

began saving lives—even as the buildings were collapsing. Yes, it was the job of firefighters to go into the buildings, but they could have reasoned that the buildings were going to collapse anyway, so why try. When the victims rushed out, they rushed in, and became heroes in the process. Three hundred-forty three firefighters sacrificed their lives to save more than 25,000.

Our nation has had a resurgence of faith and spirituality. The tragedy caused people to reevaluate their core values and cling to their traditions. In one day, everything that we thought was meaningful and important slid to the wayside and we rediscovered fundamental beliefs about faith, family and freedom. If the terrorists had hoped to break the American spirit, they failed spectacularly.

We are now engaged in a war on terrorism and it is a war we will win. This is a struggle that concerns the whole of the democratic and civilized and free world. We will bring to account those responsible, and we will dismantle the apparatus of terror and eradicate the evil of mass terrorism in our world.

The cause that we are fighting is just and it is decent. No citizen, in any country, should live in fear of senseless terrorist attacks. On September 11, 2002, thousands of American civilians gave their lives for a cause they did not know. An attack against civilian targets of women and children, mothers and fathers, peaceful and without prejudice, is beyond comprehension in our modern, civilized world.

America responded to this crisis and emerged from the tragedy stronger and more determined. The course and duration of the conflict is unknown, but its outcome is not. America will prevail and remain the greatest nation in the world.

#### CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2003

SPEECH OF

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 26, 2002*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in disappointment. The Continuing Resolution, House Joint Resolution 111, on the floor today is a slap in the face of the American people. Our constituents all over the country are counting on us to help them put food on the table, provide their children with the best education possible and to make them and their families safer. Despite the best efforts of Democrats, the Republican leadership of the House continues to let them down. It is inexcusable that this body has only passed five appropriations bills. What is even more disappointing is that the Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations bill has not even been brought to the House floor for a vote. The other body has passed its version of the bill, yet we continue to twiddle our thumbs at the expense of our children. The Senate's proposal would increase education funding in the President's budget by a little over \$3 billion and would provide funding increases for Teacher Quality, Title 1, Head Start, and financial aid programs, and would restore funding for rural school programs. Instead of following in the Senate's lead, the House Republicans refuse to act on this issue.

The failure of the Republicans and the Administration to follow through on their commitment to education is disappointing. The "No Child Left Behind Act" was supposed to provide our children with the resources needed to obtain the best education possible, but, unfortunately, this has not happened. The law was touted as a way to prevent children from being "trapped" in failing schools but left behind may be thousands of unhappy parents and students. The President's budget of \$50.3 billion in discretionary funding for FY2003 has stopped six years of steady progress in federal support to local schools dead in its tracks. Under his proposal, the overall education budget would only increase by 2.8 percent, barely enough to cover inflation. Our so-called "Education President" is doing the exact opposite of what he promised. He is leaving our children behind.

Unfortunately, the only version of the House Republicans' Labor HHS Education appropriations bill follows the President's budget request. The bill would freeze or reduce funding for most education programs, including the teacher quality, after-school, math/science partnerships, Safe and Drug-Free schools, bilingual education, Pell Grants, Gear-Up and TRIO programs. Funding for several important programs, including rural education and technology training for teachers would be completely eliminated. It also includes no resources to address the \$127 billion crisis in school repairs. The bill cuts funding for the "No Child Left Behind Act" by \$90 million from last year, resulting in 16,000 fewer teachers getting trained, 50,000 fewer children in after-school programs, and yet another year without the needed resources to turn around failing schools. The President and the Republicans continue to break their promises to the children of our country.

In my home state of Illinois, they are attempting to take away nearly \$200 million needed to support the Title I grants program, which provides supplemental assistance to improve the educational attainment of low-achieving students, especially those in high poverty areas. Also, they are cutting nearly \$600 million from IDEA funding, which is desperately needed to improve special education in Illinois. Finally, student debt is skyrocketing as college tuitions rise, making loan affordability critical. Despite this fact, the Administration's budget cuts the maximum Pell Grant, which provides up to \$4,000 to low-income students to help with college tuition costs, to \$3,600, \$800 short of what is needed to keep pace with projected tuition hikes.

Mr. Speaker, this is not what I consider education reform. If we refuse to fund our educational system, then we are only cutting short the potential of our country's children and jeopardizing our nation's future. I urge my colleagues to listen to the millions of Americans out there and support a bill that follows the Senate's bill and not the President's budget. It is time to give our children the opportunities they deserve.

#### HOME SAFETY COUNCIL STUDY ON HOME INJURIES AND DEATHS

**HON. RICHARD BURR**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2002*

Mr. BURR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, unintentional home injuries have reached an unacceptable level, according to a new study by the Home Safety Council, and Americans need to be aware of the risks they face in their own homes. It may be surprising to some that these injuries are the leading cause of death for those between the ages of 1 and 44, and—other than illness—unintentional injuries are the number one cause of death in the United States.

The study, recently completed by the University of North Carolina, also shows us how unintentional home injuries hurt America's working families and our economy. Lost workdays for injured parents cost both employees and employers, not to mention driving up health care costs and raising dilemmas in providing childcare. These injuries cost Americans nearly \$380 billion each year, and account for an estimated 10 percent of all visits to hospital emergency rooms.

We are forming a Congressional Home Safety Working Group in the next Congress that can directly address home safety issues on Capitol Hill and in Federal agencies. The working group will examine how the Federal Government can support home safety education and prevention activities. A year from now, we need to see a reduction in the number of unintentional home injuries. For some great suggestions on what Americans can do right now to protect themselves, visit [www.homesafetycouncil.org](http://www.homesafetycouncil.org).

I want to congratulate David Oliver, Executive Director of the Home Safety Council, for commissioning this monumental study; Dr. Carol Runyan, Director of the Injury Prevention Research Center at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for conducting the study; and Dr. Sue Binder, Director of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, for supporting this study and bringing Federal attention to this critical issue. I would also like to encourage my fellow colleagues to raise the level of attention to home safety issues on Capitol Hill and in Federal agencies.

#### MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 2002

**HON. JENNIFER DUNN**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2002*

Ms. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing the Mt. Rainier National Park Boundary Adjustment Act. This legislation will enable the National Park Service to rebuild a road and popular campground located in the Northwestern corner of the park that has been devastated by years of reoccurring floods.

As a life-long Washingtonian, I appreciate the importance of maintaining our most treasured natural resources. Mt. Rainier National Park is one of the crown jewels of the national

park system. To enhance the enjoyment of the park, this legislation will allow visitors greater access to a temperate rainforest.

Unfortunately, the road leading into Ipsut Creek Campground is below the Carbon River in several spots, resulting in frequent road washouts. Consequently, it is difficult, if not impossible, for visitors to drive safely to the campground. With the boundary adjustment, the park will be able to move the campground to a more secure area and provide for safe travel.

To accomplish the boundary adjustment, land will be purchased from Plum Creek Timber Company and the U.S. Forest Service will transfer land to the National Park Service. In the end, the boundary adjustment will include approximately 1000 acres of both private and U.S. Forest Service land. This legislation will also allow the Secretary of the Interior to acquire land in the vicinity of Wilkeson, Washington for a visitor's center. This center will provide vital information to people accessing Mt. Rainier National Park in the Carbon and Mowich Corridors.

I look forward to working with the Resources Committee and my colleagues to enact this boundary adjustment.

#### ON THE RETIREMENT OF BERNADETTE CASEY

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2002*

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to an exemplary member of the Long Island community.

The Suffolk County Police Department consistently shows us the best and most heroic that Long Island has to offer. For 20 years, Bernadette Casey has served as a valuable member of that department. During that two-decade tenure, Ms. Casey was assigned to the Homicide Squad as Stenographer, Senior Stenographer and Principal Stenographer. She has made a lasting contribution to the safety of Long Island residents.

On August 31, 2002, Bernadette Casey retired from the police department. She will be sorely missed by her colleagues, who brought her retirement to my attention. I come to this floor so that I may offer my congratulations and best wishes.

Mr. Speaker, Long Island appreciates the service of Bernadette Casey.

#### A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO GEORGE L. MYLANDER FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY OF SANDUSKY

**HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2002*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding gentleman from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. George L. Mylander, of Sandusky, Ohio, is being honored for his dedicated service and loyalty to the citizens of Sandusky.

Mr. Speaker, George's efforts are being recognized by the Firelands Regional Medical Center, of which both he and his family played a significant role in developing. Serving the community was not only George's duty but also his honor. These chances to give back to the community have brought him a lifetime of both personal and professional achievement. George truly is a valued asset to the City of Sandusky.

George has served Sandusky well throughout his years, both professionally and philanthropically. He began as a schoolteacher in the Sandusky City School system, and has since put his efforts to work in the financial and health care industries throughout greater Northwest Ohio.

George's numerous charitable interests include the Stein Hospice Service, Wightman-Wieber Foundation, and the United Way of Erie County. The Greater Toledo Area Chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives recently recognized George's philanthropic efforts when they honored him with their Outstanding Philanthropist Award. He is also active in the local American Legion, Kiwanis Club, and serves on the boards of the Erie County Chamber of Commerce, and Bowling Green State University's Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to George Mylander. Our communities are served well by having such honorable and giving citizens, like George, who care about the well being and stability of their communities. We wish him the very best on this special occasion.

#### REAUTHORIZATION OF THE WATER DESALINATION ACT

**HON. STEPHEN HORN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2002*

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the reauthorization of the Water Desalination Act of 1996, included in H.R. 5460, the Federal Water Project Recreation Act which the House approved today.

I am pleased that language from H.R. 4792, the reauthorization of the Water Desalination Act, which I introduced earlier this year has been included in the Federal Water Project Recreation Act. This legislation will continue an authorization of \$55 million through 2008 for the Desalination and Water Purification Research and Development program (DWPR). The DWPR program has promoted important research to reduce treatment costs of previously unusable water sources such as brackish groundwater and coastal waters. These projects have proved to be valuable investments in helping to meet our nation's future water needs.

Since its inception in 1996, the Desalination and Water Purification Research and Development program has helped fund research in cooperation with 20 universities and institutes of higher learning, 33 local governments, and 59 domestic private sector organizations. In all, nearly 30 states are represented in a broad cooperation of both public and private organizations.

Such cooperation has produced impressive results with the partnership's efforts making significant technological advances in the field

of water desalination and water purification. Clean water is essential for the health of all Americans. As our population continues to grow and conventional water supplies become over used, we will need to look at new resources such as sea water to supplement our supply.

I am pleased that with the reauthorization of the Water Desalination Act of 1996 my colleagues recognize the importance of desalination technology. This is a significant step forward in ensuring a safe and steady water supply for our nation.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2002*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, on September 24, I missed rollcall votes No. 404, 405 and 406.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes No. 404, 405 and 406.

On September 25, I missed rollcall votes No. 407, 408 and 409; had I been present I would have voted "yea" on these rollcall votes. Additionally, I missed rollcall vote No. 410 on agreeing to the resolution providing for consideration of H.R. 4691. Had I been present I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote No. 410. I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 411 on the motion to recommit with instructions and I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote No. 412. I would have also voted "nay" on rollcall votes No. 413 and 414 and "yea" on rollcall vote No. 415.

On September 26, I missed rollcall vote No. 416; had I been present I would have voted "nay" on this rollcall vote. On rollcall votes No. 417 and 418, I would have voted "yea." On rollcall vote No. 419, I would have voted "nay" on agreeing to the resolution to provide for consideration of H.R. 4600. Additionally, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 420 and "nay" on rollcall vote No. 421. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes No. 422 and 423.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2002*

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, due to business in my district, I was unable to vote during Rollcall Vote 423. Had I been present I would have voted Yes.

#### HELP EFFICIENT, ACCESSIBLE, LOW COST, TIMELY HEALTH CARE ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 26, 2002*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to the bill H.R. 4600, which