

sure that the victim's families affected would be taken care of and provided adequate compensation in order to carry on with their lives. I firmly supported the government's efforts in securing the futures of these families, but I have always felt that there were other victims as well being overlooked that were affected by cowardly acts of terrorism that also deserved some sort of compensation.

Mr. Speaker, overlooked were the American families who lost loved ones in the American Embassy bombings in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Africa. On August 7 of 1998, twelve American families lost a member or members that were dear to them while they proudly served their country abroad. To this date, these families have yet to be taken care of. I am sure that many of my colleagues are aware that back in July of 1999 I introduced legislation that if passed, would have provided \$1,500,000 to the survivors of each of the families affected. Unfortunately at time of introduction, many Members of the House of Representatives felt it was unnecessary. Therefore, my legislation never saw the light of day again. It took both the events of September 11th and the tireless efforts of a very brave young lady named Edith Bartley, who lost not one, but two members of her family in the Nairobi bombing to change the sentiments of this Chamber.

I want to commend Ms. Bartley on her persistence. She worked feverishly to see this legislation come to its fruition. She has literally worked on this nonstop for years and talked to countless Members to gain their support. At times, the prospects of this legislation passing this body looked grim. Nonetheless, she kept working and eventually the tides began to turn in her favor. The passage of this legislation is not only testament to your hard work, but a tribute to your father and brother as well. They would be proud.

Although you cannot place a price on a human life, the day for these families to be compensated for their loss has been long in coming and I am once again pleased to vote in favor of this legislation today. We should not only provide for the victim's families of 9/11, but all the families that have lost loved ones at the hands of Al-Qaeda. It's the only fair thing to do.

ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION CRITIQUES WELFARE BILL

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2002

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, earlier this month the House of Representatives passed a welfare bill in which the Democratic Minority was not permitted to offer a single amendment. That legislation, H.R. 4737, fails to provide millions of families across the Nation with the help they need to get off welfare, stay off welfare, and move out of poverty. If this welfare bill were to become law in its current form, the results would be disastrous, not only for recipients and their families, but for states as well which would suddenly face billions of dollars in new mandates that the House has failed to help pay for.

It is important that we authorize a welfare bill that allows States to develop programs,

assess needs, and provide training, education and other appropriate work supports that provides the best opportunity for moving welfare families into sustainable work that will lead to long-term income self-sufficiency. In contrast, the House legislation imposes requirements that will prohibit States from assessing the individual needs of their families or providing the services that will give recipients the best chance to escape poverty.

Restricting training, education, and job readiness, as H.R. 4737 does, is short-sighted and fails to build upon what we have learned since the welfare law was reformed in 1996. The Republican bill also increases the demand on families without sufficient resources for essential work supports like child care.

Our concerns with the impacts of the House-passed bill are reflected in the following editorial.

[From the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, May 22, 2002]

DON'T PENALIZE CHILDREN FOR PARENTS GOING TO WORK

When the U.S. Senate debates welfare reform this month, it will essentially be deciding whether the federal aid program exists to punish adults or protect children.

Last week, House Representative sent a welfare package over to the Senate that calls for stricter work requirements on welfare recipients. However, the House only approved a modest increase in child care funding in its proposal.

In defending the GOP plan, Representative J.C. WATTS, chairman of the House Republican Conference, said the goal was "to replace welfare checks with paychecks, foster independence, boost personal incomes and improve well-being of children."

Those are all admirable goals. Unfortunately, the least likely of them to be realized under the Republican plan is improving the well-being of children.

An increased demand for time on the job without a companion increase in child care dollars places stresses on fragile families. Children suffer in unstable day care arrangements, and their mothers are more likely to land back on welfare. Research shows that day care is often the fence that keeps a woman from making the transition from welfare to work.

Under the welfare reauthorization package approved by the House, 70 percent of a state's welfare recipients must be working or training 40 hours a week. The House gave only a nominal boost to child care funding, which is already so underfunded that it covers only one in seven qualified families.

And many states, forced to meet the higher work requirements, will use their discretionary funding to create makeshift or simulated jobs rather than to enhance child care options.

The Republican bill also stipulates more hours in paid employment and less in training, rehabilitation, vocational training and job readiness programs. The Senate ought to insist that more education and training count toward "work."

Since Congress overhauled welfare in 1996—replacing the old entitlement system with workfare—caseloads have fallen 50 percent. In a flourishing economy, states were able to move millions of people off the public dole and into jobs.

But while welfare reform was effective in getting people off cash assistance, it was less successful in getting them out of poverty. Many recipients ended in low-skilled jobs without any possibility of career advancement

The welfare recipients who failed to find work in the booming '90s were those with few skills or with substance abuse or mental health problems—hardly a subset likely to do well in a weakened economy. They represent the hardest-to-place cases for whom self-sufficiency will be impossible without drug treatment, training and education, the very things the Republican proposal undercuts.

The Senate Republicans and Democrats are more cordial and more conciliatory than their colleagues in the House. They ought to forge a compromise that puts people to work without putting children at risk.

A TRIBUTE TO THE TEACHERS, PARENTS, ADMINISTRATORS AND STUDENTS OF CHAPARRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2002

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the parents, students, faculty and staff whose dedication to excellence has earned a school in my district—Chaparral Middle School in Moorpark, California—recognition as a National Blue Ribbon school.

The National Blue Ribbon award honors excellence in leadership, teaching, curriculum, student achievement and parental involvement. Chaparral Middle School is a shining example of what can happen when parents, teachers and administrators collaborate on the best approaches for providing a quality education.

The attitude at Chaparral can best be summed up by the comment Principal Creighton Nicks made to a local newspaper: "We're never satisfied with good enough. We're always trying to be better."

The quality and dedication of teachers at Chaparral are epitomized by earth science teacher Mary Alice Reyburn, who was honored this week as a California State Science Fair Teacher of the Year. Part of the honor is a \$2,000 prize, which Mrs. Reyburn plans to donate to the school to purchase science equipment.

I am a product of the public school system, and I put my four children through Ventura County's public schools. One of my children is now a public school teacher. I am acutely aware that the most important tool we can give our children is a good education. Our students are the elected officials, businessmen, artists, scientists, parents and teachers of tomorrow.

Nineteenth century orator and public servant Edward Everett, who shared the speaker's platform with President Lincoln in Gettysburg, once said: "Education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing army." Those words are equally true during these perilous times, as we fight terrorists for the right to remain free.

Mr. Speaker, as our nation works in concert to better our education system, it would serve us well to study the successes of our National Blue Ribbon schools. They are the best of the best and a key to our future. I know my colleagues will join me in applauding Chaparral Principal Nicks, his entire staff, and the parents and students of Chaparral for raising the

bar and setting a strong example for others to follow.

TRIBUTE TO SGM WILLIAM ROGER LAYMAN

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2002

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to pay tribute to SGM William Roger Layman upon his retirement from the United States Army.

SGM Layman has served our nation with honor and distinction for over 30 years, and his performance throughout his career has been characterized by the highest standards of professional ethics and commitment to the military. He was drafted into the United States Army in July 31, 1969, and attended basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. SGM Layman became a Personnel Specialist in June 1970 and was stationed in Heidelberg, Germany. He finished his career as a Logistics Operations SGM with the 3rd BDE, 95th Division.

SGM William Layman received a bachelor of science degree in accounting and is currently the Chief of the Internal Review and Audit Compliance Office, USA MEDDAC, at Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

SGM William Layman's awards include the Army Commendation Medal w/Oak Leaf, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal w/Silver Oak Leaf (6th Award), National Defense Service Medal with Service Star, Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/hour glass, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (3), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon (2nd Award).

Mr. Speaker, I am certain that my colleagues will join me in wishing SGM Layman all the best. We thank him for over 30 years of service to the United States of America.

TACEY GAUTHIER: AN AMBASSADOR FOR HEALING

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2002

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Tacey Gauthier of Linwood, Michigan, for her significant contributions in the field of emergency medical services. The tragic events of September 11 reminded us all of just how critical our paramedics and other medical workers are in emergency situations. As a paramedic with Bay Regional Medical Center EMS in Bay City, Tacey time and again has displayed the courage and dedication required to do the job the way it ought to be done.

Tacey began her career in 1989 with Bay Regional Medical EMS. In addition, she volunteered with Northern Bay Ambulance in Pinconning, Michigan, and spent a year with Advance Medical Transport in Pontiac, Michigan. From the start, Tacey went full-throttle in her efforts to learn and develop as an emer-

gency services worker. Later, she expanded her knowledge to become a field training officer and a classroom instructor.

Over the years, the list of Tacey's qualifications and certifications multiplied to a point that they are now too numerous to fully include on her resume. She is certified in advance cardiac life support, pre-hospital trauma life support, automatic external defibrillator and a host of other areas for the treatment of emergency victims. She also is qualified as an EMS instructor and by the American Academy of Pediatrics as an instructor for pediatric emergencies for pre-hospital providers.

While Tacey has certainly saved many lives in her work as a paramedic, her skills and passion for teaching and training others to become emergency medical technicians is perhaps an even greater gift. She has an unparalleled reputation for making difficult subject matter more accessible and more easily understandable for her students. By teaching others, Tacey is leaving a legacy that will improve and expand emergency medical services in Bay County and throughout Michigan well into the future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing gratitude to Tacey Gauthier, Bay Regional Medical Center EMS and all emergency medical workers serving on the front lines in communities all across America. I am confident that Tacey will continue to teach, guide and lead by example so that others will emulate her efforts to become first-rate paramedics or emergency medical technicians.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. BURDETTE ANDREWS

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2002

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise to recognize one of my constituents and a friend, Burdette Andrews, of Jackson, MI, who is retiring as superintendent of Vandercook Lake schools where he served for 56 years. Mr. Andrews is recognized as the longest serving superintendent of schools in the history of our nation. Burdette is well known for having served the people of the school district and the state of Michigan with a dedication unparalleled by any before him.

It is nearly impossible for me to stand before you and do such an inspiring man justice with mere words, however, when I think of this man who played such an important part in the education of so many young people and future leaders, I am moved to try. I think of words such as resilience, honor, dedication, and intensity, warmth, friendliness, and kindness. None of these words, however, are quite enough. One thing I can be sure of though, is that in that part of Michigan's seventh district, Burdette Andrews is a legend.

Fellow representatives, by serving his school district for 56 years, Mr. Andrews has not only set national record for length of service in this profession, but also has brought great honor and distinction to that profession he loved so much. Burdette Andrews is credited with being responsible for the popular feeling among people in his community toward the public school system.

Burdette married Annabel Shafer in 1940. They had four children. Don Edwin Andrews, deceased in 1992, was an accountant and auditor for DOT in Detroit, Dan L. Andrews, partner and member of the operating committee for Roney and Co., a stock brokerage firm Jonathan B. Andrews, high school counselor at Chelsea High School and a private psychotherapist, Judith A. Andrews, controller at ShoTech Presentations in Madison Hts.

Burdette was born in 1908 and graduated from Greenville College in Illinois in 1930. He then went on to earn a master's degree in administration from the University of Michigan. Before starting his career as the superintendent of schools of Vandercook Lake in the Summer of 46.

Every millage election through the years since 1946 for new school buildings and/or additions and additional millage for operation was always approved by the people of Vandercook Lake. One reason was that Burdette Andrews was always conservative with the taxpayer's money.

Academically, Vandercook Lake Public Schools have maintained accreditation continuously with the University of Michigan and the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Curriculum has been expanded at both the elementary and secondary levels. Special programs have been added to benefit all children. An excellent staff of administrators and teachers has been maintained. The expansion and enrichment of the athletic and activities program for students, including a high school band program, have taken place. All these things were accomplished with Mr. Andrews' guidance. He has served this community well.

Burdette Andrews not only embodies all of the characteristics and qualities that we as legislators desire for all those in public service. By allowing children access to him and the qualities and characteristics he embodies for his 92 years, Burdette Andrews has done a great service to America's youth and, therefore, Burdette Andrews has done a great service to America.

HONORING THE VISALIA AVENUE OF FLAGS

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Avenue of Flags Ceremony of Visalia, California, performed on Memorial Day. The Avenue of Flags service is held to remember the fallen veterans of past wars. Prior to the program, the casket flags of these veterans are flown on display at the Visalia Cemetery.

The Avenue of Flags has been a Memorial Day tradition in Visalia for 12 years. This year, 1,292 casket flags will be flown on Monday, May 27. On Saturday May 25, 3,000 small flags will be placed at each of the military grave marker stones at the Visalia Cemetery. Some graves date as far back as the Civil War.

Dr. Manuel Garcia, commander of the Avenue of Flags Veterans Association, along with many groups of volunteers including school groups, service organizations, Boy Scouts, Girl