

Community Planning (Model Cities Program), Director of the Office for Community Development, and Director for the Office for Rural Development. In 1975, John decided to move closer to home. He relocated to Phoenix and became the Director of Arizona's largest agency, the Department of Economic Security, which had a yearly budget of half a billion dollars. Throughout his government service, John was an adept and respected leader.

In 1978, John returned to Tucson and became involved in the private sector as a successful businessman. His skills with money soon lead to a position with the University of Arizona Development Office where he founded the Office of Minority Programs. This office, almost unique among all colleges and universities, raises funds to benefit Hispanic, African-American, and Asian American scholarship endowments as well as special emphasis programs. Under his guidance, the Hispanic Alumni endowment enjoys a market value of \$1.7 million, the largest fund of its kind among all public universities, and the Black Alumni endowment is \$500,000.

Throughout his career, John has brought success to many community activities and is especially proud of his work with the Hispanic Alumni Board, Omega Delta Phi (the first Hispanic fraternity at the UofA) as a founder of the Tucson International Mariachi Conference, the Hispanic Professional Action Committee, the UA Hispanic Alumni, the Tucson Chapter of the America Israel Friendship League, and El Centro Cultural de las Americas.

In addition to his many career and community activities, John has enjoyed a rich and rewarding family life. He and his wife Nancy, high school sweethearts who recently celebrated 50 wonderful years together, raised 6 accomplished children. Now he enjoys being tata to his talented grandchildren. I am proud to enter John L. Huerta's name into the official records of our nation. He represents an American life well-lived for his family, for his community and for his country.

FUEL PRICE STABILITY ACT

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2002

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to provide the States of Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana with added flexibility in meeting federal reformulated gasoline (RFG) requirements. The Fuel Price Stability Act will simply allow the Governors of each of the states in the Milwaukee-Chicago market to permit the sale of gasoline from other markets if the price of RFG in our area sees a significant rise or if supplies of RFG in our region are especially tight. Presently, only the EPA has the authority to grant any type of waiver from "boutique" fuel requirements. The Fuel Price Stability Act would change this by allowing our Governors to make needed short-term adjustments.

Granting this new flexibility to local Governors has the potential to keep gas prices down in our area. In the past two years, when RFG prices in the Milwaukee-Chicago market skyrocketed, prices remained comparatively low in surrounding markets, including some of those on the same pipeline that supplies gaso-

line to our market. Should such an occurrence happen again, our Governors should have the authority to permit other gasoline types to be sold in the Milwaukee-Chicago region, thereby increasing potential supplies to our area.

I strongly support other reforms in this area, including efforts to reduce the number of "boutique" fuels used across the country, but, lacking the implementation of a broader plan, this legislation represents a solid step toward greater flexibility in fuel use. I am hopeful my colleagues will support this legislation and the House will act on this proposal expeditiously.

POLAR BEAR PROTECTION ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2002

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, in a civilized society we oppose the mistreatment of animals. When that cruelty takes place in a public forum, as the worst example of "entertainment," we should be outraged. This is exactly what's happening in Puerto Rico.

That is why I introduced the Polar Bear Protection Act. This bill would simply make it illegal to have a polar bear in a traveling circus.

This bill will end the suffering of seven polar bears in the Suarez Brothers' circus in Puerto Rico, where the bears are tortured every day by being dragged from one tropical city to another. They are consistently exposed to high temperatures, lack of sufficient water, as well as whipping and other abuses.

Polar bears' natural habitat in Northern Alaska averages below 11 degrees Fahrenheit. They are Arctic marine mammals that spend a significant amount of time in the water. However, there are loopholes in federal animal protection laws that allowed the Suarez Brothers' circus to enter Puerto Rico with seven polar bears. The circus has exposed these bears to temperatures as high as 113 degrees Fahrenheit and denied them sufficient access to water. This is an outrage, Mr. Speaker.

The circus has been under investigation by authorities in Washington, DC and Puerto Rico. Just last week the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service confiscated one of the polar bears and placed it safely in the Baltimore zoo. But we need to make sure that the other six bears are not forgotten and that polar bears will not suffer like this in the future.

Polar bears are beautiful, dignified animals that belong in their natural arctic environment or in accredited zoos that can guarantee cool containment areas and access to water. The bottom line is that the circus is just not an appropriate place for a polar bear. We in Congress have the power to stop this outrage and end the cruelty. I urge my colleagues to join with me to prohibit the use of polar bears in circuses.

TRIBUTE TO MAXINE ADLER

HON. ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR.

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2002

Mr. EHRLICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the recent retirement of an out-

standing leader in Maryland's public affairs, Maxine Adler.

I first met Maxine as a freshman delegate during the 1987 legislative session in Annapolis. I learned soon thereafter that her diminutive stature belied a tough, persuasive manner and character which loomed large on the Maryland legislative landscape for many years.

Few Marylanders may be aware of Maxine's long and distinguished career. She began her career in Annapolis as a legislative aide to the Baltimore County Delegation to the Maryland House of Delegates. After graduating cum laude from the University of Baltimore Law School, Maxine worked as a law clerk to the Honorable Richard Gilbert, Chief Judge of the Maryland Court of Special Appeals, and as a law clerk to the Department of Economic and Community Development under the Attorney General. For two decades, Maxine served as a successful lawyer and lobbyist as a member of the Baltimore-based law firm of Semmes, Bowen, & Semmes.

In addition, Maxine has been a valuable and active participant in the greater Baltimore community. Over the years, she has been a member of the University of Baltimore School of Law Advisory Committee, the Governor's Blue Ribbon Panel on Self-Insurance, and a Commissioner on the Baltimore County Commission for Women.

Maxine has also been a member of the Women's Housing Coalition's Board of Directors, which provides transitional and permanent housing for homeless, low-income, or at-risk women. Finally, she and her husband, my good friend Robert L. McKinney, were named one of "Baltimore's Power Couples" in the June, 2000 edition of Baltimore Magazine.

Mr. Speaker, Maxine will be sorely missed by lawmakers on both sides of the aisle in Annapolis. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Maxine and her husband Bob all the best in their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO FALLEN CENTRAL NEW YORK FIREFIGHTERS JOHN E. GINOCCHETTI AND TIMOTHY J. LYNCH

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2002

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I have often risen and submitted comments recognizing the heroics of first responders across the country. Today I rise with a heavy heart to recognize two firefighters from my own congressional district who made the ultimate sacrifice just last week. On Thursday evening, March 7, during a three-alarm house fire in the town of Pompey, two central New York firefighters—John E. Ginocchetti and Timothy J. Lynch—were killed in the line of duty.

While acting on what appeared to be a routine house fire, Firefighters Ginocchetti and Lynch, both responding in a mutual aid capacity on behalf of the Manlius Fire Department, proceeded to mount an aggressive interior attack after successfully "venting" the roof. As Ginocchetti and Lynch made their way into the kitchen and laundry room from the home's attached garage, the floor suddenly gave way, and the men were consumed in a horrific "fireball," falling into the structure's basement

where the blaze had started. Despite repeated rescue attempts by their colleagues, both men were lost.

Firefighter John "Gino" Ginocchetti, age 41, was a paid professional with the Manlius Fire Department. Firefighter Timothy "T.J." Lynch, age 28, was a full-time firefighter with the Fayetteville Fire Department, a part-time paramedic with Rural/Metro Medical Services, as well as a volunteer responder with the Manlius and Kirkville Fire Departments. Each leave behind a wife and son.

Both men held a longtime commitment to fire service, and since the tragedy, numerous stories of their previous acts of heroism and compassion have been recalled. Their tragic deaths remind us all how dangerous the fire fighting profession truly is.

On behalf of a grateful community, I thank the Ginocchetti and Lynch families for their sacrifice. Our thoughts, prayers, and admiration are with them during this difficult time.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO STAN BROOME

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to one of Colorado's first class citizens, Mr. Stan Broome. As President and Chief Executive Officer of Club 20, Mr. Broome worked hard to promote the common interest in the economic future of Colorado's Western Slope. Stan's leadership was essential in developing Club 20's strong reputation for its ability to focus on important issues, while representing the interests of Western Colorado.

As President of Club 20, Stan Broome maintained the high standards of dedication and commitment to the Western Slope and the State of Colorado that the organization has built its reputation around. Because of his leadership, we enjoy the protection of our resources, the promotion of tourism, improvements in our transportation systems, the rise and creation of new telecommunications capabilities, creation of a powerful business infrastructure, and the ability to provide recreational activities in our region. Mr. Broome has remained steadfast in the Club 20's commitment as the "The Voice of the Western Slope."

Stan has made a number of contributions to the State of Colorado, and although he is retiring, I expect that he will remain an active public servant in his community. Stan's background is rich in experience and accolades, working as the Executive Director of Region 10 and President of SB & A Consultants. In addition, he has held several positions in planning and development in Garfield and Grand counties, and served a term with the Colorado Governor's office.

Stan has established strong ties with the Colorado communities in which he has lived and worked. These relationships with the residents and the land have inspired Stan to work with many organizations, including his chairmanship of the Colorado Rural Development Council, serving on the Economic Developers Council of Colorado, being distinguished as a fellow of the Society of American Foresters,

and his association with the Colorado Forestry Association.

Mr. Speaker, Stan Broome has dedicated his life to serving the interests of Colorado's Western Slope, both professionally and as a volunteer. It is my privilege to honor Stan for his many years of guidance and support of Club 20 and Colorado's Western Slope. His dedication and commitment to his fellow Coloradans deserves the recognition of this body of Congress, and this nation. It is with great pleasure that I wish Stan Broome a pleasant retirement and all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING DR. DAN MAYDAN

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2002

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, today we rise to honor Dr. Dan Maydan, who has been president of Applied Materials since 1994 and a member of the Board of Directors since 1992. Dr. Maydan is the 2002 recipient of the Anti-Defamation League's Torch of Liberty Award. The Anti-Defamation League's Torch of Liberty Award was established to recognize individuals and corporations who have exhibited humanitarian concerns, and whose everyday actions exemplify the principles on which the Anti-Defamation League was founded: namely, to "secure justice and fair treatment for all."

Born in Tel Aviv, Dr. Dan Maydan is a member of the United States National Academy of Engineering. Over the years, he has received numerous awards and honors for his contributions to the global semiconductor industry and for his efforts to strengthen the links between Israel and global high-technology markets. He is the recipient of the International Partnership Award from the California Israel Chamber of Commerce in recognition of his long-term commitment to building bridges between Israel and California. Additionally, Dr. Maydan received the Israel Trade Award from the Israel Ministry of Industry and Trade. In 1998 he was also awarded the State of Israel Jubilee Award in recognition of his efforts to integrate Israel into the global economy and for realizing its world-class business potential.

In 2001 Dr. Maydan was awarded Honorary Doctorate Degrees from Edinburgh University in Scotland and from the Technion in Israel. In our community, Dr. Maydan is a noted patron of a number of local organizations. Dr. Maydan and Applied Materials have been recognized by numerous organizations for their leadership in responding to community causes.

As friends of Dr. Maydan's, we are incredibly proud at his being presented with this prestigious award. Both as colleagues and as fellow Californians, we are incredibly grateful to him for both his innovation and his compassion. We congratulate him and his family on receiving the Anti-Defamation League's Torch of Liberty Award, and thank him for his commitment and devotion to our community.

APPLAUDING VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2002

Mr. JEFF MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud the Veterans Affairs Committee for their recommended increase over the Administration's request in the Fiscal Year 2003 Budget Resolution for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

We on the Committee constantly speak of a needs-based budget that fulfills our duty and our obligation to those who have given so much to this nation.

The Committee has been extremely effective under the expert leadership of Chairman Smith, and all of us on the Committee know much work remains. In fact, the Department of Veterans Affairs projects that nearly 700,000 additional veterans will seek VA healthcare in 2003. While we should be proud of the quality and the breadth of care that the VA provides, VA healthcare struggles because appropriated funding is not keeping pace with growth in enrollment and the increased demands for service. Additionally, there is a need for additional clinics and primary care facilities, and much of VA's physical infrastructure is in immediate need of hundreds of millions of dollars in repairs restorations and upgrades. The result of under-funding and inaction in this area could be crippling to the system, and in the end the losers are the ones who have sacrificed the most for this nation—our veterans.

In addition to providing adequate funding for veteran programs, the time has come for Congress to act to resolve inequities in current law, including the prohibition on concurrent receipt as provided for by H.R. 303; and an increase in premiums for the Survivor Benefit Plan as provided for in H.R. 548.

Mr. Speaker, we must fulfill our obligations to care for those who place their lives on the line to defend our nation, our people, and our principles; and to do so we must be willing to provide the needed resources, no matter the cost. The time has come to enact a VA budget that is worthy of this great nation and worthy of our veterans' sacrifice.

May God Bless our nation's veterans, and may God continue to bless these United States of America.

IN HONOR OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DELAWARE BIBLIOPHILES

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 12, 2002

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Delaware Bibliophiles on the occasion of their twenty-fifth anniversary this month. The Delaware Bibliophiles are an organization of book collectors and one of twenty-six officially recognized book collecting societies in the United States. These members, however, collect more than books. They continue to build upon the strong humanities and arts foundations in Delaware and enrich our community.