

encouraging a trip up river to Steubenville to view the murals to investigate the possibility for such a project in Portsmouth. On the return trip, the decision was made to go forward with the project. An informal committee was organized in 1992 to begin fundraising efforts and select a muralist.

Given the scope of the project, the selection of a muralist was of utmost importance. Robert Dafford of Lafayette, Louisiana was highly recommended for his work on a similar project in Chemanius, Vancouver Island, Canada. Mr. Dafford was commissioned for the project, and work on the first mural—the longest of the project at 20 feet high and 160 feet long—began in May, 1993.

A total of 44 beautiful murals depict the history of Portsmouth, ranging from early inhabitants, the Mound Builders, to early settlement of the area. The murals highlight historical events, locations, and structures, and include notable individuals and businesses in the community.

Mr. Speaker, the Floodwall Mural Project is a dream come true, presenting the Portsmouth community with a wonderful visual history of a great city, and creating an attraction for out-of-town visitors. The project is an excellent example of how a community can come together to make a difference, and we hope our colleagues will join us in congratulating the community of Portsmouth on a job well done.

LOCAL TEACHER JEAN McNEELY
NAMED NATIONAL ELEMENTARY
SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER OF
THE YEAR

HON. LARRY COMBEST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 2002

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Ms. Jean McNeely from my home town of Lubbock, Texas for her tremendous contributions to educate children and improve our community. The National Council for the Social Studies recently named her the "National Elementary Social Studies Teacher of the Year." This award recognizes Ms. McNeely's commitment to students and her dedication to providing them a memorable educational experience in the field of social studies.

"National Elementary Social Studies Teacher of the Year" is the highest honor that the National Council for the Social Studies can present to an elementary educator. Founded in 1921, the National Council for the Social Studies is the largest association in the country devoted solely to social studies education. It boasts a membership of over 26,000 individual and institutional members from the United States and around the world. Ms. McNeely will be presented with her award in the presence of her colleagues at the Council's Annual Convention this November.

As a teacher at the All Saints Episcopal School in Lubbock, Ms. McNeely's motivation has inspired and encouraged students to pursue their dreams over the years. She is the kind of teacher that makes learning fun and exciting. She helps set her students on a path

for their future and steers them in a positive direction. I commend Ms. McNeely for her dedication to providing the students with a memorable educational experience in the field of social studies and congratulate her on being named "National Elementary Social Studies Teacher of the Year."

THE 42ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE
INDEPENDENCE OF THE REPUBLIC
OF CYPRUS

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 2002

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to observe the 42nd anniversary of the Republic of Cyprus. Despite the political tensions between the Greek Cypriots and the Turkish Cypriots that have taken place since its independence in 1960, the Government of the Republic of Cyprus remains committed to the core values enshrined in the Cyprus Constitution guaranteeing basic rights and freedoms for all its citizens. This year, Independence Day comes at a time of great hope for the people of Cyprus. In particular, we have made significant advances in U.S.-Cyprus relations, and Cyprus is a leading candidate for European Union membership during the EU's next enlargement round. Both chambers of Congress have passed resolutions expressing the Sense of Congress that security, reconciliation, and prosperity for all Cypriots can best be achieved through EU membership. However, Cyprus' Independence Day is also clouded by territorial disputes with Turkey. Despite Turkish violations of UN Security Council resolutions, Cyprus remains committed to achieving a peaceful resolution through UN-sponsored negotiations. Immediately after the September 11th terrorist attacks, Cyprus was among the first nations to express its solidarity with the U.S. Cyprus has taken many concrete and active steps to target the perpetrators, collaborators, and financiers of terrorism—and the relationship between Cyprus and the U.S. is strong and enduring. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Republic of Cyprus on this 42nd anniversary of its independence.

CIVIL WAR BATTLEFIELD
PRESERVATION ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES V. HANSEN

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I request that the attached cost estimate for H.R. 5125 be submitted for the RECORD under General Leave.

As you know, H.R. 5125 passed the House under suspension of the rules on Tuesday, October 1, 2002. At the time of passage, the Committee on Resources had not yet received a cost estimate from the Congressional Budget Office for this piece of legislation.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, September 30, 2002.

Hon. JAMES V. HANSEN,
Chairman, Committee on Resources, House of
Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 5125 Civil War Battlefield Preservation Act of 2002.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Deborah Reis.

Sincerely,

BARRY B. ANDERSON
(For Dan L. Crippen, Director).

Enclosure.

H.R. 5125—Civil War Battlefield Preservation
Act of 2002

Summary: H.R. 5125 would establish a new grant program to assist state and local governments in acquiring eligible Civil War battlefield sites. The bill would require the National Park Service (NPS) to update a 1993 report on Civil War battlefield protection to reflect recent preservation activities, changes in battlefield conditions, and other developments. Finally, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$0.5 million to update the report and \$10 million a year for grants over the 2002-2008 period.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that the NPS would spend \$17 million over the next five years to implement H.R. 5125. An additional \$34 million would be spent for this purpose after 2007, including \$10 million authorized to be appropriated for 2008.

H.R. 5125 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Enacting H.R. 5125 would benefit state and local governments that would be eligible for grant funds. Any costs incurred by these governments to comply with the conditions of this assistance would be voluntary.

Estimated cost to the Federal Government: The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 5125 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment). For this estimate, CBO assumes that the \$0.5 million authorized for the battlefield report will be appropriated for 2003 and that the \$10 million for grants will be appropriated for each year authorized through 2008. Outlays are estimated on the basis of historical spending patterns for other land acquisition grants.

By fiscal year, in millions of dollars—					
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Authorization level	1	10	10	10	10
Estimated outlays	1	1	2	5	8

Intergovernmental and private-sector impact: H.R. 5125 contains no intergovernment or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Enacting H.R. 5125 would benefit state and local governments that would be eligible for grant funds. Any costs incurred by these governments to comply with the conditions of this assistance would be voluntary.

Estimate prepared by: Federal costs: Deborah Reis; impact on state, local, and tribal governments: Majorie Miller; impact on the private sector: Lauren Marks.

Estimate provided by: Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 2002

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, on September 26, 2002, this Member unavoidably missed rollcall vote No. 423 (final passage of H.J. Res. 111, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2003). Had this Member been present, he would have voted "aye."

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
WILLIAM MCSHANE**HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 2002

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. William McShane, on the occasion of his retirement, from the Suffolk County Board of elections.

For the past 30 years, Mr. McShane has tirelessly devoted himself to public service. He has most recently served as the campaign finance director of the Suffolk County Board of Elections. Previously, Mr. McShane worked for a member of the legislature before running for office himself.

Mr. McShane is a veteran of the Army Air Force who has served both his country and the state of New York well. As a Bronx native, the former owner of a small business in Nassau County and a longtime member of the Deer Park Community, Mr. McShane embodies the true spirit of a New Yorker.

His professional achievements are more than matched by his personal success. His lovely wife, Anne, is a retired school teacher. Together, they raised 5 beautiful children and have been blessed with six amazing grandchildren.

I am proud to recognize such an accomplished individual and commend Mr. McShane for his dedication and service to his community. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to please join me in wishing William McShane many years of success as he celebrates his well deserved retirement.

SENSE OF HOUSE THAT CONGRESS
SHOULD COMPLETE ACTION ON
H.R. 4019, PERMANENT MAR-
RIAGE PENALTY RELIEF ACT OF
2002

SPEECH OF

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 2, 2002

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my deep disappointment that the House Leadership has turned a deaf ear to the concerns that preoccupy Americans. Among the chief concerns voiced by my constituents, in addition to the high cost of prescription drugs and the need to protect their retirement savings, is the need to extend temporary federal unemployment assistance. Over 60 percent of workers receiving extended benefits are cur-

rently exhausting all of their Federal benefits before finding work. By the end of August, 135,000 New Yorkers depleted their unemployment benefits and without timely action by this Congress—this number is certain to rise.

New York, in particular, is struggling with an unemployment crisis that rates among the severest in the country. Over 550,000 New Yorkers are out of work today. Mr. Speaker, in Western New York, the unemployment situation is particularly terrible as evidenced by the 5.1 percent unemployment rate in Rochester and 5.5 percent in the Buffalo-Niagara Falls area. Mr. Speaker, certainly Rochesterians, as well as residents throughout Western New York, are acutely sensitive to their vulnerability to economic despair, triggered by the loss of a good job.

Mr. Speaker, since the beginning of the current recession, long-term unemployment has increased faster than any part of the past 5 recession. In fact, the percentage increase in workers that exhausted regular 13 weeks of benefits has risen 121 percent between 2000 and 2002. Mr. Speaker, if our economy is in recovery, it is certainly a "jobless one." Companies did not add workers in September.

Mr. Speaker, the debate today should be over how to respond to the needs of the 1.5 million jobless Americans who have already exhausted their Federal unemployment benefits, and to hundreds of thousands of other workers who will exhaust their benefits in the coming months. My colleague, Mr. RANGEL, introduced legislation, H.R. 5491, that would extend temporary federal unemployment assistance for an additional six months, through June 30, 2003. This measure would ensure that workers in every State are eligible for 26 weeks of extended unemployment benefits. In States with high unemployment, like New York, workers would receive an additional 7 weeks of benefits. Inaction by this Congress risks the economic security of some 3 million workers and their families in the next five months.

For these reasons, Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge the Congress listen to the needs of growing numbers of Americans undergoing real economic hardship and act to extend temporary unemployment assistance.

MICHAEL MURRY HONORED AS 2002
FRANCISCAN HOPE AWARD RE-
CIPIENT**HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 2002

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker. On Sunday, October 13, 2002, Milwaukee businessman, philanthropist and my friend, Michael J. Murry, will be honored as this year's Franciscan Hope Award Honoree at St. Josaphat Basilica's annual Loaves and Fishes Gala.

Similar to the namesake of the Franciscan order, St. Francis of Assisi, Mike was also born the son of a prominent entrepreneur. Growing up in the shadows of the Basilica, he was first introduced to the world of banking through his father, a former president of Lincoln State Bank.

After attending college and serving his country in the Air Force, Mike returned to Milwaukee. Through his diligent hard work and

visionary expectations for his father's bank, Lincoln State Bank thrived and expanded from Lincoln Village, the Basilica's neighborhood, to branch into the rest of the state of Wisconsin under Mike's presidency.

Just as St. Francis returned to his hometown to perform charity among the sick and through restoring churches, Mike has also put his Catholic values into action by serving on various healthcare boards of directors and the voluntary organization responsible for the beautiful restoration of the Basilica of St. Josaphat. The same enthusiasm and skill he has shown in the business community has benefited the philanthropic community and the Milwaukee area as a whole.

The patron saint of ecologists, St. Francis of Assisi was often depicted outdoors surrounded by wildlife. During time away from the office, Mike, an avid outdoorsman, can often be found at his lake home in Hayward, Wisconsin, where he has shared his passions for hiking, fishing and outdoor pursuits with his wife Jan and children Michelle and Joe.

It has been documented that thousands "were drawn to [St. Francis of Assisi's] sincerity, piety, and joy." As the 2002 Honoree of the Franciscan Hope Award, Michael Murry has proven himself an embodiment of St. Francis's characteristics and deserving recipient of this great honor.

Congratulations, Mike!

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE EAST OR-
ANGE CAMPUS OF THE DEPART-
MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 3, 2002

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of East Orange Campus of the Department of Veterans Affairs New Jersey Health Care System.

The East Orange Campus has served those who have served us all. For more than 50 years now, veterans from throughout New Jersey have received quality medical, surgical, and psychiatric care at the East Orange Campus.

This institution provides more than just care for our veterans, however; as a leading teaching and research institution, the East Orange Campus has helped train New Jersey doctors, nurses, and other healthcare providers while conducting pioneering work in areas such as infectious disease, cardiovascular disease, and gulf war related illnesses.

I believe we have a responsibility to care for the brave men and women who served this nation, helping to win in war and preserve the peace. Providing for their healthcare is the least we can do to honor their sacrifice. In this way, the East Orange Campus has delivered on that responsibility, that promise, for more than 50 years.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, again, I rise to celebrate the East Orange Campus. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 50 years of service and care delivered by the East Orange Campus.