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**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 22, 2003*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor Mr. Neil C. Johnston for his achievements in conservation and environmental education programs. Earlier this week, Neil received a National Wetlands Award for education/outreach from the Environmental Law Institute. The awards are presented annually to those who have dedicated their time and expertise to wetlands conservation and restoration.

Neil is an attorney from Mobile, Alabama. Not only does Neil practice in the fields of forestry and federal environmental law professionally, he is also personally involved with the environment. He speaks at and conducts seminars, as well as speaking to local school children.

Neil is the director of the Project CATE (Conservation Action Through Education) Foundation, Inc., which produces and distributes interactive conservation and environmental education programs. Ribbit's Big Splash is an award winning CD-ROM program which is designed to educate students about various aspects of water in environments such as ponds, rivers, wetlands, and gulfs. Project CATE plans to have more CD-ROM programs for students which will include air, soil, energy, and recycling. The programs are designed for the use of children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Through stories, projects, games, and interactive activities, children can learn about the environment and conservation in their local, state, and regional areas.

I am especially proud of Neil Johnston's achievements and his important contributions to the First District and its surrounding areas. His work as a conservationist and environmental educator has taught many children in my district, as well as others in the region. Thanks to his work, children have become more active in learning about water, and soon they will be able to learn about other aspects of our environment as his programs are completed and distributed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in congratulating Mr. Johnston for his hard work and dedication that has earned him this prestigious award, as well as for his commitment to teaching children about our environment.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO COLONEL  
DANNY P. PRICE FOR HIS DEDICATED  
SERVICE TO THE UNITED  
STATES ARMY

**HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 22, 2003*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Army Colonel Danny P. Price. Given the current international environment, it is fitting that this chamber honors a man of Colonel Price's character. Colonel Price entered the Army on September 14, 1972. He served two years during his first tour as an enlisted ad-

ministrative specialist. He re-entered the Army in 1977 and received his commission from the United States Army Officer Candidate School in 1978. His military education includes the U.S. Army Signal Officer Basic Communications Course, the U.S. Army Field Artillery Basic Communications Staff Officer Course, the U.S. Marine Corps Advanced Communications Officer Course, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, the U.S. Army Force Management School, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Morehead State University (Kentucky), a Master of Education degree from the University of South Carolina, and a Master of Science degree from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Colonel Price has served in a variety of command and staff positions. He was a field artillery signal officer, platoon leader, and signal battalion staff officer in the 82nd Airborne Division from 1978 to 1982. From 1983 to 1986, he served in the 8th Mechanized Infantry Division, Bad Kreuznach, Germany, where he was a signal battalion staff officer and Commander, Company A, 8th Signal Battalion. His next assignment was at the United States Military Academy where he served as a company and battalion tactical officer from 1987 to 1990. He then served as the battalion executive officer with the 50th Signal Battalion and the 35th Signal Brigade (logistics officer) and S3 (operations officer).

He next served as an operations analyst in the Commander-in-Chief Initiatives Group, U.S. Forces Korea from 1994 to 1995. He then commanded the 501st Signal Battalion, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) from 1995 to 1997. The assignment was followed by his most recent assignments—two tours in the Pentagon. First, as a Systems Integrator in the Force Development Division of the U.S. Army Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, from 1997 to 1998; and second, as a Senior Staff Analyst in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command and Control, Communications, and Intelligence. He served in this position from June 1999 and will retire from there in June 2003.

His awards and decorations include: the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with one silver oak leaf cluster and two bronze oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Secretary of Defense Staff Qualification Badge, the Army Staff Qualification Badge, the Air Assault Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, and the Ranger Tab.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Colonel Danny Price. Our citizens are served well by having such honorable and selfless soldiers, like Colonel Price, who care about their well being and stability. We wish Colonel Price, his wife, Jill, and their family all the best as we pay tribute to one of our nation's finest soldiers. May he now enjoy the freedom he so ably defended

UNITED STATES LEADERSHIP  
AGAINST HIV/AIDS, TUBER-  
CULOSIS, AND MALARIA ACT OF  
2003

SPEECH OF

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 21, 2003*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this critical bill. This important legislation integrates prevention, care, and treatment. By passing the conference report on H.R. 1298 we can directly improve and extend the lives of millions worldwide. I think every member owes a special thanks to the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS), the ranking Democrat on the International Relations Committee and to the Gentlewoman from California (Ms. LEE) for their outstanding leadership on this landmark legislation.

I want to express my most sincere gratitude to the Chairman of the International Relations Committee, my colleague from Illinois (Chairman HYDE). He has demonstrated incredible leadership and a commitment to placing science above ideology by supporting a bill that will provide the resources necessary to promote effective strategies and technologies in the battle against HIV/AIDS. These technologies include the use of condoms, a measure that is effective in preventing transmission of the virus and should be used more frequently. This bill provides for education on the use of condoms, along with the teaching of abstinence and faithfulness to one's spouse. We must never allow our own personal ideologies to get in the way of our efforts to save lives.

Another meaningful aspect of this legislation is that it contributes to the Global Fund, indicating the interest of this Nation and this body in working with the international community to fight this global problem. I hope that such cooperation will be extended to other healthcare matters and critical issues currently facing this Nation.

The provision of aid to Haiti is of particular interest to me. I recently visited Haiti. It is the fourth poorest country in the world. The average Haitian lives on \$1.39 dollars a day. I was shocked by the suffering I witnessed during my visit. Ninety percent of all HIV and AIDS infections in the Caribbean are in Haiti. Tragically, death from HIV/AIDS has left 163,000 children in Haiti orphaned. In Haiti, where only 1 in every 10,000 citizens has access to a physician, and where cases of TB are more than ten times as high as those in other Latin American countries, the population will benefit profoundly from this legislation.

AIDS has ravaged the globe, causing unprecedented death and suffering, and the virus is a global threat that must be addressed as such. We have had significant discussion about the need to undertake all possible actions at our disposal when addressing emerging threats. AIDS is indeed a well established threat to the health and security of the world. The fight against HIV/AIDS is a fight for humanity.

In addressing this worldwide pandemic, we must also work together to provide countries with life-saving and extending drugs. These drugs are the difference between a baby in Africa having a chance to know his or her mother or father or being orphaned before they can

speaking or walking. We cannot allow pharmaceutical companies or government policies to construct barriers to treatment, such as complicated trade strategies and patent practices that make it difficult or impossible for nations to obtain the medicines they need to treat their populations at a price they can afford. We

must make sure our dollars are stretched as far as they can go by lowering the price of drugs. We must also demand that the international community, including the corporate community, matches our efforts.

Finally, this measure is only an authorization bill. It is a critically important step. But it will

be meaningless unless all members follow through on the commitment we are making today and adequately fund this measure through the appropriations process. I pledge my support to that effort.

Passage of H.R. 1298 is long overdue. I urge all members to support this bill.