

try to hide their mistakes and negligence rather than protect the public.

When there are powerful interests trying to hide what they are doing, we have found that there is always a brave soul willing to step up and take the heat. We have seen that with the FAA and airline security. We have seen some of that with Enron. And yes, we saw that with the brave whistleblowers I met with this morning. They each stood up and fought for what was right and just.

And all of them faced real heat and the intimidation that too often comes along with doing the right thing. All too often that heat isn't fair, and in fact, isn't even legal.

The law is clear: according to the Lloyd-LaFollette Act, employers can't interfere with whistleblowers. Unfortunately, while the law is clear, it doesn't have any penalties if the act is violated. It has no teeth; it is like Paul Revere without a voice. The Paul Revere Freedom to Warn Act, which I will be introducing later today, protects employees who blow the whistle by allowing them to bring a civil action in federal courts with jury trials.

These people have three years to bring these actions for lost wages and benefits, reinstatement, costs and attorney fees, compensatory or punitive damages, and any other relief that the courts believe are appropriate.

This is just common sense; if something is against the law, then there has to be a price to pay if you violate the law.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for us all to stand up for the whistleblowers. They are the true patriots, and I want to thank them, salute them, and help them by introducing and passing the Paul Revere Freedom to Warn Act.

I would like to thank the Government Accountability Project (GAP). In particular I want to thank Tom Devine and Doug Hartnett, for constantly keeping the issue of whistleblower protection before Congress.

The price of liberty is eternal vigilance, and even though they only represent whistleblowers, they too serve as modern Paul Revers through their work.

The Government Accountability Project has been a very effective partner in laying the groundwork for this necessary legislation.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE JOHN W. GARDNER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2002

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute today to a distinguished Californian and a great American, John W. Gardner, who died at the age of eighty-nine on February 16, 2002. He leaves his wife of 67 years, Aida, and his two daughters, Stephanie Gardner Trimble and Francesca Gardner. He also leaves two granddaughters, two grandsons, two great-grandchildren and a brother, Louis.

John W. Gardner was born in California in 1912. A true American hero, he devoted his life to public service, pioneering the modern movement for citizen activism, campaign finance reform and healthcare for the needy.

A 1935 graduate of Stanford University, John Gardner went on to earn a doctorate in psychology from the University of California, Berkeley. He taught psychology at Connecticut

College and Mount Holyoke and was later named Haas Centennial Professor of Public Service at Stanford.

John Gardner served under six U.S. Presidents including President Lyndon B. Johnson who named him Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. A Republican, Mr. Gardner believed good ideas transcended partisanship, and as Secretary, he initiated and implemented many of the programs in President Johnson's War on Poverty. He developed many of these innovative ideas during his decade as President of the Carnegie Corporation.

After leaving government service, Mr. Gardner continued to serve the public. In 1970 he founded Common Cause, a prominent citizens' watchdog organization that remains a powerful political force today. John Gardner was also cofounder of Independent Sector, a philanthropic coalition of over six hundred corporate and nonprofit organizations.

Inspired by his commitment to public service, both Stanford and U.C. Berkeley have established a successful public service fellowship in his honor. Modeled after the White House Fellows Program which Gardner designed, the John Gardner Fellowship in Public Service serves as a critical launching pad for graduating seniors looking to pursue a career in public service.

When the House passed Campaign Finance Reform in the early hours of February fourteenth, it was John Gardner whom I thought of first because no one did more or spoke more eloquently about the need for this critical reform. Frequently referred to as the "father of campaign finance reform," he was appointed by President Clinton as co-chairman of the Campaign Finance Reform Commission. The American people owe an enormous debt of gratitude to this extraordinary individual for his leadership, his commitment and his vision.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this exceptional man and extend our condolences to his wife and family. We are a better community, a better country and a better people because of John W. Gardner.

IN HONOR OF MOTHERS' VOICES— UNITED TO END AIDS

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2002

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mothers' Voices on the occasion of its 10th anniversary. Mothers' Voices is an organization of mothers and supporters, based on Manhattan's West Side, that works to educate our families about the prevention of HIV/AIDS and to advocate for creative and effective public policy to stem the tide of this devastating epidemic.

While the rate of HIV/AIDS infection among young people under 25 continues to climb, it is increasingly necessary to mobilize our entire community to expand education and prevention programs. Despite the advancements in research and treatment of AIDS, the statistics on the rate of infection are disheartening. The Centers for Disease Control recently announced that the HIV/AIDS infection rate for the U.S. has risen by 8 percent in the last year alone. New York had the highest rate of

increase, at 47 percent. Approximately half of the 40,000 new HIV infections occurring annually in America are in young people under the age of 25. Every hour of every day, two Americans between the ages of 13 and 24 become infected with HIV. The CDC report recommends the need for community-based outreach and education, like the programs offered by Mothers' Voices. As an organization of parents, Mothers' Voices has the unique ability to educate young people about the devastating consequences of HIV/AIDS. Under the leadership of President Suzanne Benzer and Executive Director Carol Henry, Mothers' Voices has worked to inform the public about the deadly effects of HIV/AIDS and how to properly prevent infection.

As the toll of HIV/AIDS on our families and communities mounts higher and higher, it is imperative that Mothers' Voices keeps working to provide educational outreach and advocacy. I wholeheartedly congratulate Mothers' Voices for ten successful years of educating our families, raising awareness and advocating for our children's health and well being.

A TRIBUTE TO THE RECIPIENTS OF THE FIRST ANNUAL CHILDREN AND FAMILIES HEROES AWARD

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2002

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the recipients of the First Annual Children and Families Heroes Award from Santa Cruz County. These men and women have all invested time and energy in numerous endeavors designed to improve the welfare of children. Along with the Children & Families Commission, I would like to recognize them for their commitment and service to our community.

The Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors established this commission in 1998 to determine the best practices to promote the welfare of children. The commission has strived "to ensure that family-friendly services and education are available so that each child reaches the fifth year of life healthy, ready and able to learn, and emotionally well developed." Through promoting the ideas healthy and school ready children, as well as strong families in combination with facilitating community discussions, task forces, surveys and data analysis, the commission continues to preserve the future viability of the nation.

I applaud the commission for its work and for its recognition of individuals in the community who promote the welfare of children. In honoring these individuals we realize that the goals of the commission could not be met without the support and leadership of countless members of the Santa Cruz County community.

I join the Children and Families Commission in congratulating the following recipients for their commitment to improving the lives of children in Santa Cruz County: Dr. Salem Margarian, Laurie Hester, Mountain Community Resources, Terry Jimenez, The Beck Family, Sara Wood Smith, Maria Cristina Negrete, Special Parents Information Network, Rita Mori, Marcia Meyer, Una Baer, Ana

Granados, Catherine and Martin Newman, Julie Olsen Edwards, and Luis Villacreses. These individuals and organizations demonstrate the ongoing need to promote child welfare programs.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR SOCIAL
WORK RESEARCH ACT

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2002

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of social workers across the nation. This Friday, March 1st, marks the start of the National Professional Social Work Month. I encourage Members to take this opportunity to reach out to social workers in their local communities.

Social workers are an integral part of the safety net fabric woven to support the most vulnerable in our community—children, senior citizens, victims of violence. Every day, social workers are on the front lines coordinating services and ensuring individuals have their basic needs of food, shelter, and health care met. On the local level, they can be found in elementary schools, nursing homes, children's and veteran's hospitals, and a variety of service agencies. On the national level, they advocate for better social welfare policy through organizations like the National Association of Social Workers.

Through their work, social workers promote healthier and stronger communities, and their experience puts them in a unique position to provide valuable research information on how to address societal challenges. However, the bulk of research addressing these complex social issues has produced clinical and empirical data that is difficult to translate into effective policy solutions. The Social Work Research Center would provide a venue for this research to be coordinated and disseminated to Congress and the public.

While the Federal Government provides funding for various social work research activities through the National Institutes of Health and other Federal agencies, it is difficult to coordinate or consolidate these critical activities. Furthermore, for the data we do have, there has been neither an overall assessment of need nor the opportunity to translate the data into effective policy recommendations. For this reason, I strongly believe in the creation of a National Center for Social Work Research within the National Institutes of Health. This proposal has received wide-spread support from the community and bipartisan support in Congress.

Mr. Speaker, the establishment of a National Center for Social Work Research would result in improved behavioral and mental health care policy proposals for our nation's children, families, and elderly.

I urge my colleagues to support the establishment of this Center and cosponsor the National Center for Social Work Research Act.

REMEDY SELECTION FOR THE 201
STEEL INVESTIGATION

HON. SONNY CALLAHAN

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2002

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, within the next few days the President will make a decision on the appropriate course of action in response to the International Trade Commission (ITC) findings on steel imports. I am grateful to the President for addressing this matter and hope he will stay the course on the issue of steel imports and keeping our trading partners interested in negotiations on global overcapacity reductions.

Steel is an important part of the economy in Alabama. There are over 20,000 jobs directly tied to steel in our state. Alabama is home to some of the most efficient steel makers in the world. A mill in my district can turn scrap into high grade steel in a matter of hours. It can supply steel for ship building as well as a number of other products from street lights to bridges.

All the steel companies in the U.S. are suffering. The accepted reason for this downturn is the overproduction of steel world-wide. The ITC and our trading partners agree there is a real problem. Everyone recognizes that global over capacity is the root cause, and we are meeting with other steel producing nations to do something about it.

But the solution will take years to develop, and in the meantime the open borders of the U.S. are drawing a lot of this overcapacity and damaging our domestic industry. In the short run we need to stabilize the domestic market, while continuing global trade talks.

A four-year time out, is not a lot of time to correct this situation. The steel industry has asked for a four-year tariff starting at 40 percent. Each year that tariff will be reduced. This tariff will do two things, first it will send a message that we are very serious about this problem, and second it will demonstrate that these trade talks are not for show. I am reasonably certain that the talks would not be so well attended without the threat of tariffs.

This tariff will allow the U.S. market to stabilize and provide time to see if these global talks will bear fruit. The President should provide this assistance, which is perfectly legal under the WTO, and which is necessary to bring some stability to the steel markets.

The U.S. steel industry underpins our basic manufacturing base. We need to be very careful about allowing an industry that is so essential to our infrastructure and security to be unjustly damaged. I hope the President will do the right thing and use the tools provided in the WTO to give some breathing room to the domestic industry. I will support him in a strong action.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CHRIS
PARMETER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I pay tribute today to Chris

Parmeter, a Colorado Division of Wildlife officer, whose courageous act of capturing two dangerous fugitives went above and beyond the call of duty, and displayed a measure of heroism worthy of being brought before this body of Congress. During his tenure as a Division of Wildlife officer, Chris has embodied the ideals of integrity, honesty and courage that we, as Americans, have come to expect from the men and women who serve in our state parks. I, along with the citizens of Colorado, am both grateful and proud of Chris' extraordinary act of valor, and believe it appropriate to pay tribute to him for his courage and bravery.

Though not typically in the job description, Chris' extraordinary efforts to apprehend two armed killers near Salida, Colorado on September 29, 2001 are a testament to his relentless dedication to his job, to his community and to his state. While manning a roadblock in the area where the fugitives were believed to be, Chris became involved in the search for the two killers. When they were finally flushed from hiding, it was Chris, along with other state wildlife employees, who apprehended the two suspects, and ultimately brought them into custody. Because of his incredible bravery, these criminals are now in the hands of law enforcement officials, and of no threat to anyone else in the area. His courage in the face of both fear and adversity is truly remarkable, and I applaud him for his actions.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to rise and pay tribute to a man whose actions are the very essence of all that makes this country great, and I am deeply honored to be able to bring them to the attention of this body of Congress. It is in times of great need that true heroes emerge, and I am proud to say Chris Parmeter is a hero not only to me, but to his family, his friends and to this country. It is with a great deal of pride that I stand to honor him today, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

TARIFF-BASED SECTION 201
RELIEF

HON. AMO HOUGHTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2002

Mr. HOUGHTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with many of my fellow colleagues to urge the President to implement a strong, effective remedy for the U.S. steel industry as a result of the ITC's recent Section 201 investigation, even if I speak from a somewhat different perspective than many of these colleagues.

While I am well aware of the importance of a stable domestic steel industry to the financial security and national defense of this country, I do not represent a district with an extensive steel industry presence that has been devastated by the recent steel crisis. However, I do have a steel specialty company that closed last year, laying off many individuals. The plant was recently purchased by a new owner and is in the process of reopening. In addition, I have many constituents in the district with steel-related jobs that have been hurt by the steel imports. In New York State, the number of employees in the New York steel industry dropped by 27 percent from January