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I commend all those who worked on this program and thank them for their dedication. I am confident that the work performed at Dryden today will revolutionize the skies of tomorrow and keep the United States as the world's preeminent aerospace leader.

**HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF  
LIEUTENANT MIKE SHELTON  
FROM THE UNION CITY POLICE  
DEPARTMENT**

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 22, 2002*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, on June 8, 2002, the Union City Police Department will celebrate the retirement of one of its finest officers, Lieutenant Mike Shelton.

In his 31-year law enforcement career, Lt. Shelton has served the Union City Police Department in many capacities, working as a Motor Officer in Traffic, Firearms Instructor, Investigations Division Supervisor, Youth Services Bureau Director, Police Explorer Post Advisor, Personnel and Training Manager, Crime Prevention, Research and Analysis Section Supervisor, and Patrol Division Supervisor.

In addition, Lt. Shelton was instrumental in developing the force's Operational and Procedural Directives, nearly every departmental form in use by the Police Department, and the Watch Commander's Guide. He writes the Department's weekly newsletter, the Crimes Times, and his treatise on the effects of alternative music on children of dysfunctional families was published worldwide. Recently, Lt. Shelton introduced and shared his knowledge of digital photography with the department.

During his off-duty hours, Lt. Shelton served the Union City Police Officer's Association in four consecutive terms as its treasurer and served as its President in 1975. He was chosen as Officer of the Year in 1999 by his peers.

Lt. Shelton served nearly his entire career with the Union City Police Department. He was an Air Policeman with the United States Air Force from December 1964 until becoming an officer with the Fremont Police Department in July 1968. He began his long and distinguished career with the Union City Police Department on January 18, 1971. He was promoted from Officer to Sergeant in December 1975, and from Sergeant to Lieutenant in July 2001.

Michael Shelton graduated from Washington High School in Fremont, the U.S. Air Force Police Technical Course, Chabot College and California State University, Hayward. He has attended the University of Southern California's Delinquency Control Institute, the California Highway Patrol motor school, and the Police Planner's Institute.

I am honored to join the colleagues of Lt. Michael Shelton in commending him for his many years of dedicated and exemplary service to law enforcement. His commitment to excellence has left its irreplaceable mark on the Union City Police Department.

**IN HONOR OF DANCEAFRICA'S  
25TH ANNIVERSARY**

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 22, 2002*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of the 25th season of DanceAfrica at the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

From Friday, May 24, through Sunday, May 26, BAM will be celebrating 25 years of DanceAfrica with a celebration developed to match the legendary annual festival of African and African-American dance and culture. Founded by Chuck Davis in 1977, DanceAfrica is the Nation's first dance festival devoted solely to the rich legacy of African dance.

For 25 years, DanceAfrica has nurtured and celebrated African artistic, spiritual, and cultural identity with programs that illuminate the social, religious, and ceremonial traditions of people throughout the continent.

Mr. Speaker, DanceAfrica has become an important part of the educational experience, cultural and artistic experience. As such I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly outstanding 25th Anniversary of BAM's DanceAfrica.

**PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY,  
WORK, AND FAMILY PROMOTION  
ACT OF 2002**

SPEECH OF

**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 16, 2002*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 4737, the Republican welfare reform reauthorization bill and in support of the Democratic substitute.

The landmark welfare reform law enacted in 1996 put people to work and reduced the number of those who depend on public assistance. Congress should build on that success in further reforming welfare today.

A good welfare bill must have three components to replace welfare with work successfully. It must provide States with sufficient resources to administer welfare initiatives. It must give recipients access to education and job training. And finally, a good welfare bill must address the most difficult obstacle to getting and keeping a good job, childcare. Regrettably, H.R. 4737 fails to meet these requirements on all accounts.

I strongly support putting people to work to help them obtain self-sufficiency. Unfortunately, while the Republican bill requires more work hours, H.R. 4737 does not provide additional funding to the States to help them implement these additional work requirements. According to the Congressional Budget Office, it will cost \$8–11 billion to comply with these new provisions. North Carolina alone would have to spend \$222 million in order to meet the requirements of the new welfare reform bill. North Carolina, like many States, is in the midst of a severe budget crunch. Mr. Speaker, where will North Carolina find the funds to carry out this unfunded mandate?

Welfare reform should not limit a person's opportunity to succeed and care for their fami-

lies. But that's what the Republican bill does. Under the Republican welfare bill education initiatives that allow welfare recipients to take community college classes or obtain their GED are eliminated. That's unacceptable. As the former Superintendent of North Carolina's public schools, I understand how important education is to finding and keeping a good job in the 21st Century. Education, indeed life-long education, is the key to a successful future. Many of the folks who remain on the welfare rolls today are the least prepared to enter the workforce. We must provide them with the tools they need to lift themselves and their families out of poverty.

The Republican bill also requires parents to work ten more hours per week, yet it does not provide enough resources for childcare. Finding quality childcare is one of the most daunting challenges with which welfare recipients must contend. Good childcare helps young children develop and keeps older children in positive, productive environments. It keeps children off the streets while their parents are at work. This is common sense. If you require folks to spend more time working, you must give them an avenue for caring for their children. In my State, we have over 25,000 children on the State's childcare waiting list. North Carolina's sons and daughters require funding for childcare. Unfortunately, H.R. 4737 fails to provide adequate childcare funding.

I support the Democratic substitute to H.R. 4737. Our plan also requires more work hours, but our plan provides States with the necessary resources to make these welfare initiatives work. It allows States to count education and job training as a work related activity, so welfare recipients prepare to get good jobs and permanently leave the welfare rolls. And this plan invests significant resources for childcare.

Mr. Speaker, I grew up in rural, eastern North Carolina. I know what it means to be poor, and I understand first hand the value of hard work. Welfare reform should help lift families out of poverty to become self-sufficient. H.R. 4737 will not work. It is reform for politics sake and a bad bill for North Carolina and those across the nation who need help the most.

I urge my colleagues to oppose H.R. 4737 and support the Democratic substitute.

**INDEPENDENCE OF EAST TIMOR**

SPEECH OF

**HON. TONY P. HALL**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 21, 2002*

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Con. Res. 405, Commemorating the Independence of East Timor on May 20, 2002. Yesterday's independence of East Timor will make it the first new country of the millennium. I extended my full congratulations to all of the people of East Timor, their new President, Xanana Gusmao, and Nobel Peace Prize Laureates Carlos Xinenes Belo, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Dili, and Jose Ramos-Horta who have both worked tirelessly on behalf of the people of East Timor. Yesterday was a day which many of us thought would never come in our lifetimes.

Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the extraordinary contributions of one individual—Arnold S. Kohen—who has made a difference in working for peace and justice in East Timor. He is not often recognized but Arnold has worked behind the scenes for over 20 years raising the issue of East Timor within the U.S. Congress and throughout the world. He wrote a book documenting the epic struggles of Bishop Belo. Arnold's work has made a contribution to this historic day and is a model for me on how one individual can truly make a difference in the world. I also want to recognize the hard work and dedication of the East Timor Action Network.

The work in East Timor is not yet finished. However, yesterday was a day in which we all can rejoice because an oppressed people have now been set free.

#### RECOGNIZING SHENENDEHOWA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

##### HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 22, 2002*

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the student body of Shenendehowa High School of Clifton Park, New York and to new graduates. These are not your run-of-the-mill graduates, however. These are graduates who gave up their normal time for leaving high school so that they could defend our Nation from evil. Their heroic acts helped preserve the free world and ensured the continual existence of our way of life.

Today's student body, unselfish in their motives, feels that these men deserve lasting recognition. Therefore, they are placing the names of the following people indelibly in the hearts of their fellow citizens by asking me to present them to you in this venue.

Alfred Bristol, Army, of DeWitt Clinton, N.Y.; Mario Gaetano, Sr., Army Air Force, of Mechanicville, N.Y.; Orlie Kent, Army, of Wolcott, N.Y.; George Kohrmann, Navy, Bronx, N.Y.; George Lynch, Navy, Piermont, N.Y.; Kenneth Melia, Navy, Jamaica, N.Y.; Potito Sforza, Army, Bronx, N.Y.; Anthony Streppone, Navy, Bronx, N.Y.; and John Tremblay, Army, Troy, N.Y.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in not just congratulating these men on the honor of their graduation, but in thanking them for their sacrifice and efforts. Also, Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking the students of Shenendehowa High School for their spirited and unselfish act in behalf of these men.

#### CHEROKEE LIVING MAGAZINE

##### HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 22, 2002*

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join in congratulating Jeff and Amber Mette on the 2d anniversary of Cherokee Living Magazine. The inaugural issue was launched in May 2000, and is published bi-monthly.

Cherokee Living prides itself on being a true "quality of life magazine" for the Cherokee

County community, including Woodstock, Towne Lake, Canton and Waleska. It highlights living and working in Cherokee County and is packed with information on health and wellness, interviews with local individuals, upcoming events, and many other items of interest to residents and visitors. Its list of contributing writers is a showcase of Cherokee's best writers.

Distributed to residents, offices and monthly to newcomers to the area, the Mette's commitment keeping Cherokee residents informed is deeply appreciated. As a Cherokee resident, I am pleased to join in celebrating their 2nd anniversary and wish them many more years of success.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE INLAND EMPIRE HARLEY OWNERS GROUP

##### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 22, 2002*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to pay tribute to the Inland Empire Harley Owners Group as they prepare to promote West Coast Thunder, a large police escorted parade of motorcyclists to the Riverside National Cemetery to honor our military veterans on Memorial Day. In my congressional district of Riverside, California, we are fortunate to have numerous community service organizations that not only unselfishly give their time and talents to the community but find their own lives enriched in return. The Inland Empire Harley Owners Group epitomizes this and more.

The efforts of the West Coast Thunder committee with thousands of parade participants over the years, has brought great recognition, unparalleled resources and multitudes of volunteers to Riverside's Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony. This event provides a compelling way for people to pay their respects as well as raise funds for the Riverside National Cemetery Support Committee. The visual impact of thousands of motorcycles, led by a full flag-bearing honor-guard, proudly gives those interred at the Riverside National Cemetery the recognition it richly deserves.

The Riverside National Cemetery is currently the second largest resting place for our veterans, with over 150,000 men and women from our armed services standing silent vigil with us today. Within a short time it is expected to be the largest cemetery in the National Cemetery system and within 50 years will have more than 1.4 million honored veterans.

The months of work preceding this event lead to a large gathering of veterans, family and friends desiring to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our great nation. Their tireless efforts and dedication to honoring our brave veterans is evident as thousands participate in the Memorial Day Ceremonies.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Inland Empire Harley Owners Group for their dedication and service to our Nations veterans.

#### 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF MILTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

##### HON. JOHN E. SUNUNU

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 22, 2002*

Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a truly great American community, the town of Milton, New Hampshire, which will celebrate its 200th Anniversary on June 11, 2002.

Located in Strafford County in eastern New Hampshire, Milton epitomizes the magnificent beauty that dominates the New Hampshire landscape, and Milton's nearly 4,000 residents are quick to boast about the pristine waters of its three ponds and the Salmon Falls River, which is overlooked by scenic Teneriffe Mountain. Milton is also home to one of New England's more unique museums, the New Hampshire Farm Museum, whose historic structures, open spaces, and vast collection of farm tools showcase New Hampshire's rural and agricultural roots.

Originally a part of Rochester, New Hampshire, Milton became incorporated as a new town on June 11, 1802. Milton's town founders held the first formal Town Meeting at the Lieutenant Elijah Horne house on August 30, 1802. Today, Milton continues to adhere to the proud New England tradition of the Town Meeting, where neighbors gather to debate and vote on issues that impact their daily lives.

I congratulate the Town of Milton on its 200th Anniversary, and I extend my best wishes to all the citizens of Milton in celebration of this wonderful milestone.

#### JOSEPH LIMPRECTH, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO ALBANIA

##### HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 22, 2002*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, we have received the news that United States Ambassador to Albania, Joseph Limprecht, died suddenly of a heart attack on Sunday, May 19, 2002, while hiking with his wife and colleagues in northern Albania.

Although I did not have the opportunity to meet Ambassador Limprecht, I did correspond with him on an issue of mutual concern—the trafficking of Albanian women and children into sexual slavery in Europe.

With porous borders and more than its share of criminals, Albania is used by traffickers as a key transit point to Italy. As a source country, young Albanian women are lured into the hands of traffickers and even kidnaped from their home towns or villages. The Ambassador was well aware of this tragedy and pressed for greater law enforcement to stop trafficking networks as well as greater assistance to the victims. Indeed, in keeping with the point of my correspondence with him, the Ambassador made sure U.S. assistance would go to a shelter for repatriated Albanian trafficking victims similar to one created for women found in Albania and waiting to be repatriated to their country of origin.

Beyond that, the Ambassador worked hard in the three years he spent in Albania in helping the country recover from its many ills, in