

need to invest in secure information systems. The Information Security Act is a small, but important step toward meeting our security needs and I urge my colleagues to support this very important bill.

#### TRIBUTE TO HAL BERNSON

**HON. BRAD SHERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

**HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

**HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 16, 2002*

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, We rise today to pay tribute to Hal Bernson, for his leadership and efforts to improve the quality of life in our community. Hal is a determined hard working individual who has dedicated 25 years of invaluable service to our city as a Los Angeles City Councilman and as an Honorary Chairman of the Annual North Valley Family YMCA Booster Club Dinner.

Hal Bernson, a native of the San Fernando Valley since 1957, has devoted much time and energy to improving his community. He has been a driving force in cultivating relations between the private businesses in Los Angeles and the public sector. Throughout his public career, beginning in 1979 as a newly elected official, he has focused on improving the quality of life in Southern California by spearheading ordinances to preserve Southland parks and residential areas.

Beginning in 1990 Hal formed the 12th Council District TMA, the first city-side Transportation Management Association. He has served as the City of Los Angeles Earthquake Preparedness Coordinator, and as a member of the State of California Seismic Commission. Along with overseeing such committees, he has also worked to improve the state's earthquake preparedness, funding to retrofit substandard buildings as well as the implementations of state and local educational programs. His efforts have been instrumental in establishing a policy that considers jobs, housing and transportation, to create an environment which has strengthened the local economy.

Under the direction of Hal, the Annual YMCA Booster Club Dinner has managed to raise the highest amount in its history. His commitment to the YMCA was tremendous, and as a result, the YMCA contributed \$1 million in essential funds for the local chapter to meet the health and social service needs of the community.

City Councilman Hal Bernson has received a number of awards recognizing his efforts as an outstanding community leader, including the Governor's award for Earthquake Preparedness; the News maker of the Year Valley Press Club Award; the North Valley YMCA Benefactor of Youth "Golden Helmet" Award; the Founders Awards from the 12th Council District Transportation Management Association; the Alfred E. Alquist Award for achievement in Earthquake Safety. Lastly, he was named Man of the Year in 1995 by the Association for Commuter Transit.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing City Councilman Hal Bernson. A man of strong integrity. A leader with vision willing to

cross partisan lines to work with all people and all constituents for the betterment and common good of our great state of California.

#### INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION TO CONDEMN THE RECENT VIOLENT BOMBINGS IN INDONESIA AND URGING RENEWED EFFORT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL WAR ON TERRORISM

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 16, 2002*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution condemning the recent terrorist bombing in Bali, Indonesia. Further, I wish to express my strong and utter disgust with the actions of those who bombed the nightclub in Bali, last weekend.

This resolution is offered to condemn the violent bombing of last weekend and urged that we continue our efforts in the war against terrorism that we began a year ago.

This resolution offers support to the government of Indonesia in its efforts to find and bring to justice those the perpetrators, organizers, and sponsors of the attack.

I rise to pay tribute to the many lives lost in the recent incident of October 12, 2002 in Bali. The unspeakable level of terror heaped upon the Americans and vacationers of other countries, some of whom are among our closest allies, must be dealt with.

For the last year, the United States has been engaged in an International War on Terrorism, and we have received broad support from countries across the globe. This act reminds us that we must keep our eye on the ball and continue to engage those who would deliver terror upon our cities and citizens.

Mr. Speaker, the Resolution I am introducing today expresses the condolences of this body to all those who lost loved ones and family members in the heinous act and we should not ever forget them.

Saturday's bombing is a reminder that the war on terrorism truly is a global war. It reminds us that terror has no face, nor no borders.

The House of Representatives must stand behind the people of Indonesia during this trying time as they fight their own war on terrorism.

I urge my colleagues to support my resolution and call on the leadership to act swiftly in bringing this to the floor for consideration.

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. ALBERT C. YATES

**HON. BOB SCHAFFER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 16, 2002*

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise today to express gratitude and congratulations to one of Colorado's most outstanding citizens, Dr. Albert C. Yates of Fort Collins, Colorado. Dr. Yates is retiring after 12 years as President of Colorado State University.

One of seven children, Dr. Yates rose from a Memphis, Tennessee, ghetto to make a name for himself. He attributes his success to a mother whose sole purpose was giving her children a better life than she had. The young Albert Yates never realized he was poor as a child, but knew there were people who cared for him deeply. Dr. Yates now proclaims that his mother and others instituted a sense of what's important in this world, and that's what has helped him achieve his current status.

Dr. Yates began his college career at Memphis State University, graduating magna cum laude in chemistry and mathematics in 1965. After earning a doctorate in theoretical chemical physics from Indiana University at Bloomington in 1968, he served as a postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Southern California before returning to join the faculty at Indiana. He achieved the rank of associate professor before departing Indiana in 1974 to become associate dean for graduate education and research at the University of Cincinnati. In 1976, Dr. Yates completed the Institute for Educational Management at the Harvard School of Business, and the following year was named vice president and university dean for graduate studies and research at the University of Cincinnati. Prior to his Colorado State appointment, Dr. Yates served for nine years as executive vice president and provost at Washington State University in Pullman.

Under Dr. Yates' tenure, Colorado State University has become one of the nation's most influential research universities. Among Colorado State's documented achievements are breakthroughs in hurricane forecasting, a new tuberculosis vaccine, developing canola engine oil and improved laser technology. The university's veterinary medicine and atmospheric sciences programs are without question world-renowned. Under Dr. Yates' leadership, Colorado State University has attracted the state's fastest-growing resident enrollment. Private funding has quadrupled. External research funding has increased over 80 percent, and the endowment has gone from \$42 million to \$126.8 million, a 300 percent increase. Furthermore, it is not just Coloradans who recognize his accomplishments. U.S. News and World Report recently ranked Colorado State University among the top 100 universities in the nation and Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine named it among the top 50 for value in higher education.

Dr. Yates is clearly the most accomplished of Colorado State University presidents. Many in Colorado have likened him to Charles A. Lory and William B. Morgan, the two most highly respected presidents of this fine institution.

Dr. Yates' philosophy has been simple yet profound. In a letter to those interested in the university, the lessons learned from his early childhood were clearly still intact. Dr. Yates stated, "Our goal is not simply to teach students how to make a living—but to live a life." Always striving for perfection and overcoming challenges, Dr. Yates consistently took responsibility for all aspects of the university, no matter how big or small.

As Americans, we admire those individuals who are extremely accomplished in their field. Albert Yates went well beyond this standard. In addition to the 39 honors and awards he has received over the years and 23 community service committees he has served on, Dr. Yates has been a leader in business and the

community at large. A member of numerous Boards of Trustees including the Boy Scouts of America Longs Peak Council and the Denver Zoological Society, Dr. Yates has also served on the Board of Directors of First Interstate Bank of Denver, the Mountain West Conference, Colorado Institute of Technology, and the Denver Branch of the Federal Reserve.

Dr. Yates' immediate plans are to continue to serve as chancellor of the Colorado State University System, following through on his promise to transition the University of Southern Colorado to Colorado State University at Pueblo. He is looking forward to spending more time with his wife Ann and their two school-aged daughters, Aerin and Sadie.

On behalf of the citizens of Colorado, I ask the House to join me in extending congratulations and a sincere thanks to Dr. Albert C. Yates. It is an honor to know such an extraordinary citizen and we owe him a debt of gratitude for his service and dedication to Colorado State University, the State of Colorado and America.

#### VERIZON TACKLES ILLITERACY

**HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 16, 2002*

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the efforts of Verizon, its employees and its spokespeople who are working to tackle the problem of illiteracy. Last week, the House Education and the Workforce Subcommittee on Education Reform held a hearing on "Literacy Partnerships that Work." The hearing featured actor James Earl Jones and Verizon President and Chief Executive Officer Ivan Seidenberg, testifying on Verizon's efforts to improve literacy in America.

Describing his lifelong love of reading, Verizon spokesman and actor James Earl Jones remarked on how, "All of us—lawmakers, reading teachers and tutors, corporate philanthropists, educators, and literacy volunteers—all of us have an important and necessary role addressing this issue."

Testifying about his company's involvement in literacy efforts, Ivan Seidenberg, the President and CEO of Verizon, described how his company's mission is "highly focused."

"We work to raise public awareness, create partnerships, and generate financial support for local and national literacy organizations so they can do their jobs more effectively. To use a communications metaphor, we believe that—through our scale, scope, and technology—we can increase the 'bandwidth' of the system and enable more learning to be delivered to more people, more effectively," he said.

For Verizon there is a strategic link between literacy and the future business success of the nation's largest communications company with upwards of 240,000 employees in technically demanding jobs.

However, it's more than just for their future employees.

"Verizon's communications networks comprise a unique platform for sharing resources and forming partnerships," Seidenberg said. "Verizon's enormously committed employees and retirees have a long heritage of vol-

unteerism and community involvement. And more than a decade's worth of commitment to the issue of literacy has given the company both the knowledge and the relationships with the literacy community to be effective."

Also attending the Hearing as Verizon Literacy Champions were CBS Sportscaster Dick Enberg, Mike Kohn, 2002 Olympic Bronze Medal Bobsled Athlete, Chris Thorpe 2002 Olympic Bronze Medal Luge Athlete and Lee Ann Parsley, a resident from the great state of Ohio, the 2002 Olympic Silver Medal winner in the Women's Skeleton competition.

All of these distinguished celebrities attended to demonstrate their great commitment, as well as Verizon's commitment, to providing positive role models in the fight for literacy. Mr. Jones, in his compelling personal testimony, said that: "In my family, we say the love of reading and book learning is in our bone memory." Jones' great-great grandparents Brice and Parthenia Connolly, "passed on their love of reading to my great-grandfather, Wyatt, who owned a modest library, and encouraged his family to read his books and to revere them."

Mr. Speaker, this is one of the legacies we hope to leave with H.R. 1—"The No Child Left Behind Act"—to build reading and book learning into the bone memory of all Americans. In these days when there is so much talk about Corporate Accountability, it is a pleasure to recognize Verizon for the positive work they are doing to help the citizens of our Country.

#### A SCANDINAVIAN PERSPECTIVE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 16, 2002*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with our colleagues in the US House of Representatives a speech given by the former Norwegian Supreme Court Chief Justice; the Honorable Carsten Smith to the Congressional Friends of Norway Caucus on Thursday, September 26. In his speech Chief Justice Smith outlined a Scandinavian perspective on Constitutional and International Human Rights—a highly relevant topic in light of the post-September 11 era. While the legal development in our country and Europe have not been completely congruent, Chief Justice Smith's thoughtful comments deserve bear examination.

Chief Justice Smith, who has served on the Norwegian Supreme Court from 1987 until his retirement in 2001 and served as the Courts Chief Justice since 1991, has had a distinguished and impressive legal career for close to half a decade, and is considered a legend in the Norwegian legal community.

Carsten Smith, who was born in Oslo in 1932, received his law degree from the University of Oslo in 1956 and earned his doctorate in law shortly thereafter. He is married to Mrs. Lucy Smith, also a distinguished professor of law at the University of Oslo, and they have three children.

Carsten Smith was appointed Professor of Law at the University of Oslo in 1964. During his life-long career at the University, Chief Justice Smith has served in a number of posi-

tions. He served as the Dean of the Faculty of Law, and the President of the University of Oslo. Chief Justice Smith has also published a large number of articles and books in the field of international law, constitutional law, administrative and private law. Chief Justice Smith is also the recipient of numerous academic memberships and honors as well as the Commander and Knight of several Orders.

Throughout his career Chief Justice Smith worked tirelessly on advancing the rights of minorities and human rights, and chaired both the Saami Rights Commission and the Commission on Human Rights in Norwegian legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Chief Justice Carsten Smith for his outstanding career in the legal field, and ask that Chief Justice Smith's speech be placed in the RECORD.

#### SCANDINAVIAN PERSPECTIVE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS

(By Norwegian Chief Justice Carsten Smith)

The United States Supreme Court has for a long period been a source of inspiration for European legal thinking, including my own work, even though one may disagree with specific decisions. During my time both as a law professor and as a judge I have eagerly studied literature on this Court, and referred to it so often, that this fact was even commented on by the Attorney General in a public speech on my retirement from the Bench.

The theme today will in the first place be how judicial review of the constitutionality of legislation—a principle created by the US Supreme Court—has taken roots across the Atlantic. Moreover, I shall show how this review in the last decades—and especially the most recent years—has been enlarged to also embrace the conformity of legislation with treaty-based human rights. In the title of the speech the concept of human rights is used to cover constitutional civil rights and liberties as well as international rights and freedoms.

While speaking about judicial constitutional review here in the United States might have the character of preaching to the Pope, the extension of the review of legislation, requiring its compliance with human rights conventions, might be regarded as a further development spearheaded by Europe. One may consider this either as an extension of the original United States constitutional law concept, or as a European development in contrast to American constitutionalism. It concerns the responsibility for implementation of treaty-based human rights on the national arena. The constitutional civil rights and liberties have been supplemented with international human rights and freedoms, and the power to give binding interpretation of the main convention—the European Convention on Human Rights—has been transferred to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

Norway's Constitution of 1814 is the oldest written constitution in Europe still in effect today, probably the second oldest worldwide next to the United States Constitution. The Norwegian practice of judicial review is also the oldest in Europe, perhaps the second oldest worldwide next to the United States practice. The Constitution makes no explicit mention of judicial review, quite in conformity with European constitutional thinking of that period. This review arose—as in the United States—from the practice of the Supreme Court itself.

The United States Supreme Court's decision in *Marbury versus Madison* represents one of the landmark cases in Western legal thinking. The closest comparable Norwegian decision was a case between a naval officer