

I oppose the approach that the Bush Administration has taken toward stripping regulations on clean air and water. However, after speaking with people on both sides of this issue, I have concluded that this motion is not the right approach.

In New Mexico, the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission, with Governor Bill Richardson as the state's representative, is currently working toward model regulations for management of stormwater pollution in the state. In the meantime, the local oil and gas companies continue to follow general guidelines. I am encouraged by the work being done at the state level to address this issue, as I believe it is important to work with all interests to generate a collaborative solution.

Although I will vote in opposition to this non-binding motion, I continue to be disturbed by the provisions in the Energy Policy Act of 2003. Unfortunately, the way this bill has been crafted echoes the practice of the Administration to put corporations before the environment, before public opinion, and before logic that tells us we need to gear our energy policy toward future needs—not toward the profit of industry. The exclusion of Democrats from the entire conference is reason to believe the bill is not as balanced as its authors claim.

I hope that my many concerns are addressed in the final conference report and I look forward to a vote on the final bill.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL WILLIAMS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life of Paul Williams who recently passed away at the age of 90. Paul was a pillar of the Glenwood Springs, Colorado community, and as his family mourns their loss, I think it is appropriate that we remember his life and celebrate his contributions to our nation today.

Paul moved to Colorado in 1937 and in 1941 he married Catherine Ukele, his wife of 62 years. During World War II, Paul answered his country's call to duty and served honorably as a member of the Signal Corps in Africa and throughout Europe. Following the war, Paul returned to Glenwood Springs where he went to work for the City's Municipal Electric Company. An accomplished electrician, Paul used his talents for the betterment of his community. He was among five men who built and erected a lighted cross on red mountain, and he delighted in maintaining the lights of the Glenwood Springs High School football field.

Paul will be remembered as a valued member of the Glenwood Springs community. He was a 35-year member of the Glenwood Springs Volunteer Fire Department, the American Legion, the Eastern Star and the Masonic Lodge. There is no question that Glenwood Springs is a better place as the result of Paul's tireless service.

Mr. Speaker, Paul Williams' dedication and selflessness certainly deserve the recognition of this body of Congress. It is my privilege to pay tribute to him for his contributions to the community of Glenwood Springs and our nation. I would like to extend my thoughts and

deepest sympathies to Paul's family and friends during this difficult time of bereavement.

TRIBUTE TO DR. DAVID M. BARTLEY, PRESIDENT OF HOLYOKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2003

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Dr. David M. Bartley, President of Holyoke Community College, as he retires after twenty-eight years of service.

Under President Bartley's tenure the College's enrollment, budget, and number of employees all doubled in size. He was the driving force in the College's transformation from a small, local college into a regional, academic institution with a strong focus on workforce development and continuing education.

When he took office in 1975, President Bartley initiated a long-range plan to create a thriving and growing college. His persistence resulted in numerous accomplishments over the years, beginning with the establishment of the Holyoke Community College Foundation. The Foundation was the first of its kind in Massachusetts and has allowed the College to permanently endow 50 scholarships for needy students.

The College has also created and expanded programs and services for traditional and non-traditional students that have received national recognition. They include Cooperative Education, Women in Transition, a comprehensive Learning Assistance Center, ESL support, Community Service Learning, a mentoring program for engineering technology students, and a successful, federally funded TRIO program.

President Bartley is particularly proud of the fact that Holyoke Community College has done an outstanding job of serving minority students and the underrepresented in our society. Today, 25 percent of the college's graduates are minorities, 70 percent are women, and 30 percent are men, the exact reverse from when he arrived in 1975.

Holyoke Community College has developed a strong and positive image in western Massachusetts and beyond. President Bartley is in great part responsible for this evolution. He has brought consistent and healthy increases in enrollment and private sector support. He has forged winning partnerships with industry and mentored other educational institutions seeking to emulate his college's success.

In assessing and accrediting Holyoke Community College, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges once remarked that they found the College to be "dynamic, resilient and forward thinking". Indeed, the exact same thing can be said for President Bartley and his years of leadership.

I would also like to commend President Bartley on his distinguished career in government. Prior to arriving at Holyoke Community College, he served for twelve years in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. For eight of those years, he held the elected position of Speaker of the House. He was held in high esteem for his accessibility, his deep grasp of issues of public concern, and his sense of fair play.

These qualities helped him make a dynamic transition to leadership in academia. He immediately put all his experiences and skills to work for Holyoke Community College and tens of thousands of graduates have been the beneficiaries.

In recognition of an outstanding career in public service, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating President Bartley on his accomplishments and on his retirement.

CONGRATULATING BISHOP TIMLIN, DR. JAMES AND MRS. MARY LOU BURNE ON BEING HONORED BY THE LITTLE FLOWER MANOR AND THE SAINT THERESE RESIDENCE

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2003

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bishop Timlin, and Dr. James and Mrs. Mary Lou Burne as they are honored by the Little Flower Manor and St. Therese Residence this Friday, November 14, 2003 at the Annual Crystal Rose Dinner at the Woodlands in Wilkes-Barre.

Bishop Timlin is appropriately being honored for his stewardship and tireless support of the Little Flower Manor. His determination and hard work made the Saint Therese Residence a reality. For the past twenty five years his dedication and persistence has provided an opportunity for the aged and infirm to be treated with respect, dignity and compassion.

Mr. Speaker, as the spiritual leader of the Diocese of Scranton, Bishop Timlin has demonstrated that "together we can move mountains" and inspired others to join in helping to make Northeastern Pennsylvania the compassionate place that it is.

Jim and Mary Lou are being recognized for their unselfish dedication to many worthy causes. They are co-founders of the Family to Family Thanksgiving Food Basket Program that has served over one hundred thousand needy individuals since 1986. They have also played an active role with the Friends of the Poor, Special Olympics, Youth Association for Retarded Citizens, UNICO, YMCA, and Keystone College.

My colleagues, these individuals devote much of their time and effort to help those who are less fortunate. They are leaders in making their communities a better place to live and work.

Mr. Speaker, it is sincerely a privilege and honor to represent these community leaders who devote themselves to helping others and building a brighter future for Scranton and Northeastern Pennsylvania. I ask that my colleagues pay tribute to Bishop Timlin and Dr. James and Mrs. Mary Lou Burne as they receive this well-deserved honor.

IN HONOR OF JUDGE JOSEPH FLORES

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2003

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a truly remarkable man, The

Honorable Joseph Flores of Toledo, Ohio. Recently retired from the Lucas County Juvenile Court, Judge Flores has graciously served our community for several decades. For many who came to this area, Joe Flores was the first person who greeted them and welcomed them to our community. Whether it was as attorney, mentor, or friend, he was dedicated to helping others recognize their potential.

A proud Mexican American, Joe was born August 2, 1934 to Carmen Ventura and Jose Suarez Flores in Toledo. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1956 with a degree in Political Science. He entered into the United States Navy's Officers Candidate School and completed 52 months of active duty, ending in 1961, having attained the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

While still in the Navy, Joe Flores met his wife, Mary Jane, a naval nurse, and the two were married in 1964. They are the parents of two children, Andre Jose and Maria Carmen. Returning from the Navy, Joe decided to attend law school. He graduated from Ohio Northern University in 1964 and practiced law in Findlay, Ohio for one year.

Moving to Toledo in 1966, Joe practiced law with attorneys Charles Doneghy and Robert Penn. Interestingly, all three became judges. He decided to run for elected office because he enjoyed interacting with people when Judge Doneghy would ask him to help at various events. Joe Flores was elected Judge of the Lucas County Juvenile Court in 1981. "At that time, few Latinos were part of the legal community. Becoming known as the Judge who could speak Spanish, he ended up being asked to do a variety of translations. Judge Flores is thought to be the first elected Latino Judge in Ohio. Carlos Cordova was an acting judge at the time, but was not elected to the post. Since then, Ohio has had two other Latino Judges, José Villanueva (Cuyahoga County Common Pleas) and Gustalo Nunez (Lorain Municipal Court.)

Recognizing his contributions to the legal profession and the Hispanic community, the Latino Peace Officers Association created the Judge Joseph Flores Award in May 2003. The award will be given annually to a Latino Peace Officer who exhibits exemplary service to the community. The group decided to name the award after Flores due to his instrumental role in integrating the Toledo Police Department with more Latino Peace Officers.

I am pleased to pay special tribute to my friend Judge Flores for his pioneering efforts on behalf of Latinos in Northwest Ohio. Understanding the importance of a representative voice in the local community, he was the first Latino on many boards as he stresses the importance of community involvement for Hispanics/Latinos.

Judge Joseph Flores forged his career with courage and determination, despite facing many obstacles along the way. He blazed the trail where none existed, and his legacy continues to inspire new generations of Latino leaders. Onward!

H.R. 1829—FEDERAL PRISON INDUSTRIES COMPETITION IN CONTRACTING ACT OF 2003

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2003

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1829, the Federal Prison Industries Competition in Contracting Act of 2003. As a Ranking Member of one of the Small Business Committee's Subcommittees, I take very seriously the importance of small businesses in our economy, as well as the impact of our policies in small businesses.

As we have said time and time again, small businesses are the driving force in our economic recovery. They are the lifeblood of the American economy, creating three out of four new jobs, and representing 99 percent of all employers. This is why we must ensure that small businesses receive the tools that they need to compete in today's competitive marketplace and we must make the playing field as level as possible.

Today, we look at a form of unfair competition for small businesses coming from the federal prison industry. The idea behind FPI is to use work as a means of rehabilitation and to teach inmates a skill, which can be used to put them back on the right track. I strongly support this goal. I'm sure all of my colleagues support this goal, as well. Unfortunately it is not that simple. I believe that this commendable idea of giving individuals a means for a second chance has turned into an industry who's sole focus is not rehabilitation, but turning a profit.

As of fiscal year 2002, FPI brought in \$678.7 million in revenue and this would have placed them at 34 out of the top 100 federal contractors for the year. FPI increased their revenue from FY 2001 by more than \$95 million. This level of involvement might seem justified. Yet, as FPI becomes a "Mega" contractor, it benefits only 15 percent of all federal inmates. Something is not right with this picture.

Over past years, FPI has been able to grow through the use of preferential contracting treatment, exemption from such labor laws as OSHA, minimum wage rates and an endless line of credit from the U.S. Treasury Department. This industry is government owned and operated, and has used these competitive advantages to expand its market share, yet they are competing against private sector companies.

Adding on to these advantages is that FPI are not held to basic standards of product quality or requirements to meet deadlines. This is especially concerning because many of the products that come from FPI are used by the troops in our military, and agencies like FAA that ensure safe transportation. These are areas that cannot afford to be taken lightly. We have an obligation to ensure that the public is safeguarded.

I do believe that we can have the principle of using the federal marketplace as a tool in the rehabilitation process of inmates, but it must be balanced and it must be fair. The current practice is weighted too far in favor of FPI

with very little demonstrated benefit, while clearly costing our nation's small businesses jobs and opportunities.

As the main driver of our economy, small businesses deserve a level playing field. In today's competitive market—we cannot overlook an industry that continues to expand while at the same time causing our nation's small businesses to lose valuable opportunities.

It is for these reasons that I support passage of H.R. 1829, and urge my colleagues to do the same.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND FRANCIS
G.S. EVERETT, JR.

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2003

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who has served as a mentor in South Carolina's public schools and as a member and pastor of Mount Pisgah Baptist Church in Orangeburg, South Carolina, for more than 30 years.

Reverend Francis G.S. Everett, Jr., spent 23 years at Elloree High School as a teacher and principal and later worked in Orangeburg School District Five. His efforts at community improvement were widely recognized and remain commendable to this day.

The parishioners of Mount Pisgah Baptist Church have strongly supported Reverend Everett as he has lifted up its many ministries and represented the church well in the Mount Pisgah Union, the Orthodox Baptist Association, the Cooperative Baptist Convention of South Carolina, and the Orangeburg Ministerial Alliance. He has also served as a co-chaplain at South Carolina State University, and as a member of the Orangeburg Calhoun Regional Medical Center Chaplain Corp.

An activist for educational advancement, Reverend Everett has served with the Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College Foundation and South Carolina Board of Directors of the State Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Orangeburg Calhoun Retired Education Association, the South Carolina Education Association, the National Education Association, and as a trustee of Morris College in Sumter, South Carolina.

Reverend Everett earned his A.B. and M.S. degrees from South Carolina State University and was awarded the Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from Union Baptist Seminary of Birmingham, Alabama.

Reverend Everett is married to Mrs. Althea Hilton Everett of Alcolu, South Carolina. The couple has two children, Ralph and Gwendolyn.

Mr. Speaker, I invite you to join me in paying tribute to this role model to educational and spiritual leaders in our nation. Reverend Everett has developed a life of unwavering commitment to his students, his parishioners and his family and friends. He serves as an inspiration to so many, and I am proud to honor him today.