

brightest high school seniors. Intel Corporation gave out scholarships totaling \$530,000 at an awards ceremony this week which was precluded by a public exhibition of all 40 of the students involved in the competition. The Intel STS is America's oldest and most prestigious science competition and is also considered as the "Junior Nobel Prize."

Jessica's ideas and creativity point to a bright future. It is reassuring to see such potential in our young people. I applaud Jessica for her hard work and ingenuity. Long Island, particularly Nassau County, is proud to commend such a talented young individual.

#### TRIBUTE TO ROSE M. AGUILAR

### HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 13, 2002*

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a woman who has dedicated so many years to serving her city and her community, Rose Aguilar. Her remarkable achievements have brought so many families and communities together in an effort to educate and promote political action and community service. As members and friends of the Wayne County Chapter of the Hispanic Democrats gathered together on Saturday, March 2, 2002 to honor Rose, a longtime friend and advocate of the civic affairs and community service, they honored her with a celebration of activism, laughter, and memories.

A leader and an activist all her life, Rose Aguilar was the first Hispanic female to be hired at an all-male YMCA, as Director of Programs and Community Service. As an employment specialist in the Wayne County office on Aging and as a community development specialist for the Wayne County Community Development Block Grants Division, her efforts for Wayne County have been relentless. Working as a victim advocate for the Wayne County Prosecutor's office until 1994, she was instrumental in assisting Hispanic domestic violence and homicide victims. Returning to full time employment through her involvement with migrant children, her work with the Committee of Concerned Spanish Speaking Americans led her to serve not only in local parent groups but at the state level as well. Her leadership continues today, as she is Vice-Chair of the Hispanic Democrats of Wayne County, the only all Hispanic Democrats group, and continues to remain active in several other political and civic organizations.

Demonstrating outstanding dedication and commitment throughout the years, Rose Aguilar has truly led her community in a new direction, creating and developing programs that have advanced Detroit's political and community outreach services. She was Vice Chairwoman and former Board Trustee of the New Detroit Self Determination Committee, Vice Chairwoman of the Public Safety and Justice Committee, Executive Board member of Police Community Relations at Precinct 4, Assistant Director of LA SED, and Commissioner of the City of Detroit Senior Citizens Committee, to name a few. Additionally, Rose's outstanding efforts have not gone unrecognized, as she has been honored with prestigious awards like the 1978 Governor's Award as Outstanding Latina in Community

Services, the Outstanding Public Relations Award for 1979 and 1985 from the Mexican Patriotic Committee, the Women's Equality Award in 1986 from the City of Detroit's Human Rights Department, and the Cesar Chavez Award in 2001 from the State of Michigan Latino Democrats. Rose Aguilar's crusade to raise the standards of activism and community outreach programs is one that will be remembered by citizens of this community for years to come.

I applaud Rose Aguilar for her leadership and commitment, and thank her for dedicating her life to serving her city and her community. I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting her for her exemplary years of service.

#### RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF CLEAN ENERGY

### HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 13, 2002*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I wish to insert into the RECORD an editorial published in the "Boulder Daily Camera" on March 6. The editorial comes at a critical time, as the Senate is even now debating an energy bill that could lead us in the right—or wrong—direction. The piece ends by calling on the Senate to recognize conservation and alternative energy as not just personal virtues, but as "important components of a national energy policy." I couldn't agree more.

#### DEMAND LESS DEMAND

In recent months, some have complained that the United States needs an over-arching, under-girding energy policy. They are, in fact, right.

President Bush has proposed an energy policy that emphasizes increased production of oil, gas and electricity and places relatively little emphasis on conservation and alternative energy. The Bush plan, whose fundamental components were approved by the House of Representatives last year, includes a provision allowing for oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, one of the last true wilderness areas.

The energy bill passed by the House was predicated on the assumption that we are in an energy crisis and that the best way to confront this crisis is to increase energy production as rapidly as possible. That's the stated justification for drilling in ANWR, and that's the clear rationale for handing \$34 billion in subsidies to oil, gas and nuclear industries.

Curiously, the Bush-backed energy bill does not appreciably boost efficiency standards for the nation's automobiles. The House killed an amendment that would have sharply raised the fuel-efficiency standards for the nation's sport-utility vehicles and light trucks—to an average of 27.5 miles per gallon, the standard that cars now meet. Such an increase would obviate the demand for ANWR oil.

The House rejected the higher fuel standards because a study concluded that the imposition of fuel-efficiency standards coincided with a higher highway fatality rate. A National Academy of Sciences study last year opined that tough fuel-economy standards imposed three decades ago might have caused an additional 100 deaths or so annually. The Academy's report also argued that the safety concerns could be satisfactorily addressed. That didn't faze the House, which

capitulated to the auto industry and labor unions.

This week, a competing energy bill is being discussed in the Senate. The 500-page Senate bill, sponsored by Sens. Tom Daschle and Jeff Bingaman, is markedly different from the Bush plan. The Daschle bill would increase fuel-economy standards to 35 mpg by 2013.

It would provide incentives for citizens to buy hybrid gas-electric cars such as the Honda Insight. It would require that electric companies produce 10 percent of their electricity from renewable resources such as wind by 2020.

Critically, the Daschle-Bingaman bill would not open ANWR to drilling.

The Daschle-Bingaman bill represents a less-lopsided approach to the nation's energy picture. It would focus both on increased production of traditional sources of energy and on conservation and alternative energy. This plan has drawn fire from both ends of the spectrum.

Greenpeace dubbed the Daschle plan "Bush lite." Sen. Frank Murkowski, the Alaska Republican, suggested that the Daschle plan would make the nation less secure. "The House has done its job (in passing the Bush bill). The job of the Senate remains in front of us. But I think most members would agree, our energy policy is a critical first step in this challenge. And it is a challenge. It is a challenge when we fight for freedom, when we seize the day for democracy."

But while framing the energy debate as a fight for democracy, Murkowski argued that Americans should not be called upon to sacrifice. "We turn to energy as we look at the standard of living that Americans enjoy. If it is an SUV, it is an SUV because Americans prefer that as opposed to being dictated by government as to what type of an automobile they have to drive."

The United States uses one-quarter of the world's energy. Here in the world's largest energy sink, conservation and alternative energy are not just personal virtues. They are important components of a national energy policy. In a clear and convincing voice, the Senate should say so.

#### CONGRATULATING THE GIRL SCOUTS FROM NASSAU COUNTY

### HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 13, 2002*

Mrs. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, this week my Girl Scouts from Nassau County came to Washington for their Anniversary Gala and visited me at my office. For nearly a century, Girl Scouts of the USA has served as an inspirational and positive movement in America's history. With more than 50 million alumnae in the U.S. today, including myself, the Girl Scouts have made a lasting mark on sports, science, politics, public service and many other fields too numerous to list.

Today, March 12, 2002, is the 90th anniversary of the first Girl Scout assembly in Savannah Georgia. Juliette Gordon Low brought together 18 local girls with a determined goal to bring girls out of isolated home environments and into community service and the outdoors. Much like today, girls in 1912 hiked, played basketball, went on camping trips, learned how to tell time by the stars and studied first aid. With nearly four million members today, Girl Scouts of the USA is committed to helping

communities, developing skills in everything from sports to science, and encouraging our future leaders.

In celebration of nine decades of excellence and accomplishments, Girl Scouts of the USA will be hosting its 90th Anniversary gala in Washington, D.C. A select group of 10 extraordinary American women will also be honored for serving as role models for today's Girl Scouts. These women exemplify how all girls can achieve greatness. They will be honored with the Girl Scouts' National Women of Distinction Juliette Award. Proceeds from this evening event, their first national awards and fundraising dinner, will benefit the "Girl Scouting: For Every Girl, Everywhere" initiative, helping to expand accessibility and opportunity for all girls.

As our great nation looks to forge ahead into the next century, we, as Americans, can rest assured that new leaders will emerge from organizations like Girl Scouts. Young women of today learn how to accept challenges, be self-confident, internationally conscious, and assertive beginning in the Girl Scouts. These valuable skills are reinforced and cultivated in every girl who participates in Girl Scouts. Our future looks bright with girls all over the country striving to do their best.

I want to congratulate the Girl Scouts of Nassau County and the Girl Scouts of the USA on 90 years of outstanding work and I wish them continued success in the future.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND JESSIE D. JONES AND NEW ISRAEL BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. DAVID E. BONIOR**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 13, 2002*

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, the New Israel Baptist Church has a noble mission: to preach the Good News, teach divine truth and heal life by the power of God. A lifelong leader and devoted pastor, Reverend Jessie D. Jones has truly demonstrated his commitment to advancing this mission across southeastern Michigan, as pastor of the New Israel Baptist Church. Today, as the members and friends of Rev. Jones gathered to celebrate his birthday, they paid tribute to his outstanding years of activism, leadership, and faith.

Born in the late 1930's in Arkansas, Rev. Jones was the youngest of eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Jones. Confessing Christ at the age of fourteen at the Mount Olive Baptist Church in Dumas, Arkansas, Rev. Jones went on to serve in the United States Army for two years after completing his education. Accepting his calling into the ministry at Burnette Baptist Church, he was licensed and ordained under the guidance of Dr. J. Allen Caldwell. After completing two years of Bible college at Tysdale University, Rev. Jones's drive for faith led him to receive his doctrine degree of Divinity at the Detroit International School of Ministry.

Pastor and founder of the New Israel Baptist Church in Detroit, Rev. Jones has dedicated over 15 years to his vision for New Israel. Beginning in a one room store front on West Eight Mile Road in May of 1984, three years of visualizing, praying, and preaching led Rev. Jones and his congregation to their beautiful

location on Puritan St. in Detroit, where they have flourished in faith and service for the last 15 years. Leading three hundred and twelve souls to Christ, including three preachers, Pastor Jones has shown a special dedication to leading the effort to make a positive difference in the lives of others. Demonstrating unwavering support and commitment to his belief in community as well, Rev. Jones has been an active force in his city. Serving as the President of the Clergy United for Today and Tomorrow as well as first Vice-Moderator for the Southern District Association, Pastor Jones has maintained a solid commitment to promoting leadership and activism within the community. His distinguished service and remarkable dedication to improving the lives of people through faith will assuredly continue to serve as an excellent example to communities everywhere.

I applaud Reverend Jessie Jones for his leadership, commitment, and service, and urge my colleagues to join me in saluting him for his exemplary years of faith and service.

HONORING ALISTAIR W. McCRONE

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 13, 2002*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Alistair W. McCrone, President, Humboldt State University, Arcata, California, who, on April 11, 2002, is being honored by the Humboldt State University Alumni Association with the Distinguished Service Award on the occasion of his retirement.

Dr. Alistair McCrone, a native of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, received his B.A. in geology from the University of Saskatchewan, his Master of Science degree from the University of Nebraska and his Ph.D. from the University of Kansas. He began his career as a petroleum geologist in western and sub-arctic Canada. For eleven years he taught geology at New York University. From 1970 to 1974 he served as academic vice president at the University of the Pacific.

Dr. McCrone became the fifth President of Humboldt State University in 1974. Under his leadership, the university earned a notable reputation for academic excellence and innovative programs in higher education. During his distinguished tenure, Humboldt State University received national recognition for its participation in the Peace Corps, its programs in environmental studies and its high rate of graduates who later earn doctoral degrees, particularly in the sciences and engineering.

Dr. McCrone and his wife, Judith Saari McCrone, are highly esteemed on the North Coast of California for their dedication and service to the community. In their honor, Humboldt State University established the Alistair and Judith McCrone Graduate Fellowship Fund in October 2001. Dr. McCrone has emphasized the importance of graduate studies and has had the support of his colleagues in his wish to see the University become a leader in the field of graduate education.

Alistair McCrone has earned many distinguished honors and awards for his accomplishments. He received the Erasmus Haworth Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Univer-

sity of Kansas in 2000. He is a Fellow of the Geological Society of America, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the California Academy of Sciences. He is a member of the board of directors of the American Association of University Administrators. In addition, he is a member of the Board of Directors of the California State Automobile Association and a Trustee of the California State Parks Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate that on the occasion of his retirement we recognize Dr. Alistair W. McCrone for his vision and leadership and for his contributions and service to the people of our country.

TRIBUTE TO THE MOBILE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

**HON. SONNY CALLAHAN**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 13, 2002*

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mobile International Festival, the first and oldest event of its kind in the Gulf Coast region. Founded in 1983, Mobile International Festival has helped to educate school children and share with the general public an event of cultural arts, foreign languages and world history. It has showcased Mobile's own rich heritage and promoted appreciation of diverse cultures worldwide.

Every week before Thanksgiving, Mobile International Festival brings a cultural, fulfilled family experience of over 60 countries from Mobile's international community. Its stated mission is to "encourage a spirit of friendship between students, community and the growing numbers of immigrants and international citizens; to strengthen understanding and acceptance among people of different cultures; to provide an opportunity to share in the uniqueness of each heritage through art, music, dance, food, flags, and cultural exhibits from over 60 countries; and to provide educational and cultural activities which promote an awareness and appreciation of our city's rich cultural heritage."

The festival enhances the many cultures that are found in Mobile and nearby counties. Teachers have used the festival as a teaching tool and part of their curriculum. The festival supplements their studies in Geography, Foreign Languages, Art, Social Studies and Home Economics.

The festival has contributed to the quality of life of Mobile's citizens. Due to the importance of this cultural event to the community, Mobile International Festival participates in many community-oriented activities representing the international community and assists the City of Mobile and Mobile County in selected events.

In today's ever-shrinking world, where countries and cultures are increasingly required to interact and co-exist, Mobile International Festival serves as model for education and understanding between people of all different backgrounds.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud that my district plays host to this noble and important event. I believe the values it teaches are not only important for all Americans, but for all mankind, as we try to make our world a better place for future generations.