

In the past we might have accepted our fate but today we chose to fight back.

Hardly a day passes without the media informing us about a neighborhood that is fighting a landfill, incinerator, chemical plant or some other polluting industry.

This was not always the case.

Just three decades ago, the concept of environmental justice had not registered on the radar screens of most environmental, civil rights or social justice groups.

Today, we enjoy a greater ability to connect with the public by media but our laws still offer few protections to disadvantaged communities.

I am committed to changing this and look forward to working with Congressman UDALL and others to make sure that environmental protection starts with environmental equality.

I ask my colleagues to support this bill and yield back the balance of my time.

APPLICATION OF BERRY AMENDMENT TO MULTI-YEAR AIRCRAFT LEASE PILOT PROGRAM

HON. TED STRICKLAND

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my appreciation for the provision in the Defense Appropriations Conference Report that helps to reaffirm the certainty of the specialty metals clause of the Berry Amendment. The provision in the conference report directs the Secretary of the Air Force to provide Congress with estimates of the amount, value, and overall percentage of foreign and domestic-sourced specialty metals to be used in the fleet of leased aircraft under the Multi-Year Aircraft Lease Pilot Program. The Secretary must compare this data to the specialty metal content of military aircraft the Air Force has procured over the last five years. This measure will provide valuable data to Congress to ensure that the objective of the Berry Amendment and particularly the specialty metals clause of this long-standing procurement rule stands firm. Without proper enforcement of the Berry Amendment, the U.S. titanium industry could shrink and lead the Department of Defense to become dependent on foreign supplies from Russia for this strategic material that is of critical importance to the military aircraft industry.

TRIBUTE TO TOM MULLEN,
RIVERSIDE COUNTY SUPERVISOR

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication to the community and to the overall well-being and prosperity of the County of Riverside, California, is exceptional. The County of Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give time and talent to making their communities a better place to live and work. Tom Mullen is one of these individuals. After two terms as Riverside County Su-

pervisor, Tom is retiring this year. I know all of the citizens in our great County will miss Tom and wish him well as he moves to new endeavors.

Tom Mullen is a native of Hastings, Nebraska and has served his country honorably in the United States Air Force. Tom also served his community as a law enforcement officer and as an aid to State Senator Bob Pressley. Mullen was first elected to the Fifth District Supervisor seat for Riverside, California in 1994. As a county supervisor, he has been responsible for a population greater than 12 states and a multi-billion dollar budget that would rank among Forbes Magazine's Fortune 500 companies. Mullen has also been the leader for an ambitious planning initiative, the Riverside County Integrated Project, a three-pronged plan to simultaneously address transportation, habitat conservation and housing demands brought on by rapid population growth in Riverside County. The plan has been praised as a national model for other states and communities to emulate.

Under Tom Mullen's excellent leadership Riverside County has achieved impressive results. The economy has grown significantly and during his tenure more than 350,000 jobs have been generated. Mullen's aggressive hiring of new Sheriff Deputies and prosecutors has produced a 50-percent decrease in crime since 1994.

In recognition of Tom's exemplary work as a Riverside County Supervisor, Tom has been awarded the Riverside Community College Alumnus of the Year 2000; Management Leader of the Year 1998 by the A. Gary Anderson School of Management at the University of California, Riverside; and the Good Government Award from the Riverside County Chapter of the Building Industry Association.

Tom is a devoted husband to wife, Kathy, and proud father and grandfather.

Tom's tireless work as the Riverside County Supervisor has contributed unmeasurably to the well-being and betterment of Riverside County. His outstanding involvement in the community makes me proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend.

RECOGNIZING TAIWAN'S 91ST NATIONAL DAY

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, as a longtime supporter and proud member of the Taiwan Caucus, I would like to recognize and congratulate Taiwan today on its 91st National Day. Taiwan has made many significant accomplishments during its brief history. Taiwan has been a true friend to the U.S., and one of our major trading partners.

Taiwan is one of the largest export markets for many states, including New York. With a population of 23 million, the island of Taiwan is the world's 12th largest economy and seventh largest market for U.S. exports worldwide. Trade between Taiwan and the U.S. presently tops \$51 billion. Most importantly, these economic ties have strengthened our bilateral relationship.

Taiwan is a thriving democracy, supportive of political freedoms and human rights. Its

constitution guarantees citizens freedom of assembly, expression and association, freedom of religion, and freedom of the press. Taiwan conducts free and fair elections, and is home to more than 90 political parties.

I applaud Taiwan's commitment to upholding the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights, and the Declaration and Action Program of the 1993 Vienna Conference on Human Rights. I thank Taiwan for providing humanitarian assistance to Afghan refugees, and for its generous contributions to the International Community.

The U.S. is firmly committed to the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act, and supports the details of the 2000 Taiwan Security Enhancement Act. We must continue to support Taiwan's defense by offering a robust arms sales package, and recognize Taiwan's need for operational training to effectively use U.S. weapons in case of need.

I fully support Taiwan's efforts to join the World Health Organization. Last year, the House and Senate unanimously passed a bill authorizing the State Department to develop a plan to assist Taiwan in achieving observer status at the annual WHO Assembly. The President signed this important bill into law in May 2001.

Last year, President Chen Shui-ban made a transit stop in the U.S. The dignified treatment Taiwan's democratic leader received was encouraging. I support lifting restrictions on high-level visits by officials from Taiwan to help promote a balanced understanding of issues on both sides of the Taiwan Strait.

Taiwan's President Chen Shui-ban was one of the first world leaders to condemn the events of September 11th and to support U.S. efforts to combat terrorism. I am pleased to express my appreciation for Taiwan's gestures of goodwill on this day of celebration.

TRIBUTE TO MR. CHUCK GRAHAM

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with you my tremendous pride in a member of the United States Forest Service who has served his fellow citizens and his nation for almost 40 years, Mr. Chuck Graham. Chuck has not only served in the finest tradition of the Forest Service, he has also made the Forest Service a great neighbor to the communities in which he has served. Chuck's career has been guided by a deep commitment to public service. In every community, from Prospect and Powers to John Day and Lakeview, he has been a friend to all who have known him.

Most recently, serving as Forest Supervisor of the Fremont and Winema National Forests in Oregon, Chuck has always seemed to find a way to bring Forest Service interests and community interests together. Whether he was working out a land exchange to preserve the local ski area or preserving a long-standing sustained yield unit, Chuck has always been guided by common sense and innovation to solve problems and capitalize on opportunities.

Community leaders and those who use our public lands admire Chuck for his sensible approach to the stewardship of our natural resources. Chuck's strong belief in responsible multiple-use has made the forests he's cared for a valuable asset for all of us. In his innovative management of the forests, he never lost sight of the fact that the chief function of a forest is to sustain clean and abundant water. Chuck has demonstrated that when you manage a forest for its water, you bring out the best that God intended in a forest.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, we can all take pride in the way Chuck oversaw the merging of the local Bureau of Land Management and United States Forest Service into one, cohesive, efficient, and responsive unit. At the headquarters in Lakeview, the BLM and Forest Service not only share a building, they share a philosophy and a mission. Because they work so well together, Chuck and his BLM counterpart, Steve Ellis, have created the model for effectively combining assets of our land management agencies to deliver great service at a significant savings to the taxpayer.

Those who have worked with Chuck admire his management style. Chuck sees every employee not just for what they are but also for what they can become. He is dedicated to helping his people reach their full potential in an organization that has meant a great deal to him during a long and productive career. He has steered his organization with a steady and gentle hand, always mindful of his responsibility to the health of the forest and the vitality of the surrounding communities.

Chuck is known by the managers of Region 6 as the "go-to guy." When there is a big project, a vexing problem, or an exceptionally bright opportunity, the word in the Regional Office is to "run it by Chuck". Chuck has had a distinguished career of getting things done for us, his neighbors, and for the environment we all share.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me today in saluting a man who has served us well. Chuck Graham represents the best in the Forest Service and serves as an example for all to follow. Chuck's career truly represents the "service" in Forest Service.

RECOGNIZING STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE AND DR. ALVIN ROHRS' 20 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I stand before this body to honor an institution and its leader who have championed our free enterprise system for two decades. Students in Free Enterprise is a nonprofit education corporation whose mission is to work in partnership with businesses and institutions of higher education to provide university students the opportunity to understand and achieve success in a business world open to individual enterprise. Students are guided through the development of leadership, teamwork and communication skills by learning, practicing and teaching the principles of free enterprise.

For the last 20 years, Dr. Alvin Rohrs has served as President and CEO of Students in

Free Enterprise (SIFE). His tireless work has seen an international expansion of SRFE from 18 to 31 countries. Its classes, which teach of the principles of market economics, entrepreneurship, business ethics and personal financial success, are in 1,200 schools of higher learning worldwide. SIFE proponents and students hold annual international competitions that emphasize the strengths and positive societal contributions of the free enterprise System.

The free enterprise system reaches its zenith when it is coupled with individual liberties. Its principles resonate with many people who believe in the idea that hard work, free markets, and democracy lead to prosperity and social responsibility. More than 170 of America's business executives from some of the world's largest companies are members of the SIFE board.

Alvin Rohrs' commitment to free enterprise has been unwavering. Prior to his work with SIFE, Rohrs served as the Director of the Gene Taylor National Free Enterprise Center at his alma mater, Southwest Baptist University. He came to SIFE in 1983, a year after receiving his Juris Doctorate from the University of Missouri Columbia School of Law, where he graduated with full honors in the top ten percent of his class.

Dr. Rohrs has received the National Charity Award twice, honoring his leadership in SIFE. He has also received the National Entrepreneur of the Year Award for "Supporter of Entrepreneurship." Active in community service and church work, Rohrs is a member of the Missouri Bar Association and serves as a member and Deacon at First Baptist Church in Bolivar, Missouri. He resides in Bolivar with his wife, Bolivar Municipal Court Judge Elizabeth Rohrs and their two children.

We wish him and Students in Free Enterprise continued success in spreading the gospel of free enterprise and entrepreneurship, on which our American way of life is founded.

SPECIAL JOINT SESSION OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, September 6 of this year, a special Joint Session of the United States Congress gathered in New York City to remember the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. This special session reminded us of the lives that were lost and the heroes that were found all across this country on that terrible day. I am honored to have taken part in this unique session.

We convened at Federal Hall, where the first Congress met over two centuries ago, and a few blocks from where the World Trade Center towers once stood proud and tall.

Mr. Speaker, we met to remember the thousands of lives that ended so abruptly that day. We prayed for the families of those that were lost. We prayed for the families who had to say goodbye before they were ready. The wound that America suffered on that day will always be remembered.

We also expressed our most sincere thanks to the firefighters, police officers emergency personnel, and all others who risked and gave

their lives on that day. These brave men and women, along with their peers across the country, risk their lives every day to protect those around them. Expressing our thanks to them is a long overdue action.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, we recommit ourselves to eradicating terrorism from the world and to making sure that those responsible for this horrible attack on America are brought to justice. American soldiers are now stationed across the globe, helping to create a world where those who live in freedom can also live free of the fear of terrorism. America and the world owe these soldiers a debt of gratitude.

I am proud to have joined Congress on September 6, to remember the lives that were lost and to show those who would harm America that we will not forget, but we will overcome.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF RUNAWAY YOUTH PREVENTION MONTH

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleague from New York, Mr. ISRAEL, in introducing a resolution recognizing the goals and ideals of Runaway Youth Prevention Month, which is being sponsored by the National Network for Youth and the National Runaway Switchboard.

Recently, a number of highly publicized child abductions focused the attention of Americans on the plight of exploited and abducted children, and the pain and agony suffered by the families left behind.

Recognizing the serious threat that faces our children every day as they travel to and from school and play with friends in parks and neighborhoods, President Bush last week convened a conference on missing, exploited and runaway children.

Again, the main focus was on abducted and exploited children. And rightly so. One child abduction is one too many.

But let's put the problem of child abductions into perspective. Five times as many children run away as are abducted in this country, and one runaway child is also one too many.

There are approximately 1.3 million young Americans on the street every day as a result of running away and/or homelessness. One in seven children between the ages of 10-18 will run away. Some will return within a few days, while others will remain on the streets and never return. And each year, assault, illness or suicide will take the lives of 5,000 runaway youth. That's 5000 too many.

There are many reasons why children run away from home. Some are expelled from their homes by their families, or separated from their parents because of death or divorce. As much as violence is involved in the abduction of a child, so too does physical, sexual, and emotional abuse at home often cause a child to run away.

Having run away, these youth are now homeless, too poor to secure their own basic needs, and are often ineligible or unable to access medical or mental health resources.

Many runaway youth also have difficulty obtaining an education because they are homeless. Being a runaway or being without a