

success in the United States to Paul Heiden, the Finance Director of Rolls-Royce, plc.

As the Chief Financial Officer for Rolls-Royce, Mr. Heiden was personally involved with, and strongly supportive of, major capital investment in the United States industrial base. Most significant among those investments are the facilities in Mount Vernon, OH; Park City, UT; Oakland, CA; and Indianapolis. He has fostered trans-Atlantic trade and co-operation on defense and commercial aerospace programs, including engine development for the Joint Strike Fighter, and engines for regional jet aircraft. He was directly involved in the Rolls-Royce North American ventures as a member of the Board of Directors of Rolls-Royce North America Holdings, Inc, and in that role contributed immensely to the economic health of many American communities, including my own.

At year's end, Mr. Heiden will leave his post with Rolls-Royce. He will be sorely missed. At a time when our nation is most acutely aware of our good fortune in the trans-Atlantic partnership between the United States and the United Kingdom, I am reminded that it is the talent and determination of people like Paul Heiden that make this partnership so vibrant.

On behalf of the people of central Indiana, I wish him every good fortune in his future endeavors.

JOE SKEEN FEDERAL BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 7, 2002

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5427, a bill to designate the Federal Building in Roswell, New Mexico, the "Joe Skeen Federal Building." As we regretfully acknowledge, the gentleman from New Mexico will be retiring at the conclusion of the 107th Congress. JOE SKEEN, a Roswell native, has served his New Mexico constituents and his country admirably over the past 20 years. This legislation is a fitting tribute to commemorate JOE's achievements and service.

As a Members of Congress, we often work with colleagues from different parts of the country and from across the aisle. It has been a great privilege to have worked with JOE SKEEN. Since his first election in 1980, he has served on the Appropriations Committee, chairing the Subcommittee on Agriculture and currently, the Subcommittee on the Interior. JOE has always been a true gentleman and a straight shooter. When dealing with JOE, I always know JOE will give me a fair hearing on an issue and try to accommodate me when he could and politely said "no" when he couldn't. I could also always depend on JOE telling me a good story to underscore the point he was making.

On a personal note, I have had the pleasure of working with the gentlemen from New Mexico to further the progress of Parkinson's Disease research in America. In 1999, along with my colleagues—Mr. EVANS, Mr. MARK UDALL, TOM UDALL, and Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. SKEEN and I—formed the Congressional Working Group on Parkinson's Disease.

Mr. SKEEN has been a true leader in the fight against Parkinson's Disease. The Work-

ing Group has sought to increase awareness among Members of Congress on Parkinson's related issues. Most importantly, the Working Group has advocated for accelerated and increased funding for Parkinson's research in the hopes that we soon find the cure for what leading scientists call the most curable neurological disorder.

We have had some significant success—since the start of the caucus, the National Institutes of Health's spending on Parkinson's has increased by 28 percent—a 43 million dollar increase over FY 2000. And we have Mr. SKEEN, in great part, to thank for this.

JOE also was critical in helping to secure a funding increase for the Department of Defense's Neurotoxin Exposure Treatment Research Program. The FY 2002 bill contained \$17 million in funding for the program, a \$2 million increase over FY 2001. This environmental research not only strives to improve the treatment of neurological diseases, but also aims to identify the causes of the disease and prevent them.

We will carry on the fight to cure Parkinson's, in part, inspired by the legacy of the great JOE SKEEN.

In closing, I have so appreciated JOE's wit and his great sense of commitment to important issues such as Parkinson's Disease, and his overall commitment to public service.

I fully support this bill to honor my esteemed friend and colleague JOE SKEEN for all of his legislative accomplishments as his service in Congress. I hope JOE enjoys his retirement, it is well deserved!

JOE SKEEN is a true national treasure.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2002

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, last night, October 7, 2002, President Bush made a major policy speech on Iraq in my hometown of Cincinnati, Ohio. At the President's request, I attended the speech with him. Consequently, I was not able to be present for the following rollcall votes:

H.R. 3340—To allow certain catch-up contributions to the Thrift Savings Plan to be made by participants age 50 or over.

H.R. 5531—To facilitate famine relief efforts and a comprehensive solution to the war in Sudan.

H. Res. 468—Transatlantic Security and NATO Enhancement Resolution of 2002.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on each of these bills.

CHILD ABDUCTION PREVENTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 7, 2002

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I support the underlying objective of the bill, to expand the Amber Alert system nationwide and to improve the National Coordination of Amber

Alert Communications to help save the lives of kidnapped children. Unfortunately, a wide range of troubling provisions were added by the House Judiciary Committee. For example, this bill would include a provision to expand the type of homicide that can be punished by the death penalty. It would also increase mandatory sentencing, thus further eliminating judicial discretion and potentially leading to unfair punishments.

By bringing this bill to the floor in the form of a suspension bill, the opportunity for amendment and discussion of these controversial provisions has been hindered. I therefore withhold my support for H.R. 5422.

HONORING CITY COUNCILMAN PHILIP CAMPBELL, SR.

HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2002

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to City Councilman Philip Campbell, Sr. one of my fellow public servants in Warner Robins, Georgia who died recently in a tragic accident.

Philip's service to the city began on August 2, 1965 as City Gas Inspector. After twenty-five years in that capacity, he retired and ran for public office where he proudly served for nine years. Phillip was known for his compassion and his dedication to the citizens of Warner Robins. During his tenure as city councilman, he fought to re-instate the senior citizen's homestead exemption tax and was always an advocate for the needs of city employees.

If he wasn't at City Hall or volunteering at Southside Baptist Church, you could always find Philip Campbell down at the local baseball diamond. Anyone who grow up in Warner Robins and played ball probably had Philip as a coach at some point. He loved teaching the kids how to play, and if one child didn't have a ride to practice, Philip would give him a ride. His generosity to the community was second only to his love for his family. A dedicated husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather Philip's legacy will continue impacting the citizens of Warner Robins for years to come.

There isn't a finer man I could have the honor of recognizing on the House floor, and want to extend my deepest sympathy and respect to the family of Philip Campbell. My wife Julianne and I join with his family in mourning the loss of this honorable individual.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2002

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443 and 444, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

THE FARC

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2002

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, as we are aware, one of the Colombian terrorist organizations, the FARC, recently stated that U.S. citizens and friends of U.S. citizens would be killed. The FARC has already kidnapped 77 American citizens and murdered 12 in the past decade. This has taken place virtually without notice in the United States. In the first action to make good on that threat against American citizens and their friends, a young, dynamic Colombian woman, Eugenia Delgado Sanchez, was brutally assassinated as she was opening the door to her home in the town of Salento, Colombia at 1:30 a.m. on August 24. This defenseless woman went down in a hail of gunfire, receiving six shots to the back from two vile and cowardly terrorists wearing ski masks. I want to ensure that what she did and the purpose for which she made the ultimate sacrifice, is never forgotten. Her name now joins the names of over 40,000 innocent Colombians who have been killed in the growing narco-violence we witness today.

Ms. Delgado Sanchez was fully engaged in the effort against narcotics. She had reasons, one very personal—the narcos had killed her parents when she was 6 years old—but her greatest concern was for the young children who are offered drugs and addicted before they can even understand the danger that drugs present. She had worked with the Colombian anti-narcotics police and had become a trusted asset to that organization.

She undertook very dangerous assignments based on her deep convictions and concerns for people. She spent some time penetrating narcotics operations in the Jackson Heights area of New York City, where she saw dealers giving drugs for free to elementary school kids, just to get them addicted. She was passionate about protecting those children. Her efforts and information have resulted in numerous convictions.

Many in this House, and congressional staff members, remember meeting with Eugenia during delegation trips to Colombia or in the United States in the company of General Rosso Jose Serrano, the heroic former Director of the Colombian National Police. In April of this year she attended the USCINCPAC Change of Command for Admiral Dennis Blair, and she was going to marry a classmate of Admiral Blair's in October at the U.S. Naval Academy chapel in Annapolis, MD.

Eugenia had been a model and actress, who was at ease with the rich and famous, but never lost sight of the common touch and the less fortunate. Protecting children, poor people and animals were her passion.

After the devastating earthquake in January 1999, centered near the city of Armenia near where she grew up, she organized relief efforts for the children and the poor to bring them clothing and food. She managed to get the first relief in and on the ground, even before the Colombian government or private organizations could get in motion. After providing earthquake assistance, she returned to live in the town of Salento, Quindio where she had grown up as a child.

During her childhood, Salento was a tranquil town at the foot of the mountains devoted pri-

marily to cattle farming with the slow, peaceful pace of life that accompanied agricultural pursuits. As she spent more time in her hometown, she was alarmed by the changes in life because of the drug trade. The mountains were no longer safe. The FARC, to ensure that they had safe lines of communication to bring drugs out and weapons and ammunition in, focused on attacking these rural towns. One night she called her U.S. fiancé and gave him a minute-by-minute account of an ongoing FARC attack on her town. The FARC were going house-by-house looking for people who were "cooperating" with either the Colombian or U.S. governments. That night the FARC got to within two houses of where she lived before the Colombian National Police beat them back in a counterattack.

Eugenia cheered when President Bush made his announcement of the "War on Terrorism," and asked her U.S. fiancé if he thought the United States would assist Colombia with its terrorism problems, particularly since the FARC had kidnapped and executed U.S. citizens with no U.S. military response. She felt the new United States Administration under President Bush would be very serious about protecting U.S. citizens, and citizens of other countries, against terrorists. Obviously there were laws that needed to be enacted or changed to permit the United States to provide more direct assistance against terrorists. She said she hoped these changes would happen fast, since information she possessed concerning the FARC, indicated they were massing strength in the mountains near Salento.

Eugenia, by virtue of her training, always kept her eyes and mind open and her mouth shut while living in Salento. In this manner, she was able to see, hear and observe what was going on, and then pass it along to U.S. sources in Bogotá, without fear of telephone interception. Eugenia started accumulating a tremendous amount of information concerning how the FARC guerrillas were operating, along with identifying key FARC supporters in the village. She was able to unravel how they were able to obtain provisions, and transportation, how they moved kidnap victims, and how they organized weapons and ammunition stashes.

This information was always passed on in general terms to visiting U.S. delegations and others in the U.S. government. Eugenia always made herself available to provide briefings to U.S. personnel and for many she became "the face of Colombia."

Increasingly a race against time developed. Eugenia accumulated information on FARC and narcotics activities, while waiting for U.S. laws and regulations to change so this information would be useful and actionable. The FARC then sent word it wanted to meet with Eugenia. When her fiancé tried to pressure her to leave Salento, Eugenia said that she would but she wanted to get all the details on the location of safe houses the FARC used to transport kidnap victims. She told him, "Imagine what it is like to be kept blindfolded and placed in cages under the ground. God would not forgive us if we had the opportunity to help these people and we turned our backs because we were cowards. Remember, they kidnap both U.S. and Colombians; the next kidnapped person might be you."

In an e-mail sent to her fiancé on February 6, 2002, she laid things out in chilling detail:

On the other hand I want to tell you that have thought a lot about you due to the

things that are going on in my country. I don't know what will happen. I am very worried because I think that about 90% of the population of this town is guerrilla and our president (Andres Pastrana) is not doing anything.

Say hello to President Bush and ask him to help us . . . the reality is that we will die at the hands of the guerrillas and no one will say anything.

OK, I love you and if I have to die for you or your country, I will—I love you.

When she was gunned down by terrorists on August 24, she had less than 48 hours remaining before she would have permanently departed Salento, to be safe and alive in Bogotá. Obviously, the terrorists feared the information they thought she would provide, not realizing it was already too late.

The terrorists who killed Eugenia should remember the words of President Bush to the recovery crews after the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. . . . "soon the people who did this will hear from all of us."

Today, from the U.S. Congress I am proud to pay tribute to the tremendous strength, valor, and nobility of Eugenia and her efforts on behalf of the United States and Colombia. She served as a tremendous inspiration, and demonstrated what an amazing difference one single, dedicated person can make in the lives of so many people. I am sorry more of my colleagues did not have the opportunity to know her; you would be as proud of her life and legacy as I am.

HONORING NIVEDITA BHAT—FINALIST IN DISCOVERY CHANNEL YOUNG SCIENTIST CHALLENGE NATIONAL COMPETITION

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2002

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, today I commend a young woman from my District, Nivedita Bhat. At only 14 years old, Nivedita has risen to the highest level of scientific academic achievement for middle-school students.

Nivedita Bhat is one of only 40 students selected from 400 semifinalists from grades 5–8 throughout the United States to compete in the nation's premier science contest: The Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge national competition. She has shown excellence as one of America's top middle-school students in demonstrating leadership, team work and problem solving skills. As one of the finalists, Nivedita Bhat will join her fellow academic achievers on a trip to the nation's capital to compete for a scholarship and the title of "America's Top Young Scientist of the year."

Nivedita's winning project, entitled Toxins and Environmental Justice. Are We at Risk?, is a testimony to this young woman's impressive ability. Most compelling, is the attention she has brought to environmental injustice occurring in Miami-Dade County. Using a high-level technological tool that assembles and displays information relative to spatial locations, Nivedita showed several public schools were within a one-mile radius of a Toxic Release Inventory facility and face potential health risks. Nivedita also concluded that low-income populations were more likely to live near these facilities.