

Director of the Division of Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics.

Along with carrying the title as educator, Dr. Bowen served his nation serving in the United States Air Force, where he functioned as a faculty member of the Air Force Institute of Technology.

Mr. Speaker, to express their profound appreciation for the work of Dr. Bowen, the Board of Regents at Texas A&M University has conferred upon him the title of President Emeritus, to be effective on the day after his departure from the role of President.

For my part, having the privilege of representing the Aggies for the past six years in Congress, I fail to find adequate words to express my appreciation and deep respect for this unique gentleman.

Dr. Bowen is quiet and intelligent, wonderfully organized and highly disciplined. He has a commanding presence, yet he is as much at home mingling with students and watching an Aggie baseball game as he is discussing education policy with Texas and America's political leaders and advanced technologies with the nation's brightest scientific minds.

As you would imagine, he has surrounded himself with an outstanding and dedicated staff and faculty which reflect his innate leadership as well as his desire to bring out the best in those around him.

I will not soon forget the tragic Bonfire collapse in November 1999, nor Dr. Bowen's calm, compassionate and reassuring leadership during those terribly difficult days and months. Through it all, in public and private, he remained steadfastly focused on the families of those injured and the Aggie family that leaned upon him so heavily.

It is said the times that future generations elect to recall are not those of ease and prosperity, but of adversity bravely borne. Dr. Bowen and his team bore this unimaginable adversity with dignity and purpose.

I am proud to call him my friend. This university and this nation are better for his service.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all the students, faculty, former students, and friends of Texas A&M University, I am proud to recognize Dr. Bowen for his outstanding achievements and contributions bestowed not only upon Texas A&M University, but also this great nation.

#### RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF TONY HALL

**HON. EVA M. CLAYTON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 26, 2002*

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend and colleague TONY HALL as he prepares to accept the nomination as the ambassador to the Food and Agriculture Agencies of the United Nations. Although I extend my very best wishes to TONY HALL, I rise on this occasion with great sadness at the realization that this Congress will soon be losing one of its finest members. TONY HALL is a man who shows courage in the face of adversity, integrity when there is little to be found, and compassion when the prevailing winds blow with malice.

Throughout his career, TONY HALL has served as the moral conscience of Congress

on issues of hunger and poverty. Where there is hardship and injustice TONY HALL is the first to enter the fray and the last to leave. During his career in Congress, TONY HALL has often traveled into the heart of distress. When Ethiopia was in the grips of a massive famine in 1984–1985, TONY was there experiencing firsthand the grim reality that most of us viewed at a distance on our televisions. When reports started trickling out about the growing deprivation in North Korea, TONY was the first to travel there and he later traveled there 5 more times and kept his colleagues here in Congress apprised of the situation. When no one else had the courage to do so, it was TONY who traveled to Iraq, against the advice of many, to assess the suffering of the innocent.

I am certain that you are familiar with the proverb "Ease and honor are seldom bedfellows." This proverb applies to no one more than TONY HALL. It should come as a surprise to no one that TONY HALL has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize and I imagine that, as TONY embarks upon his journey as the Ambassador to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Program, we may well hear his name again mentioned in connection with the Nobel Peace Prize.

The departure of TONY HALL from this Congress will leave a void of leadership on the issue of hunger. There are many here who have worked with TONY and supported his efforts in world hunger but there are none who have so relentlessly and singlemindedly reminded this Congress and this country of our obligation to the least among us. As we honor TONY's effort on the eve of his departure, I want to urge my colleagues to step into the space left by TONY's departure and take up the reins of leadership in combating world hunger.

Not only is TONY HALL a man of conviction and compassion, but he is also a man of deep and abiding faith. All of us who know TONY know that his convictions are grounded, first and foremost, in his faith in a God who has charged us to feed the hungry and to shelter the naked. It is this faith that gives TONY such grace in the face of adversity and his firm kindness when he stands alone.

Mr. Speaker, there is a passage from the book of Isaiah that I love and that I think speaks to TONY's steadfast efforts to raise up the struggles of the poor and hungry around the world. I would like to recite it now in honor of TONY's efforts.

And if you give yourself to the hungry  
And satisfy the desire of the afflicted,  
Then your light will rise in darkness  
And your gloom will become like midday.  
And the LORD will continually guide you,  
And satisfy your desire in scorched places,  
And (give strength to your bones;  
And you will be like a watered garden,  
And like a (spring of water whose waters do  
not fail.

Those from among you will rebuild the ancient ruins;  
You will raise up the age-old foundations;  
And you will be called the repairer of the breach,

The restorer of the streets in which to dwell.

Mr. Speaker, TONY HALL has given himself to the hungry and his light has risen in the darkness. In so doing, he has spread this light to his colleagues and he has shed light on the actions that we must take to satisfy the desire of the afflicted.

Because of his efforts, TONY HALL is what the book of Isaiah calls a "repairer of the

breach and the restorer of streets in which to dwell," and for this Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank and honor our friend and colleague TONY HALL and to wish him God's blessings as he departs for Rome to continue his work to erase the blight of world hunger.

#### RECENT VIOLENCE IN NORTHERN IRELAND

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 26, 2002*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to condemn the recent sectarian violence, that has occurred in Northern Ireland over the past several weeks. It is quite obvious to me that the parties who are organizing these attacks are hoping that they can derail the 1998 Good Friday Peace Accord.

Mr. Speaker, as you may know, for the first time since January, an individual was killed in Belfast due to sectarian violence. This murder was one of several coordinated acts of violence which occurred Monday evening. At different points throughout the night, several young men were shot at in Catholic neighborhoods. All acts were credited to the Ulster Defense Association, also known as the Red Hand Defenders.

Late Monday evening, Gerald Lawler, a Catholic teenager was walking home from a local Belfast pub, when he was suddenly shot to death in a drive-by attack. His crime: he was a 19 year-old Catholic walking home from a predominately Catholic bar, in a predominately Catholic neighborhood. He was killed solely because of his religion. According to news reports he wasn't even active politically.

This attack occurred only days after the Irish Republic Army (IRA) issued an unprecedented public apology for civilian deaths which occurred over the more than 30 year conflict. This surprise gesture was an obvious sign that the IRA and other Catholic groups want to work to ensure the survival of the new government of Northern Ireland. By apologizing the IRA takes a significant step in showing the world that they are ready to obey the guidelines of the '98 accords. Unfortunately, extremist groups on the other side of the conflict do not feel the same way.

The murder of Gerald Lawler Monday night by the UDA confirms that loyalist groups refuse to give equality to Catholics, called for in the Good Friday Accords. These extremist groups feel that by once again escalating the conflict they can destroy the accords and the power-sharing government thus reverting back to sectarian Protestant control.

Yesterday (Wednesday), Prime Minister Blair called for an end of the violence in Northern Ireland and vowed to toughen its enforcement of paramilitary cease-fires. To enforce these cease-fires, Blair plans to deploy hundreds of extra police and soldiers to spearhead a campaign to keep the peace.

While I am encouraged by Prime Minister Blair's comments, I am worried that an increase in British police and military personnel will do little to stem the violence. In the past, when the offenders of cease-fires were groups which are loyal to the crown, the police frequently turned a blind eye to the violence, refusing to arrest and prosecute offenses

against Catholics. This only caused the conflict to escalate rather than encourage peace.

I call on Prime Minister Blair and First Minister David Trimble, the Protestant government leader, to take real steps to stop the violence. They need to find all the perpetrators of the violence in the North, especially those which occurred most recently, and take appropriate legal action against them. For the Good Friday accord to be successful all parties in Northern Ireland must stop the sectarian violence.

The conflict in Ireland between Catholic and Protestants is centuries old. However, for the first time a real solution, which is equitable to all sides, has been reached and is in the early stages of working. Now both sides need to come together and stop any and all sectarian violence and allow for true democracy to work.

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PAYING TRIBUTE TO KELLER  
HAYES

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 26, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Keller Hayes of Colorado, a remarkable individual who has assisted in building economic prosperity and equality in the Denver business market. It is my honor to applaud an individual who demonstrates determination and perseverance despite the obstacles, and a privilege to pay tribute to such a deserving Coloradan who has donated countless hours towards the betterment of the Denver community.

Keller Hayes was raised on a rural Nebraska ranch, where her grandmother instilled in her ethics and morals that she fervently displays today. Keller overcame hurdle after hurdle throughout her life, and after graduating from college with a minor in women's studies, she embarked on her mission to bring equality to women in the workplace. Keller is a beacon to women everywhere, and she serves on numerous boards and panels working to ensure the rights of working women nationwide. She is an active member of the Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce, the largest women's chamber in the country. Her assistance in training, mentoring, counseling, and advising women of all ages, has helped build a strong community. Because of Keller's diligence and perseverance, she received the prestigious award of 'Women Business Advocate of the Year'.

Mr. Speaker, it is my sincere honor to pay tribute to Keller Hayes before this body of Congress and this nation. Thank you Keller for providing integrity and dignity to our society, and selflessly donating countless volunteer hours to your community. Congratulations on your award, and good luck in all your future endeavors.

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TRIBUTE TO FATHER JOHN  
GLAROS

**HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 26, 2002*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor Father John Glaros, a valued member

of the community in Florida's ninth district, who passed away June 22, 2002. Father Glaros had a lifelong history of service to his community and country by fulfilling religious and government roles alike.

Father Glaros was born in 1920 in Plant City, Florida, although he was raised and educated in Greece for the first eighteen years of his life. He returned to America to enlist in the U.S. Army where he was trained in special operations and served as a member of the Office of Strategic Services in World War II.

After his honorable discharge, he returned to Plant city where he owned and operated the Dixie Restaurant. In the late 1950's, he became a Plant City commissioner and was subsequently elected Plant City mayor. Dedicated to remain active in his community, Father Glaros sat on the Hillsborough County Commission from 1967 to 1971.

He began his commitment to the Greek Orthodox Church in 1976 when he was ordained as a priest. For twenty-one years he assisted churches in the Winter Haven, Naples, and Port Charlotte communities on an as-needed basis until his retirement. He will be remembered for his devotion and the tireless effort he contributed to these communities.

Father Glaros was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Cribbs Glaros. He leaves two sons, Steve and Jim of Jacksonville and Plant City, respectively; one daughter, Linda Konstantinidis of Clearwater, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute to the life of Father John Glaros and thank him for the contributions he made. I give my condolences to his family. Father Glaros will be sadly missed throughout our community but will be fondly remembered.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 26, 2002*

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, due to a family medical emergency, I missed Roll Call votes No. 320, No. 321, No. 322, and No. 323. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on No. 320, "yea" on No. 321, "nay" on No. 322, and "nay" on No. 323.

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HONORING OFFICERS ROBERT  
ETTER AND STEPHANIE MARKINS

**HON. MARK GREEN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 26, 2002*

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I am profoundly dismayed today to share a piece of dreadful news from my district with this House and with our entire Nation.

On Monday, in an act of terrifying evil, a man deliberately crashed his truck into a police squad car in the Town of Hobart, Wisconsin. The two police officers in the car, Robert Etter and Stephanie Markins, were killed.

Officer Etter, who was known by some in the community as "Officer Bob," served in law enforcement for three decades. He retired a few years ago but soon realized how hard it

was to leave behind 30 years of serving and protecting his neighbors—so he returned, bringing his immense experience and skills back to the local law enforcement community. In fact, he was sharing some of that experience with a new officer when their car was hit on July 22. He leaves behind a wife, four daughters, two grandchildren and a community grateful for having had the opportunity to share life with him.

Officer Markins was that new officer learning from Officer Etter. She had served on the force for just a short time. Described by one of her trainers as "very much a go getter" who wanted to "get out and deal with people," Officer Markins' promise as a law enforcement officer was tragically cut short Monday. She was a fiancé, a daughter, a sister, a friend, a neighbor and a protector who was willing to give everything for the security of others. She will be missed.

Mr. Speaker, this heartbreaking and senseless case tragically demonstrates that law enforcement is a dangerous job whether it's done in New York City or Hobart, Wisconsin. And it shows that the people who choose it as their profession are truly extraordinary in their character, their courage, and their dedication to their fellow citizens.

I offer today these few brief remarks to honor the memories of Officers Etter and Markins, to ensure that they are remembered in the annals of our nation's history, to recognize these families' incredible loss, and to remind all of us of the sacrifices made every day by law enforcement officers and their loved ones.

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INTRODUCTION OF THE DEFENSE  
OF FREEDOM EDUCATION ACT

**HON. THOMAS E. PETRI**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 26, 2002*

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, today I have introduced the Defense of Freedom Education Act, legislation which is designed to create new, and strengthen existing, post-secondary education programs which teach the nature, history, and philosophy of free institutions, Western Civilization, and the threats to freedom from totalitarianism and fanaticism.

In order to sustain freedom and civilization, it is imperative that every generation be taught to understand their full significance and value, and the threats with which they are faced. However, in almost all of our institutions of higher education today, the study of American history and Western Civilization has been systematically de-emphasized. For a variety of reasons, these subject areas have fallen into disfavor on college campuses, to the point that it is possible at many leading universities to get a liberal arts degree without having taken one course in history or Western Civilization. This perpetuation of ignorance about the philosophical underpinnings of our nation can only have baleful consequences for the future.

To see that this de-emphasis is already having an effect, one must only examine the stunning ignorance about basic facts of American history among recent college graduates, as detailed in a 2000 study conducted by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni. To cite just one of the many horrifying examples