

nineteen percent of all of Ohio's farmland. We know that the economy of our part of Ohio depends on farming and a big factor in our prosperity is due to the tireless efforts of farmworkers who bring in the crops. I can think of no better way to celebrate the contributions of these individuals than to take part in Farmworker Appreciation Day.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to farmworkers by helping me to proclaim August 3, 2002, as Farmworker Appreciation Day. We thank them for all they have done and wish them the very best for the future.

**CONGRATULATING LUIS RAUL
AND OLGA CERNA-BACA ON
THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2002

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th wedding anniversary of my good friends, loyal patriots, and loving parents and grandparents, Luis Raul and Olga Cerna-Baca. As family and friends gather to celebrate this joyous occasion, I too would like to recognize them at this special time.

Fifty years ago, in New Orleans, Louisiana, while studying English, Luis Raul Cerna-Baca, 33, married a lovely young woman of 17, named Olga Augello. Together, they raised five children, Luis Raul, Juan Francisco, Oscar, Maria Cecilia, and Olga, and were blessed with nine grandchildren.

Their life together serves as a reminder to us all of love, family, civic duty, charity, and the determination of the human spirit. Their work on behalf of human rights and justice for the people of Nicaragua has earned them international recognition and the respect of the people of Nicaragua, the United States, and throughout our global community.

Love has flourished between these two hearts, but not without dedication and hard work. Following their hearts throughout their 50-year journey has led to happiness and a loving life together. However, their love story is one that is still in progress and I can attest firsthand that their love for each other has grown even stronger through the years and serves as an inspiration to us all.

This celebration of 50 years is a remarkable accomplishment and is to be commended by all of us. It is a great honor to provide a tribute for a loving couple who have committed themselves to each other for so many years.

Accordingly, on behalf of the Congress of the United States, permit me to rise to extend our congratulations to Luis Raul and Olga Cerna-Baca on their 50th Wedding Anniversary and to wish them many more years of good health and happiness together.

**SALUTING THE LATE VICE-
ADMIRAL THOMAS J. KILCLINE**

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2002

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor the life of Vice Admi-

ral Thomas J. Kilcline, who passed away on July 11 at the age of 76. He was a resident of McLean in northern Virginia.

Admiral Kilcline was a decorated naval officer who served his country for four decades. After graduating from the Naval Academy in 1949, he quickly became a distinguished naval aviator, flying in Korea and commanding a tactical carrier-based squadron in Vietnam. Rising through the ranks, he became commander of the Naval Base at Subic Bay in the Philippines and later commander of U.S. Naval Forces in the Philippines.

He also spent time as the head of naval officer distribution in the Bureau of Naval Personnel. He managed flight test programs at the Navy's test center at Patuxent River in Maryland and later was the program manager in charge of the acquisition of RA5C aircraft in Washington, D.C. Many members may remember him in his position as the Navy's chief of legislative affairs from 1978–81. Ultimately, he ascended to become the commander of Naval Air Forces in the U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

After retiring from the Navy in August of 1983, Admiral Kilcline served as the national president of The Retired Officers Association for nearly 10 years. At the time of his passing, he was a member of the Board of Directors for Alloy Surfaces, Inc. and Kilgore Flares, two defense-related companies. Additionally, he and his wife were active members of Saint John's Catholic Church in McLean, Virginia, and the Cursillo Movement.

Tom Kilcline and his devoted wife of 52 years, Dornell, were the parents of four children and the grandparents of seven.

Thomas J. Kilcline was a true American patriot who served his country with distinction. On behalf of the entire House, we extend our deepest condolences to his family, to his friends, and to the thousands of Navy personnel who were fortunate enough to have known and worked with him.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRANK MASCARA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2002

Mr. MASCARA. Mr. Speaker, on July 18, 2002, I was unavoidably absent for personal reasons and missed rollcall votes numbered 319 through 323. For the record, had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 320, 321, and 322, and would have voted nay on rollcall votes 319 and 323.

**CONGRATULATING ELIZABETH
MOORE-STUMP**

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2002

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Elizabeth Moore-Stump, who has devoted 33 years of her life to public service. Elizabeth is the daughter of the late Elizabeth Thorton Moore and the late great world-boxing champion, Archie Moore.

Elizabeth received her degree in Social Welfare at San Diego State University and used it

to help her beloved city. In 1966, Elizabeth began her career in public service working for the State of California Department of Rehabilitation. Her professional career with the City of San Diego included the Regional Youth Employment Program (RYEP), Community Relations and Community Services departments, and culminated with her appointment in 1985 by the City Manager to the newly established Management Assistant position of Equal Opportunity Program Coordinator. Elizabeth left the City of San Diego in 1989 to join the San Diego Unified Port District and establish their first Equal Opportunity Management department. In 1999, she was appointed Senior Director of Administrative Services and the District Clerk.

Besides working as a public servant for San Diego, Elizabeth has also devoted a lot of her time to various community activities. She served from 1976 to 1983 as a board member of the San Diego Urban League. Since 1987, she has been on the board of the Catholic Charities of San Diego, and starting in 1990 has been a member of the San Diego Police Department's Crisis Intervention Team. Beginning in 1998, Elizabeth has been a member of the Airport Minority Advisory Council (AMAC). AMAC is a national aviation trade association established to promote equal opportunities in employment and contracting within the nation's airport system. After serving as AMAC's Secretary and Vice-Chair, she was elected President and Chairperson.

Mr. Speaker, I know Elizabeth will continue to serve her community and I join Elizabeth's friends and family in thanking her for all that she has done for the City of San Diego.

**RECOGNIZING PAM MUICK, EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR, SOLANO LAND
TRUST**

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2002

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to recognize Pam Muick who is leaving as Executive Director of the Solano Land Trust after six years of dedicated service to her community.

During her tenure, thousands of acres of farmland and open space have been preserved in Solano County to be enjoyed by people for generations to come. Some of the acquisitions she brokered include:

The 1,500 acre Jepson Prairie Preserve, which has a world-wide reputation as an oasis for native California plants, spring wildflowers, rare and endangered species and vernal pools;

The 1,500 acre Lynch Canyon Preserve, which is a working cattle ranch with hiking trails and panoramic views of Mount St. Helena, the Napa Valley, Mount Tamalpais, San Francisco Bay, Mount Diablo, Suisun Bay and the Sacramento River Delta;

The 1,000 acre King-Sweet Ranch located between the cities of Fairfield, Benicia and Vallejo that will eventually become the cornerstone of a regional park system in Solano County; and

The 4,000 acre McCormack and Perry-Anderson Conservation Easement in the Montezuma Hills.

In addition to these contributions, Dr. Muick has distinguished herself through her contributions to the development of a countywide Agricultural Easement Plan and countywide Open Space Plan for Solano County.

She has also provided invaluable assistance in expanding the docent program at Rush Ranch, which each year gives more than 1,500 school children the opportunity to learn about the customs and lives of the Native Americans who were the original inhabitants of this land.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate that we recognize Ms. Muick today for her innumerable contributions to her community and that we wish her well in her new position as Executive Director of the California Native Plant Society.

CORPORATE FRAUD AND THE ECONOMY, "LET'S ROLL!"

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2002

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, let's roll!

Earlier today this distinguished body of lawmakers passed H.R. 3917, a measure which acknowledged the bravery of the passengers of Flight 93. As you know, on September 11, 2001, Flight 93 was captured by terrorists who intended to use that aircraft as a weapon of mass destruction. They failed because the American people resisted and said, "Let's roll!" The terrorists that took over Flight 93 were selfish individuals acting without morality, accountability, or shame. Their actions attempted to rob Americans of their security and cast a dark cloud over the future. When faced with that crisis, the passengers of Flight 93 declared, "Let's Roll!"

Well Mr. Speaker, we are once again faced with the actions of selfish individuals that are acting without morality, accountability, or shame. These individuals have managed to rob the American people of their financial security, thereby casting a dark cloud over the future. This time corporate greed, as opposed to an aircraft, is the weapon of mass destruction. We cannot stand by idly while the U.S. economy is robbed for personal gain, American lives are destroyed, investor confidence plummets, and a dark cloud is placed over the retirement plans of millions. Mr. Speaker, let's roll!

Among other things, corporate executives have overstated the profits of their companies by billions of dollars. This fraud has caused stock prices to plummet and wiped out the

savings of hardworking Americans that invested in these companies as they prepared for retirement.

Why would a company find it so easy to overstate their profits? How is it possible to tell such a monumental lie and get away with it? If the average citizen were to overstate their income, the Internal Revenue Service would come after them looking for its share; many Americans have discovered that the IRS can be a relentless creditor. That fact alone is enough to keep the average American honest. However, our biggest corporations and corporate executives are not concerned. They have been allowed to self-regulate, thereby evading tax laws and creating a work ethic that is devoid of ethics and thrives on greed.

Big businesses have not been concerned with their overstatement of profits because they were not making the requisite tax payments and did not believe they would be caught. Consequently, they felt free to lie and evade tax laws without shame or remorse. These companies are apparently indifferent to the public needs that tax revenue is needed to support. They do not seem to care if the elderly are not able to receive prescription drugs and good health care; they do not seem to care if roads and sidewalks are poorly maintained; they do not seem to care if highways and bridges are overcrowded; and they do not seem to care if public schools are understaffed and inadequately supplied. One reason they probably do not seem to care is because they have the tacit assistance of key leadership in the Republican party as they short change the national purse and rob the American public.

For example, last year the President urged, and Republicans passed, a so-called tax cut that in reality gave each American a three hundred-dollar advance that had to be repaid on April 15th, but created even more opportunities for corporations to reduce their tax bill thereby pocketing billions of dollars that could have helped to keep the U.S. economy thriving. It is the big corporations that received real reductions. For those that assert that the American people saved a few dollars, you need only check the balance of pension plans nationwide to realize that the public was indeed taxed in a very big way!

Conversely, when faced with the possibility of paying taxes big corporations have been able to merely shift company assets to offshore tax havens where U.S. tax laws do not apply. Democrats in the House have proposed legislation that would put an end to such corporate abuses but the Republican leadership refused to take up these issues. Consequently, Americans get ripped off three times. They are robbed of their pension and retirement funds, and the US economy is robbed of corporate tax revenue and the

shortfall is made-up by robbing social security funds.

Well the stuff is hitting the fan. Now that the extent of corporate fraud is coming to light, now that Americans have seen their 401K plans disappear, now that the "Kenny Boys" of corporate America have been able to cast a cloud over the future of millions of hardworking Americans, the public is once again ready to resist and declare, "Let's roll!" . . . Republicans, however, are urging baby steps.

The Senate passed a strong bill, S. 2673 "The Public Company Accounting Reform and Investor Protection Act" (the Sarbanes Bill) by a unanimous vote of 97-0. This bill is a bill for those that are tired of being robbed by corporate America and are ready to roll. Among other things, by defining new corporate crimes, creating independent oversight, protecting whistle blowers, banning insider loans, extending the statute of limitations, and holding CEO's personally accountable, the Sarbanes bill sends a clear message to big business that further abuses will not be tolerated. Democrats in the House, including myself have been pushing for similar reforms, but the Republican leadership in the House is afraid to roll.

It's true that Republicans in the House have requested longer criminal penalties, but those penalties apply to a shorter range of crimes. They have not embraced new laws against destroying documents or tampering with evidence; they have not embraced new laws which would extend the statute of limitations for bringing cases of corporate fraud; they have not embraced measures that would end conflicts of interest and require greater accountability; they have not embraced measures that would protect whistle blowers and give honest Americans a chance to come forward without fear of retaliation. All they have done is request more years for a narrow range of crimes and they do this with the knowledge that the Attorney General has not bought any criminal charges, against any CEO involved in any of the numerous fraud cases that have surfaced. Millions have suffered because of corporate fraud and the Attorney General is merely watching from the sidelines.

Mr. Speaker I urge this Congress to raise the bar on corporate accountability, and deal a strong blow against corporate fraud. This is a real crisis, we cannot afford to merely give a superficial finger wag as the "Kenny Boys" of corporate America ride off into the sunset with rich indifference. Millions of Americans are struggling to replace their future after being robbed by corporate greed. If my Republican colleagues in the House really want to restore investor confidence and protect the financial security of the American people, the solution is clear, we can not take baby steps . . . Let's roll!