

Yet, since September 11, other important charitable efforts have been suffering from a lack of donations. The Starlight Children's Foundation, for instance, estimates that fundraising was down roughly \$500,000 for the year, which represents a large portion of its annual budget. Numerous other charitable organizations have seen similar reductions in contributions. This decrease in contributions has led to reduced services and even the failure of some organizations.

Moreover, charities are having to rely more on individual donations as businesses curtail their donations. American Airlines, for instance, its business severely affected by the September attacks, announced that it would not be making any charitable contributions this year.

It is imperative that Congress do something to address this growing problem.

Last fall, we debated proposals to stimulate our economy. While I agreed that legislation was needed to stimulate the economy, I was adamant that any proposal balance business interests with those of individual taxpayers. So, with each debate, I went before the Rules Committee proposing an amendment that would allow taxpayers who do not itemize their deductions to deduct their charitable contributions. Not only would this encourage charitable giving, but the tax benefit would help individuals and ultimately could help stimulate the economy. Unfortunately, my amendment was ruled out of order each time.

Today, I am introducing legislation that would allow for such a deduction. Although I was not able to get this included in the economic stimulus bill that passed Congress, I feel strongly that we should turn this proposal into law. We should encourage charitable giving.

My legislation is very similar to the proposal that was enacted in H.R. 7 earlier this year. However, unlike the proposal in H.R. 7, my amendment does not put an arbitrarily low cap on the dollar amount that can be deducted. Instead, it would follow current law for taxpayers who itemize their deductions. Specifically, this means that standard deduction taxpayers can deduct charitable contributions up to 50% of their adjusted gross income.

On April 15, more than 30 million taxpayers who itemized deductions on their tax returns were able to claim tax deductions for any contributions made to their favorite charities. The effect of the deduction was to lower the taxpayer's cost of giving one dollar by amounts ranging from 15 cents to almost 40 cents.

This same benefit should go to the millions of taxpayers who also generously contribute to charities but are not eligible for a charitable deduction because they claimed the standard deduction instead of itemizing deductions on their tax returns.

I am proud that President Bush endorsed my proposal on April 11. I urge all of my colleagues to support this very important bill as well. We have the opportunity to enact legislation that will not only encourage charitable giving but will help stimulate our economy as well.

HONORING HENRY A. ROSENBERG

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2002

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Henry A. Rosenberg, Jr., industrialist, philanthropist, civic leader, proud American and friend.

Henry Rosenberg, Jr. is a Baltimore native. While college studies, business and travel have taken him out of town, he has always returned to his roots—those of his family and his business. As Chairman of the Board of Crown Central Petroleum Corporation and Rosemore, Inc., Mr. Rosenberg has guided his family business. Begun by his grandfather who sold oil from the back of a horse and cart in the streets of Baltimore, Crown Central today is a regional powerhouse operating two refineries and 329 gas stations.

But it is not just corporate and financial success that drives Mr. Rosenberg. He comes from a family that believed civic involvement and philanthropy was important as the petroleum business.

His business success led others to rely on Mr. Rosenberg for leadership. Mr. Rosenberg has served on the boards and/or held officer positions on the Greater Baltimore Committee, Signet Banking Corporation, The Pride of Baltimore, Inc., the National Aquarium in Baltimore, Loyola College, Johns Hopkins Health System, McDonogh School, Hobart College, the National Petroleum Council and the Refiners Association, Villa Julie College, University of Maryland Baltimore County, National Association of Manufacturers, Towson State University, Maryland Business Roundtable for Education, Signal 13 Foundation, Inc., Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Association, Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, United Way of Central Maryland, Inc., YMCA of Greater Baltimore, Boy Scouts of America, and the University of Baltimore.

Mr. Rosenberg's personal and foundation contributions have touched almost every non-profit organization in Baltimore with primary emphasis on art and culture, education and adult self-sufficiency, health, disease and disability, youth development and community building. In addition to the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Center Stage, Peabody Conservatory, Baltimore Chamber Music Society, Johns Hopkins University and Hospital, Sinai Hospital, The Associated Jewish Charities, the Maryland Science Center, the Baltimore Zoo, and the Boy Scouts of America. Most recently, Mr. Rosenberg and his wife Dorothy and their family foundation contributed to the Kennedy Krieger Institute to provide the lead gift to establish a unique behavioral testing laboratory that will be key in the development of new treatment and therapeutic programs.

Mr. Rosenberg has been honored for his philanthropy and board leadership by being named Philanthropist of the Year by the National Society of Fund Raising Executives, receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Arthritis Foundation, the Corporate Champion Award by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, the Silver Buffalo Award by the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America, and most recently, being inducted into the Maryland Chamber of Commerce Business Hall of Fame.

It should also be noted that Mr. Rosenberg is a man of athletic talent as well and was inducted into the Hobart College Athletic Hall of Fame where he had been a standout lacrosse player for the then, Division III powerhouse in men's lacrosse. As a result of this lifelong interest, Mr. Rosenberg continues his support of the sport by serving as Director of the Lacrosse Foundation, Inc.

On May 22nd, 2002 Mr. Rosenberg is being honored by The Patriots of Ft. McHenry for his outstanding contributions to the preservation and interpretation of Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine and will receive their 2nd Annual Francis Scott Key Award. He serves as Chairman of the National Flag Day Foundation and has been a long time supporter of the Patriots of Fort McHenry and is an Honorary Colonel in the Fort McHenry Guard. For more than 20 years, Mr. Rosenberg has been committed to making the birthplace of the "Star-Spangled Banner" a place of inspiration for all Americans.

I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Mr. Henry Rosenberg, Jr. on a life well spent in service to his country and his city of Baltimore.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE R. NETHERCUTT, JR.

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2002

Mr. NETHERCUTT. Mr. Speaker, On May 9, 2002, I missed Roll Call votes 138 through 158 to attend my daughter's college graduation ceremony. I request that the record reflect that had I been present, I would have voted aye on Roll Call votes 142, 154, 155, 156, and 158, and that I would have voted no on Roll Call votes 138—141, 143—154, and 157.

AMENDING PL 96-565, AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE KALAUPAPA NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK TO ALLOW FOR LAND EXCHANGES OUTSIDE THE STATE OF HAWAII

HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2002

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill which will amend Public Law 96-565, the law that established the Kalaupapa National Historical Park, to remove the restrictions regarding the exchange of lands between the National Park Service and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). PL 96-565 currently does not allow for land trades outside of the State of Hawaii between the two departments.

Amending PL 96-565 will greatly increase the National Park Service's ability to locate and acquire lands to exchange for Hawaiian Home Lands located within the boundaries of Kalaupapa National Historical Park on the island of Molokai. Certain lands within the Kalaupapa Park are currently leased by the National Park Service. The best way for the lands within Kalaupapa to be permanently protected from development is to have the federal government acquire the lands.

As a result of the current law, the National Park Service is severely limited in acquiring lands to trade with the DHH and has not been able to acquire land within Kapaemahu.

The DHH has recently advised that it is not limited to accepting surplus federal property only within the State of Hawaii. As a result, the Congress should immediately move to amend PL 96-565, and allow the federal government to finally acquire precious lands within Kapaemahu National Historical Park. I urge my colleagues to support the passage of this bill.

IN HONOR OF THE CITY OF
GLENDALE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2002

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the City of Glendale's 50th Anniversary. I am indeed gratified to have the privilege of representing this outstanding community in the United States Congress. The City of Glendale was incorporated on May 22, 1952 and will celebrate its 50th anniversary on May 18, 2002.

The City of Glendale has grown from a rest stop and watering hole on the major stagecoach route along the Cherry Creek Trail in the 1800s, and has become a city with a rich tradition of hospitality, vitality and amenities for residents and visitors alike; and

It has become a true "urban village," with an ethnically diverse population of 4,527 residents whose heritage's are celebrated as part of Glendale's annual National Night Out festivities; and

Glendale has also become a prominent business center, with approximately 12,000 people employed by the more than 300 businesses occupying nearly 2.2 million square feet of office space in this conveniently located community.

The City of Glendale's 41-member Police Department and 29-member Fire Department safeguard the health and safety of residents, visitors and those employed in the City. Its Public Works Department is responsible for maintaining 35 acres of parks and open space, 6.9 miles of City streets, as well as 25 miles of sidewalk, 1.3 miles of trail, and two bridges spanning Cherry Creek, and operating the City's water treatment facility.

Glendale also offers a variety of recreational activities in two community recreation centers and in conjunction with the Cherry Creek School Districts, sponsors a Head Start program and kindergarten enrichment program at Glendale's Agnes Riddle Education Center.

The Education Center also houses a Computer Lab where residents of all ages learn the latest computer software in free classes taught in both English and Russian. The City of Glendale, in conjunction with the Cherry Creek School District, also offers a free after-school tutoring/homework help program at the Glendale Community Center during the school year.

The Glendale Public Library is well known to the Russian community throughout the metro area, for its comprehensive collection of English and Russian books, newspapers, magazines, videos and other materials, as

well as English as a Second Language classes and citizenship classes.

Mr. Speaker, Glendale residents continue to enjoy the benefits of being part of a vibrant, cosmopolitan community and I am pleased to have the opportunity to salute Glendale on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NURSING
HOME STAFFING IMPROVEMENT
ACT OF 2002

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2002

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Nursing Home Staffing Improvement Act of 2002.

In March of this year, HHS provided Congress with the results of a decade-long study on staffing in our nation's nursing homes. HHS researchers concluded that 90% of nursing homes have staffing levels that are too low to provide adequate care. The researchers also identified specific minimum staffing levels that would substantially improve the quality of care received by nursing home residents.

The Bush Administration has chosen not to implement these much needed minimum staffing levels, even going so far as to limit public distribution of the study. In order to ensure that this important research is not ignored, the Nursing Home Staffing Improvement Act of 2002 would establish the minimum nurse staffing levels identified by HHS researchers.

The bill requires that nursing-homes comply with HHS-identified staffing levels for registered nurses, licensed nurses, and certified nurse aides. These staffing levels would require that all nursing home residents receive between 4.1 and 4.85 hours of nursing care each day. The bill increases resources to nursing homes to comply with these staffing levels by reinstating the Boren Amendment and increasing the federal Medicaid match to states for payment of health care services by 1.5%.

There is an urgent need for this bill right now, as demonstrated by the findings of the HHS study and investigative reports issued by the minority staff of the Government Reform Committee. At the request of House members, the Government Reform Committee minority staff has written over 25 reports on nursing home conditions around the country. These reports have found that large numbers of nursing homes are being cited for violations of federal standards relating to pressure sores, preventable accidents, improper medical care, malnutrition, dehydration, and abuse. These reports also have found a clear relationship between more staffing and better care.

The Bush Administration claims that more research is necessary before we can establish minimum staffing standards. We have already had a decade of research from some of the foremost experts in the field. Now is the time for action.

We in Congress have a responsibility to do all we can to protect our nation's seniors. They helped our generation when we needed their help. And now it's our turn—and our obligation—to provide them with the highest quality of care.

ERIE OTTERS WIN THE ONTARIO
HOCKEY LEAGUE TITLE

HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2002

Mr. ENGLISH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize the Erie Otters hockey team for their recent triumph over the Barrie Colts in the Ontario Hockey League Championship Series.

On Friday, May 10, Erie center Sean Courtney snapped the series-clinching shot off a Colts defenseman to give the Otters a 2-1 win 14 minutes into the overtime period. The Otters, coached by Dave McQueen, pulled off their first OHL championship by "crushing the Colts" 4 games to 1. Erie's own league-ending playoff scorer, center Corey Pecker, opened the scoring with his 25th goal of the playoffs early in the first period. The Colts, struggling to stay alive in the championship series, tied the game late in the first. The game remained tied until Courtney's clutch game winner in OT. Otters' captain Brad Boyes was later named the OHL playoffs' Wayne Gretzky 99 Most Valuable Player.

The Otters arrived in my hometown of Erie in 1996, and have since featured some of the most dynamic young hockey players in the world. The Ontario Hockey League has produced world superstars like Mario Lemieux, Joe Sakic, Ron Francis, Scott Stevens and Patrick Roy. Friday's win marks the first time that the Otters have won the highly-regarded OHL championship and gives the young Otters an opportunity to battle for the Canadian Hockey League's Memorial Cup. The Memorial Cup is an 84-year-old "final four" tournament that crowns the year's best Junior hockey team in North America. The Otters, combining a steely work ethic and spectacular skill, should be a dominant force at the Memorial Cup tournament. The tournament begins May 18th in Guelph, Ontario. I would like to conclude by congratulating Erie's hockey heroes and by wishing them the best of luck in their quest for the Memorial Cup trophy.

HONORING THE MILPITAS ROTARY
CLUB FOR 50 YEARS OF EXEM-
PLARY SERVICE TO THE COMMU-
NITY

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2002

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Milpitas Rotary Club on its 50th anniversary. For 50 years now, members of the Milpitas Rotary Club have committed themselves to serving the community, the country, and the world.

The Rotary Club is a major force in the community and significantly improves the lives of children and families in Milpitas by sponsoring Interact Clubs at Milpitas and Calaveras Hills High Schools, granting both academic and technical scholarships, holding community events, and sending high school students to a week-long summer youth leadership training camp.

The Milpitas Rotary Club's tradition of service began with its chartering on June 24,