

that the conditions of her incarceration are "degrading and inhumane." Continued incarceration while awaiting a decision of the Inter American Court will cause her needless additional suffering.

Legal and humanitarian considerations require that Lori Berenson be released immediately. I urge the Peruvian government to set her free.

HONORING PASTOR KIRBYJON H.
AND SUZETTE TURNER CALDWELL

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2002

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Pastor and Mrs. Kirbyjon Caldwell for their years of service and dedication to the Windsor Village United Methodist Church in Houston, Texas. In honor of Pastor and Mrs. Caldwell, the Windsor Village Community hosted the "20th Anniversary Celebration: Recognizing Their Spiritual Leadership" on July 19, 2002.

A native Texan, Pastor Caldwell was educated in the Houston public school system, earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics from Carleton College in 1975, and a Masters Degree in Business Administration from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business in 1977. After graduate school, Pastor Caldwell began a promising career in investment banking. But, in an effort to fulfill God's purpose for his life, Pastor Caldwell enrolled into Southern Methodist University, Perkins School of Theology, where he received a Masters Degree in Theology in 1981. While completing his theology degree, Pastor Caldwell was appointed Associate Pastor of St. Mary's United Methodist Church in Houston and in less than a year he was appointed Senior Pastor of Windsor Village United Methodist Church.

Since his first sermon at Windsor Village in 1982, Pastor Caldwell has dedicated himself to addressing the needs of his congregation. The growth and success that Windsor Village has experienced under Pastor Caldwell's leadership reveals a pastor who is truly connected to his community and committed to the church's prosperity. Under his pastorate, the Windsor Village membership has grown from 25 to over 14,000, and the average worship attendance has increased from 12 to 6,450. The Church includes over 120 ministries, which serve the community seven days a week.

The spiritual leadership at Windsor Village serves as a beacon for the Houston community. With such facilities as the Power Center, the Prayer Center and the Family Life Center, the congregation's sense of community activism and outreach provides an ideal model of service to the surrounding community. The Power Center, developed in conjunction with the Windsor Village Church Family and the Pyramid Community Development Corporation, houses numerous services and entities, such as the Imani School, J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, Houston Community College's Business Technology Center, the University of Texas-Hermann Hospital Clinic, W.A.M. Inc, and 27 business suites. Additionally, the church recently broke ground for a 234 acre master-

planned community which will consist of a 452 single family home residential community with a 12 acre community park, a YMCA, an independent living facility, the Comprehensive Wellness Center, the Zina Garrison Tennis Center, and two museums.

Pastor Caldwell's contributions extend far beyond his pastoral duties. He is the author of the best seller, *The Gospel of Good Success*, which serves as a road map to spiritual, emotional, and financial wholeness. Newsweek identified Pastor Caldwell as a member of "The Century Club," and the magazine's 100 people to watch in the 21st century. Throughout his years of service to his ministry and the community, Pastor Caldwell has received numerous accolades, including Community Partners' Father of the Year, Texas Monthly's Twenty Most Influential Texans, the FBI Director's Community Leadership Award, and the Bishop's Award for Outstanding Leadership in Evangelism.

Aside from the monumental work he has done for Windsor Village, Pastor Caldwell, is involved in a number of civic and business ventures that impact the community. He serves on the board of the National Children's Defense Fund, the Greater Houston Partnership, Continental Airlines, Southern Methodist University, and Baylor College of Medicine, to name a few.

Pastor and Mrs. Caldwell have been married for 11 years and are the proud parents of Turner, Nia and Alexander Caldwell. Mrs. Suzette Caldwell graduated from the University of Houston with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering, where she is currently pursuing a graduate school in social work. Mrs. Caldwell's professional career as an environmental engineer in the public and private sector spans over 17 years.

Suzette Caldwell has made her own significant imprint upon the Windsor Village community. Presently, she serves as a local pastor and the Director of the Supernatural Services. In addition, she serves as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Kingdom Builders' Prayer Institute, a non-profit community-based organization that focuses on teaches people how to pray and the effectiveness of prayer. Among others, she serves as a member of the Children's Museum of Houston Advisory Board, a member of the Teach for America Advisory Board, and member of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women. Her dedication to service is exemplified by the numerous recognitions she has received over the years, including, The National Association of 100 Black Women's Makeda Award, The Suburban Sugar Land Women's Community Service Award, The Samaritan Center's Samaritan Spirit Award, Philanthropy In Texas' Hall of Fame, and the US Army Corps of Engineers' Achievement Award for Special Acts of Service.

Mr. Speaker, throughout Kirbyjon and Suzette Caldwell's service to the Windsor Village United Methodist Community, their wisdom, enthusiasm, and vision, have served their congregation and its surrounding community well. Their dedication to the community and commitment to their neighbors sets them apart as the spark that keeps faith aglow. I want to congratulate the Caldwell's on their twenty years of service to the Windsor Village Methodist Church and thank them for their service to our community, state and nation.

HIV

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2002

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce legislation that will help patients who received HIV infected blood products and transplants. The humanitarian relief fund, modeled on the bipartisan Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Act of 1998, honors Steve Grissom, the North Carolina resident infected with HIV while undergoing treatment for leukemia. What happened to Steve Grissom and the thousands of people like him is a national tragedy.

It is my hope that this legislation can help victims of tainted transfusions. Steve's story is not unique. An estimated 12,000 Americans contracted HIV from tainted blood and blood products. Others got the disease through tissue and organ transplants.

In the early 1980s, the U.S. government is believed to have known about the risks of HIV infection, but may have failed to do enough to warn recipients or to institute safe blood practices, according to a report by the Institute of Medicine.

In 1995, legislation was introduced to help hemophiliacs who contracted HIV through such transfusions. The bill passed with overwhelming support, and was fully funded in 2001. However, the bill did not include funding for people like Steve Grissom, who received blood or transplants for other reasons.

This legislation would provide needed relief for Steve and people like him. For it is the right thing to do.

H.R. 5005, HOMELAND SECURITY ACT

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2002

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Chairman, I rise to vehemently oppose the Rogers amendment to H.R. 5005. This is a dangerous amendment that would create a slippery slope, eroding the intent and protection of the Posse Comitatus Act. Mr. ARMEY plans to offer a manager's amendment that includes a sense of Congress re-affirming the intent of the Posse Comitatus Act, yet, it would have no legal impact. Furthermore, if the Rogers amendment is included in the final version of H.R. 5005, the sense of Congress will provide absolutely no protection against the dangers of the Rogers amendment. It is currently illegal for the military to conduct law enforcement, and Congress must not threaten this principle by passing the Rogers amendment.

For 124 years, the Posse Comitatus Act has protected the American public from the power and reach of the military in the enforcement of the law. The authors of the Declaration of Independence rallied against the power of King George's army in the affairs of the civil government, and, in America's earliest years, the public rightly feared the strength of a standing army in times of peace. The military is not trained to protect individual rights or the principle of innocent until conviction. Nor should they be. The military is charged with the protection of the nation against armed attack by

foreign hostile regimes. We should never allow the military to become entangled in the enforcement of our civil laws.

The Rogers amendment would give the military a permanent position within the Department of Homeland Security to make changes to our government's law enforcement structure. Should the Rogers amendment be included in the final version of the Homeland Security Act, the military would be able to influence civilian use of the Internet, agricultural inspection activities, and customs enforcement, among others. We do not want generals in the Pentagon influencing civilian use of the Internet. We do not want the Pentagon issuing visas and standing on our borders watching who comes and who goes. We do not live in a Communist state and the military should not be enforcing our civil laws.

While Mr. ARMEY will offer an amendment to re-affirm the intent of the Posse Comitatus Act, it will have no legal effect. The Rogers amendment would. Vote no on the Rogers amendment.

CLEANING UP CORPORATE ACCOUNTING PRACTICES

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2002

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, the House of Representatives yesterday finally passed tough corporate and auditor accountability legislation. After voting unanimously to oppose almost the same bill in April, House Republicans finally joined Democrats in taking the first step to restore investor confidence by cleaning up corporate accounting practices. I want to emphasize that is only a modest first step if we are to restore investor confidence and protect workers and pension holders from corporate greed.

We could have passed strong reforms months ago, but now we are playing catch up. Our work will not be finished until there is pension security, stock options reforms, and government corporate watchdogs who are not tied to Enron and other corporate thieves. I strongly encourage the President to fire Harvey Pitt, to hire regulators who are independent from the industries they regulate, and to aggressively pursue those reforms.

I am pleased that this legislation will stop loans to corporate insiders, extend the statute of limitations for financial fraud from three to five years, force corporate insiders to disclose within two days, and strengthen whistleblower protections for corporate employees.

However, I am disappointed that we have not acted ourselves or directed the Financial Accounting Standards Board to account for stock options as an expense. Stock options packages have been used to deceive investors and workers as to the true financial condition of a corporation. At a recent Berkshire Hathaway annual meeting, Warren Buffet stated, "If options aren't a form of compensation, what are they? If compensation isn't an expense, what is it? And, if expenses shouldn't go into the calculation of earnings, where in the world should they go?" We need to create rules that will restore integrity to our markets.

I am also disappointed that we are not doing more to make sure that workers, pen-

sion holders, and investors are compensated by corporate wrongdoers and their accomplices. They suffered great losses; and through this legislation, they are not totally compensated for those injuries. Accountants, lawyers, and banks that aid and abet corporate fraud are not held liable at all for damages under current law. In order to restore integrity to our financial markets, all parties will need to be held responsible for their actions. Clearly, our work is far from over.

BANKRUPTCY REFORM (H.R. 333)

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2002

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Conference Report for the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act.

I can give my colleagues one reason to support this legislation—fairness.

This bill will restore fairness to our nation's bankruptcy laws for those Americans who work hard and pay their bills on time.

A few days ago, representatives from a number of credit unions came to my office, including Rob Nemeroff of the Melrose Credit Union in Woodside, Queens in my Congressional District.

He detailed about how the hard working, middle class people of his credit union—and of my District—continually have to pick up the tab for those who file bankruptcy—whether legitimately, as many do, or irresponsibly, as far too many do.

This bill will provide them some fairness—something that my constituents do not often get from this Congress.

H.R. 333 provides fairness to the victims of criminal corporate executives by mandating that these corporate pirates can no longer shield their multi-million dollar homes from defrauded investors seeking to reclaim some of their lost assets.

It provides fairness for those families who suffered losses in the terror attacks of last year by walling off any of the compensation paid to them through the Victims Compensation Fund or other victims' funds from being considered as income for repayment plans.

And this bill provides fairness for women and children in their ability to collect child support and alimony obligations.

And for those who do file for bankruptcy, this bill includes numerous new protections for them and their families.

This bill permits filers to keep their homes and provide health insurance for themselves and their families before taking their assets into account for repayment plans.

This bill states that low income debtors will be exempt from many of the provisions of this bill if their median family income is below the average for their state.

This legislation represents a fair, common sense approach towards tackling the important yet complicated issues surrounding the issue of bankruptcy in a way that will benefit those working Americans who pay their bills while providing for those who cannot.

Finally, I applaud my colleague from New York, Senator CHARLES SCHUMER for his tireless battle to include tough penalties for the

people who try to discharge debt from clinic protesting.

This was the right thing to do, and I applaud him for including it in this bill.

Overall, this bill is about fairness and I am pleased to support this Conference Report.

H.R. 5005 MANAGER'S AMENDMENT

HON. SHERWOOD L. BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2002

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the Manager's Amendment. I want to thank the Majority Leader and his staff, Margaret Peterlin, Steve Rademaker and Hugh Halpern, for working so cooperatively with us on these items.

The Manager's Amendment includes language making clear the Department's responsibilities to work with states, localities and the private sector to help them improve the security of their computer systems. The Amendment also establishes a volunteer corps of computer experts, who, upon request, could help localities recover from cyber attacks.

The Amendment also includes two important provisions we worked out with the Energy and Commerce and Government Reform Committees, and I want to thank Chairman TAUZIN and Chairman DAVIS and their staffs for their work on these issues.

The first provision, based on Chairman Davis's Federal Information Systems Management Act, will help improve the security of federal computer systems.

The second provision will ensure that the government can take advantage of unsolicited ideas from entrepreneurs and inventors who are working on ways to enhance homeland security. After the anthrax attacks, Americans came forward with an avalanche of ideas to counter bioterrorism, and found that the government had no way to avoid simply being buried by the incoming information. That has to change, and the Department of Homeland Security has to be the instrument to change it.

The Department must have a way to receive unsolicited suggestions, evaluate them, and either move with them, refer them to other appropriate federal agencies, or reject them. The language will require the Department to do just that.

This is such a clear need for the Department to do this—advocated by the National Academy of Science, among others—that the Science Committee, the Energy and Commerce Committee and the Government Reform Committee each reported out a version of language to meet this need.

In our Committee, Congresswoman LYNN RIVERS offered helpful language to expand on the ideas in our base bill, and particularly, to promote coordination with the Technical Support Working Group, an inter-agency group that currently tries to shift through unsolicited ideas.

I'm pleased that our three Committees were able to merge our approaches, and that Chairman ARMEY included that agreement in the Manager's Amendment.

I urge support of this Amendment, which clearly improves the bill.