

have done for over one hundred years, provide all ages with a fun and educational experience, and create memories that connect each new generation of fair-goers.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honor and recognition of the Cuyahoga County Agricultural Society, on the significant occasion of the Society's 106th Annual Cuyahoga County Fair. The County Fair has provided millions of citizens the opportunity to explore the County's agricultural existence in an educational, creative and inviting manner. This annual event has been a culturally significant aspect of our entire community, and a wonderful event for citizens of all ages.

U.S. SHOULD REDUCE DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN OIL BY REDUCING OIL DEMAND

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, the events of September 11 highlight the danger in continuing to ignore our oil dependence on other countries, especially our dependence on Middle East oil. More than 51 percent of the oil we use is imported. Our Nation is in a very vulnerable position, at the mercy of unstable regimes in the Middle East and other volatile regions. Our dependence on oil has many negative ramifications including the threatening of our environment and our economy.

Our oil dependency places a heavy burden on our environment. It contributes significantly to making the United States the world's largest emitter of carbon dioxide, responsible for one-fourth of the world's total global warming pollution. Our high demand for oil also pressures us to drill in our remaining unspoiled wilderness such as Utah's Redrock canyon county and the Arctic Wildlife Refuge. Our land, water, wildlife and the livelihood of coastal communities are also threatened by oil spills, an inevitable consequence of oil transportation.

Our oil dependency is also very costly to our economy. The United States spent \$106 billion on imported crude oil and petroleum products in 2000. That is equivalent to almost one third of the total U.S. trade deficit. Over the past 30 years, Americans have transferred \$1.16 trillion of their wealth to oil-producing countries.

As we develop our energy policy, we must ensure that it is one that can both reduce oil use and its burden on our environment and economy. Shifting the drilling for oil from one country to another will not resolve our oil crisis. We need to reduce our oil dependence by utilizing innovative technologies that focus on reducing oil use such as gasoline-electric hybrid vehicles which get double the mileage of today's cars. We must also encourage smart growth in our cities instead of suburban sprawl so that communities are more liveable with less driving.

The only effective way to reduce dependence on foreign oil, and at the same time protect our environment, is to reduce our oil demand. If we lower our oil consumption, more of America's wealth will stay in this country.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. NICHOLAS CROATIAN BYZANTINE CHURCH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor, recognition and celebration of the 100th Anniversary Celebration of St. Nicholas Croatian Byzantine Church in Cleveland, Ohio.

St. Nicholas Church has been a significant spiritual, cultural and historical anchor for Croatian immigrants for one hundred years. In 1902, fifty families, who had recently immigrated to Cleveland from Croatia founded St. Nicholas Church. Father Mile Golubic arrived in the United States to celebrate first Divine Liturgy in an old building converted to accommodate liturgical services in spring of 1902. Parishioners, though very poor financially, were wealthy in spirit, hope and determination. Parishioners and church leaders kept St. Nicholas Church alive through their generous donations and volunteerism.

In 1913, after years of challenges and difficulties for the fledgling church, members collected enough money to purchase a church building on the corner of East 36th Street and St. Clair—where St. Nicholas Church remains to this day.

St. Nicholas Church has endured many changes over the past hundred years. The membership has increased considerably, and the church itself has been rebuilt and restored. Yet from its simplest beginnings as a group of Croatian immigrants—connected by faith, family, a past in Croatia and a future in America. The dreams, hopes, vision, and generous hearts that defined the founding members of St. Nicholas Church in the early days, carried the Church through a century, and remains the same today.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor, recognition and celebration of St. Nicholas Croatian Byzantine Catholic Church, on the momentous and happy occasion of their 100th Anniversary. May St. Nicholas Church, and its leaders and parishioners, continue their dedication to the enhancement of the spiritual, historical and cultural life of Croatian Americans, which continues to enhance our entire community.

IN RECOGNITION OF PHELPS DODGE IN GREEN VALLEY, ARIZONA

HON. JIM KOLBE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to rise today to congratulate the employees and management of Phelps Dodge Sierrita in Green Valley, Arizona. They are one of the eight mining operations to recently receive the prestigious annual "Sentinels of Safety" award in recognition of their outstanding safety records during 2001. Begun in 1925 by then-Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover, this award is highly sought after and is the oldest established award for occupational safety. I commend Phelps Dodge Sierrita for their efforts to work safely each and every day.

It is an award that is not easily won. Mining operations that receive the award achieve the highest number of employee work-hours without an injury that resulted in lost time from work. What this translates to is that a company must compile at least 30,000 employee work-hours during the year without a lost-time injury or fatality. Phelps Dodge Sierrita recorded a staggering 453,936 consecutive employee hours well beyond the minimum required to receive the award. They are a stellar example to us all.

IN HONOR OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF UKRAINE'S PROCLAMATION OF INDEPENDENCE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor and recognition of the tenth anniversary of the Ukraine Parliament's brave and historic Proclamation of Independence.

The Ukraine Parliament embraced democracy, and declared independence under the visionary leadership of Leonid Kravchuk, on August 24, 1991—after years of Soviet rule. The Proclamation of Independence was followed by a nationwide referendum in which over 90% of Ukraine's 53 million people voted in favor of independence and elected Kravchuk the first President of the Independent Ukraine. This courageous step ended centuries of foreign rule and allowed Ukraine to make tremendous strides towards freedom and democratic rule.

On this special day I recall the words of Ivan Plyushch, the Parliamentary chief as he proudly proclaimed at the 1991, inaugural ceremony, "A European State has appeared on the map, and its name is Ukraine!!" The bold actions of these patriotic leaders set a country that had known so much terror on a course of freedom, liberty and democracy.

Mr. Speaker, on this day of celebration, I also rise to honor the men and women who fought hard and suffered dearly in their country's struggle to break the bonds of oppression, and who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country's independence. It is due to their grandparents and parents dedication and bravery that the children of Ukraine breathe the air of freedom. I ask my colleagues to join me in honor and recognition of this momentous occasion.

TRIBUTE TO CAMPBELL'S FLOWERS AND GREENHOUSES

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a family company that has become a hallmark of civic virtue and quality through many years of service to their community. Campbell's Flowers and Greenhouses has been an integral part of community life in Pueblo, Colorado, for nearly a century and it is with pleasure I honor them today.

German immigrant Gerhard Fleischer founded Campbell's Flowers in the early 1900s

under its original name, Fleischer's House of Flowers. His son, Wally, helped his father grow the business and moved it to its current location. But developing a business and selling flowers was not their only priority; they also helped cultivate a community. Gerhard planned many of the city's parks and Wally helped establish garden clubs, worked with city crews to landscape, and played Santa Claus amusing the local children at Christmas.

In 1958, the Fleischers sold the flower shop to Fred and Jim Campbell who changed the name, and the company continued to grow with the community it served. When current owner Gary and Kathy Stanifer purchased Campbell's Flowers along with partners in 1978, they kept the name and commitment to the community that came with it. By that time, Campbell's Flowers had already rooted itself deep into the economy and culture of Pueblo, and continues to stand out as mark of quality and excellence in the floral industry.

Mr. Speaker, I stand today to honor this company before this body of Congress and our Nation. Campbell's Flowers and Greenhouses and the hardworking, progressive men and women who have made it what it is today, stand as beacons of American spirit and industry. They are an example to us all and worthy of our praise.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
CONGRESSMAN DON J. PEASE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Congressman Don Pease—civil leader, newspaperman, and professor—and most importantly—beloved family man, and friend and mentor to many.

As the long-time representative of District 13, Congressman Pease's dedication to public service was characterized by integrity, hard work, creativity and kindness. His life-long commitment to progressive ideals and civic involvement began in his own community in the sixties, when he served two terms as a Councilman in the city of Oberlin. Shortly thereafter, Congressman Pease was elected to the Ohio State Senate, where he served until he was elected to represent the residents of Ohio's District 13 as a United States Congressman. From 1976 to 1992, Congressman Pease worked toward the betterment of his constituents with determination, unwavering principles, and courage to take on controversial issues.

Congressman Pease was a gentleman and a scholar. His expertise and talent in the areas of writing, editing and managing a newspaper was clearly evident throughout his many years as writer and editor of the Oberlin News Tribune. During that time, Congressman Pease garnered several editing and newspaper awards. Later, Congressman Pease brought his experience and knowledge to Oberlin College, in the position of Visiting Distinguished Professor of Politics.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Congressman Don J. Pease—a truly outstanding individual, public servant, and above all—beloved husband, father, and friend. I extend my deepest condolences to his wife Jeanne and daughter

Jennifer, and also to his extended family and friends.

HONORING DOCTOR CHARLES
DAVID LEE

HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Doctor Charles David Lee, a constituent of mine from Forest, Mississippi, who recently announced his retirement after 44 years of service as a general medical practitioner in Forest. Dr. Lee, affectionately known as "David" to his many friends, is the son of the late Chief Justice and Mrs. Percy Mercer Lee. He is a 1948 graduate of Forest High School, where he excelled, in both academics and athletics.

Doctor Lee's undergraduate degree was attained at Mississippi College, and his Doctorate of Medicine was attained at Tulane University. While at Mississippi College, he was an outstanding athlete, participating in football, basketball and baseball. He served as Co-Captain of the football team his sophomore year, and during his junior year he was selected "Little All American" and at the same time picked up the nickname "Dixie Dave" which remains to this day. He has been recognized as one of Mississippi College's most outstanding athletes in school history. Because of his athletic achievements, he was named to the Mississippi College Sports Hall of Fame in 1972.

Doctor Lee entered Tulane Medical School in 1951 and graduated 4th in his class in 1956. After graduating and completing his internship, Doctor Lee entered the U.S. Army Medical Corps as a Captain, and spent two years of service in Okinawa where he became an expert in the treatment of military divers. Because of his exemplary military service, Doctor Lee was encouraged by his military superiors to remain in the Army and make it a career. After much thought and deliberation by he and his wife, Doctor Lee decided, to return to Forest and begin his medical practice. Doctor Lee was honorably discharged from the Army in 1958.

For 44 years Doctor Lee and his wife have faithfully served the Forest and Scott County community. He has focused on being a "patient's doctor" and is recognized among his peers as being a caring and loving physician with a concerned bedside manner. Over this time span, Doctor Lee has delivered more than 2,000 babies, and has served as the team Doctor for the Forest High School football team for more than 41 years.

The commitment of Doctor Lee to the town of Forest, the Scott County community, and the state of Mississippi, as well as, his love for athletics, is legendary and recognized by all those around him. To show their love and appreciation for Doctor and Mrs. Lee, the town of Forest, in the early 90's, named them "Citizens of the Year."

Sid Salter, a close friend and newspaper reporter who normally accompanied Doctor Lee's to the high school athletic events said, "Lee has rarely missed a Bearcat football game at home, or on the road in the last 43 years. He has treated more than three generations of Forest High School athletes."

Doctor and Mrs. Lee are the parents of two children David Lee, Jr., and Margy Thaxton. They have two grandchildren, Jacob Lee and Joni Tillman and one great-grandson Reese Tillman. In retirement, Doctor Lee plans to fish, hunt and travel.

Thus, it is indeed an honor for me to recognize, and call to the House's attention a great doctor, a great athlete, and a fine Christian gentleman, my friend from Forest, Mississippi Doctor Charles David Lee.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
STEVE YOKICH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in recognition and remembrance of Mr. Steve Yokich, former UAW President, family man, dedicated activist, and dear friend to many.

Mr. Yokich, an exceptional leader, leaves behind a rich legacy of enhancing, protecting, and tenaciously fighting for the rights of America's auto workers. For over four decades, Mr. Yokich was the unwavering voice and champion of thousands of auto worker and their families,

As a highly skilled tool and die maker, Mr. Yokich began his career as a dedicated and vocal union activist. As he ascended the ranks of the UAW, his strong leadership skills, tough negotiating skills, and creative conflict resolution abilities served him and his membership well in assisting the union in making major strides that greatly improved the lives of workers and their families. Additionally, Mr. Yokich procured strong relationships with other unions, including the United Steelworkers of America.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of a truly outstanding individual, Mr. Steve Yokich, who dedicated forty-six years of his life toward the betterment of workers and their families. Please join me as I extend my sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Steve Yokich; and also to the members and leadership of the UAW—all of whom were witness to his personal integrity, tenacity, kindness and determination to help others.

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF
CONGRESS SEPTEMBER 6, 2002

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride as an American and as a New Yorker that I commend my colleagues for taking part in this Special Joint Meeting of Congress in historic Federal Hall.

By meeting in this venerable hall in lower Manhattan—just blocks from where the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center were destroyed less than one year ago—the United States Senate and House of Representatives have demonstrated our governments lasting commitment to the people of New York. And by fighting back and emerging stronger than