

United States Navy, and to wish him fair winds and following seas as he closes his distinguished military career.

COMMENDING UNC PRESIDENT
HANK BROWN

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a former congressional colleague and good friend, Senator Hank Brown. Senator Brown recently stepped down as president of the University of Northern Colorado, a highly regarded institution of nearly 11,000 students in Greeley, CO. As president of the University, Senator Brown combined his past experiences in law, business, politics, and higher education to truly transform the school into a leading university.

Prior to becoming president of the University of Northern Colorado, Senator Brown served a distinguished career in the Colorado State Legislature, U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate. While a U.S. Senator, he also taught night classes in political science at Catholic University and public policy at the Graduate School at Georgetown University. I am honored to follow Senator Brown in serving the Fourth Congressional District of Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, the House will recall Senator Brown as a remarkable American. His service to the country was marked by his courage, thoughtful deliberative style, his cogent rhetorical manner, and his honest character. Hank Brown embodied Colorado in the Congress, and he still does today as Citizen Brown. He represented his state and country throughout the world with clarity of purpose and a noble vision steeped in the nation's glorious history. He was and remains an authentic statesman. Coloradans are forever grateful for Senator Brown's contributions to the state, for his leadership, and for his compassion. He's a Colorado hero.

Mr. Speaker, I have the great honor to know Senator Brown as a friend and mentor. From the time I served in the Colorado State Senate, while Brown was my Congressman, I relied on his counsel, wisdom and example. As his successor in Congress, I continue to be driven by his legacy in hopes that I might come close to achieving even a portion of Senator Brown's accomplishments on behalf of the people of Colorado. The agenda he established for his constituency has clearly endured. It is a plan for freedom, liberty, and prosperity that has been followed by Senator WAYNE ALLARD, and me, and I am confident that my replacement here will likewise follow in the Hank Brown tradition. He is one of the most decent people I know. Moreover, I am continually assured by our colleagues who served with him that he earned from all in this Capitol the greatest degree of respect and admiration. Hardly a day goes by without someone saying, "Bob, please say 'hello' to Hank for me."

On October 18, 2002, Senator Brown will be honored at a roast on his behalf to benefit the Hank Brown Scholarship for Excellence Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund will assist countless students in attending the University

of Northern Colorado. There is no other individual more deserving of a UNC scholarship namesake than Senator Brown.

As UNC's 11th president, Senator Brown has made a profound impact upon the University. He has helped increase admissions standards three times while maintaining the lowest faculty-to-student teaching ratio of all four-year universities in Colorado. He has reduced the budget for administration by \$6 million, redirecting funding to faculty salaries. Under Senator Brown's leadership, the UNC Foundation has doubled and total assets under management rose from \$43.9 million to nearly \$100 million. Additionally, Senator Brown has secured more than \$270 million in state support for the building and renovation of educational and residential facilities on the campus, more than what had been received in the previous 30 years.

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, please join me in commending Senator Hank Brown for his 22 years of public service and his deep commitment to the students and faculty at the University of Northern Colorado. It is fitting and appropriate for us to honor this man upon the establishment of the Hank Brown Scholarship for Excellence Endowment Fund. For generations to come, students will benefit from the opportunities presented by its lasting legacy.

IN RECOGNITION OF FORMER CONGRESSMAN ROMAN C. PUCINSKI

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay my respects to a former colleague and dear friend, Mr. Roman Pucinski. Mr. Pucinski, who passed away in Park Ridge, Illinois, on September 25, 2002, represented the northwest side of the City of Chicago in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1959 to 1973.

Pucinski grew up in a heavily Polish neighborhood now called Wicker Park. His youth was shaped by his father's abandonment of his mother and siblings when he was a child and by the Depression in his pre-teen years when he wore government-issued shoes, said his daughter Aurelia, who followed her father into politics and served as Cook County Circuit Court clerk from 1988 to 2000.

Pucinski, articulate and never at a loss for words, had an early interest in public affairs. After graduating from Northwestern University, he worked as a reporter, as a bombardier during World War II and as a bilingual chief investigator for a special House subcommittee investigating the Katyn Forest massacre of thousands of Polish military officers by the Soviets during the war. Urged by Mayor Richard J. Daley to run for Congress, Pucinski entered the 11th District race on the Northwest Side in 1958 and won.

From the start of his tenure in Congress, Representative Pucinski ("Pooch" to colleagues and friends) mounted a one-man effort to require airlines to install crash-proof cockpit voice recorders in airplanes. Despite organized opposition from the major airlines, Pucinski kept the pressure on and in 1964 the Federal Aviation Administration issued an order requiring air carriers to install crash-

proof cockpit voice recorders in their aircraft. Commonly referred to as the "black box", cockpit voice recorders are now a critical component of aviation safety. Black boxes provide vital information about the final minutes of airline disasters to accident investigators and have helped determine the cause of several plane crashes.

As a decorated Air Force pilot, Pucinski knew that a recording of last minute cockpit conversations would provide vital clues to the cause of airline tragedies. During World War II, Pucinski led his bomber group in the first B-29 bombing raid over Tokyo. He flew 48 other combat missions over Japan and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with Clusters. From his own personal experience as a pilot, Pucinski understood that, in the last few minutes preceding an air tragedy, the cockpit crew is far too busy trying to save their passengers and aircraft to radio formal reports to a ground station. However, a crash-proof tape recorder operating automatically during flight preserves a record of everything said in the cockpit for accident investigators.

As a result of Roman Pucinski's dedicated and courageous leadership in the establishment of crash-proof tape recorders in commercial airliners, accident investigation and aviation safety have been significantly advanced in the public interest, and outstanding results for the national aviation system have been achieved.

In addition, Pucinski spent much of his career serving Chicago's Polish community. After serving in Congress, Pucinski became the longtime president of the Illinois Division of the Polish American Congress, and he led a number of rallies in Chicago protesting communism in Poland. He supported Poland's Solidarity labor movement, and over the years he helped to raise \$1.5 million as the movement gained international prominence.

Roman Pucinski's legacy will surely include his lasting contribution to aviation safety and involvement with the Polish American community, but it will also show him as a caring and dedicated leader. His daughter, Aurelia, has said of him "He understood that in order to get things done for ordinary people, you had to be in the position where people would listen to you. He loved the problem solving part of it. That energized him. He loved meeting people, loved wading into a room of strangers to find out what they were thinking, identify with them, and have the chance to represent them."

Mr. Speaker, Roman Pucinski was a committed public servant and was revered and respected by nearly all who knew him. I ask our colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of such a dedicated and courageous man. He will be greatly missed.

IN HONOR OF MS. DORELLA BOND

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Ms. Dorella Bond, from my district in Grand Prairie, Texas. On October 2nd of this year, Ms. Bond will celebrate her 50th anniversary working for Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control and its predecessor companies.

Ms. Bond has spent a lifetime in dedicated service to her country and her company; a company that has produced many of the military's most recognizable defensive systems: systems that have helped guarantee our freedoms as Americans.

Dorella first joined the Lockheed Martin family at the tender age of 18 when, on October 2nd, 1952, she was hired by one of Lockheed Martin's predecessor companies, Temco Electronics and Missiles. Although she began her career as a Production Control Clerk-B, she quickly progressed up company ranks. Today, five decades later, Dorella serves as Executive Assistant to the Senior Vice President of Finance/Chief Financial Officer. She still displays the same tenacity and dedication that she brought to the job 50 years ago, and shows no sign of stopping.

Ms. Speaker truly exemplifies the positive work ethic, experience, loyalty and dependability so important to our society today. She is truly a shining example of the American worker.

Mr. Speaker, fifty years of service with an organization is a tremendous accomplishment, one deserving special recognition and honor for a job well done. I know my colleagues will join me today in honoring a remarkable woman and a tireless worker. We salute Dorella Bond today, and wish her continued success and accomplishment at Lockheed Martin.

THE IDENTITY THEFT CONSUMER NOTIFICATION ACT

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, earlier this year, hundreds of residents of Wisconsin were notified by their bank that their personal information had been stolen by a former employee. While the bank in question had discovered last September that this crime had taken place, it did not notify the victims until May 2002. This is completely unacceptable. In the meantime, those whose information had been compromised had no idea that their information had been sold to a ring of identity thieves, who were using the financial records to make purchases in the victims' names, including high-end automobiles.

Today I am introducing legislation that requires financial institutions to notify their customers if their personal information was compromised as the result of employee misconduct or computer hacking.

Identity theft is a crime that occurs with increasing frequency every year, and I have introduced legislation in three consecutive sessions of Congress to increase the level of control and protection one has over personal information. However, the fact that there is nothing in law that compels financial institutions to notify customers that their personal information had been compromised in a timely fashion requires action.

My legislation, the Identity Theft Consumer Notification Act, would require banks to promptly notify consumers that their information has been stolen, assist the customer in repairing his or her credit history, and cover any false charges made by the criminal for which the victim is liable. In addition, the an-

nual privacy notices that financial institutions are required to send customers on an annual basis would have to include a description of the bank's obligation to provide notification and assistance in cases in which a customer's information had been compromised.

There could be instances in which identity theft is discovered, but law enforcement would be in a better position to successfully complete an investigation and collect sufficient evidence for conviction if notification was delayed. As a result, this bill allows for a temporary waiver of disclosure if law enforcement makes such a request.

Lastly, a recent Supreme Court case limited the statute of limitations for victims seeking compensation from credit reporting agencies that allowed criminals to falsely use another person's financial information. The Court held that the statute of limitations begins to toll at the time a crime was committed, rather than at the time the crime was eventually discovered by the victim. Given that the statute of limitation is only two years, it makes sense to start the clock at the time the crime is discovered, rather than at the time the crime was committed, since that abbreviated time limit leaves some victims unable to seek compensation.

This legislation will give consumers confidence that institutions that they have entrusted with their finances have an obligation to notify them if their personal information has been compromised, and that the institution will help them through the often arduous task of correcting their credit history and compensate them for losses incurred as a result of this crime. I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this legislation and give consumers the notification they need to minimize and quickly repair the damage done by identity thieves.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH AN- NIVERSARY OF THE ROSEMEAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, on the eve of the 75th Anniversary of the Rosemead Chamber of Commerce, I rise to recognize the accomplishments of the Chamber.

Since its inception in 1924 as the Rosemead Improvement Association, the organization that three years after became the Rosemead Chamber of Commerce, has been instrumental in the operations and well-being of the city. Throughout the years, it has maintained its pivotal role as the commercial heart of the city by bringing together community leaders, business owners and residents.

The Rosemead Chamber of Commerce has made numerous contributions to Rosemead. It has fostered economic growth by giving the business sector a voice and has helped to establish a tradition of community events. At one point, these included Fiesta Day and the Hal-loween Parade; now they are composed of trade shows, career fairs and "One on One Breakfasts." The Rosemead Chamber of Commerce has changed according to the changing needs and interests of the city of Rosemead.

Over the past 75 years, the Chamber has played an important role in the lives of

Rosemead residents and fostered a strong economy for the City. I wish the Chamber continued success and growth and I ask you to join me in honoring it for 75 years of service to the community.

COMMEMORATING SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, since September 11 last year, life has taken on new meaning. For some, that day's devastation has caused them to become more cynical, changed by the events of a few hours. For others, each day since then has taken on more significance as they realize what it means when people say that you can't take life for granted. But for all of us the memories of that day will live on as we not only think about the people trapped in the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the hijacked planes, but also remember their loved ones who were helpless to prevent the tragedies. As the President said in his Proclamation earlier this month, "Those whom we lost last September 11 will forever hold a cherished place in our hearts and in the history of our Nation. As we mark the first anniversary of that tragic day, we remember their sacrifice; and we commit ourselves to honoring their memory by pursuing peace and justice in the world and security at home."

Life after September 11 took on new meaning for Members of Congress too. We reacted by changing our priorities, and began work on legislation to respond to that day's horrific events. One of the first things we did was pass legislation authorizing the use of US Armed Forces against those responsible for the attacks. Since then, Congress passed numerous bills dealing with the issues that are widely believed to have allowed the events of September 11 to occur. They include: beefing up airline security, strengthening our nation's borders, restructuring the Immigration and Naturalization Service to make it a more efficient agency, and passing the USA-PATRIOT Act to improve information sharing between law enforcement and intelligence communities. More recently, the House passed legislation to create a new Department of Homeland Security in response to the President's request for a flexible, effective department, with the singular mission of protecting our nation. Financially, we have also passed legislation to provide the Department of Defense with the resources it will need to address the new challenges that now face the nation.

Many individuals have changed their priorities too. Spurred by our war against terrorism and the words of the Administration and various law enforcement agencies, Americans have begun to pay more attention to their surroundings and take better note of anything that appears out of the ordinary, particularly in airports. Gone are the days when one can easily dismiss people's errant behavior as harmless without making sure that that is indeed the case. As we learned, the price to pay for not checking can be awfully steep.

After the events of that Tuesday, life in Washington, DC, returned to some semblance