

He asked not the reason, as he stood in his trench
 He faltered not once, in the muck and the stench
 As soldiers in legions, they stood side by side,
 They knew some would fall, as many more died.
 They whispered their prayers, in a helmet of sweat,
 Shells bursting above, wouldn't let them forget.
 Tears in their eyes, as their friend lays so still,
 One hour ago, he was king of the hill.
 Many more wounded, spilling their life,
 When will it end, this battle of strife?
 For many, the battles, never will end,
 Now they're civilians, and find they can't blend.
 Some are disabled, and some are disturbed,
 After coming from hell, they find they've been curbed.
 A veteran is special, to be not denied,
 He put it up front, he need never hide.
 Now is the time, to honor our vets,
 Remember their pain, don't ever forget.
 Remember them now, and give them their due,
 Stand by their side, cause they did it for you.

REMEMBER ME

Some people call me Old Glory, others call me the Star Spangled Banner, but whatever they call me, I am your Flag of the United States of America. Something has been bothering me, so I thought I might talk it over with you.

I remember some time ago people lined up on both sides of the street to watch the parade and naturally, I was leading every parade, proudly waving in the breeze. When your daddy saw me coming, he immediately removed his hat and placed it over his heart . . . remember? And you, I remember you. Standing there as straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat but you were giving the right salute. Remember your little sister? Not to be outdone, she was saluting the same as you, with her right hand over her heart . . . remember?

What happened? I'm still the same old flag. Oh, I have a few more stars since you were a boy. A lot more blood has been shed since those parades of long ago.

But now I don't feel as proud as I used to be. When I come down the street, you just stand there with your hands in your pockets and I may get a small glance, then you look away. I see the children running around and shouting . . . they don't seem to know who I am . . . I saw one man take off his hat and then look around. He didn't see anybody else with theirs off so he quickly put his hat back on.

Is it a sin to be patriotic any more? Have you forgotten what I stand for and where I've been . . . Anzio, Korea, Guadalcanal, and Vietnam. Take a look at the Memorial Honor Rolls sometime, of those who never came back, to keep this Republic free . . . One Nation Under God . . . When you salute me, you are actually saluting them.

Well, it won't be long until I'll be coming down your street again. So, when you see me, stand straight, place your right hand over your heart . . . and I'll salute you, by waving back and I'll know that YOU REMEMBERED!!!

I want to thank Mr. Grimm for these poems and commend him for his dedication to God and country. Thank you.

IN HONOR OF MARÍA PESTANA

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor María Pestana for thirty years of service to Hudson United Bank (HUD) and communities throughout New Jersey. The Federation of Cuban Musicians is honoring Mrs. Pestana for her dedication to Hudson United Bank and the Hispanic community on Saturday, October 12, 2002, at Las Palmas Restaurant in West New York, New Jersey.

In 1957, as a young adult, Mrs. Pestana arrived in the United States from Cuba, initially devoting her time to the care of her family. As her children grew, Mrs. Pestana began a career at Hudson United Bank. She started at an entry-level position, but her enthusiasm and hard work quickly propelled her up the corporate ladder. Today, she is the well-regarded Executive Vice President of HUD and the General Manager of the Main Office.

For over thirty years, she has been a devoted employee, not only providing outstanding customer service, but also helping HUD become a fundamental fixture of the community. Her ability to rise to the occasion and attend to the needs of her customers and colleagues has gained her much respect and admiration.

Mrs. Pestana, and her husband, Francisco, have four children, Frank, Mary, Georgia and Jackie.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring María Pestana for her outstanding leadership and countless accomplishments. She is an important and integral part of the Hispanic community, and we are proud of her dedication and hard work on behalf of all New Jerseyans.

SENATE SHOULD ACT ON HOMELAND SECURITY LEGISLATION

HON. LAMAR S. SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the House has acted on the new Department of Homeland Security legislation; the Senate has not.

This bipartisan legislation will enable our government to coordinate its intelligence efforts and strengthen its defenses against terrorism.

Also, H.R. 3482, the Cybercrime Enhancement Act that I introduced, has been included as an amendment to the Senate homeland security legislation. H.R. 3482 passed the House by a vote of 385-3 and the Senate by unanimous consent.

Cyber terrorists do not have to sneak into our borders, they only have to hit a computer key to attack our homeland. We must improve our nation's cyber-security and strengthen our criminal laws to prevent, deter and respond to

cyber attacks that could disable the economy or endanger lives.

It is urgent that the Senate act on the Homeland Security legislation.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF JESSIE FULLERTON BARRETT

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jessie Barrett, the grandmother of my staff member Jennifer Barrett, on Jessie's 100th birthday. Jessie will turn 100 on November 5th. Jennifer's father (also Jessie's son) Peter came up with a few reflections on Jessie's life that I would like to submit for the RECORD. The way Jennifer describes her grandmother, it seems clear that Jessie is a strong woman who played a vital role in the family's development and progress over the years, through the hard times as well as the good times. I congratulate her on living such a full life and for the inspiration she has always been to her family and to everyone who has known her.

COMMENTS AND REFLECTIONS BY THE BARRETT FAMILY

Jessie was raised in Plainfield, New Jersey, where her father ran a business, the Watchung Stone Company. Neither of her parents attended college, but both believed in the importance of education. Jessie recalls the excitement in her town when Andrew Carnegie donated money for a library, and she also recalls that she and her brothers looked forward each week to spending most of Saturday in the library. Hard work in their studies and the family attitude about the importance of education determined her family's life paths. With a background of university studies and law school, her brother became President and CEO of Florida Power & Light Corporation, while Jessie gained teaching skills at Wheelock College in Boston. After meeting a special young man at Harvard, Hollis Barrett, she and her new husband set out for the wilds of California, where Hollis built a successful life as a real estate broker.

Jessie seems to have passed on her interest in teaching to her family; her daughter, Martha, taught students at both the elementary and high school levels, while her son, Peter, pursued a career in academic medicine at UCLA, which involved him in the training of medical students and internal medicine residents. Jessie has also taken great pride in the accomplishments of her five grandchildren. Following in his father's footsteps, John is a physician; Anna, the youngest, is a project manager for a non-profit organization involved in health care access; and Jennifer is Rep. MARK UDALL's Deputy Legislative Director. Jessie's Texas granddaughters, Barbara and Nancy, are pursuing both careers and motherhood, and Jessie is now a great-grandmother for the two youngest members of the family, Audrey and Grace.

A few more words about Jessie will allow the reader to know something about her as a person, and perhaps to understand how she has been able to enjoy life for several decades longer than many of her friends. If only one word could be used to describe her, it would be "optimist." That point of view was reflected in her daily approach to life as well as in her general philosophy. Her optimism

even extended to thunder storms, as she pointed out that "... if you can see enough blue sky to make a sailor a pair of pants, then you know the storm is clearing up." Consistent with her philosophy, no matter how hard it was raining, she was always able to see a patch of blue sky, even when no one else could see it. Importantly, she has shared this philosophy with the children she taught in school, and with her own family.

Jessie's life spanned most of the twentieth century. She saw both Halley's Comet and Mark Twain in 1910, waved goodbye to relatives as they sailed for France in World War I, manned a coastal watch tower in World War II, and watched Americans walk on the moon. The Great Depression had a great impact on the family and on their views about investments and savings.

She has dedicated her life to her family, and imbued them with a strong devotion to each other, a love of learning and education, and a strong sense of patriotism. And it should be noted that she loves all her grandchildren, even though some of them have joined the Democratic Party.

Jessie continues to enjoy life and looks forward to the family celebration on November 5th. The family will also remember to vote on that date, but the most important event of the day for them will be "Nana Jessie's" 100th birthday.

PETER V. BARRETT, MD
MARTHA B. BELL

STATEMENT ON SECURING AMERICA'S FUTURE ENERGY ACT

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, on September 19, 2002, I submitted a statement during the meeting of conferees for H.R. 4, the Securing America's Future Energy Act. During this session, House conferees approved a burdensome electricity title that could do irreparable harm to how rural Missourians receive power. Because this portion of the energy bill could have a significantly negative impact on rural America, let me take this means to share my statement with all members of the U.S. House of Representatives. Set forth text as follows:

I want to thank the leaders of the energy bill conference for holding this important meeting today. Although I have been appointed a conferee to this energy legislation because of its provisions related to the military, I come before you today to share my support for rural electric cooperatives and to express profound concerns about the possible inclusion of an onerous electricity title in the final energy bill.

Since the beginning months of the 107th Congress, Members from the House and Senate in both political parties have worked to draft energy legislation that is good for our Nation. In 2000, both presidential candidates developed plans for our future energy needs, and President Bush asked Congress to craft comprehensive energy policy legislation. We have done that. Each chamber has approved two distinct versions of an energy bill, and there are good and bad aspects to each of them. That is why we are here today and have been meeting in conference to iron out the differences between our respective bills.

As someone who is privileged to represent rural Missouri in the United States Congress, I am particularly mindful of rural American interests, including the electric

cooperatives that power nearly all of the Fourth Congressional District. The version of the energy bill approved by the Senate includes a title dedicated to electricity. The Senate electricity provisions, which are supported by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, recognize the unique role electric cooperatives play in providing electric power to folks who live throughout the countryside.

The House-passed version of the energy bill does not include an electricity title. In fact, the House has been unable to develop a sufficient consensus to approve an electric utility restructuring bill during the 107th Congress. Such a measure failed to pass the Energy and Air Quality Subcommittee or the Energy and Commerce Committee. That is a good thing for rural electricity consumers because the House bill would not acknowledge the special private business characteristics and the unique demographics of electric cooperatives and their customers.

It has come to my attention that during the last meeting of the energy bill conference, members discussed several aspects of the House electricity reform bill. I am concerned that some members who have been long-time advocates of stringent House electricity legislation are attempting to use this conference committee to advocate their bill as the "House position" on electricity, even though the House has repeatedly been unable to find general agreement on this matter. Such action would be devastating to electric cooperatives and to the customers they serve.

Electric cooperatives have a long and distinguished history in our country. They provide private ownership to consumers of their electric utility and operate at cost. This type of ownership has been very successful in rural Missouri where population densities and revenues are low. It has also immunized electric cooperatives from the price gouging, market manipulation, and corporate malfeasance activities that have emerged in the electricity industry over the past year.

Any electricity provision approved by the conferees must carefully address the unique interests of rural America. If conferees proceed with approving the House Energy and Commerce Committee's electricity restructuring proposal as part of this energy bill, it will cause great heartburn for those of us who represent rural America. Although I have not made a determination on how I will vote on a final energy work product, the inclusion of this burdensome provision will make me think twice about supporting it. More importantly, it will lead to higher rates for rural Americans who rely on electric cooperatives for their energy needs.

LEHIGH VALLEY HERO—GRACE HART O'BOYLE

HON. PATRICK J. TOOMEY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. TOOMEY. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to share my Report from Pennsylvania for my colleagues and the American people.

All across Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District there are some amazing people who do good things to make our communities a better place. These are individuals of all ages who truly make a difference and help others. I like to call these individuals Lehigh Valley Heroes for their good deeds and efforts.

Today, I would like to recognize Mrs. Grace Hart O'Boyle of Bethlehem. Mrs. O'Boyle is a

prime example of someone who has devoted her life to the betterment of our communities.

Mrs. O'Boyle served the Bethlehem City Schools as a teacher at Northeast Junior High and was an active participant in the city's summer school program for many decades. Despite commitments to Brownie troops and other youth organizations, Mrs. O'Boyle found time to raise a family and her strong commitment to education and the community is reflected in her own children's education-based careers.

While most would relax in their retirement, Mrs. O'Boyle saw her retirement only as an opportunity to help her community. She continued to substitute teach and was a member of Bethlehem's Professional Woman's Association, American Association of University Women, and served with various other Organizations.

Mrs. O'Boyle is marked by her humbleness and devotion, which she exhibited on her 80th birthday. Instead of accepting the flowers and gifts that usually mark such an occasion, Mrs. O'Boyle established a Scholarship fund to help bright, dedicated students at her local parish school.

Mrs. O'Boyle stands out as an example of the effect one person can have upon their community and for this she is a Lehigh Valley Hero in my book.

Mr. Speaker, this concludes my Report from Pennsylvania.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JOSEPH RAFFERTY

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of my friend and brother in the labor movement, Mr. Joseph Rafferty. Mr. Rafferty has been honored by our fellow Philadelphians by receiving the 2002 Laborers' Local Union 332 Outstanding Labor Leader Award. He has earned that honor by providing guidance and direction to Steamfitters' Local 420, the Philadelphia Building and Construction Trade Council as well as other trade councils, the Philadelphia AFL-CIO, and the entire Pennsylvania community.

In 1964, Mr. Rafferty entered Steamfitters' Local 420 for a five-year apprentice program. He went on to serve as the Assistant Business Manager, Business Agent, and is now the elected Business Manager. Under Mr. Rafferty's leadership, Local 420 actively aids the community by repairing and replacing piping, boilers, and refrigeration units for non-profit agencies. Local 420 has helped organizations such as the Ronald McDonald House, the Variety Club Camp, and the Scanlon Playground Ice Skating Rink.

Married to Frances, Joe's family includes his son Tom, his daughter Michele Quinn and his stepdaughters Eleanor and Aimee Troise. Mr. and Mrs. Rafferty have four grandchildren: Peter, Jake, Casey Leigh, and Chelsea. I am quite sure Joe's entire family is very proud of his numerous accomplishments.

It is a privilege to recognize a person whose leadership and commitment to community has enriched the lives of countless individuals. I