prides itself on maintaining an atmosphere where people can practice whatever religion they choose. Religious tolerance is the root of our peace and prosperity; we must strive to ensure that it is practiced throughout the world so that others may benefit from this spirit of cooperation.

No one deserves to be discriminated against, harmed or even killed simply because of their personal religious beliefs. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution to ensure that this behavior ceases immediately.

TRIBUTE TO ANTHONY A.
MINISSALE

HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2002

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration and respect that I offer congratulations to my constituent, Anthony A. Minissale, D.O. of York, Pennsylvania. On July 20, Dr. Minissale will be inducted as the President of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) at its annual House of Delegates meeting in Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Minissale will serve from July 2002 through July 2003.

Dr. Minissale is a board-certified osteopathic surgeon. He will lead 47,000 osteopathic physicians (D.O.s) and the AOA, an association organized to advance the philosophy and practice of osteopathic medicine by promoting excellence in education, research and the delivery of quality and cost-effective healthcare in a distinct, unified profession. In addition to protecting the right and privilege to practice

osteopathic medicine, Dr. Minissale will work with the AOA to enhance professional unity, ensure quality education and training and preserve osteopathic principles.

Dr. Minissale, vice president of medical affairs and director of medical education at Memorial Hospital in York, earned his Doctor of Medicine degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed a rotating internship at Green Cross General Hospital in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and a residency in general surgery at Parkview Hospital in Philadelphia.

A member of the AOA for 45 years, he has served as a member of its Board of Trustees for nine years and as a delegate to its legislative body, the House of Delegates, for over 20 years. Additionally, he has chaired all departments of the AOA and acts as the AOA's internship inspector, a post he has held since 1973.

Dr. Minissale, a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons, also serves the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association (POMA). A member of POMA since 1961, he has worked in such capacities as vice chairman, secretary/treasurer, and board member. A founding member and chairman of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Surgical Society, Dr. Minissale is also a member of the York Osteopathic Medical Society.

Above and beyond his osteopathic duties, Dr. Minissale has worked with civic organizations, such as Leadership York, the Coalition for a Healthy York, and the Gladwyne Civic Association. Dr. Minissale resides in York with his wife, Adele, and their two children, Anthony and Angela.

Mr. Speaker, osteopathic medicine plays an important role in the health of my fellow Pennsylvanians. We are proud to be the home of two osteopathic medical schools—the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. Over 4,600 osteopathic physicians serve residents of the Keystone State.

I am pleased to congratulate Anthony A. Minissale, D.O. on achieving the high honor of being named President of the American Osteopathic Association. I look forward to working with him to advance the health of my fellow Pennsylvanians and all Americans.

TRIBUTE TO THE GREAT DOMINICAN PARADE AND FESTIVAL OF THE BRONX

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2002

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to the thirteenth annual Great Dominican Parade and Festival of the Bronx which will take place this Sunday, July 14, 2002. This famed event is eagerly anticipated by the Dominican and Bronx communities each year. It is a wonderful celebration of the spirit and richness of Dominican culture.

As the second largest Latino community in New York City, Dominicans have made invaluable contributions to the city, as well as to the entire nation. Although the highest concentration of Dominican people live in Washington Heights, a significant number have enriched

the Bronx with their unique culture and spirit. The Dominican culture is one characterized by, among other things, diverse multiculturalism, strong family values, distinctive art, amazing music and unique cuisine. We are grateful that so many have chosen to make the Bronx home.

Mr. Speaker, the roots of Dominican New Yorkers lie in a country with a fascinating history and arresting beauty. The Dominican Republic is the home of numerous peoples from various heritages. As a result, the culture is charged with strong Taino, African, and European influences. One visit to the Dominican Republic will put to rest any questions one might have as to why Dominicans in America retain such a strong sense of pride in their homeland and never stop missing it.

The achievements and contributions made by Dominican-Americans and Dominican residents have spanned the realms of politics, science, the Armed Forces, literature, public service, and the arts, and undoubtedly make them an integral part of American society. The Great Dominican Parade and Festival of the Bronx is a great opportunity to celebrate the Dominican people's culture, history, and bright future.

I ask my colleagues to please join me in honoring the Great Dominican Parade and Festival of the Bronx.

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY TO
EILEEN COUNIHAN

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2002

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to wish a very happy belated birthday to Eileen Counihan, born June 21, 1952, in New York City. Eileen celebrated her 50th birthday with family and friends in Yorkville and Margaretville in Upstate New York.

Eileen is known for her loyalty to friends and her commitment to her family, a quick smile and a warm sense of humor. She is a dedicated, active member of her community, volunteering to distribute food to the homeless on Friday evenings and even Thanksgiving Day. On Earth Day this year she led a project that planted 100 trees.

For these reasons and more I would like to extend the warmest best wishes to her and her family. Happy Belated Birthday, Eileen!

ADDRESSING THE GLOBAL AIDS
PANDEMIC

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2002

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in urge of dramatic funding increases to stop the spread of an epidemic that is taking the lives of millions of people throughout the world.

Today there are more than 40 million people in the world living with HIV/AIDS. Last year 5 million people contracted the virus, and 3 million people died of AIDS related causes. This current health crisis was once again brought

to my attention yesterday, when the Chicago Tribune reported that African-Americans account for 67 percent of all newly reported cases of HIV in Chicago. They went on to state that the rate of undiagnosed AIDS cases among women in Chicago has nearly tripled in the last decade, with 80 percent of those women being African-American.

But Chicago is not the only place where people are affected by AIDS. In the words of U.S. Secretary of State, Colin Powell, "AIDS respects no man, woman, or child. It knows no race, religion, class, or creed. No community, country, or continent is immune from its ravages."

Ninety-five percent of those infected with HIV/AIDS live in the developing world. Across the Atlantic, millions of Africans are battling with an epidemic that has ravaged the human capital infrastructure, leaving homes and communities barren. The dreams and hopes of millions of people have been deferred as men, women, and children engage in a losing battle with the silent but powerful enemy that is sweeping and dismantling Africa at an alarming rate. Last year in sub-Saharan Africa alone 2.3 million people have died from AIDS related causes.

HIV/AIDS has made a devastating impact on the fruit of Africa's future, the children. Thirteen million African children have been orphaned due to AIDS, by the end of the decade this number is expected to exceed 40 million.

Global infection rates will continue to rise at alarming rates unless education and treatment options are made available. Recent surveys in 17 countries found that more than half of the adolescents questioned could not name a single method for protecting themselves against HIV/AIDS. In developing nations only 6 to 10 percent of HIV-infected people are receiving treatment for HIV-related opportunistic infection.

If we are serious about finding solutions to this epidemic, then I charge us to commit ourselves to fighting for the humanity of our African brothers and sisters, at whatever the cost. The World Health Organization Commission on Macroeconomics and Health estimates that the cost of mounting an effective global response to HIV/AIDS could reach \$14 billion by 2007. This figure includes programs for prevention, care, and treatment.

We must provide life-saving drugs at reasonable cost. We must support funding for innovative research in finding a cure. We must support the regulation of affordable drugs for all Africans infected by this deadly disease. We must support the development of comprehensive HIV/AIDS policy for Africa.

As a civil society, we ourselves must unite to confront this dilemma head on, to defeat this plague which has us anxious and on the run. It is time for us to stop running and start to act.

SEC CHAIRMAN PITT SHOULD NOT
RESIGN

HON. DAVID L. HOBSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2002

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to the recent calls by some of

our colleagues for Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Harvey Pitt to resign in the wake of the public disclosure of inaccurate corporate accounting measures and other problems on Wall Street.

Mr. Pitt should resign, they say, because in his term of office he has done nothing to crack down on corporate abuse of the law and because he is too "cozy with the business community." These calls for Mr. Pitt's resignation are the epitome of hypocrisy. These schemes were hatched in the mid to late 1990s and the Bush administration inherited our current situation. Where was the SEC then? And why haven't these individuals who have been recently critical of the SEC only spoken up in the last week if they believed no one was "minding the store?"

The President correctly said recently that some corporate executives lack an "ethical compass." But the current cycle of free-wheeling financial dealings did not begin with the Bush Administration but during the heady, consequence-free years of the Clinton Administration. The calls for Mr. Pitt to step down are political posturing of the worst kind. President Bush said he believes that Mr. Pitt should get a chance to do the job for which the Senate confirmed him.

The President has decided to give Mr. Pitt that chance, and so should my colleagues in Congress.

WE WILL LEAD ON, JUSTIN DART

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2002

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, our Nation has never seen the likes of Justin Dart. His vision, his dedication, and his passion for improving our country and the lives of our people were unwavering. What he accomplished during his lifetime was nothing short of miraculous. Justin Dart's contributions for equality for persons with disabilities and for justice for all people will be felt for generations to come. He would have expected nothing less of himself and from those who joined him in the struggle.

Justin Dart was a trailblazer for justice. For 30 years, with his lifetime partner, companion, friend and wife Yoshiko, and with many of us following closely behind, he led the way for the radical empowerment of persons with disabilities and for universal healthcare.

Justin Dart's life was changed forever when he contracted polio and the doctors proclaimed that he was only 3 days away from death. Those 3 days turned into 40 years. Polio left him in a wheelchair, but Justin often said, "I count the good days in my life from the time I got polio." He used each and every day to the fullest. He traveled, organized, spoke, and enjoyed every minute of it.

He began his advocacy campaign in earnest following his visit to a rehabilitation center for children with Polio in Vietnam in 1966. He would later write of the scene of young starving children left to suffer. "That scene is burned forever in my soul. For the first time in my life I understood the reality of evil, and that I was a part of that reality." Since that day forward, he dedicated himself and his resources to what he believed to be the most basic of

human and civil rights—the right to live free and in dignity. Through sheer will, he fought to end the centuries old discrimination against people with disabilities.

Because of his years of hardwork, along with those who joined him in the fight, people with disabilities in this country finally received what is rightfully theirs, but what took so many years and so many struggles to achieve. In 1990, with Justin Dart on the podium, the Americans with Disabilities Act was signed into law. Understanding that without a grass-roots movement, there is no catalyst for change, Justin Dart did not miss the opportunity to protest that the fact that he and only two other disability advocates were on stage when President George Bush signed the ADA. He said, "hundreds of others should have been there as well."

Justin Dart, the father of the ADA, did not stop, did not rest, but instead pushed ahead with another cause after the victory of 1990. Universal healthcare became his passion and he once again traveled the nation calling himself "a full-time citizen soldier in the trenches of justice." When he spoke in Chicago in the early 1990s on universal healthcare, people drove hundreds of miles to hear him. He later fought tirelessly against attempts to weaken or even repeal the ADA and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. He turned back the attacks. Once again, Justin Dart was victorious.

In his lifetime, Justin Dart was unwavering in his convictions. And in his final words to us, he wrote, "Thanks to you, I die in the beautiful belief that the revolution of empowerment will go on. I love you so much. I'm with you always. Lead on! Lead on!" Justin, we will.

EXPRESSING REGRET AND SYMPATHY FOR FAMILIES OF THE
UKRAINIAN COAL MINERS
KILLED ON JULY 7, 2002

HON. LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2002

Mr. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my humblest condolences to the families of the thirty-five coal miners who lost their lives in a July 7th fire in Donetsk, Ukraine.

The terrible loss of life in Donetsk hits home on a number of levels. A tragedy of this magnitude is suffered not only by the families who lost their loved ones but the larger community. As the representative of a sizeable Ukrainian-American community and the co-chairperson of the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus, I would like to express our condolences to the families of the lost Ukrainian miners. The Ukrainian community in Monroe county, which was established over a century ago, maintains close times with their counterparts in Ukraine. In fact, in recent years, the Rochester-area Ukrainian community opened its arms to a new wave of immigrants.

As a Kentucky native, I have seen, firsthand, the enormous toll that underground mining can exact. Underground mining is dangerous. Tunnels can collapse. Coal in the mines can catch on fire. Sometimes there are poisonous gases near coal. In the U.S., the modernization of mining methods has made it