

other cruel, inhumane, and degrading treatment against them. It also calls on the Chinese Government to abide by the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by allowing Falun Gong practitioners to pursue their personal beliefs.

Mr. Speaker, we must continue to remind the international community of the Chinese Government's systematic abuse of the human rights of Falun Gong practitioners and others, and to demand—in every possible forum—that the Chinese Government cease such activities. I therefore strongly support this resolution.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE FISHER

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2002

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a talented artist, a shrewd political observer and great American, George Fisher.

Since the 1950s, George has been dispensing his incisive form of commentary in the form of political cartoons. He has trained his artistic "guns" on everything from satirizing Arkansas politicians to commenting on international affairs. Nothing seems to escape his notice, and his ability to expose and explain complex social and political issues truly puts him in a league of his own.

George began drawing political cartoons for the West Memphis News soon after returning from Europe where he bravely served his country as an infantry soldier in World War II. He honed his talent and predilection for exposing corruption in local politics during this time as he worked to undermine the influence of the local political machine through his political cartoons. After the West Memphis News was driven out of business by the political machine that he fought, he moved to Little Rock and opened a commercial art service. On the advice of friends and admirers, George picked up his pen and began drawing cartoons again a decade later for the North Little Rock Times.

In 1972, he signed a contract with the Arkansas Gazette to draw two cartoons a week for publication. To the surprise of no one who knew him at the time, he was appointed the Gazette's chief editorial cartoonist just four years later. George's career also outlived the life of the Arkansas Gazette, and he continues to periodically have cartoons published in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette and the weekly Arkansas Times.

I have been a big fan of George's throughout his career not just for his great talent, but also because of his professionalism and honesty. When you see a George Fisher cartoon, you know that George is just "calling them like he sees them." After reading one of his cartoons, I may not always agree with George, but I always respect him.

I think that Ernest Dumas summed up George Fisher's genius best when he wrote in the introduction to a volume of George's political cartoons called "The Best of Fisher":

What has robbed Fisher of greater national celebration is the perception of him as a provincial cartoonist. It is not without premise. He has continued to draw as much about

local and state subjects as national and international ones. And alongside his arsenal of classical metaphors from Shakespeare to Norse mythology, are all those bucolic images, so familiar to Arkansawyers, so foreign to those outside the Rural South. . . . Nothing is provincial, however, about the lessons or the humor of the art. They are universal.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I express my gratitude and best wishes to a faithful public servant, an Arkansas icon and a man I am proud to call my good friend, George Fisher.

RECOGNIZING MR. JAMES MACKLE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2002

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Mr. James Mackle, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in national government.

James is a senior political science major at Furman University and has distinguished himself as an intern in my Washington Office by serving the great people of the 6th District of Missouri. James joined my staff for the 107th Congress as part of the House of Representatives Intern Program at the United States Capitol in Washington, DC, a program designed to involve students in the legislative process through active participation. Through this program, James has had the opportunity to observe firsthand the inner workings of national government and has gained valuable insight into the process by which laws are made.

During his time as an intern in my office, James has successfully demonstrated his abilities in the performance of such duties as conducting research, helping with constituent services, and assuming various other responsibilities to make the office run as smoothly as possible. James has earned recognition as a valuable asset to the entire U.S. House of Representatives and my office through the application of his knowledge and skills acquired prior to his tenure as an intern and through a variety of new skills he has acquired while serving the people of Missouri and our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Mr. James Mackle for his many important contributions to the U.S. House of Representatives during the current session, as well as joining with me to extend to him our very best wishes for continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

HONORING BROWARD COUNTY SCHOOLS FOR THEIR CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2002

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Broward County schools on being just one of five large urban school systems nationwide whose standardized test scores equaled or exceeded their state averages according to a new study by the Council of the Great City Schools.

For the state of Florida this is no small feat, for improving education of our young people is our highest priority. The study focused on 57 school districts around the country examining test results from the 2000–2001 academic year.

When the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) testing began five years ago, those in grades three through ten in Broward County schools placed below the state averages, but ever since they have moved well past, making exceptional gains especially amongst the youngest of the students.

For a long time, other districts were being used as the examples and models for elite schools. Now Broward County can be the exemplar for a better education. Broward County has the fifth largest school system in the country, and has raised their scores at a greater rate than any other Florida school district.

For example, Broward's black fourth-graders improved their score from the previous year by 12 percentage points on the reading part of the FCAT test.

I would also like to commend Miami-Dade County schools for closing the test score gap between minority and white students more than any other district. Black and Hispanic students made the greatest gain in FCAT math scores.

The overall gap between white students and black and Hispanic students is dwindling and with renewed effort and determination, it is only a matter of time when all of our kids will be enhancing their scores equally.

Mr. Speaker, I must say I am extremely pleased with the academic achievements Broward County and Miami-Dade counties have made. Their students are receiving better educations and a renewed sense of commitment for a higher education. For that, we shall all be better off. Again, I congratulate the students and educators of Broward and Miami-Dade county.

IN TRIBUTE TO SPECIAL AGENT JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON AND OFFICER JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT

HON. ALBERT RUSSELL WYNN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2002

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in remembering and paying tribute to Special Agent John Michael Gibson and Officer Jacob Joseph Chestnut. Two valiant federal employees who, in a selfless act of heroism, made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country on July 24, 1998.

Special Agent John Michael Gibson was a religious man, a family man. He always made time for his wife and their three children. He is remembered as a kind, honest, devout, caring and giving human being who was loved and respected by his friends, colleagues, and his community.

As are many employees on Capitol Hill, Officer Jacob Joseph Chestnut was a resident of the 4th Congressional District of Maryland. Not only is he missed by the Department, but also the Maryland community suffers without the benefit of his kind and gentle spirit.

A retired Air Force Master Sergeant and a 18 year veteran of the United States Capitol Police, Officer J.J. Chestnut was a model federal employee and a gentle human being. A

husband and father of five, he was an individual who, by his deeds, made an indelible mark on the lives of all those he came in contact with as he performed his duties protecting the Members, staff and visitors to the United States Capitol, and in his service to his community.

It is only fitting that we honor this individual, who has brought honor to his family; his community; his organizations, the United States Capitol Police and the United States Air Force; and his country with his dedicated service and human kindness.

As a result of a bill that I introduced, and as a token of appreciation from a grateful nation, the United States Postal Service building at 11550 Livingston Road, Fort Washington, Maryland was designated the "Jacob Joseph Chestnut Post Office Building, on April 8, 2000.

Mr. Speaker, it is only fitting that we honor and cherish the memories of these brave men. I hope their families can continue to take comfort in knowing that many throughout the nation, including myself, remain in prayer for them and the U.S. Capitol Police Department.

TRIBUTE TO THE COMMITTEE FOR
GREEN FOOTHILLS ON THE OC-
CASION OF THEIR 40TH ANNIVER-
SARY

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2002

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 40th Anniversary of the Committee for Green Foothills, based in Palo Alto, California and dedicated to preserving open space on the San Francisco Peninsula.

In 1962, a group of more than 25 concerned citizens gathered in Ruth Spangenberg's living room for a meeting organized by Lois Crozier-Hogle and they created a brand new grassroots organization committed to the protection of the Peninsula foothills from development. At that first meeting, Gary Gerard suggested the name Committee for Green Foothills and Wallace Stegner was elected the first president of the group.

Since that first meeting, the group has remained at the forefront of the establishment and maintenance of policies that protect the environment and open space throughout San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties of California. They've done this by encouraging long-range planning and sensible growth by local governments, businesses and developers. The manifestation of these enlightened policies can be seen in the Stanford University 1971 Land Use/Policy Plan, the 1994 Santa Clara County General Plan, and San Jose's first Urban Growth Boundary in 1995. The Committee has also led the way in ensuring the protection of a number of critical habitats and key open space lands including Edgewood Park, the Palo Alto Baylands, Mirada Surf, Bair Island, Montara State Beach, and Pigeon Point among many others.

Today, the goals of its founders carry on through the Committee's growing membership which not only advocates for the preservation of land and open space, but also educates residents of the San Francisco Peninsula about the land and the critical need for sus-

tainable development. With the support of its membership and its partnerships with many public and private environmental organizations, the Committee has made a profound difference in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties and we are a better place because of their extraordinary accomplishments.

Because of the forty years of dedicated advocacy and education, the Committee for Green Foothills has brought about the protection and preservation of some of our nation's most prized lands. These lands not only enhance our quality of life . . . they have attracted people from around the country and the world to see, to hike, and to walk . . . all in awe of what the jewels in the crown of California's 14th Congressional District are.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in saluting the Committee for Green Foothills on their 40th Anniversary and thanking them for their incomparable contributions to our community and our country.

RECOGNIZING MR. BROCK BANKS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2002

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Mr. Brock Banks, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in national government.

Brock, the son of Paul and Jane Banks of Weston, Missouri, is a student at Maur Hill Prep High School and has distinguished himself as an intern in my Washington office by serving the great people of the 6th District of Missouri. Brock joined my staff for the 107th Congress as part of the House of Representatives intern program at the United States Capitol in Washington, DC, a program designed to involve students in the legislative process through active participation. Through this program, Brock has had the opportunity to observe firsthand the inner workings of national government and has gained valuable insight into the process by which laws are made.

During his time as an intern in my office, Brock has successfully demonstrated his abilities in the performance of such duties as conducting research, helping with constituent services, and assuming various other responsibilities to make the office run as smoothly as possible. Brock has earned recognition as a valuable asset to the entire U.S. House of Representatives and my office through the application of his knowledge and skills acquired prior to his tenure as an intern and through a variety of new skills he has acquired while serving the people of Missouri and our nation.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Mr. Brock Banks for his many important contributions to the U.S. House of Representatives during the current session, as well as joining with me to extend to him our very best wishes for continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF MACHINE
EMBROIDERY

HON. BOB RILEY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2002

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give recognition to Machine Embroidery.

We are all familiar with hand embroidery pieces done by our grandmothers or on display in historic houses and antique shops. But today, there are machines that can embroider on any fabric from the most delicate material used in heirloom sewing to the heaviest material from which luggage is made.

It is in the past few years that home embroidery machines have become more popular. And with modern technology, computers and the internet, there are unlimited designs and a worldwide network of fellow machine embroiders who share ideas and their designs.

After September 11, 2001, there were over 600 memorial designs shared by designers all over the world. These patriotic designs were embroidered on many wearable and usable items reflecting our love of our country.

The home embroidery machines have given a boost to our country's economy through cottage industries that have sprung up, and this is true of other countries as well.

But, most important, thousands of individuals all over the world using embroidery machines are each doing a small part in their own way to make our lives more beautiful with their handiwork.

IN HONOR OF MR. LEWIS
EISENBERG

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2002

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a good friend of the State of New Jersey, Mr. Lewis Eisenberg. On October 12th, Lew will celebrate his 60th birthday with family and friends in Rumson, New Jersey. And I am honored to take this opportunity to recognize the career, the leadership and the friendship of Lew Eisenberg.

Over the years, I have spent much time with Lew in the same political circles, and even New Jersey circles. Yet both of us share more than just the same group of friends. We share a strong belief in the ideals of our Party—and the people who work to achieve those ideals. Lew has turned this passion into a career of significant public service.

Lew has held many titles, and done much with those titles. Indeed, positions of leadership and power can be overwhelming, yet Lew has demonstrated outstanding guidance and has consistently been recognized and awarded for the contributions he has made to society.

Lew has been in positions of authority at times when very few people would ever want to be in those positions. And he handled them with skill and compassion. I cannot speak justly of Lew's career without mentioning his tremendous and difficult service as Chairman of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey from 1995 through December of 2001.