

Traficant, which they had mutually agreed to be \$17,000.00 in addition to the truck.

10. Traficant and Nemenz agreed in my presence that Traficant had settled the accounts in full.

11. Nemenz stated in my presence that when Morford interviewed him, he had four assistants, and the situation was intimidating. He said that they did not want to hear what he was saying. He said that he basically "told them what they wanted to hear."

12. In my presence, Nemenz also said that the conversation was "bull shit."

13. Nemenz said that he had agreed to sell Traficant a black corvette. He said that he had realized that Traficant had invested money in the car to make repairs because it had sat so long unused. He further stated that he realized Traficant put hardly any miles on the corvette. But when the flap developed over the barn Nemenz decided he wanted the car back, saying that he would give credit for any of the expenses. The real reason he wanted the car back was that it was purchased as a graduation present for his son, and his son was upset because Henry had sold it. Henry also said that he was also upset over the problems that had developed concerning the construction work at the farm. Nemenz admitted that he agreed to sell the car to Traficant, and thanked Traficant for returning the car.

14. I was present during this entire conversation at Bruno's Restaurant in Poland, Ohio.

Signed and sworn before a notary public on June 13, 2001.

In summary, the government had to back off the big barn hoax, but by that time the damage had already been done to poison the jury pool.

Tomorrow, stop one. . . . I mean count one on the government's railroad regarding the charges involving Anthony Bucci, who was in the process of the 3rd federal plea agreement and perjured himself with his testimony against me.

ON THE 25TH BIRTHDAY OF ISRAELI MIA GUY HEVER

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the 25th birthday of Israeli MIA Guy Hever. This is the fifth consecutive year that the Hever family has marked this occasion since Guy disappeared after leaving his base in the Golan in August 1997. While Israeli authorities have been unable to unearth any substantive clue as to Guy's fate, there is growing suspicion that the answers lie in Syria. The Syrians to date, have refused to answer any questions on the topic.

Syria's reticence in this matter comes as no surprise. Over the past twenty years Syrian intransigence has obstructed the efforts of the international community to resolve the cases of both Arabs and Jews who have been held captive in Syria and in Lebanon under Syrian control. In particular, American efforts to secure the release of American citizen, and my former constituent, Zachary Baumel, have been repeatedly stymied by Damascus since his capture in a battle with Syrian forces in 1982.

The Hevers and the other MIA families have not given up hope that their loved ones will

come home alive, nor should they. Given Syria's record of holding prisoners incommunicado for as long as twenty years before releasing them, it is not at all inconceivable that live Israelis are being held under Syrian tutelage.

Mr. Speaker, our government should be far more aggressive in demanding the release of Israel's missing men. Israel, the only true democracy in the Middle East, is our closest ally in that region. In 1991, when Americans were held hostage in Lebanon, Israel went to extraordinary lengths to help secure the release of those hostages. As Syria and others in the region who have benefitted from American aid and military assistance equivocate as to whether to assist America in its war on international terror, Israel has always been by our side. Israel's steadfast reliability as an ally should not be forgotten.

The time has come Mr. Speaker, to strike a blow at the hostage industry that Syria and its terrorist proxies have utilized so effectively against Israel and the West over the past twenty years. The events of September 11th have made it abundantly clear to Americans that yesterday's terror in Israel will become tomorrow's tragedy in America—unless we act. And if we allow Syria or other states to remain unaccountable for holding Israeli hostages, we are simply inviting more hostage taking in the Middle East and throughout the world. We cannot be complacent—if Elchanan Tannenbaum, an Israeli taken hostage by Hizbullah in October 2000, can be abducted from Europe, so can any American citizen. If Guy Hever, who was reportedly last seen near the Syrian border, can disappear off the face of the earth without a trace, so can any American traveling in the Middle East. Unless we act more forcefully, Zachary Baumel will not be the last American hostage to be held in Lebanon or Syria, and in the aftermath of September 11th, we will not be able to claim that it could not be foreseen.

Mr. Speaker, in 1999 I cosponsored HR 1175—A Bill to Locate and Secure the Release of Zachary Baumel an American Citizen and other Israeli Soldiers Missing in Action. The bill was passed by Congress and signed by President Clinton. But not enough has been done to ensure compliance with the legislation. H.R. 1175 is the law and it must be upheld. This June, as Syria assumes the rotating Presidency of the United Nations Security Council and Zachary Baumel marks the twentieth anniversary of his capture, I urge the President to stringently apply the provisions of H.R. 1175, which is now Public Law 106-89. I also call on my colleagues to support the Syrian Accountability Act, which will force Syria to end its role in the taking and holding of hostages. And I call on the leadership of this House to bring this bill to a vote.

At this time I also ask my colleagues to join me in support of Guy's parents Rina and Eitan, and Guy's twin siblings Shir and Or, who continue to turn over the world in search of information regarding Guy. Their nobility and determination during these five sleepless years of doubt and terror, should be matched by our own vigilance in enacting initiatives to deprive terrorists and their sponsors of this most cruel weapon of kidnapping. Guy Hever—Eifo Ata? (Where are you, in Hebrew.)

PAYING TRIBUTE TO WAYNE HARBERT

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life of Wayne Harbert. After 81 full years of life, Wayne finally succumbed after a long battle with a difficult illness. Wayne was not only a pillar of the Granby, Colorado community, but also embodied the pioneering spirit of my district. As his family mourns his loss, I think it is appropriate to remember Wayne and pay tribute to him for his contributions to his community.

Wayne was born in a sod house on the plains of Eastern Colorado in January of 1921. In 1942, Wayne left Colorado to join the Navy where he proudly served his country in World War II on several submarine missions. Wayne returned in 1944 on short leave and married his high school sweetheart, Marjorie. In his lifetime, Wayne was a rancher, proprietor of the local general store and equipment dealer, but one thing has remained the same—his work ethic and his gentle nature. No one knows this better than the family who survives him. Wayne was known as a loving husband, devoted father of two, and grandfather of two.

Wayne has long been known in his community as one always willing to give his time to a worthy cause. He was a member of the Middle Park Stockgrowers, the Colorado Hereford and Cattlemen's Association, the VFW, and the American Legion. In service to his community, Wayne gave his time to the Kiwanis Clubs and provided his leadership to the Granby Fire Department Board of Directors and as chairman of the Grand County Republicans. A true Coloradan, Wayne could often be found in the outdoors enjoying the splendor of our state snowmobiling, hunting, fishing, hiking, backpacking, and camping.

Mr. Speaker it is my privilege to bring the life of Wayne Harbert to the attention of this body of Congress. His journey from such humble beginnings, rising to become a pillar of the community, stands as example to us all. His dedication to his family, friends, work, and community certainly deserves recognition. Although Wayne 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 Wayne's family and friends during this difficult time.

HONORING PONTIAC NORTHERN HUSKIES

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Huskies of Pontiac Northern High School, on winning the 2001–2002 Michigan High School Athletic Association Class A State boys basketball championship. The Huskies defended their 2000–2001 championship by defeating the Detroit Redford Huskies 66–58 in the final game, becoming the 15th team in state history to win consecutive titles.

It was certainly an exciting game that showcased some of the best talent the state of Michigan has to offer.

The Huskies are a true testament of what hard work, determination, and a passionate desire to win can accomplish. Under the guidance of Head Coach Robert Rogers and Assistant Coaches Craig Covington, Phillip Dada, Kevin James, and Tim Webb, the championship served as a wonderful finish to a remarkable year, marked with a tremendous record of 23–4.

The Huskies' roster includes: seniors Sean Moore, Dominique Hardiman, Derrick Ponder, David Stephens, Lester Abram, Debon Johnson; juniors Anthony Rogers, Bates Gay, Antonio Bones, Quan Dillahunt, James Smith, Mike Morris, Brian Abram; and sophomore John Cantrell. These young men, led by team captains Abram and Ponder, proved to be leaders in the classroom, the basketball court, and the community. They are all shining examples of the Pontiac School District's strong commitment to success in all aspects of life.

Mr. Speaker, I salute the accomplishments of the Northern Huskies, and share the joy of their victory with Northern students and alumni and especially the people of Pontiac. I ask my colleagues in the 107th Congress to join me in congratulating these fine gentlemen.

TRIBUTE TO COUNCILLOR BILL
PIKE

HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Councillor Bill Pike for his lifetime contributions to the newspaper industry, the City of Haverhill and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Councillor Bill Pike was a lifelong resident of Haverhill, Massachusetts, a highly respected political activist and a longtime newspaper reporter. Bill also served on countless boards, including a recent appointment by Governor Jane Swift to the Massachusetts Workforce Investment Board—a business-led, policy-setting board that oversees workforce development initiatives throughout Massachusetts.

Bill demonstrated his passion for the City of Haverhill through his participation in countless social, civic, religious, professional and political associations. He was an active member of St. James Parish, the Lodge of Elks and the American Legion. He also served as former Chairman of the Haverhill Republican City Committee and was an active Board Member of the Haverhill Boys Club.

He established a highly successful professional career as a newspaper reporter, working as a correspondent for the Boston Globe and a reporter for the Beverly Times, Manchester Union Leader and Haverhill Independent. He also dedicated 29 years of service to the Daily Evening Item in Lynn where he retired. He further demonstrated his love for the city by working as a former Editor of the Haverhill Gazette.

Bill is survived by his loving wife Patricia, his four sons William, Robert, Michael and Jeffrey, and his three daughters, Kathleen Jagers, Elizabeth Shanahan and Sandra Faraci, as well as sixteen grandchildren and

several nieces and nephews. Bill was truly a magnificent man who cared about his community. His memory will live in the minds and hearts of his loving family, and his legacy will leave the City of Haverhill a far better place.

A TRIBUTE TO JACK AND WENDY
STEVENS

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two of my constituents on the occasion of their retirement. Jack and Wendy Stevens have given a combined total of more than fifty years of distinguished service to public education in Santa Cruz County. Jack has taught Sociology at Cabrillo College for thirty-four years, and served as Chair of the Social Sciences Division for a decade. Wendy has been a Special Education teacher for thirteen years, helping students with learning disabilities succeed in school. Jack and Wendy have loved their jobs and taught with dedication and devotion. They retire together this June, when they will also celebrate their thirty-sixth wedding anniversary.

After graduating Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Georgia, Jack moved to California, where he met Wendy, a native of Stockton and a San Jose University student. They fell in love and were married in June 1966. Jack then earned a Master's degree in Sociology at the University of California, and later served in the U.S. Army as a First Lieutenant. Upon completion of his service, Jack and Wendy relocated to Santa Cruz County, where he had received a job offer to teach at Cabrillo College.

Jack and Wendy have three sons, John, David, and Michael. After staying home with her children through their early childhood, Wendy began teaching as an aide, and subsequently earned her teacher's credentials. She presently teaches at Harbor High School, from which John, David, and Michael graduated.

Travel lovers, Jack and Wendy twice took sabbaticals to Europe with their children. They plan to continue traveling during their retirement, while maintaining their home in Santa Cruz and their cabin in the Idaho mountains. They also plan to visit extensively with their children and grandchildren in Idaho, Colorado and Washington, D.C. Jack and Wendy will also continue to be active participants in St. John's Episcopal Church in Capitola, where they are known for their compassion, sense of humor, and welcoming attitudes. Supportive of their friends in times of joy and of need, Jack and Wendy have opened their home for many community gatherings and holiday celebrations.

Jack and Wendy Stevens have dedicated their professional lives to education and public service. I offer them my deep appreciation for their years of service, and best wishes for their retirement.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RICHARD
BRUCE CROWELL

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life and memory of Richard Bruce Crowell who recently passed away in Grand Junction, Colorado on April 26, 2002. Bruce, as he was commonly referred to, left a legacy of devotion and dedication that will be cherished by his community and loved ones. Grand Junction mourns the loss and celebrates the life of a wonderful citizen, father, grandfather, and husband.

Bruce's accomplishments and achievements exemplify his upstanding character. First, Bruce was an accomplished academic at the College of William and Mary and he accepted, with honor, the James Frederick Carr Memorial Cup for leadership and upstanding character. After completing his PH.D in English literature, he accepted the position as the assistant dean at the University of Arizona. Bruce later became the dean of Liberal Arts at the University of Wisconsin/Platteville, and concluded his accomplished academic career as a Professor of English Literature at Mesa State College. Next, Bruce became the assistant Minister of the First Congregational Church, and strengthened the community's spiritual foundation, deeply touching the lives of numerous children, family, and friends.

Mr. Speaker, Richard Bruce Crowell will be missed tremendously, and although we will grieve the loss of this incredible individual, we'll rejoice over a man of great character and conduct. I would like to express my condolences toward his family including, his son Richard, grandsons Daniel, and Ryan, daughter Nancy, and his beloved wife Frances. Bruce was a kind-hearted man, and he will be greatly missed.

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE
REFORM ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. RICHARD H. BAKER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2002

Mr. BAKER. Mr. Speaker, after considerable work and consideration by the Financial Services Committee, the House considered and passed FDIC reform legislation, H.R. 3717. I supported and voted for the bill; however, I am concerned about the potential effects of possible FDIC actions to develop and implement risk-based assessment standards under sections 4 and 7 of the legislation. My concern is that the FDIC may give excessive weight to Federal Home Loan Bank advances in the assessment process so that insured institutions with certain amounts or percentages of such advances would be classified as more risky and, therefore, pay higher deposit insurance premiums.

My concern arises from the FDIC's report on deposit insurance reform, issued in April 2001, which indicated that, under a risk-based assessment system, the FDIC could use a