

Dean and thank him for his contributions in the Colorado General Assembly. His hard work and dedication is appreciated, and I am honored to pay tribute to him today before this body of Congress. As he moves on in his career, let it be known that I, along with the people of Colorado, am grateful for the work he has done for the state, and the Colorado General Assembly.

During his time in the Colorado State House of Representatives, Doug has provided his leadership to many legislative endeavors. Currently he serves the assembly as Speaker of the House, and has served on numerous committees during his tenure, notably the Executive committee, Legislative Council, the Business Affairs, Labor, State, Veterans, and Military Affairs committees. He has provided his focus and leadership not only as speaker, but also as Vice-Chairman of the Education committee and as House Majority Leader from 1999 to 2000. He has remained committed to many ideals throughout his terms, and has promoted the issues of education, judiciary affairs, telecommunications, law enforcement, and commerce.

In addition to his duties as a state representative, Doug is known as a devoted husband to Gloria, loving father of three, and is an active member of his community. He is a small business owner, and can often be found volunteering his time and energies as a volunteer parent for the United Way and on the sports field as a volunteer coach for youth baseball teams.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to bring to the attention of this body of Congress the accomplishments of Doug Dean and his service to Colorado. His contributions to his state and constituents, as both a member of the Colorado General Assembly and community volunteer, are an example of public and civic commitment to us all. Thanks for your leadership and commitment to Colorado, Doug, and I wish you all the best in the future.

TRIBUTE TO AARON ZACK PHILLIPS, SBA 2002 YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce to my colleagues that the American dream is alive and well in Rochester, New York. It can be found embodied in a Rochester businessman and booster who, though only 25 years old, has already achieved what others spend a lifetime trying to accomplish. His name is Aaron Zack Phillips, and he is president of Kink BMX, a manufacturer and distributor of BMX bicycle parts and related soft goods. He is also this year's national winner of the SBA's 2002 Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

Zack's middle name is self-reliance—a character trait always present in American dreamers. From the age of 12, he juggled school and part-time jobs like throwing papers or flipping hamburgers at fast food restaurants. By 18, he was the assistant manager for a local home improvement store, in charge of payroll, scheduling and inventory.

But at the same time that Zack was working for others, he was beginning his own busi-

ness—out of pure frustration. Because the bicycle parts he bought kept breaking down, he decided that he could make them better and stronger—and did. Then, with the help of a media kit from a trade magazine and an advertising budget, he began selling them to other cyclists at competitions and skate parks.

The rest is history, hard work and an entrepreneurial drive that just won't stop—always necessary components in any successful American dream. At the age of 25, Zack now runs a million dollar business employing 6 people, which both manufactures the Kink line and distributes its products throughout the Midwest and California, as well as in Europe, Canada, Australia and Japan. He didn't do all this totally alone. Along the way, the U.S. Small Business Administration stepped in to guarantee the loans this young man could not get without its help, reminding us once again what a beneficial service this small Federal agency makes in the lives of Americans with lofty goals and high-flying dreams.

I am so proud of this young man—proud that he dreamed his dream, then made it a reality. But what really endears me to him is the way he ties his own economic well-being to that of his home-town. On every mailing, logo, brochure and marketing tool, he prints the words "Rochester Made Means Quality Made," along with archival prints of our city and High Falls.

That slogan might just as well describe Aaron Zack Phillips, the SBA Young Entrepreneur of the Year.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONWIDE GUN BUYBACK ACT OF 2002

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce the Nationwide Gun Buyback Act of 2002 (NGBA) to mark Mother's Day, in recognition of the strong support mothers across the nation have demonstrated for gun safety, and in light of continued gun violence in our communities. The NGBA would provide \$100 million in federal funds to local jurisdictions to hold gun buyback programs similar to the successful programs conducted by the District of Columbia and other cities over the last three years. Under the bill, funds would be distributed through the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and, after evaluation of proposals, added weight would be given to jurisdictions with the greatest incidence of gun violence. The NGBA would require that a jurisdiction certify that it is capable of destroying the guns within 30 days, that it can conduct the program safely, and that an amnesty appropriate for the jurisdiction will be offered. Not only individuals, but groups such as gangs could take advantage of the buyback provisions to bring in guns and encourage street gangs to disarm themselves.

Families, and especially mothers, fear guns in their homes, but have not known how to get rid of them. In many jurisdictions, a grandmother, father or other family member may be petrified that there is a gun in the house but cannot turn it in without subjecting the family member or her grandson to possible prosecution. This unintended result of gun safety leg-

islation is reason enough for the amnesty achieved through gun buyback efforts.

This bill is necessary because, despite the extraordinary demonstrated success of the gun buyback program in the District, in which over \$528,000 was spent to recover 6,250 firearms in three buybacks, local jurisdictions lack readily available funds for similar programs. The experience of the District of Columbia is instructive. The District was forced to find money on an ad hoc basis and ran out of funds despite indications that there were many residents who still desired to turn in guns. Initially, the District conducted a pilot program using funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The response of the public was so strong, with residents standing in long lines, that the Police Department took the program citywide, using drug asset forfeiture funds. Even so, after using \$290,000, the city ran out of funds, but not of guns that could have been collected.

The guns were considered a "good buy" because they were unlicensed and illegally possessed, but hard-pressed jurisdictions, especially big cities, should not have to rob Peter to pay Paul when it comes to public safety. The federal government can play a unique and noncontroversial role in reducing gun violence by providing the small amount authorized by my bill, \$100 million, to encourage buybacks efforts where they can be helpful.

With this bill, we are taking the gun buyback leadership of the District and other cities nationwide. We have demonstrated a faster and easier way to get guns where criminals cannot use them and children and adults cannot misuse them. Gun buyback efforts are not new, but the recent, dramatic impact of the program of the District and other jurisdictions have special bipartisan and natural appeal today because the program is voluntary and requires no change in local laws. My bill has the added feature of skirting the present stalemate in the Congress, where we have yet to pass a gun safety bill. A gun buyback bill is no substitute for gun safety legislation, but my bill is based on demonstrated and successful experience in a number of cities that have achieved voluntary compliance by citizens with local laws.

Two years ago this weekend, almost a million mothers and their families gathered on the Mall to demand that Congress heed their call to enact strong gun safety legislation. These families believed that the federal government has an obligation to help protect our children and all our citizens. It is time that we fulfill that obligation by at least passing a bill that takes guns out of unauthorized hands.

I urge my colleagues to support this vital legislation.

CONGRATULATING GEN. CHARLES CUNNINGHAM

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lt. General (RET) Charles J. Cunningham, Jr., the Director of the Defense Security Service (DSS). General Cunningham is retiring from his position on May 31, 2002 after 43 years of service to his country.

For over four decades, Lt. General Chuck Cunningham has worked in a tireless and selfless manner, serving our nation with great distinction. He began his career as an officer in the United States Air Force. As a fighter pilot, Chuck flew 366 combat missions in Vietnam, earning numerous awards including the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with 27 Oak Leaf Clusters. He served as a commander at all levels of the Air Force originating in the 480th Tactical Fighter Squadron and ascending into the 12th Air Force.

Following several successful years in the private sector, Chuck began his second government career, serving in many positions ranging from Commandant of the Joint Military Intelligence College to Senior Regional Representative for the Defense Intelligence Agency in Europe. During the past three years as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Defense (Intelligence), General Cunningham made one of the most important contributions to our country over the course of his illustrious career. Through his indomitable perseverance, General Cunningham inspired his agency, the Defense Security Service, by leading it through a challenging transformation, enabling the DSS to reach its full potential as a critical element in our national security framework. For his effort, General Cunningham earned the prestigious Defense Civilian Distinguished Service Medal.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in congratulating Chuck Cunningham as he prepares to begin a new phase of his life. Words alone do not give Justice to the integrity, pride and professionalism of this officer and gentleman. He is an inspiration to every American and a role model for all public servants. Thank you, Chuck, for the dedication of your life's work to the service of our nation and its people.

EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH ISRAEL IN ITS FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM

SPEECH OF

HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, I am amazed that this Resolution has been placed on the calendar for a vote. All last week the newspapers have been reporting that the White House has been urging that it not be brought up. Following the trip to the Middle East by Secretary Colin Powell and following the recent discussions by the President himself with Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia real progress has been made. There is agreement to have a peace conference. Yasser Arafat was freed by the Israelis from his compound in Ramallah. Things have been delicately put in place for a political solution to be agreed to. Why would the President's own party leader want to take the chance of upsetting these hard won points? The answer must be that they do not want Peace. If they were for Peace, they would be willing to give Peace a chance.

If they had to say something to indicate continuing support for Israel in the difficult times it faces, they could have agreed to the Senate Resolution 247, offered by Senator JOSEPH

LIEBERMAN. I would have voted for this resolution. It was balanced and urged all parties in the region to pursue vigorously efforts to establish a just, lasting, and comprehensive Peace in the Middle East.

Congress should allow the President and his Secretary of State to work for a settlement. I object to taking up this Resolution at this time and therefore will vote "Present".

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ROBERT GUSTAFSON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I take this opportunity to pay respect to the passing of Robert Gustafson, who recently passed away after almost a century of commitment to his community and his state. Robert was a pillar of the Grand Junction, Colorado community, and as his family mourns his loss, I think it is appropriate to remember Robert and pay tribute to him for his contributions to Colorado.

Robert was a shining example of a man thoroughly involved in his community. Robert was a member of the National Rifle Association, the Orchard Mesa Gun Club and the Lutheran Church. He was a past district leader of the Grand Junction YMCA, a past commissioner of the Health and Safety Boy Scout Western Council, a merit badge counselor to the Boy Scouts Western Council, and a lifetime member of the Colorado Association of School Boards and the National Association of School Boards. In an effort to serve his community, Robert gave his time and leadership as the Vice President of Grand Junction Kiwanis Club, as Vice President of the Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce and President of the Wiseman's Club Grand Junction. Robert also served his country proudly during World War II as a member of the Ration Board.

Robert was known for his love of outdoor activities, including fly fishing and gardening, and was well known for his abilities as a silver smith, gunsmith, and woodworker. His musical abilities on both the violin and the saxophone were well regarded, and he was the first chair violinist in the Mesa College Symphony Orchestra. Robert was a favorite uncle of many nieces and nephews and will be remembered by many for his kind soul and gentle spirit.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to Robert Gustafson for his contributions to the Grand Junction community. His dedication to his family, friends, work, and community certainly deserves the recognition of this body of Congress, and this nation. Although Robert has left us, his good-natured spirit lives on through the lives of those he touched. I would like to extend my thoughts and deepest sympathies to Robert's family and friends during this difficult time of bereavement.

HEMATOLOGICAL CANCER RESEARCH INVESTMENT AND EDUCATION ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2002

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to pay tribute to my good friend and distinguished former member of New York's congressional delegation Geraldine Ferraro. Last week on the House floor, during the debate on H.R. 2629, the Hematological Cancer Research Investment and Education Act, several members spoke of Ms. Ferraro's work on behalf of this legislation. I would like to join my colleagues in praise of Geraldine Ferraro.

Ms. Ferraro continues to be an inspiration to all citizens of this country by her life-long devotion to public service. Her recent decision to forego her privacy and disclose her personal struggle with blood cancer, in order to raise public awareness of the disease, is yet another example of her courage and compassion. In 2002, approximately 106,000 individuals will be diagnosed with hematological cancers, including leukemia, Hodgkin's disease, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, and multiple myeloma. Taken together, the hematological cancers are fifth among cancers in incidence. Although there has been impressive progress in the last 50 years in understanding the cause and treatment of blood-related cancers, much more research needs to be done. Ms. Ferraro's advocacy for more research has resulted in the "Geraldine Ferraro Cancer Education Program" which provides funding for the treatment and detection of blood-related cancers.

Ms. Ferraro has been a hero of mine for a long time. We both started our careers as teachers in the New York City school system. Before she changed history by being the first woman vice-presidential candidate on a national party ticket, she spearheaded efforts to pass the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) while serving in Congress. I am proud to continue the work begun by Ms. Ferraro more than 20 years ago by sponsoring the current equality amendment (H.J. Res 40). I can think of no better tribute to Ms. Ferraro than passage of the equality amendment in the 107th Congress.

Passage of H.J. Res. 40 will improve the quality of life for women in this country which is Ms. Ferraro's legacy. In addition to the ERA, Ms. Ferraro sponsored the women's Economic Equity Act, which ended pension discrimination against women, provided job options for displaced homemakers and enabled homemakers to open IRAs. After she left Congress, she served as United States Ambassador to the United Nations Human Rights Commission. In September 1995, she served as Vice-Chair of the U.S. Delegation at the Fourth World Conference on Women held in Beijing. I was also honored to be a member of the delegation.

We are all indebted to Geraldine Ferraro for her courage and resilience in facing difficult issues. I wish to publicly commend her for her remarkable career in public service which continues today through her personal efforts to increase understanding of blood-related cancers.