

Security, the environment, energy and Medicare. Now, due to our plummeting surplus, we do not have the money to begin talking about these problems, let alone solving them.

It is time to take action. It is time to be honest with the American people. It is time to discard ineffective policies that leave us with no hope of a balanced budget between now and 2011. It is time to stand behind initiatives that leave room for emergencies and "rainy days," initiatives that do not exclude the average working man and woman, and initiatives that benefit not just 10 percent of the population but the entire population. It is time to implement an effective and proven resolution to tax cuts, Medicare, Social Security, unemployment, the national debt, and every other American priority.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO OLIVE
MORTON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Olive Morton and thank her for her extraordinary contributions to Routt County and Colorado Mountain College. Olive's life-long dedication to the pursuit of excellence as an educator and volunteer for community organizations is matched only by the level of integrity and honesty with which she has conducted herself each and every day. She will always be remembered at Colorado Mountain College as a person with the utmost dedication and talent, and will continue to be known as a leader in her community. After over thirty years of service, Olive is retiring from her position as Director of the Alpine Campus of the college. As she celebrates her retirement, I feel that it is only appropriate to recognize her achievements and dedication to education expressed throughout her career.

Olive has been a pioneering spirit all of her life. She began her career as one of the first employees at the Colorado Mountain College—Alpine Campus. Through her countless hours devoted to the college and its students, she has helped to bring Colorado Mountain College from its infancy to a well-respected and renowned institute today. Olive not only has shown the strength to be the foundation for the college but has also crafted the vision for its future. Known among her colleagues for her inspiration, her professionalism, fairness and her leadership, Olive will be deeply missed.

Olive has brought her strong work ethic and commitment to excellence to community activities for many years. This year Olive is continuing to serve as the Republican Chairperson for Routt County in Colorado, a position in which she has served for several terms. Her commitment as an educator and as a civil servant has led her to combine her two passions, and as a result she has faithfully represented the academic world and her political party.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Olive Morton is a woman of unparalleled dedication and commitment to both her professional and civic endeavors. It is her unrelenting passion for each and every thing she does, as well as her spirit

of honesty and integrity with which she has always conducted herself, that I wish to bring before this body of Congress, and this nation. Olive Morton is a remarkable woman, who has achieved extraordinary things in her career and in her community, and I would like to extend to her my congratulations on her retirement and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

HONORING MARCIA F. VOLPERT

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2002

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to honor our good friend Marcia F. Volpert who will be presented with an award for Exceptional Community Leadership at the Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles (JFSLA) annual award dinner on May 19, 2002. This prestigious award, known as the "Fammy" award is given to one exceptional person each year who has served both the JFSLA and the community at large.

We have known Marcia for many years and know firsthand of her dedication, commitment and numerous accomplishments. For more than twelve years Marcia helped guide, grow and promote JFSLA as an actively engaged Board Member. She also served as its Secretary and Vice President while at the same time playing a valuable role on key committees including Strategic & Planning and Public Relations & Marketing.

Marcia has been active with many Jewish causes and organizations. She has served as both the Vice President and Chair of the Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles and the Jewish Community Relations Committee. In addition she has held a number of very important positions including Chair of the LA Jewish Population Survey, Vice Chair of the Jewish Federation Strategic Planning Committee and Chair of the Statewide Jewish Public Affairs Committee. Also, she is well known for her leadership within the Soviet Jewry Movement.

In addition to her prodigious work with Jewish organizations, Marcia has given her time and energy to many other civic and public services. She served as a Los Angeles Civil Service Commissioner, a Water and Power Commissioner and President of the Los Angeles County Board of Education. She is currently a member of the committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California.

To say that Marcia has earned this Fammy Award is an understatement. She is a remarkable person who we are privileged to know and to call a friend. It is our distinct pleasure to ask our colleagues to join us in saluting Marcia F. Volpert for all of her outstanding achievements, and to congratulate her for receiving this year's Fammy award.

A TRIBUTE TO ALEXANDER GONZALEZ ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO SERVE ON THE COMMISSION ON EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE FOR HISPANIC AMERICANS

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2002

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Alexander Gonzalez, the President of California State University San Marcos. This morning, President Gonzalez was sworn in to serve on President Bush's Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans. President Bush authorized the Commission in October 2001, and charged it with creating a multi-year plan to close the educational achievement gap between Hispanic American students and their peers.

On September 1, 1999 I stood beside Alexander Gonzalez while he was sworn in as the second President of the California State University at San Marcos. Together, we recognized the achievements of the University, which was celebrating its tenth anniversary, and reflected on the greatness and potential of the institution and its people.

Since his inauguration, President Gonzalez has worked to make the University an epicenter for the diverse community that it serves. Under his leadership, Cal State San Marcos has expanded the National Latino Research Center, which disseminates research-based information regarding Hispanic populations in the U.S. The NLRC also facilitates the training of researchers to do research on Hispanic populations.

Cal State San Marcos has also expanded The Barahona Center for the Study of Books in Spanish, which collects, catalogues, and reviews the world's only complete collection of Spanish-language books published since 1989 for children and adolescents. Programs of the Barahona Center focus on skill development in literacy, including literacy training for educators and parents, and services to assist librarians, parents, and teachers in book selection.

In addition to these programs which document the history of Hispanic Americans, President Gonzalez is also working to improve their future, as Cal State San Marcos is training a new generation of teachers for our Nation's schools.

As a former teacher and coach myself, both for students in public schools and for fighter pilots at the Top Gun Navy Fighter Weapons School at Miramar, I share with President Gonzalez a strong commitment to excellent education, and a desire to share this enthusiasm for learning. It is frustrating to me that our educational system has created an achievement gap between Hispanic Americans and their peers. Closing this achievement gap is going to require a fresh perspective on an old problem. Having seen the changes that Cal State San Marcos has inspired in our local community, I am confident that Alexander Gonzalez will be able to provide that perspective for the President's Commission. I am proud to rise today to recognize President Gonzalez, and I look forward to my continuing work with him to improve academic achievement for Hispanic Americans in San Diego, and now all across our great Nation.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK LONG

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2002

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Frank Long, a farmer from Sinking Valley, Pennsylvania. Frank was recently awarded Pennsylvania State Fairperson of the Year by the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs for his tireless efforts as President of the Sinking Valley Farm Show. Frank has been a dairy farmer for 38 years and he brings a lifetime of experience not only to the Sinking Valley Farm Show, but to the many other organizations in which he serves.

Frank demonstrates his dedication to his community as an active member of the Blair County Chapter of the American Red Cross, where he serves on the board of Directors and as a part of the Disaster Team. He is a charter member of the Southern Alleghenies Resource, Conservation & Development, and a charter member and chairman of the Southern Alleghenies Conservancy. Frank also sits on Blair County Farm Park and Recreation Board, and was appointed in 2000 by Governor Tom Ridge to three committees dealing with agriculture, land use, and the "Growing Greener" program.

Through his 25 years as director of the Sinking Valley Farm Show, Frank has worked to improve the fair facilities and attractions at the fair. His colleagues credit him with making the fairgrounds more appealing for year-round use and for expanding the old grounds into a larger facility. Frank has devoted his life to promoting agriculture in Pennsylvania, and I applaud his efforts. Again I congratulate Frank Long on being awarded Pennsylvania State Fairperson of the Year.

IN HONOR OF THE CATHEDRAL VILLAGE

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2002

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the Cathedral Village Townhouse Development, which was sponsored by Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr., the Cathedral-Second Baptist Church, and the Church Community Development Corporation. The ceremony took place on Friday, February 22, 2002, followed by a luncheon at the Family Life Center in Perth Amboy.

A newly-completed affordable townhouse facility, the Cathedral Village Townhouse Development will improve the quality of life for many families. This project was made possible thanks to the dedicated efforts of the Cathedral-Second Baptist Congregation and funding and support from the State of New Jersey; Governor James E. McGreevey; Department of Community Affairs Commissioner Susan Bass Levin; City Council Members Peter Jimenez, Frank Sinatra, David Szilagyi, Geraldine Bolanowski, and Robert Sottilaro; the HUD Home Program; the Reinvestment Fund/CLI, and First Union Bank.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the Grand Opening and Ribbon

Cutting Ceremony of the Cathedral Village Townhouse, a truly memorable and historic event for the community of Perth Amboy.

CONGRATULATING FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION HONOREES

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Tom Shultz on the occasion of his being honored as the 2002 Farm Advisor recipient of the Award for Outstanding Achievement. Other finalists were Marsha Campbell-Mathews, Pam Geisel, Brent Holtz, Maxwell Norton, Steve Sibbett, and Bill Weir. I also extend my congratulations to Beth Grafton-Cardwell as she is honored as the 2002 Extension Specialist recipient of the Award for Outstanding Achievement. Other finalists in that category were Rob Atwill, Joe DiTomaso, John Maas, and James Oljen.

Tom Shultz is a Tulare County Farm Advisor with 22 years of extension work supporting the dairy community with particular emphasis on his development and implementation of guidelines for site selection, animal density and manure management to help dairymen meet regulatory requirements in an economically viable manner.

Marsha Campbell-Mathews is a Stanislaus County Agronomy Farm Advisor with a program dealing with lagoon water management as a nutrient source for crops. Pam Geisel, a Fresno County Environmental Horticulture Farm Advisor, developed an education program for urban neighborhoods called Garden of the Sun. Brent Holtz is a Madera County Pomology Farm Advisor. He researched and developed cultural controls for Brown Rot without heavy reliance on fungicidal spray programs. Merced County Farm Advisor Maxwell Norton assisted and educated small farmers new to this country while conducting significant research experiments with strawberries. Steve Sibbett, a Tulare County Farm Advisor, contributed extensively and valuably to the cultural development of walnuts. Bill Weir is a Merced County Farm Advisor with continuing achievements in the growing of ultranarrow row cotton.

Beth Grafton-Cardwell is a Riverside Extension Entomologist with numerous research and extension efforts to help citrus growers reduce their need for broad spectrum pesticides to combat pest problems while maintaining fruit quality and acceptable economic return.

Rob Atwill, a Davis Veterinary Extension Specialist, identified and articulated cost-effective strategies to minimize surface water contamination by livestock. Joe DiTomaso is a Davis Weed Science Extension Specialist and has expanded effective control strategies for the resilient and economically devastated Yellow Starthistle. Davis Veterinary Extension Specialist John Maas delivered thorough information to livestock producers through the Feedlot Certification and Cow-Calf Quality Assurance programs. James Oljen, a Davis Animal Science Extension Specialist, worked on the development and delivery of the California Feedlot Certification and Cow-Calf Quality Assurance programs.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize these men and women as they receive recognition by the Friends of Agricultural Extension for the 2002 Award for Outstanding Achievement. I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating these honorees for their contributions to agriculture and their community and wishing them many more years of continued success.

HONORING MONSIGNOR LEONARD TOOMEY ON THE OCCASION OF BEING NAMED GRAND MARSHAL OF THE TRENTON ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 27, 2002

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Monsignor Leonard Toomey, who has been named the Grand Marshal of this year's City of Trenton's St. Patrick's Day Parade. Just a few days after he leads the annual parade through historic Trenton, Msg. Toomey will celebrate the 54th anniversary of his ordination as a priest, which occurred on March 13, 1948.

Technically, Monsignor Toomey is "retired." Yet he is more active in his community than people half his age. He serves as an assistant pastor at several Diocesan Parishes, and devotes many of his homilies to the children he loves so much.

Perhaps best known for his 26 years as pastor of Sacred Heart Church on South Broad Street, Trenton—the oldest Catholic Parish in the state of New Jersey—Monsignor Toomey was a pillar of the community during one of the city's most turbulent time periods of the late 1960s.

While at Sacred Heart, he worked to make sure the Church's external image was restored and preserved to match its lofty lineage and legacy of service. In the mid-1970s, he launched a successful campaign to restore all of the parish's buildings and grounds.

His service to the Church, to the city of Trenton, and surrounding areas has been so effective on many fronts. In addition to serving as pastor at several churches, Monsignor Toomey founded the Children's Youth Organization Day Camp so area children had a safe and fun place to go during the summer.

He also brought God's guidance to the brave men and women of the Trenton Fire Department, as well as to the inmates at New Jersey's State Prison in Trenton, a maximum security facility where those convicted of the state's worst crimes are housed.

Monsignor Toomey has held numerous posts throughout the Diocese and has given his time to several local boards including those for public housing projects, museums and historical societies, and St. Francis Hospital.

I always enjoy marching in Trenton's St. Patrick's Day Parade, and this year's experience will be equally meaningful for I will be marching behind a man who truly has been a bedrock of the city of Trenton for the better part of a century.

I join Monsignor's many admirers, friends, proteges and parishioners in thanking and congratulating him on another well-deserved recognition and milestone for his leadership and contributions to our community.