

the Borough of Lincoln Park, County of Morris, NJ.

The history of Lincoln Park dates back to the founding of our Nation, with settlers first taking up residence as early as 1690. Originally referred to as Two Bridges and later as Beavertown, the town's current name was adopted in 1872.

In April of 1922 the residents established the Borough of Lincoln Park as a separate town from the Township of Pequannock following the passing of a referendum.

Today Lincoln Park is home to 10,930 proud citizens and has been voted by the State of New Jersey as its "Third Kindest Town."

As the Borough of Lincoln Park commemorates its 80th anniversary its residents also remember those that were lost on September 11, 2001, with a memorial service and the dedication of a "Living Memorial" near the railroad station.

In September 2001, Lincoln Park suffered the loss of three of its residents, Peter Wallace, Catherine Nardella, and Mark Zangrilli. Despite the tragedy, the Borough banded together and raised \$20,000 for the World Trade Center Fund at its annual Lincoln Park Day on September 22.

"By serving causes greater than ourselves," the men, women, and children of Lincoln Park are helping to defeat terrorism with the "Best of America," as President Bush has urged us all to do.

Mr. Speaker, for the past 80 years, the Borough of Lincoln Park has played a significant role in helping to create the cultural fabric of our State and the municipality will certainly continue to do so in the years to come. I congratulate the citizens of the Borough of Lincoln Park on their special anniversary year, and urge all my colleagues to join me in wishing them well.

CONGRATULATING SISTER
KATHLEEN QUINN

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2002

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and admiration that I congratulate Sister Kathleen Quinn upon her retirement as chairperson of the Ancilla Systems Board of Directors. I can truly say Sister Kathleen is one of the most dedicated, distinguished, and committed citizens of Indiana's First Congressional District. Northwest Indiana and Ancilla Systems, Inc., has certainly been rewarded by the true service and uncompromising loyalty she has displayed to her community.

Sister Kathleen entered the religious community and made her First Profession in June of 1949. She graduated from St. Joseph's School of Nursing in 1952, and received a BSN in Nursing from Loyola University and a MSN in Nursing Service Administration from the Catholic University of America, located in Washington, DC. She began her nursing career in the Obstetrics Department at St. Anne's Hospital in Chicago and later served as the hospital's Director of Nursing Services from 1960 to 1965. For the next 2 years, Sister Kathleen served as the Assistant Administrator of Nursing at St. Mary's Hospital in East St. Louis. She then became the Assistant Pro-

vincial of the PHJC Community from July of 1967 to July of 1973. For the next twelve years, Sister Kathleen held hospital administrator positions at St. Joseph's Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana and St. Mary's Hospital in East St. Louis, IL. From 1985 to 1991 Sister Kathleen served as Provincial of the PHJC congregation. Most recently, Sister Kathleen served as chairperson of Ancilla, Inc., from July 1991 to April 2002. While serving as chairperson, she has served on a number of boards and committees, including: American Hospital Association, Catholic Health Association, Illinois Catholic Health Association, Gary Community Health Foundation, Edgewater Systems for Balanced Living, Legacy Foundation, Inc., St. Joseph Community Health Foundation, Health Visions Midwest, St. Joseph Hospital Advisory Board, St. Joseph Hospital Ethics Committee and Mission Effectiveness Committee, Sagamore Health Network and Advantage Health Plan Mission Effectiveness Committee, Community Foundation of Northwest Indiana, Inc., St. Joseph Regional Medical Center Board, The Discovery Alliance Board, YWCA of Gary, and Linden House of Gary.

Among her many contributions to the care of all God's people, Sister Kathleen founded the Nazareth Home in East Chicago, IN, in 1993. Nazareth Home is a foster home for children born of mothers who are addicted to various substances or who have AIDS. She was also a leader in founding the Sojourner Truth House, which is a daytime ministry for needy women and children in Gary, IN. Sister Kathleen is currently active in parish life at Holy Angels Cathedral in Gary.

Mr. Speaker, America is made a better place because of the tireless and unselfish service of its citizens. Sister Kathleen Quinn is a woman who has dedicated her entire life to helping those around her, resolutely working to aid the needy, and serving as an upright pillar of morality and conscience. In so doing, she has strengthened her community and the whole of our country and society. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Sister Kathleen Quinn for her lifetime of remarkable accomplishments, enduring service, and the unforgettable effect she has had on the people of northwest Indiana. The staff at Ancilla Systems, Inc., will surely miss her enthusiasm, but we thank her for her years of service and wish her happiness in her well-deserved retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
SHORELINE/SOUTH COUNTY YMCA

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2002

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I commend the Shoreline/South County YMCA on their outstanding contribution to youth and families in the greater Shoreline/South Snohomish County area of the State of Washington.

Now in their 49th year of service in the community, the YMCA builds upon a long-standing tradition of putting kids and families first by providing a location where families can spend time together and young children and teens can find a safe environment full of stimulating

and educational activities. For an increasing number of children, the YMCA fills the void in their lives and gives them direction and support in our ever-changing world.

Through a variety of innovative and supportive programs, the Shoreline/South County YMCA serves more than 3,450 individuals each year. The YMCA reaches out to families of young children through such programs as Y-Guides & Y-Princesses and an endless array of youth sports activities. Additionally, the YMCA child care sites at public schools and summer day camps give working parents the security of quality, affordable day care, with nearly a third of participants receiving financial assistance from the YMCA. In an effort to reach out to teens in the community—many of whom are considered at-risk—the YMCA partners with area schools and city governments to provide tutors at middle schools, after school programs through Klub Kellogg, and leadership building skills for teens through their YMCA Youth & Government program.

The YMCA does not do this alone. The greater Shoreline/South County community generously supports the YMCA to sustain these invaluable services. This year alone, Shoreline/South County residents, community leaders and area businesses donated a record-breaking \$100,000 to the annual Partners for Youth Campaign.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers of the Shoreline/South County YMCA for their unwavering commitment to youth and families and their tireless work to improve their community, one child, one family at a time.

TRIBUTE TO MR. RICHARD
SHOWLER

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2002

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Richard Showler, a professional truck driver for Roadway Express, Inc. who recently logged over one million miles on the road without a preventable accident.

To put Mr. Showler's accomplishment in perspective, a million miles is the equivalent of circling the earth's equator 38 times. That's quite a distance.

Although a million miles is probably more than an entire family ever drives—or more than I would ever drive—what is particularly important and noteworthy about Mr. Showler's record is that he's managed to log all of those miles responsibly and attentively.

Even more impressive, perhaps, is that Mr. Showler has driven the majority of these miles on what are arguably the most congested parts of Southern California's highway system. Indeed, anyone familiar with the gridlock and traffic that is characteristic of Southern California could attest to the difficulty of negotiating those roads in a car, much less a semi-truck with a full trailer of goods. In short, Mr. Showler is among the most distinguished and safe drivers out on the road today.

Mr. Showler, a member of Local 952 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, has been with Roadway for twenty-two years. Happily married, with a son, Mr. Showler resides

in Yorba Linda, California. I have no doubt his family is proud of him. When he's not out on the road, Mr. Showler is an active long board surfer and helps coach his son's Little League games.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Showler's record of safety, and I hope my colleagues will join me in saluting his one million-mile driving safety achievement.

SMALL BUSINESS AND DIS- LOCATED WORKER OPPOR- TUNITY ACT

HON. JOHN ELIAS BALDACCI

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2002

Mr. BALDACCI. Mr. Speaker, at a time when American workers are facing new challenges, it is important to open new avenues to prosperity and economic success. Entrepreneurship has long been such a path: it holds the promise that anyone can pursue his or her own dream. Workers who have been laid off because of import competition deserve to be able to pursue such opportunities. They also deserve a helping hand as they forge this new path for themselves.

The Trade Adjustment Assistance Program was designed to help workers who are displaced due to foreign competition. It provides assistance so that such workers may seek training to gain new skills, and launch themselves onto a more stable and prosperous career track. However, the program can do more to help people who want to start their own businesses.

This bill will accomplish that goal. It specifies that workers who pursue self-employment assistance activities—such as entrepreneurial training, business counseling, technical assistance and related training approved by an appropriate State agency—can still qualify for Trade Readjustment Allowances (extended benefits equal to unemployment insurance) under the TAA program.

In addition, this bill also ensures that displaced workers have a more realistic chance to succeed in their new business. People who have unexpectedly lost their jobs have rarely had the chance to plan or to save the extra resources needed to start a business. On top of that, they face ongoing living and medical expenses. Unemployment Insurance and TRA can help to meet these costs, but they stop as soon as a new business starts, at a time when most businesses are still struggling and when the income they bring is most insecure.

That is why this bill will allow workers who have undergone entrepreneurial training to continue receiving TRA during the first six months after the start of their new business. This gives displaced workers a crucial source of income support, and helps them overcome the distinct disadvantage their job dislocation has caused. However, to ensure that businesses succeed on their own merits, the bill provides for these extended payments to be phased out over time. Thus, workers would be eligible for full TRA in the first 14 weeks after they start their new business, 75 percent of their benefit in the 6 weeks thereafter, and 50 percent of the benefit in the next six weeks.

This bill not only gives hard-working Americans the freedom to pursue a new profes-

sional path, it also gives them the means to do so. It levels the playing field so that workers who have lost their job because of foreign competition have a fair chance at turning misfortune into opportunity. As the wave of global economic change forces our workers to adapt, we must give them the tools to succeed. This bill is a strong step in the right direction.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 2646, FARM SECURITY ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 18, 2002

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of my friend, Representative BACA, and his motion to instruct farm bill conferees to restore food stamp benefits to immigrants.

The Baca motion supports immigrants being allowed to apply for food stamps if they are low-income and have been in the United States for 5 or more years. Children would also be eligible for food stamps regardless of when they entered the United States.

In my congressional district, the restoration of food stamps benefits is very important. Everyday, many of my constituents, who often hold more than one job, wake up and go to work to provide for their families. Studies have shown that 43 percent of legal immigrants are working jobs that pay less than \$7.50 an hour, with little increase in wage rates.

Restoring these benefits would be inexpensive. In fact, the cost for restoring these benefits has already been built into the \$6.4 billion allotment for the nutrition title in the farm bill.

The diet of our nation's children and families, whether they were born in the United States or somewhere else, should be one of the most important considerations in this year's farm bill debate. Restoring food stamps benefits to immigrants would be a step in the right direction.

While the Senate and House farm bill conferees continue to work hard to reconcile the differences in their farm bills, I urge them to consider the Baca motion and make restoring food stamps benefits to our hardworking immigrants a reality.

COMMEMORATING SAM L. ERVIN, HEALTHCARE PIONEER

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2002

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the long and distinguished career of Sam L. Ervin, a pioneer in the development of innovative and cost effective programs that enhance the quality of life for older and disabled adults.

Mr. Ervin was the founding executive officer of the original Senior Care Action Network (SCAN), a social health maintenance organization in Long Beach, California. SCAN was selected by the then Health Care Financing Administration in 1982 to be one of four dem-

onstration sites for the Social HMO program. The Social HMO expands comprehensive HMO benefits to include community-based long-term care and some nursing home care.

Thanks to Sam Ervin's many years of remarkable leadership and dedication to improving the lives of senior citizens, today, SCAN serves more than 50,000 members in four Southern California counties. Since its inception, SCAN has made a unique and significant contribution to seniors' ability to remain healthy, independent and in control of where they live and how they live.

As a testament to SCAN's success and necessity, I have introduced H.R. 2953, the Coordinated Community Care Act of 2001 to make Social HMOs a permanent part of the Medicare+Choice program. I am proud to do so and to recognize Sam Ervin for his contributions to the improved quality of life for thousands of seniors.

INTRODUCING THE TAX EXEMPTION FOR MILITARY STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENTS ACT

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2002

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing the "Tax Exemption for Military Student Loan Repayments Act."

Today's military requires more high-tech skilled personnel than ever before and the military continues to have a dire need to recruit for its shortage of medical personnel. To fill these jobs known as military occupational specialists or MOSs, the Army, Navy and Air Force utilize student loan repayment programs to attract skilled recruits who have gained high-tech, medical, or other valuable skills, but may be hesitant to join the military because they have incurred substantial indebtedness to finish their college education.

The military student loan repayment program remains popular among military officials because it targets a growing population of people with skills that the services can use. Unfortunately, these payments made towards student loan debt are considered taxable income although these payments are made directly to the student loan creditor, and the soldier, sailor, or airman never sees these payments reach their wallets. As a result, unless the military person requests additional funds to be withheld from their pay, they will in most cases owe a significant amount in taxes for each year repayments are made.

Having to pay taxes on this important recruitment incentive reduces the effectiveness of the program, which is designed to attract highly skilled military personnel to fill critical military occupational specialties. Further, the taxation of these payments seems to place an overly burdensome tax on the pay of military personnel who must already contend with a 7.6% military to civilian gap in pay. To enhance these recruitment efforts and deliver tax relief to military personnel, the "Tax Exemption for Military Student Loan Repayments Act" will amend Section 134 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude the military's student loan repayment from taxable gross income.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleague to support this legislation, which will enhance the military's effort to recruit highly skilled personnel,