

well for our future generations. I applaud John for his hard work, generosity and leadership. Long Island is proud to commend such a talented young individual.

We are fortunate to have John Plack in Nassau County.

HEART OF A CHAMPION PROGRAM

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2002

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, each of us shudders in horror when we hear about a school shooting or about the drug and alcohol abuse that haunts our youth. We immediately want to do something—perhaps draft new legislation—something, anything, that will make things “safe” for our children and grandchildren.

As a former teacher with three children of my own, I know the anxiety and anguish that students and their parents often experience in facing the world today—it can be a very scary place.

So, last December, I sponsored a Safe Schools Summit in Fort Worth, Texas. Five hundred middle school and high school students from across my district participated in this 3-hour session. They were students of all races and backgrounds, male and female. The purpose of this summit was to hear directly from the students about how they felt in their schools. It was an amazing day, and the students produced some remarkable and somewhat surprising results.

Today, I want to talk about what the students said about character education. The students told me that they would feel safer at their schools if there were greater attention to the development of character in those schools. We found that students overwhelmingly support character education in their school, by nearly 80%. I knew that parents and educators were supportive of quality character education programs, but I learned through that gathering of students that, these young people also know that character is the critical element for creating safer schools. Yes, there are mechanical and physical elements of a safe school, but these students identified a “human” element of safe schools, and character is a critical aspect of that element. To simplify, these students know that in order to have safe schools, we must have safe students.

On February 4th, what I believe will be one of the most effective character education programs in the nation was launched in my district. The Heart of a Champion character development program is a one-of-a-kind curriculum that combines video, and audio, with a print curriculum, to reach today's “sight and sound” generation on a year-round basis. Heart of a Champion's founder, Steve Riach, has created a comprehensive in-class program to reinforce positive character traits and virtues, and demonstrate examples of persons with high character to students in our schools.

Using positive role models, the Heart of a Champion program tells the stories of widely known athletes—stories that demonstrate virtues such as commitment, perseverance, integrity, courage, honesty, discipline, responsibility and fairness. These stories, and the ap-

plication lessons that follow, encourage students to examine these character traits, and inspire them to embrace and integrate those traits into their own lives. It is a winning formula.

The Heart of a Champion program, has already received the endorsement of several key national community and educational groups, and their representatives will meet with members of the Department of Education later this month. I believe there is nothing else like this program available for schools today. I am in full support of this program and believe it will have a dramatic impact.

President Bush has repeatedly said that character education in our nation's schools is of great importance in this day. He is aware that each year, 10 million school kids abuse alcohol or drugs; that 65 percent of youth in school say they are sexually active by the 12th grade; and that 80 percent admit to cheating in school. We know there is a problem that needs our attention. I believe that character education programs like Heart of a Champion are a solution for this generation.

My fellow members of the House, we all agree our young people are the most valuable asset we have for our nation's future. That is why I believe the Heart of a Champion program is so necessary for our country at this time. This program will provide our kids with the character our society so desperately needs; will give them direction for the future, and will create champions in our schools, homes, and communities—young men and women of character who will become leaders for the next generation. But that can only happen if leaders like you and I show our young people that we truly care about them, by getting behind this program and helping to see that no young person is “left behind” in the development of their character.

Mr. Speaker, I invite all of my colleagues to get to know the Heart of a Champion program. I am confident that you will see the powerful impact it can have on the youth of your cities and counties. Today, it is impacting my district. Tomorrow, with your help and support, it could make a difference in yours.

COMMENDING TONY MONROE

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tony Monroe for his commitment to his community through service to disadvantaged youth and gang members in the Fresno area. Mr. Monroe rides a horse in some of the roughest neighborhoods and encourages those he encounters to find a better way of life.

Mr. Monroe has made numerous personal sacrifices to continue his service. Previously, he was a Fresno reserve police officer and a Santa Cruz County deputy sheriff. Now, he offers the children and youth a chance to feed his horse and talk about God, gangs, and life in general. A young Fresnan met Tony six years ago when he was an angry and violent street fighter. This young man credits Mr. Monroe with helping him get his life turned around.

The community has also responded by helping Tony with supplies and assistance. Jen-

sen's Armstrong Stables houses two of Mr. Monroe's horses in exchange for maintenance work. All three of his horses, Max, Gumby, and Impact, were donated when his first horse died. This generosity shows how warmly received and appreciated Mr. Monroe is in the community.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend Tony Monroe for his community service and dedication to helping those in need. I encourage my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Monroe many more years of continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2002

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, March 5, 2002, I was unable to cast my floor vote on roll call number 47, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended to H. Con. Res. 305, a Resolution Permitting the Use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a Ceremony to Present a Gold Medal on Behalf of Congress to Former President Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy Reagan.

Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted “aye” on roll call vote 47.

CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA INTERMODAL TERMINAL FUNDING

HON. FRANK MASCARA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2002

Mr. MASCARA. Mr. Speaker, I submit to the RECORD a letter I have sent to Secretary Norman Mineta of the U.S. Department of Transportation. My letter is to clarify to the D.O.T. the intended use of an earmark I requested in TEA 21 for an intermodal transportation terminal on the campus of California University of Pennsylvania. I requested that earmark in order to fund an intermodal facility that would help connect the main campus to the new campus over one mile away. Now, the campus has an exciting opportunity to create a low speed magnetic levitation system connection between the two campuses and this intermodal facility would be a vital part of the system.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, March 6, 2002.

Hon. NORMAN MINETA,
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SECRETARY MINETA: I write to clarify the intended use of funding I have obtained for an important project in my district. Over the years I have been working with California University of Pennsylvania officials to acquire funding for a much needed intermodal facility on the campus. Consequently, I have secured a \$1 million TEA-21 earmark and other related earmarks for the University to construct an intermodal facility/transportation improvement project.

My intent for funding the intermodal facility was to support a people-mover system to connect the main university campus to the new auxiliary campus in the Roadman Park

area. This area is approximately 1.25 miles away on a mountain ridge above the main campus and the fastest growing area of the university. Ultimately, this area will house over 750 students and be the location of the University's Sports Complex.

This people-mover transportation system is critical to the intermodal center and the University's Master Plan, which identifies a need to demonstrate a safe transportation connection between these parcels of land.

California University of Pennsylvania officials have had extensive discussions with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the General Atomics Urban Maglev team to demonstrate the urban Maglev people-mover technology. I am fully supportive of this initiative which is consistent with the intent of the original earmarks that I obtained for the intermodal facility at California University of Pennsylvania.

Any Federal earmarks referencing the California University of Pennsylvania intermodal project should address the Urban Maglev people-mover demonstration project. All costs incurred to date and any cost incurred in the future as part of this project should be considered eligible.

I am a strong supporter of this important project, and am firmly committed to bringing a Maglev system to the campus of California University of Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

FRANK MASCARA,
Member of Congress.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO HOWARD ROLAND

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I rise today to recognize the life and contributions of the former County Commissioner and livestock auctioneer Howard Roland. His life-long dedication to both his job and the people of Mesa County is matched only by the level of integrity and honesty with which he conducted himself each and every day. As his family mourns his loss, I think it is appropriate to remember Howard and pay tribute to him for his many contributions to his community.

Howard began his service to Mesa County as County Commissioner in 1975. He served in this position with dedication and distinction until 1979. Howard was also renowned throughout the region for his honesty and integrity as an auctioneer. Using these qualities and his extraordinary knowledge of the stock show business, Howard opened the Grand Junction Livestock center in 1966. Howard will be remembered by his community as a humble man who was dedicated to both his work as a civil servant and as an auctioneer.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to Howard Roland for his contributions to the Mesa County community. He was known for his kind heart and gentle demeanor, which he displayed throughout his life. His dedication to his fellow man certainly deserves the recognition of this body of Congress and this nation. I would like to extend my thoughts and deepest sympathies to Howard's family and friends during this time of remembrance and bereavement.

IN HONOR OF DANIEL PEARL

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2002

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, on February 21, 2002, the world learned of the horrific and senseless murder of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl. An extraordinary American and a courageous and talented journalist, Pearl was killed in the pursuit of truth. Abducted in Karachi, Pakistan, Pearl was investigating potential connections between alleged shoe-bomber Richard Reid and radical fundamentalists in Pakistan. His death represents a tragedy not only for his wife Marianne, now seven months pregnant, and their family, but for all humanity.

Daniel Pearl's murder left an indelible mark on the world of journalism. A colleague who had the privilege of knowing Pearl is Don Kazak, a highly respected senior staff writer and former editor of the Palo Alto Weekly. It was at the Weekly that Pearl, then a student at Stanford University, began his career in journalism as an Editorial Intern during the spring of 1984.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully submit for the RECORD a tribute to Daniel Pearl written by Don Kazak and published in the Palo Alto Weekly on February 27, 2002. I share it with my colleagues who I'm sure will find it as poignant and instructive as I did.

[From the Palo Alto Weekly, Feb. 27, 2002]

OUR TOWN: "IS THAT OUR DANNY?"

(By Don Kazak)

There is always distance between us and what we read in the newspaper or watch on the evening news.

These are usually events happening far away, which don't touch us.

The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks touched many, and shocked, angered or numbed the nation, but for most there was still a distance. As much as I felt for what happened, it was other people, somewhere else.

And then I heard about Wall Street Journal Danny Pearl being captured by a radical Islamist group. He had been a reporter for the Journal for 12 years. It was a big, international news story—but it touched me deeply and personally, along with others at the Weekly and at Stanford University.

Pearl was based in Pakistan and had traveled to Karachi, which is kind of the Wild West of Pakistan, to interview radical Islamists.

Then there was the photo of him sitting head bowed, hands tied, with a gun to his head.

Like many of the rest of rest of us, I have a hard time putting a label on what is right or wrong. Maybe I've covered too many stories for too many years.

The Weekly has employed editorial interns for many years. They are basically low-paid college help to get some newspaper experience as part of their education. These have been mostly terrific kids, bright and eager.

We've had so many interns over the years that they kind of blur together for me.

But I remember Danny, Stanford class of 1985. He had a bright smile and was obviously very talented. He's one of those I distinctly remember, and I recoiled at the image of him with a gun to his head.

I was the editor of the Weekly when Pearl was an intern, and when the news broke about his capture Carol Blitzer, an editor then and now, asked me, "Is that our Danny?"

Carol later received an e-mail from Kathleen Donnelly, a former Weekly reporter and Mercury News writer, now living in Seattle, which confirmed: That is our Danny.

He was so good-natured when he was here that it is hard to envision him as a hard-edged hard-news reporter. But that's what he has been and what he has been doing, chasing a difficult story in a dangerous place.

Eight journalists have already been killed trying to cover the mess in Afghanistan, because they wanted to "get the story."

I have a lavish photo book, "Requiem," about the Vietnam War, the war of my youth, the war I marched against. In it are the photos of photographers who died covering the wars in Southeast Asia, 135 of them.

I don't know if I would have had the courage to do what Danny Pearl was doing. But I sense the desire to get the story. He wanted to know—which is what drives all good journalists.

He and his wife were expecting their first child when he was kidnapped, adding to the pathos. Now that baby will grow up without ever knowing his or her father.

As a reporter, it has been bred deep within me not ever to take sides. I'm just a reporter, trying to make sense of what I see and hear for our readers. But no one can make sense of his death.

Now, it turns out he was killed not just because he was an American reporter, but because he was also a Jew.

Sometimes I think people who ignore what's going on the world around them have an easier time, because they don't have to feel for what is happening. But some things touch even the people once removed, reading a newspaper or watching the news on TV. This was one of those times.

When the World Trade Center towers collapsed, it was a tragedy for thousands of people and their families, friends, co-workers, all of us. There is still one photo which haunts me, taken on the fly by a Magnum photographer who didn't see what he shot until he looked at his film later.

In the photo, there are dozens of people outside the windows of the upper floors of one of the World Trade Center towers, fires billowing below them. They were there, looking out of the building, and they all died.

That was impersonal, because it was just people in the photo, none of whom I knew.

And then there was the photo of Danny Pearl with a gun to his head, killed for trying to get the story.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL CONCERNING AGENT-DRIVERS AND COMMISSION-DRIVERS

HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2002

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to announce the introduction of legislation that will clarify the rules for determining whether certain agent-drivers and commission-drivers are employees for the purpose of FICA and FUTA taxes. Under present law, the determination of whether a worker is an employee or an independent contractor for Federal tax purposes is determined under a common law facts and circumstances test. An employer-employee relationship generally exists if the person contracting for the services has the right to control not only the result to be accomplished by the