

less dangerous but there is always risk. I appreciate that Ukraine's efforts at enhancing its economy and modernizing its industrial structures has not been without setbacks. However, I am troubled by the fact that this terrible incident is not an isolated one.

Mr. Speaker, Ukraine's mines have one of the highest accident rates in the world due to poor maintenance and neglect of safety regulations. This accident comes a year after a gas explosion killed at least 50 miners in Donetsk and two years after 80 miners died in another underground mining explosion. More than 3,700 miners have died since Ukraine's independence from the Soviet Union in 1991. At this time of reflection, it is my sincere hope that this terrible incident marks a turning point for Ukraine and the Ukrainian government takes substantial steps to close the roughly 200 mines that the World Bank rates as highly prone to methane blasts.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my condolences to the victims' families in Ukraine, and offer my sorrow and sympathy to the people of Ukraine for this shocking tragedy that resulted in thirty-five deaths and my sincerest hope for real reforms in the Ukrainian mining industry.

RECOGNIZING THE PLANNED PARENTHOOD LOS ANGELES PROMOTORAS COMUNITARIAS TRAINING PROGRAM

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2002

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to rise today to honor the 10th anniversary of the Planned Parenthood Los Angeles Promotoras Comunitarias Training Program.

This innovative community outreach program started in 1991 to help promote family planning education programs in Latino communities by training women within the community to do the outreach. This is important because it helps spread the message of family planning in a culturally sensitive manner.

Not only did the program help spread much-needed information about family planning methods, it also instilled in the women who became Promotoras a sense of pride and helped them develop critical life skills. By giving their families, friends and neighbors vital health care information and then facilitating access to gynecological health care, Promotoras are empowering women to advocate for their own health care. In return, these dedicated women were able to develop job skills, communication methods and leadership traits.

In short, the Promotoras program has helped thousands of women in my area learn about gynecological care and domestic violence prevention. I urge all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable organization.

CARLTON REESE, MUSIC DIRECTOR OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

HON. EARL F. HILLIARD

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2002

Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, I wish to commemorate the life of Carlton Reese today. Professor Reese led the Freedom Choir in Birmingham during the days of struggle in the 1960's and continued to lead it to his death this month. He provided the soul to the movement—without him the struggle might have failed or fallen into violence and disorder.

He was the original writer of the great anthem of the movement, "We Shall Overcome," now one of the most well known songs in the world and sung everywhere that people are struggling for freedom. It has been sung in the freedom rallies in Chile, in democratic rallies in Turkey and in the bomb shelters of Hanoi. In this song, Professor Reese left a permanent legacy of freedom, equality, peace and hope for all to come.

At the tender age of 17, Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth asked him to be the music director of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights, which organized and directed the demonstrations in Birmingham. It was his music that defined the movement and its spirit. Some of that music can be found on the Smithsonian Institute's CD, "Voices of the Civil Rights Movement."

When he graduated from Miles College in the '60s with a teaching degree, he was blacklisted by the Birmingham School system, and had to go to Tupelo, Mississippi to begin his career as a teacher. The Birmingham school system said that they did not want teachers who had been in jail—even if imprisoned for their commitment to freedom.

Upon returning to Alabama to teach in the Shelby County schools, South of Birmingham, he became Minister of Music at the New Bethlehem Baptist Church in Dolomite, where he served for over 40 years, turning down positions with many of the great gospel churches throughout the nation. This humble giant of freedom and music also served as a Deacon in the church, Religious Education Consultant, Youth Staff Worker, Advisor to the Senior Citizens Program and Financial Planner for the building fund.

Upon returning to Birmingham, he reorganized the Freedom Choir, which later took the name of the Sacred and Heritage Singers. Using this as a base, he became the Music Director for the City-Wide Unity Breakfast Program, and annual major event in Birmingham which brings members of the white and Black communities together to celebrate our progress and unity.

We have lost this great freedom fighter, but he will march on wherever people struggle for freedom, peace and the human family. His music will be sung wherever people are celebrating their victories. His music will be sung in every valley and on every hill of this planet. Carlton Reese will be with us forever. He has overcome!

THE TRAGIC DEATH OF 35 MINERS IN UKRAINE ON 7 JULY 2002

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2002

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my condolences to the families and comrades of 35 Ukrainian miners who died Sunday, 7 July 2002, in a mining accident in eastern Ukraine. I also offer my condolences to the people of Ukraine who have suffered too many such tragedies in the years since independence, as a result of an aging mining sector that is in dire need of reform and modernization.

Ukraine's miners have endured turmoil for too long. Miners have been forced to work under intolerable and life-threatening conditions, in some cases without being paid for years. It is estimated Ukraine's mining industry employs about half a million people in 193 mines, mostly in the eastern region of the country. However, the mortality rate in Ukraine's coalmining industry is staggering, with five to six miners lives sacrificed for every ton of coal produced, constituting nearly 4,000 deaths in the last 11 years.

Mr. Speaker, despite the obvious threat to its citizens, Ukraine's government has resisted shutting down unsafe mines. Rather, it appears avoiding profit loss, instability from mass unemployment and lack of heating coal far outweigh the considerations for human life.

In August this year, I intend to lead a Congressional Delegation to countries surrounding the Black Sea, including Ukraine. One focus of this trip will be on the mining industry to gain a better understanding of the crisis facing Ukraine and to help alleviate the suffering of miners and their families.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2002

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 293 and 294, I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on both.

RECOGNIZING THE REDEVELOPMENT OF STAPLETON

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Forest City Stapleton, Inc., for their role in the redevelopment of the former Stapleton International Airport in Denver, Colorado.

Stapleton International Airport served as Denver's municipal airport from 1929 to 1995. After that function ended with opening of the new Denver International Airport, there was much discussion about what to do with the 7.5 square mile Stapleton property—land that

once was at the edge of town but that is now surrounded by residential development.

What evolved from those discussions is the vision that Forest City Stapleton, Inc. is implementing today—a vision that I am proud to recognize as an example of the kinds of responsible community redevelopment.

As Colorado continues to increase rapidly in population, policies that promote smart, responsibly managed growth become ever more important. The new Stapleton community that Forest City Stapleton, Inc. has planned displays the finest aspects of both smart growth and “New Urbanism.”

New urbanism refers to community development that concentrates a diversity of uses (residential, commercial, governmental) and thus avoids some of the impacts that come with suburban sprawl (such as long commutes, lost open space). Forest City Stapleton, Inc. has consistently remained mindful of the critical importance of developing land so as to maximize the use of natural resources while minimizing the impact on the natural environment.

Over the next 20 years, Stapleton’s 4,700 acres will become a new community of 12,000 homes and 13 million square feet of offices and shops as well as over 1,100 acres of parks and open space. The Stapleton redevelopment alone will increase the acreage of Denver parks by 30 percent. With new homes, schools, retail and office space, Stapleton will be a self-sustainable community where people can live, learn, work and play. By varying land-use and density of development, Forest City Stapleton, Inc. is able to create the social and economic diversity characteristic of any great urban community.

Essentially, through the foresight of the Stapleton redevelopment committee, the surrounding communities and the City and County of Denver, Coloradans are converting a once productive property into a new community that will serve its residents well. The redevelopment of Stapleton represented an opportunity to employ innovative and workable approaches that will result in healthy, livable communities. I hope that this model can be used as an example of alternatives to traditional development in communities throughout Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in expressing our appreciation for the conscientious development Forest City Stapleton, Inc. has undertaken. I wish them continued success.

HONORING USCG CAPTAIN RICK
YATTO COMMANDING OFFICER
OF AIR STATION CAPE COD

HON. WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2002

Mr. DELAHUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of this Congress the accomplishments of Captain Rick Yatto of the United States Coast Guard. We extend our appreciation for his three years of outstanding service as Commanding Officer of Air Station Cape Cod.

Today, Captain Yatto will step down as the Commanding Officer of the largest Air Station on the East Coast. It is an assignment that is one of the most difficult in the entire Coast Guard, with a unique set of challenges both at sea and on land.

On the water, the Air Station provides law enforcement and search-and-rescue coverage throughout much of the Northwest Atlantic, with a large boating and fishing community that operates in some of the most difficult conditions. In the past three years, the Air Station performed over 750 search-and-rescue cases and saved over 200 lives. On land, the Air Station is a large industrial complex spread out over 1,400 acres, with over 600 housing units, a medical clinic, and dozens of buildings that support hundreds of Coast Guard and military families. The Air Station is also located on top of a fragile underground drinking water supply, located next to one of the largest Superfund sites in the country. The job is so large, that those who work and live at the base often see Captain Yatto as the local mayor.

However, unlike politics, in the Coast Guard there is no margin for error. During Captain Yatto’s tenure, the Air Station has not only had its fair share of daring rescues, it has successfully tackled a host of environmental challenges critical to the future of the installation. The Air Station’s success in pollution prevention, innovative environmental management, and energy efficiency has won national recognition from the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Transportation, and the White House.

In my district, the Coast Guard is widely respected as the oldest maritime service in the country, with a tradition forever linked to the heritage of Cape Cod and the Islands. Many of the first Coast Guard stations were built on the Massachusetts coast, manned by brave men from local families with deep roots in our community. Their gallant deeds and heroics are not only a part of the Coast Guard’s proud tradition, they are permanently etched into the communities and family histories of the people I represent.

This explains why the Coast Guard is so much a part of our community, why there is so much local pride in its rich tradition and in the work they do today saving lives, protecting our fisheries, the marine environment and defending our homeland. That pride in our Coast Guard will continue as long as it is led by people like Captain Rick Yatto and served by the fine men and women of Air Station Cape Cod.

On behalf of a very grateful constituency, Captain Yatto: “Mission accomplished, and job well done.”

INTRODUCTION OF THE TEACHER
TAX RELIEF ACT

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2002

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, the economic stimulus package signed into law by President Bush on March 9, 2002 offers school teachers a \$250 deduction for qualified “out of pocket”

educational expenses such as books and other supplies. These important provisions will provide almost half a billion dollars worth of tax relief to teachers all across America. However these provisions are only effective in tax years 2002 and 2003.

It is now estimated that the average teacher spends \$521 out of their own pocket each year on classroom materials—materials such as pens, pencils and books. First year teachers spend even more. Moreover, in addition to spending substantial money on classroom supplies, many teachers spend even more money out of their own pocket on professional development.

The bottom line is that these out-of-pocket costs place lasting financial burdens on our teachers and this is one reason our teachers are leaving the profession. Congressmen JOHN TANNER, MARK FOLEY and I have introduced the Teacher Tax Relief Act of 2002. This important legislation will build on current law in three ways: increase the above-the-line deduction for educators from \$250 allowed under current law to \$500, allow educators to include professional development costs within that \$500 deduction and make these provisions permanent.

This legislation has bi-partisan cosponsors and support from the education community. I urge the House to support this measure.

CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE IOLA OLD CAR
SHOW

HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2002

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, this weekend marks the 30th anniversary of the Iola Old Car Show.

Iola is a village in my northeastern Wisconsin district filled with great people. For a few days each summer it is filled with even more terrific folks, who bring their truly extraordinary historic cars for this event.

This year, the Iola Car Show will focus on “Ford’s Fabulous Model A,” and will have more than 200 Ford Model A’s on display. But that’s just a fraction of the more than 2,500 cars built between 1900 and 1975 that will be there.

There are few things more distinctly American than our adoration for the automobile, and the Iola Old Car Show celebrates that love. It also showcases who we are and who we’ve been—retelling nearly a century of American history through the automobile. This year’s Ford Model A exhibition is a perfect example of that expression of our history.

The car show has come a long way from its humble beginnings in 1972, when Chet Krause invited some of his buddies who happened to own old cars to the Iola Lions Chicken Roast. Today, it’s grown into one of the largest car shows in the nation. It’s an event that I’m very proud to host in my district, and I wish them all the best this year for a great show and a happy 30th anniversary.