

So special, in fact, that she was selected as one of the athletes to carry the American flag that had flown over the world trade center in the opening Olympic ceremonies. She persevered to win her silver medal despite an injured hamstring.

If boys and girls across our country are looking for a role model, all they need to do is look to central Ohio and Lea Ann Parsley. She's a true champion, both in the Olympics and in life.

BATTERED IMMIGRANT FAMILY RELIEF ACT

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2002

Mr. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Battered Immigrant Family Relief Act.

Violence against women is a profound and extremely pervasive problem, striking across economic, cultural and ethnic backgrounds, and across all age groups. It is an epidemic that affects not only women, but children and families as well.

We, in Congress, should be proud that we were able to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act last session. I was particularly pleased with the inclusion of critical provisions of relief to battered immigrant women that came from my bill, H.R. 3083, the Battered Immigrant Women Protection Act. However, there are still important groups that were left out of last year's negotiations. That is why this legislation is so critical.

There are still battered immigrants, like asylees and the elderly, who are forced to remain in abusive relationships, unable to appeal for protection from law enforcement and the courts for fear of deportation. The Battered Immigrant Family Relief Act will allow them to safely escape their abusers without fear of deportation or other negative immigration consequences. This legislation would also provide a safety net for battered legal immigrants and their children by allowing them access to health insurance, food, and other benefits required to escape their abuser and gain economic self-sufficiency. We can no longer allow immigration status to be used as a tool of control in abusive situations.

I urge my colleagues to support this effort and this bill. While there is still even one woman out there who endures violence, our work will not be complete.

RECOGNIZING PEACE CORPS DAY 2002

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2002

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention that tomorrow, Friday, March 1, 2002, is Peace Corps Day. Tomorrow throughout the country, former volunteers will bring their experiences to work, school, places of worship and recreation. They will share with their colleagues, friends and community members the story of their years

as volunteers and how it changed and shaped their lives. Since 1961, more than 163,000 volunteers have served in 135 countries and, in so doing, have served their country and the cause of peace and friendship across the globe.

This year, former volunteers will also be carrying with them the message of the President of the United States—that the Peace Corps is more important and relevant in the world today than it has ever been. I applaud the President's initiative to double the number of Peace Corps volunteers to 14,000 by the year 2007, and to bring Americans to parts of the globe where volunteers have yet to serve—parts of the globe that Americans need to know more about, and which need to know more about Americans.

Of course, Mr. Speaker, every day is Peace Corps day for me. My experience as a volunteer in Colombia is one that I draw upon and share with everyone I meet. Tomorrow will be no different.

I urge all Members of Congress, whether they were volunteers or not, to honor the Peace Corps tomorrow, and to share the spirit of volunteerism and international peace with everyone they come in contact with that day.

REPORT ON NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2002

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, I am appalled by a recent report on National Public Radio linking the Traditional Values Coalition with the Anthrax letters that were sent to Senators TOM DASCHLE and PATRICK LEAHY. I am outraged by this biased and unsubstantiated attack.

I have personally known the leadership of the Traditional Values Coalition for many years. Even if I was not personally acquainted with members of TVC, I would still find this type of malicious and biased reporting completely outrageous.

NPR linked an organization that represents 43,000 churches across the nation to criminal activity with absolutely no evidence or fact. As the basis for their accusation, NPR cited a press release that TVC issued criticizing Senators DASCHLE and LEAHY for a policy that they disagreed with. If a policy disagreement is enough to speculate on a taxpayer-funded national radio program that a group has tried to murder members of Congress, then the list of suspects for this unspeakable crime would take NPR days to report. Instead NPR chose to mention only TVC in connection to the Anthrax with absolutely no evidence linking them to the crime. This is slander, and NPR should be held accountable for such blatantly biased reporting.

TRIBUTE TO CARLOS J. BADGER

HON. GARY A. CONDIT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2002

Mr. CONDIT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Carlos J. Badger on the occasion for his

100th birthday and to honor him for a lifetime of service and community leadership.

Carlos J. Badger has had a distinguished career as a lawyer and he is currently the oldest practicing attorney in Stanislaus County, California. His legal career started after he graduated from Stanford University Law School. He argued his first case before the United States Supreme Court in 1949. His love for the law and concern for his clients keeps him still practicing today.

Carlos J. Badger also distinguished himself as a graduate of the United States Naval Academy. He was a classmate with Admiral Hyman Rickover when he graduated in 1922. He served honorably until he was forced to leave the Navy due to tuberculosis. He reenlisted during World War II and passed the California Bar while in the service. He is the oldest living veteran in Stanislaus County that served in both World Wars.

Mr. Speaker, it is indeed an honor and privilege to honor Carlos J. Badger for his service to our country and his dedication to the people of Stanislaus County. He is a shining example of professionalism in the legal profession. His selfless acts and professionalism reflect great credit upon himself.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to rise and join me in honoring Mr. Carlos J. Badger.

RECOGNIZING RUTH SWIGGETT'S LIFELONG COMMUNITY SERVICE TO EL SERENO

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2002

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and extend birthday wishes to an inspirational African-American woman from my district who has demonstrated a life long commitment to the community of El Sereno. For several decades, Ruth Swiggett has been a pillar in one of the most diverse communities in my district. The life of Ruth Swiggett takes on monumental significance as we will be celebrating her 99th birthday on Friday.

Ruth Swiggett has worn many hats in her lifetime—wife, mother, and community activist. She is the co-founder of the El Sereno Coordinating Council and has also served as advisor and president of the El Sereno Seniors. She has also been heavily involved with the El Sereno Youth Center, a community-based organization that fosters an educational enriched program and provides an after-school literacy based technology center for the children of the surrounding school community. As a proud Benefactor of the El Sereno Youth Center, Ruth has always worked tirelessly to help raise funds and coordinate supplementary educational resources for this important youth center.

Our nation is always in search of positive and meaningful role models to enrich our lives and foster innovative approaches that embrace positive character and virtue. One need not look any further than the community of El Sereno—for there is a sweet, caring woman who continues to make monthly visits to the El Sereno Youth Center where she celebrates every holiday with the children from the neighborhood who love and respect her.

I am privileged to have befriended Ruth Swiggett and am proud to speak of this renowned woman who has taught us all the significance of humanism and social justice.

CONGRATULATING SPECIAL
AGENT TIMOTHY LATTERNER

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2002

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Special Agent Timothy Latterner, resident of Allendale, New Jersey, and decorated member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, for his dedication to protecting our country. Later today, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale will pay tribute to Special Agent Latterner for his outstanding service to our country and the people of New Jersey. On this day, he will also be honored for his heroism and success in ending the trail of violence of one of the FBI's most wanted fugitives. As stories and reports from this dramatic event become known, we can understand the gravity of the situation as well as the outstanding skill of Special Agent Latterner as he protected the lives of innocent citizens. A leader of the men and women who bravely defend the citizens of this country, Special Agent Latterner is truly a hero of Allendale, of New Jersey, and of the country.

Special Agent Latterner's career in law enforcement is certainly impressive. Aside from serving in the Military Police in our Nation's army, he has been active as a Patrolman of the Borough of Allendale Police Department as well as the city of Fort Lee Police Department. Special Agent Latterner has always found the time and energy to participate in every aspect of his community. While serving in the Allendale and Fort Lee Police Departments, he also was a Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) instructor to local youth. Almost seven years ago, he began a career with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and today serves in New York City as a member of the FBI's Fugitive Task Force and SWAT team.

The awards and honors Special Agent Latterner has received are tremendous, and quite outstanding. To list only a few: he has received the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for Combat in Panama, Medal of Valor from the New York City Police Department, the Heroism Award from the New York Fraternal Police Order, and named Investigator of the Year by the Federal Law Enforcement Foundation. Most recently, his name was submitted for the FBI Medal of Valor for heroic actions.

One of Special Agent Latterner's most remarkable moments will be honored in Allendale today. His dedication to his career and the pursuit of justice brought him to Atlantic City on May 11, 2001. With a lead on a notorious and deadly fugitive wanted nationwide, Special Agent Latterner and two other law enforcement officials pursued the man successfully to a casino. Witnesses said that the scene was right out of the movies. For Special Agent Latterner, it was the final step in a chase across States for a man the FBI named in its most wanted. The fugitive was wanted for murder, sexual assault, kidnapping and

armed robbery. In a crowded chaotic room, Special Agent Latterner was able to successfully subdue this armed and dangerous man and prevent injury to the other law officials or the public. I do not doubt that Special Agent Latterner spared the lives of his partners and witnesses as he apprehended the dangerous criminal. This heroism and professionalism deserves our utmost respect and appreciation.

I am honored to have such a man residing in the 5th District of New Jersey, and serving our country. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in commending Special Agent Latterner for his actions that heroic day in Atlantic City, and for his outstanding career in enforcing our country's laws and defending our citizens. I wish him all the best for the rest of his remarkable career.

HONORING THE GOOD HOPE
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2002

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the congregation of the Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church at 3015 North MacGregor Way in Houston, Texas, as they observe the church's 130th anniversary on March 23–24, 2002. The church's long history of providing spiritual nourishment and community service will be celebrated with a music workshop, luncheon and two Sunday services.

The Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church was founded in 1872, nine years after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation. The former slaves began to exercise their hard won freedom to worship God after having been prohibited from congregating in large numbers and from holding services. The church was first located on Valentine Street in the Freedman Town area of Fourth Ward, eventually moving to a larger facility on the corner of Wilson and Saulnier Streets which was later damaged by fire. In 1933 the congregation moved into its first modern structure. Then on March 22, 1981, the church moved to its current central location to better service the needs of its membership.

Six Pastors have served as leaders of Good Hope over the last 130 years. The church was established under the leadership of Reverend Samuel Grantham, known as Father Grant-ham, and he continued in his role as church leader until he passed away in 1891. The second pastor, Reverend C.H. Hunt served from 1893 until his death in 1921; the third pastor, Reverend Henry C. Cashaw served from 1922 until his death in 1934; the fourth pastor, Reverend Albert A. Lucas served till his death in the pulpit in 1963; the fifth pastor, Reverend Crawford W. Kimble was elected and served from 1964 until his retirement in January 1994; and the sixth and current pastor, Reverend D.Z. Cofield has served as Senior Pastor since March 1994.

Today, the membership is one of the largest African American congregations in Houston. A few of the ministries are Christian Education, counseling, Wellness, and the Hope Resource Center. This year Good Hope will break ground on a 25,000 square foot Family Life Center to better serve the membership and surrounding community. This facility will in-

clude a state of the art auditorium/cafe/terea, commercial kitchen, 20 classrooms, library/bookstore, and day care center. Also, Good Hope has a faith-based nonprofit community development corporation, Hope for Families, Inc., which was organized in 1994.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Pastor Cofield and all the members of Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church as they celebrate their 130th anniversary. I wish them continued success as they build on the strong sense of community they have helped establish in Houston.

TO HONOR THE SERVICE OF RICH-
ARD 'DICK' HEALING, NAVY DI-
RECTOR OF SAFETY AND SUR-
VIVABILITY

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 28, 2002

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today, a valued asset of the Navy and a dear friend of mine will retire after a long and distinguished career in public service. Richard 'Dick' Healing selflessly served as the Navy's first Director of Safety and Survivability. His objective was the operational safety of our servicemen and women in combat and training. Whenever the well-being of the individuals who would operate the various aircraft, weapons and machinery was ignored or overlooked, Dick Healing made it a priority so that no design created unreasonable risks.

Dick's contribution affected the lives of all Navy personnel. He took pride in closely overseeing the assessment and procurement of countless technology improvements. He is most well-known for aviation safety including, but not limited to, the addition of the life-saving Helicopter Emergency Egress Device (HEED) and the use of flight recorders on combat aircraft. Thanks to his tireless efforts, countless Navy personnel and their families would never have to experience the loss of a loved one due to hasty or imprudent engineering.

Dick's services to America did not begin with his life-saving Navy survivability work. After dedicating 29 years of his life to the Coast Guard, Captain Healing held four Navy commands, including the Command of a patrol gunboat during the Vietnam War and Command of the Secretary of Defense Crisis Coordination Center Reserve Unit. He served as Team Chief in this unit during Desert Shield and Desert Storm and is the recipient of 26 medals and awards including the Defense Superior Service Medal and the Combat Action Ribbon.

As a licensed Professional Engineer and a graduate from the Naval War College, he was selected to be a Presidential Exchange Executive in 1990 and was a Senior Executive Fellow at Harvard University in 1991. After acting as President and CEO of a Connecticut contracting and engineering firm and as Executive Vice President of a military parts manufacturer, Dick Healing has been with the Secretary of Navy since 1983. A family man and a man of great character, Richard Healing takes great pride in his wife Darlene and their three grown children.

My friend's tireless dedication to improving the safety of our Navy will be missed. It has