

employment that will allow families to become self-sustaining. Although the Democratic proposal strengthens current work requirements, the requirement is not sufficient. TANF families, given the necessary resources, should engage in full time employment like other working Americans. For this reason I cannot support the Democratic Alternative.

HONORING PETER C. YOUNG ON
THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2002

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding member of our community, Peter C. Young, as family, friends, and colleagues gather to celebrate his retirement after a thirty-five year career in education.

Peter has been the Executive Director of Area Cooperative Education Services for over three decades. His commitment and hard work has brought a number of important programs and services to the twenty-six school districts located in South Central Connecticut. ACES is one of six educational service centers that were formed under Connecticut State Statute in 1970. A result of recognizing that school districts must work together to meet the ever-changing needs of local education systems, these centers provide an environment where quality programs can be planned, developed and implemented—giving our young people access to the best educational opportunities possible. In addition to his leadership of ACES, he has also implemented programs to benefit local school district teachers and administrators.

Education is the cornerstone of success and the most critical link between our young people and their future. Throughout our country, we look to our towns and cities to provide these invaluable skills to our children. Throughout his professional life, Peter has embraced this responsibility and diligently worked to ensure that our school districts have had the resources to succeed. Working closely with the ACES Governing Board, made up of representatives from each of the member school districts, Peter's unparalleled leadership has benefitted our most precious resource—our children.

Peter's work extends far beyond his career with ACES. His work with a myriad of local, state, and national organizations and associations has and continues to enrich the lives of many. As a member of the Branford Interfaith Housing Cooperation Board, the Connecticut Hospital Association, and the Association of Educational Service Agencies—just to name a few—Peter has used his talents in a variety of areas to make a real difference in the lives of others. His generosity, compassion and commitment is reflected in the many awards and commendations he has received. We have been fortunate to have such an individual working so diligently on our behalf.

Through his many contributions both personally and professionally, Peter has touched the lives of thousands. It is my great honor to join his wife, Judith; daughters, Elizabeth and Kristin; family friends, and colleagues in ex-

tending my sincere congratulations and very best wishes to Peter Young as he celebrates his retirement.

RECOGNIZING DR. MARIE ETHEL
COLLART

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2002

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Marie Ethel Collart and her dedication to the Central Ohio Breathing Association.

Dr. Collart began her education and career at The Ohio State University College of Nursing in 1963. It was during this time that she committed her energies to providing lung health care to individuals who were often overlooked by the medical system, due to poverty, inadequate insurance, lack of transportation or access to physicians. She went on to earn masters of Science and Doctorate degrees while working as a surgical nurse and instructor.

In 1981 she became the President and CEO of the Central Ohio Lung Association, a United Way agency providing direct health care services to people with chronic lung diseases. Through the Central Ohio Lung Association, renamed the Central Ohio Breathing Association in 1996, she has dedicated her life to assisting those with asthma find a better quality of life.

She is a well-published medical author, sought after speaker, and dedicated community professional. The list of her achievements, awards, and honors is long and impressive, and they reflect the passion of her commitment to providing lung health care for all individuals. A champion in providing free lung health care for the underserved in central Ohio, Dr. Marie Ethel Collart continues to lead the fight against asthma and lung diseases. Additionally, she has worked tirelessly as an advocate for smoking prevention and cessation programs.

I congratulate Dr. Marie Ethel Collart for her many accomplishments and outstanding service. She is truly an asset to the people of Central Ohio.

MILWAUKEE CHAPTER OF THE
AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE
TO HONOR FRANKLY GIMBEL

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2002

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, June 20, 2002, the Milwaukee chapter of the American Jewish Committee, AJC, at their 58th annual meeting will present Mr. Franklyn M. Gimbel with the 2002 Community Service Human Relations Award.

This award recognizes outstanding individuals in the community who have dedicated their lives to the Jewish commitment of "tikkun olam" or repairing the universe.

Frank is regarded as one of Milwaukee's most distinguished attorneys and community leaders. His legal career began in 1960 with graduation from Marquette University Law

School. He served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney from 1963–1968 and received the Superior Performance Award from the U.S. Attorney General in 1967.

He is the founding partner of the law firm Gimbel, Reilly, Guerin & Brown and his illustrious career is punctuated by many awards including the Milwaukee Bar Association Lawyer of the Year in 1989 and 1998 and the Leadership Award from the Wisconsin Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers in 1987. He has also been named as one of the Best Lawyers in America for criminal defense for nearly 15 years.

With all the energy he directs towards his professional career, Frank still manages to make time to work on projects in the community. Mr. Gimbel has served as Vice-Chairman of the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission from 1977–1982. He was appointed as director of the Wisconsin Center District Board of Directors by Governor Tommy G. Thompson in May 1994, and has served as its chairperson ever since.

In 1998 he was awarded the Lamplighter Award from the Greater Milwaukee Convention and Visitors Bureau in recognition of his outstanding leadership in the community. In 2001 he received the Charles Goldberg Distinguished Service Award for his lifetime achievement in the legal profession from the Wisconsin Law Foundation.

So I am pleased to join with the Milwaukee Chapter of the American Jewish Committee to recognize Frank M. Gimbel's many years of service to the legal profession and the community at large.

THE WEATHER SAFETY ACT

HON. J.C. WATTS, JR.

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2002

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, the Weather Safety Act is legislation to help the many towns across America that face recurring threats from severe weather. Whether it is tornados, hurricanes, droughts, or floods, the threats to life and property require a response. Farmers in my home state of Oklahoma have suffered years of severe drought. The federal government must help these farmers and communities assess their vulnerability to the losses that often accompany severe weather, and develop plans to improve their resilience to such events and reduce the economic impacts.

While current federal research on global climate change focuses on long-term trends, we must also develop understanding and strategies that can be put to immediate use in dealing with severe weather. Creating an Office of Vulnerability and Resilience Research to coordinate and advance short-term climatic research will put us on track toward this goal. A unique "Vulnerability Scorecard" system will permit systematic evaluation of regional vulnerabilities, as well as providing a benchmark against which future improvements can be measured.

Call this a "no-regrets" strategy. It is a climate policy that can be enacted right now, in the absence of scientific agreement on the magnitude and extent of the impact of increasing atmospheric carbon dioxide on climate.

And it is a strategy that recognizes that many things can contribute to a community's vulnerability, including changing demographics and shifts in the nation's wealth distribution.

As a result of this program, I foresee a stronger partnership between scientists at the cutting edge of climate research and city planners who are on the front lines of the battle with nature's violent side. I challenge our best scientists to turn some of their attention to shorter-term climate and weather variations and produce the kind of assessments and resiliency research that can help all of our citizens, from elected officials and first-responders to farmers and families. Strengthening our communities makes America stronger, and that is what this bill is all about.

INVESTING IN AMERICA'S FUTURE ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2002

The House in Committee of the Whole House of the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4664) to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2003, 2004, and 2005 for the National Science Foundation, and for other purposes:

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of H.R. 4664, the Investing in America's Future Act, which authorizes the National Science Foundation (NSF) and places the foundation on a track to double its budget in five years and to bolster undergraduate science, math, and engineering education. This measure authorizes a 15 percent increase in funding for the NSF for the next three years, starting with \$5.5 billion in FY 2003, increases funding for major research equipment, and requires NSF to submit reports to Congress that will aid in the management of the foundation.

The NSF has the mission of supporting science and engineering in general and funding basic research across many subject areas. The majority of the research supported by the NSF is conducted at our nation's colleges and universities. The monies from NSF help with scholarships, fellowships, and the recruitment and training of our next generation of researchers and scientists. This funding ensures that America's scientists are competitive in the global marketplace.

NSF funding is a critical factor in determining whether students pursue postgraduate degrees in science and engineering. Doubling the NSF's budget will strengthen science research, development, and education. America's future directly depends on research conducted at our nation's schools. In fact, just this morning I meet with a group of researchers in my district, from Johns Hopkins, that rely on grants from NSF to conduct research. Many medical and technology breakthroughs have occurred because of the NSF funded basic research.

Millions of dollars have been given to schools and school districts in my state of Maryland and across the nation. Mr. Chairman, I am pleased that Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) and minority education and outreach programs will benefit

from the across-the-board increase in NSF's budget. Two HBCU's, Morgan State and Coppin State, in my district, will be able to continue and expand programs at their institutions because of NSF support. Additionally, the Maryland State Department of Education has used NSF funds to improve school curriculum and encourage bright and talented students to pursue careers in the sciences.

I would also like to thank the Science Committee and Congresswoman EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON for all of her hard work and her unfailing support of NSF. She has been a champion for the doubling of NSF's budget.

Being the leader in math, science, and engineering research is important for our nation and the world. In order to achieve this goal, federal investment is imperative. This is a good bill because it does invest in America's future and deserves the support of all of my colleagues.

TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH RICHARDSON

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Elizabeth H. Richardson, a citizen of Colorado, who for the past 38 years has been a vital member of our State's political, educational and social fabric.

Elizabeth has recently retired from Colorado Open Lands, where she served with distinction for the past ten years, working to preserve Colorado's open space for future generations. Her commitment to Colorado's environment continues today with her service on the Colorado Coalition of Land Trusts. Elizabeth has also served on the Board of Thorne Ecological Institute and was a member of the Denver Chamber of Commerce's Energy Legislation Task Force. Her interest in public lands and open space was also enhanced by her service as a director on the Colorado Open Space Council. It is through these outstanding commitments to Colorado's environment and her devotion to the protection of our Western lands that Elizabeth has set a shining example for all who choose to serve their country and their communities.

A native of Massachusetts, Elizabeth graduated from Radcliffe College and completed graduate studies at the University of Southern California and the University of Denver, as well as studying ecology at Metropolitan State College of Denver.

Elizabeth came to Colorado in 1963 where she quickly became a political force to be dealt with. A member of The League of Women Voters since 1963, she has chaired their Environment Committee, served as the League's Metro Denver President, and lobbied on environmental and transportation issues at the Colorado State Legislature.

Colorado's public servants have also benefited from Elizabeth's commitment to their campaigns and staffs. She has served as a House District captain for more than 20 years, was a county campaign coordinator for Democratic National Committeeman Ray Kogovsek, served on the transition committee for Governor-elect Richard D. Lamm, has been a campaign manager for Denver City Council

member Doug Linkhart, served as the Issues Coordinator for Josie Heath for U.S. Senate, has been the treasurer of Colorado House of Representatives member Andrew Romanoff, and served on the senior policy staff of Governor Richard D. Lamm. Elizabeth also was twice a candidate for the Colorado House of Representatives, in 1976 and 1980.

Her commitment to lifelong learning and teaching began in 1959 when she was an assistant biology teacher in Australia and continued as a drama teacher in Concord, Massachusetts in the early 1960's. She has since served on the Denver Public Library Friends Foundation and has been a steadfast member of the Simon's Rock College of Bard Order of Directors for more than a decade. Elizabeth's passion for learning continues today with her 20 years of leadership on the Board of the Rocky Mountain Women's Institute, guiding this outstanding regional organization which supports and promotes women artists, writers and scholars.

A writer, a reader, a teacher, a community activist, a proud mother and grandmother, an adventurer and world traveler, but most importantly, a role model for us all. Colorado—its lands, its schools, its public servants and its citizens—owe Elizabeth Hall Richardson gratitude and appreciation for her dedicated service.

I wish her well in her future endeavors as I am sure she will continue to improve the quality of life in Colorado.

IN TRIBUTE TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2002

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a praiseworthy group of women from my home state of Delaware, the Sussex County Republican Women's Club.

Fifty years ago, in 1952, the Sussex County Republican Women's Club began its many years of service to the community on the Federal, State, and local level. Today, I join the club in celebrating their 50th anniversary, and applaud the impact their organization has had on our State.

Revered and respected by their peers, these women have spent the last 50 years working to promote a diverse base of political activism in Sussex County. From the beginning, they focused on promoting the tradition of a two party system, encouraging civic participation in the county and throughout the state and educating voters about the Republican message of low taxes and individual empowerment.

They have been instrumental in electing Republican candidates in Delaware and maintaining a unified base for party activity in the state's most rural county. Through work on various campaigns, fundraisers and get-out-the-vote efforts, the Women's Club has always remained a strong advocate for both the needs of Sussex County citizens and the goals of the Republican Party.

I would like to acknowledge the dedication and resolve that the Sussex County Republican Women's Club has maintained over the