

neglect, and for supporting effective methods of prevention and treatment.

It also continues local projects with demonstrated value in eliminating barriers to permanent adoption and addressing the circumstances that often lead to child abandonment.

Mr. Speaker, this bill emphasizes the prevention of child abuse and neglect before it occurs. It promotes partnerships between child protective services and private and community-based organizations, including education, and health systems to ensure that services and linkages are more effectively provided.

The bill retains language that appropriately addresses a growing concern over parents being falsely accused of child abuse and neglect and the aggressiveness of social workers in their child abuse investigations. It retains language to increase public education opportunities to strengthen the public's understanding of the child protection system and appropriate reporting of suspected incidents of child maltreatment.

The agreement continues to foster cooperation between parents and child protective service workers by requiring caseworkers to inform parents of the allegations made against them, and improves the training opportunities and requirements for child protective services personnel regarding the extent and limits of their legal authority and the legal rights of parents and legal guardians.

It also ensures the safety of foster and adoptive children by requiring states to conduct criminal background checks for prospective foster and adoptive parents and other adult relatives and non-relatives residing in the household.

Lastly, this bill expands adoption opportunities to provide for services for infants and young children who are disabled or born with life-threatening conditions, and requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a study on the annual number of infants and young children abandoned each year.

I again want to thank my colleagues for their work on this bill and urge them to join me in support of this effort to improve the prevention and treatment of child abuse by supporting H.R. 5601, the Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2002.

TRIBUTE TO ISRAEL BROOKS, JR.

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding public servant and extraordinary law enforcement official, Israel Brooks, Jr., as he retires as the United States Marshal for the District of South Carolina.

This Newberry County native started out his career serving his country in the United States Marine Corps. In this capacity he served a tour at the National Security Agency in the greater Washington area, and obtained a top-secret crypto clearance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This fueled his interest in pursuing a professional law enforcement career.

After leaving the Corps, Israel joined the South Carolina Highway Patrol as a Patrolman

in Beaufort County. This was particularly significant because he broke the color barrier in that organization. His enthusiasm and leadership led to a steady succession of promotions, ultimately culminating in his attaining the rank of Major, a position in which he assumed the administrative duties for the entire agency.

Because of his exemplary service during his 27 years with the South Carolina Highway Patrol, my friend and colleague, Senator FRITZ HOLLINGS, nominated Israel as President Clinton's United States Marshal in South Carolina. He has served in this capacity with distinction since March 1994, even earning his agency the 1995 "District of the Year" award from the United States Marshals Service.

Israel Brooks' career has been as distinguished as historic. He has received numerous awards for his achievements, and shares his message of success with young people of all ages. As he retires as United States Marshal for the District of South Carolina, I commend him for his dedicated service and the example he has set for future generations.

Mr. Speaker, Israel Brooks Jr.'s contributions to South Carolina and the Nation are significant and deserving of high praise and I ask you and my colleagues to join me today in honoring him for the example he sets for all of us. I wish him continued success and Godspeed!

EDUCATION SCIENCES REFORM ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5598, The Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002.

Let me first thank Chairman CASTLE and Congressman KILDEE for their outstanding work on this bill. Both members have championed the need for quality education research and this legislation is a reflection of their leadership on this issue.

H.R. 5598 complements the bipartisan effort started with the No Child Left Behind Act. In that landmark reform measure enacted this year, states and schools districts will now be held accountable for providing a quality education to all children. The availability of scientifically based research that demonstrates what works and what doesn't work will be critical in this effort and H.R. 5598 establishes the framework to make this happen.

H.R. 5598 brings research directly into the classroom where it is needed the most. Through a system of regional technical assistance, school districts will be able to receive support tailored to their needs.

The bill also establishes 8 research centers to focus on long term research in such critical issues as teacher quality, early childhood education, and assessments and standards. The research conducted by these centers will help to inform the efforts of educators all over the country.

I am proud that this bill will continue to support the efforts in my State of: West Ed in San Francisco, CRESST at UCLA, and CREDE at UC Santa Cruz. All of these programs offer top-notch work that is of direct benefit to our entire educational system.

Perhaps most important this legislation authorizes a new level of investment in education research to match the demand for quality science on what works to improve education.

Again, I commend the work of my colleagues Congressman CASTLE and KILDEE and urge support of this bill.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 15th Anniversary of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This month of reflection evolved from the Day of Unity, which was created in 1981 to connect battered women's advocates from across the nation who shared the common goal of ending violence and abuse. The Day of Unity developed into a week of local, state and national advocacy and in October 1987, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed.

Domestic violence is a serious problem in communities throughout the United States. While physical abuse is the most recognized form of domestic violence, in many cases the abuse is often emotional, verbal, mental, sexual or economic. Domestic violence affects families in every community, crossing all races, social and economic backgrounds, cultures, religions, and relationships.

According to the 2000 National Crime Victimization Survey, approximately 700,000 incidents of violence between partners were reported that year with thousands more cases going unreported. Every person deserves the right to live without fear. Children who witness family violence may be its most helpless victims, even if they are not attacked themselves.

It is crucial to raise awareness among teachers, police officers, clergy, and others in the community who can recognize the warning signs of domestic abuse. Historically, domestic violence has been considered a private issue, allowing thousands of abusers to carry out their crimes unnoticed. No one in an abusive situation should feel isolated or judged. With awareness and education, we can learn how to help our friends or loved ones in need and ensure they have the support they need to end the violent behavior in their homes.

Many Federal, State, and local programs addressing the domestic violence problem have achieved great success, bringing greater safety to families. Community leaders, police, judges, advocates, healthcare workers, and concerned citizens are joining together to develop innovative solutions to this serious problem. Community-based organizations in my district, such as the Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence, Boston Area Rape Crisis Center, Casa Myrna Vasquez, The Elizabeth Stone House, Finex House, Harbor Me, Jane Doe Inc., Renewal House, Respond, Inc., and the Transition House have been helping individuals win the battle against domestic violence for many years, and their dedication should be applauded.

During Domestic Violence Awareness Month, I urge all Americans to commit themselves to eliminating domestic violence and

reaching out to its victims, letting them know that help is available. With dedication and vigilance, we can help keep thousands of American families safe.

HONORING CARL RIGGS

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the late Carl Riggs, a former provost and acting president at the University of South Florida who dedicated 25 years to turning the University into the first-class, nationally renowned institution that it is today.

Carl began his academic career at the University of Michigan, where he earned three zoology degrees before serving in the United States Air Force as an aviation cadet. He went on to work for 23 years at the University of Oklahoma, where he published several books and articles on zoology and served as acting provost.

In 1971, Carl was asked to join USF as a biology professor and a vice-president of academic affairs, and in the next 25 years, he held a host of leadership positions at the University, including acting president from 1977 to 1978. During his time at the University, Carl set clear standards for faculty tenure, salary and promotions, and at a time when USF was primarily considered a teaching college, Carl was instrumental in developing USF's graduate and research program, which he oversaw until the mid 1980s. Carl's accomplishments helped make USF a successful university that competes with the best.

Carl's colleagues remember him with admiration and respect. He had a vision for USF, and made it come to life. But most importantly, he never stopped caring for the students. In 1990, Carl was awarded USF's Distinguished Citizen's award, and the mayor of Tampa named June 28 of that year to be Dr. Carl Riggs Day.

Carl's contributions to the Tampa Bay community extend far beyond the USF campus. He served as a member on the board of directors of the Boy Scouts of America, and on the Florida Foundation for Future Scientists. Although Carl retired from USF in 1996, he still represented the school, and remained an integral part of it.

On behalf of our community, I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Carl's wife and children, who have been blessed to have a wonderful, selfless role-model in their family. We will always remember Carl for his dedication and service to our city and the USF community.

TRIBUTE TO CHICK HEARN

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Chick Hearn, a man who served as the voice of the Los Angeles Lakers during the 42 years of his professional career as a sports broadcaster. His vibrant de-

scriptions and ingenious perspective of the game transcended the sport as well as the art of broadcasting. Chick was not just the man behind the voice of the Lakers franchise but his career and accomplishments have also been devoted to his friends, family, and, more than anything else, his wife Marge.

Chick Hearn, a resident of Encino, recently passed away at the age of 85. However, his legacy will never be forgotten. During his career he set forth an astounding record that is unlikely to ever be touched. He established an amazing streak, from November 21, 1965, through December 16, 2001, by completing 3,338 consecutive Laker broadcasts. Although he underwent heart surgery and suffered from a broken hip shortly following the streak, he bounced back and returned to the court with full spirits and energy in order to see his Laker team attain a third consecutive world championship. Hearn's longevity surpassed that of any other sports broadcaster. He managed to only miss two games throughout his career and never called in sick due to his overwhelming love for the game.

Francis Dayle Hearn, a native of Aurora, Illinois born November 27, 1916, attended Bradley University. It was there where he first earned the nickname "Chick" when, as a young basketball player, he opened up a box of sneakers and instead a chicken came out. Shortly thereafter, he married his high school sweetheart Marge. He once said, "I don't know what I would have done without her." It was her overwhelming support and unconditional love for her husband of 57 years that contributed to his so many achievements.

Chick Hearn received numerous awards during his tenure as the Lakers play by play man. He was a member of the American Sportscaster's Hall of fame and a recipient of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Fame's Curt Gowdy Media award. In 1965, he was presented an Emmy Award for Excellence in Basketball Coverage. Chick, a two time National Sportscaster of the Year, was not just notorious for his basketball insight but also for his work with the NCAA, NFL, UNLV basketball, PGA golf tournaments, and the first Ali-Frazier fight. Throughout his career he made several television appearances, and in 1986 he was commemorated with a star on Hollywood Boulevard's Walk of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the legendary Chick Hearn, the man who set the standard for NBA announcers. A true icon who will be missed dearly by his family, friends, colleagues, fans and the City of Los Angeles.

HONORING MARIANN PORTER DEMPSEY

HON. ROBERT A. BORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my longest-serving staffer, Mariann Porter Dempsey, a loyal footsoldier from Harrisburg and Washington to Philadelphia.

Twenty-six years ago, Mariann left a good job with the City of Philadelphia to work as my assistant in the Pennsylvania legislature for \$3,600 a year. Since then, Mariann has served as my Executive Assistant during my 10 terms in the House of Representatives.

Mare has worked diligently to help me represent and serve the interests of the people of the 3d Congressional District. She sought no praise and gratitude for her work, and fought tirelessly for our constituents. She is truly a genuine model for the call to public service.

One of the most important honors in this job is to nominate students to our Nation's service academies. Mariann has helped me in this challenge, by representing me on my Congressional Academy Selection Board for nearly 20 years.

Since 1983, Mare has helped me to nominate well over 100 candidates to the various service Academies: the United States Air Force Academy, the United States Merchant Marine Academy, the United States Military Academy at West Point, and the United States Naval Academy. The candidates include:

From the Class of 1987—John McGowan, Naval Academy.

From the Class of 1988—Mary Ann Dolan, Air Force Academy; Walter Gagajewski, Air Force Academy; Mark McLaughlin, Military Academy; Michael Carsley, Naval Academy; William Hoban, Naval Academy; and Richard Montgomery, Naval Academy.

From the Class of 1989—John Ainsley, Military Academy; Christopher Scuron, Military Academy; Jamie Catalano, Air Force Academy; Kenneth Southard, Merchant Marine Academy; Paul Gallagher, Naval Academy; Jay Roth, Naval Academy; Sally Chamberlain, Naval Academy; and Thomas Bruno, Naval Academy.

From the Class of 1990—Robert Cameron, Naval Academy; Michael Peterson, Naval Academy; James Tannahill, Naval Academy; John Ioia, Military Academy; Keith Melinson, Military Academy; Matthew Lowry, Merchant Marine Academy; and David Rich, Merchant Marine Academy.

From the Class of 1991—Robert Boyle, Military Academy; Lawrence Lowry, Military Academy; Patrick Zaleski, Naval Academy; and Peter Hagis, Air Force Academy.

From the Class of 1992—Joseph Berger, Military Academy; Victor Vidal, Air Force Academy; Kevin Plescha, Air Force Academy; and Maximilian Clark, Naval Academy.

From the Class of 1993—Joseph Crozier, Air Force Academy; Walter Molishus, Merchant Marine Academy; Darryl Rupp, Military Academy; James Crawford Durant II, Military Academy; Erin McAvoy, Naval Academy; and Gregory Cameron, Naval Academy.

From the Class of 1994—William Rapone, Merchant Marine Academy; John McGovern, Merchant Marine Academy; Justin Hoffman, Air Force Academy; Christopher Harris, Air Force Academy; Leonardo Day, Naval Academy; and Patrick Turner, Naval Academy.

From the Class of 1995—Ronald Novotny, Military Academy.

From the Class of 1996—John Coleman, Military Academy; Timothy Smith, Naval Academy; John Van Jaarsveld, Naval Academy.

From the Class of 1997—Nathaniel Newlin, Naval Academy; Irvin Gray, Naval Academy; Janel Timoney, Naval Academy; John O'Connor, Military Academy; Rebecca Trojecki, Military Academy; and Marcus Jackson, Military Academy.

From the Class of 1998—Jon Leisner, Naval Academy; Aaron Bell, Air Force Academy; and David Bonk, Military Academy.

From the Class of 1999—Travene Scott, Military Academy; James Kane, Naval Academy; Eileen Kane, Naval Academy; and Jared Goodwin, Naval Academy.

From the Class of 2000—Gerald Gallagher, Naval Academy; Michael Monaghan, Naval Academy; Thomas McAvoy, Naval Academy; Brandon Woll, Military Academy; and William Kilrain, Military Academy.