

one incident where a man had his identity revealed when his medical records were used without his consent. As a result, many people in his community discovered details of his medical history that he wished to keep private! Just this morning, CNN's web site reported on the poor job federal agencies and government contractors are doing in protecting the confidentiality of social security numbers; yet we are supposed to trust the government with access to even more personal information!

In conclusion Mr. Speaker, H.R. 663 could actually retard the development of innovations in patient safety while promoting yet more federal control of health care. In addition, it poses a potential threat to medical privacy. Therefore, I urge my colleagues to oppose this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2003

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, March 13, 2003, I was unavoidably absent for rollcall vote 62, on agreeing to House Joint Resolution 139. Had I been present I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote 62.

ORGAN DONATION IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2003

HON. TED STRICKLAND

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2003

Mr. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to support H.R. 399, the Organ Donation Improvement Act of 2003. This important measure takes steps to increase donation activity to meet the demand for life-saving human organs. Human anatomical donation is truly the greatest gift one can offer to another. This humanitarian act looks beyond one's self and to those in need—to children, young adults, parents, and family members—whose lives we value and whose future we safeguard.

H.R. 399 makes note of the importance of family discussions and encourages families to express their desires and openly pledge to help others through the act of donation. Americans have the ability to choose to give gifts that restore sight, save lives, and improve the health of others through organ, eye and tissue donation. While the need for organs is a well-documented fact, the need for donated tissues and eyes should also be stressed. Many Americans do not realize that those who cannot become donors of organs for various medical reasons can still save sight and improve the health of others through eye and tissue donation. It is therefore of critical importance that when families do discuss their wishes to give anatomical gifts, they are knowledgeable about all of their opportunities: to save lives; restore sight; and improve the health of others through the donation of their organs, eyes, and tissues. These precious gifts give life, improve health and advance medical science for those who often have no alternative hope for treatment and cure.

In 2001, there were 24,076 organ transplants giving life; 33,000 cornea transplants

restoring sight; and 900,000 tissue transplants improving physical function and health. These impressive statistics demonstrate the generosity of the American people. Yet, more donors are needed to meet the need for life-saving transplants, sight restoration procedures, repair of wounds and severe burns. Education and awareness is the first step toward bridging the gap to meet the need for more anatomical donors. In closing, I encourage all Americans to take the time to discuss with family members the most precious gift a person can give—one's organs, eyes and tissues—to better mankind.

A TRIBUTE TO ANNIE CHIN SIU, D.D.S., 29TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR—2003

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2003

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the accomplishment made by our nation's most distinguished women during the month of March. It is my great honor to recognize extraordinary women who are making a difference in my district.

I stand today to pay special recognition to Annie Chin Siu, D.D.S., an outstanding woman of California's 29th Congressional District. Over the years, Dr. Siu has given selflessly of her time and energy to many different organizations in the greater San Gabriel Valley.

A San Francisco native, Dr. Siu attended the University of California at Berkeley. She graduated from the University of California at San Francisco School of Dentistry, specializing in Orthodontics and was the only woman in her dental school class. After her marriage to Dr. Tim Siu, the Sius moved to Alhambra, where Dr. Siu opened her orthodontic practice. Now retired from private practice, Dr. Siu continues to teach at the University of Southern California School of Dentistry. The Sius have been married for nearly fifty years and have four children: Tina, Susan, Jennifer, and Valerie.

Dr. Siu has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the California Legislature's 49th Assembly District Woman of the Year, the 2003 Medal of Honor from the University of California San Francisco Dental Alumni Association, the Alhambra Rotary Club's Paul Harris Award, Bank of America's Achievement Award, the Los Angeles Chinese Chamber of Commerce's Service Award, Los Angeles Chinatown Public Safety Award, and the Edward Angle Orthodontic Excellence Award.

Dr. Siu is a past President and longtime member of the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce. The consummate volunteer, Dr. Siu has been active in the Alhambra Public Library Association, the Los Angeles Chinatown Library, the Soroptimist Club of Alhambra-San Gabriel-San Marino, University Women Association, United Way, the Chinese American Museum, Chinese Historical Society of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Chinatown Public Safety Association, and the West San Gabriel Valley YMCA. In addition, Dr. Siu is a member of numerous professional organizations, including

the USC School of Dentistry Board of Councilors, American Dental Association, and the California Dental Association.

The time and energy Dr. Siu gives to our community is truly remarkable, and the greater Los Angeles area has benefited greatly from her dedicated service.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring a remarkable woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Annie Chin Siu, D.D.S. The entire community joins me in thanking Dr. Siu for her continued efforts to make the 29th Congressional District a better place in which to live.

TRIBUTE TO MR. DAVID GUZMAN, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE NA- TIONAL ASSOCIATION OF VET- ERANS' PROGRAM ADMINISTRA- TORS

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2003

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. David Guzman, who recently concluded his tenure as President of the National Association of Veterans' Program Administrators (NAVPA) after holding this position from October of 1998 to October of 2002.

Mr. Guzman also recently retired as the University Registrar at Washington State University and now moves to the position of NAVPA Legislative Director. I am grateful that we will retain his leadership abilities in this small way.

Long before Mr. Guzman served this nation's veterans, he had a distinguished career in the United States Air Force. He served at assignments throughout the world for 30 years before retiring in 1987, with his last assignment at Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii where he was Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Commanding General of the Pacific Air Forces. He served two tours in the Republic of Vietnam.

Mr. Guzman has testified before the Veterans' Affairs Committee frequently on Montgomery GI Bill enhancements. He brought first-hand knowledge on veterans' education policy to his testimony from working with veterans at Washington State University.

Thank you, Mr. Guzman, for your dedication to America's servicemembers and veterans. You are leaving a lasting legacy of dedicated service to America and those who protect our freedoms.

IN MEMORY OF AHMAD R. OLOMI

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2003

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication to his country and community was extraordinary. Orange County, California, was indeed fortunate to have such a dynamic and dedicated community leader who willingly and unselfishly gave his time and talents to make his community a better place in which to live

and work. The individual of whom I am speaking is Ahmad Rateb Olomi. He was unexpectedly and tragically taken in an airplane accident over the Arabian Sea on Monday, February 24, 2003, at the age of 45.

Mr. Olomi was born in Afghanistan, and earned a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Engineering and Technology in Lahore, Pakistan. He moved to the United States in 1980. He was hired by Orange County in 1984 and shortly thereafter became a naturalized United States citizen. He worked his way up from Engineering Technician to the position of Senior Civil Engineer. Some of the more notable projects he worked on were Seven Oaks Dam, the Santa Ana River Mainstem Project, and the Laguna Canyon Road State Route 133 realignment. Over his 19 years of service to Orange County, Mr. Olomi developed himself into one of the County's most talented and valued professionals.

In addition to his love for the United States and his community, he never forgot his original homeland. On the day of the tragedy, Mr. Olomi was on a 6-month leave of absence from the County of Orange traveling with the Afghan Minister of Mines and Industries to help with the rebuilding of Afghanistan, and the construction of a transnational pipeline project that would pump natural gas and oil from Turkmenistan across Afghanistan and into Pakistan.

Mr. Olomi was also a dedicated family man. He is survived by his wife Roya and children, Yusef and Sahar. He is remembered by his family and friends as a man admired for his integrity, honesty, intelligence and selfless commitment to others. My thoughts and prayers go out to them for their loss.

Mr. Speaker, looking back at Mr. Olomi's life, we see a man dedicated to his family, community, adopted country and original homeland—an American and Afghani whose service led to the betterment of those who had the privilege to come in contact or work with him. Honoring Mr. Olomi's memory is the least we can do today for all that he gave over his lifetime.

INTRODUCTION OF EFFICIENT ENERGY THROUGH CERTIFIED TECHNOLOGIES (EFFECT) ACT OF 2003

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2003

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to join Reps. CUNNINGHAM, CRANE and MATSUI in introducing the Efficient Energy through Certified Technologies (EFFECT) Act of 2003. This bill provides tax incentives to make both new and existing buildings more energy efficient. These incentives are workable, verifiable and will promote market transformation, stimulating the market for energy efficient technology and services.

Building construction and operation represents 15 percent of Gross National Product and buildings consume 35 percent of the Nation's primary energy budget—almost twice as much as cars. This bill would stimulate the economy while decreasing energy consumption. It would improve our national energy security by reducing vulnerability to transmission

disruptions and cutting our oil and gas import dependence.

The tax incentives are based totally on energy performance, achieving two critical goals: It assures that projected energy savings will be achieved; and it encourages vigorous competition and innovation in the marketplace, reducing the cost of energy efficiency.

Within 10 years, the EFFECT Act could produce power savings of 110 gigawatts—the equivalent of 275 400 megawatt power plants. The cost savings could be over \$30 billion annually. Right now the effect would stimulate the use of existing, off-the-shelf technology that can cost-effectively reduce energy use by 50 percent for existing buildings. This would result in nearly a 6 percent reduction in air pollution emissions over the next 10 years—equivalent to taking 40 percent of our automobiles off the road—and save American homeowners billions of dollars each year in energy costs.

This bill is supported by a coalition of environmentalists and industries, and as shown by the latest Gallup Poll, the American people. In that poll, 60 percent agreed that the United States should emphasize greater conservation by consumers of existing energy supplies, while 29 percent supported production of more oil, gas and coal supplies as the solution.

This bill demonstrates the extraordinary power of energy conservation to reduce the need for wasteful, inefficient, and capital intensive energy projects. There is no other Federal policy proposal that has the potential to save this much energy and peak power or to help the economy so much for so little cost. I urge my colleagues to join the original co-sponsors in passing this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2003

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, on March 4, 2003, I missed rollcall vote No. 42. If I had been present I would have voted "yes."

CYPRUS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2003

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply disappointed by the failure of the recent talks between the President of the Republic of Cyprus, Tassos Papadopolous and Turkish Cypriot leader, Rauf Denktash, which ended yesterday without an agreement due to the intransigence of Mr. Denktash.

We have observed years of intense negotiations between the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities and were hopeful that this round would end in success. As you know, in 1974, Turkey invaded Cyprus, and to this day continues to maintain an estimated 35,000 heavily armed troops in Cyprus. Nearly 200,000 Greek Cypriots, who fell victim to a policy of ethnic cleansing, were forcibly evicted from their homes and became refugees in their own country.

Despite the hardships and trauma caused by the ongoing Turkish occupation, Cyprus has registered remarkable economic growth, and the people living in the Government-controlled areas enjoy one of the world's highest standards of living. The latest success is the European Council's invitation to Cyprus to become one of the ten new Member States of the European Union. Sadly, the people living in the occupied area continue to be mired in poverty. We had hoped that a united Cyprus would join EU.

Instead, we are faced with failure. Failure because Mr. Rauf Denktash has denied Turkish Cypriots the opportunity to determine their own future and to vote in a referendum which would have likely lead to a solution of the Cyprus problem.

Despite my concerns and disappointment, I appreciate the comments of President Papadopolous who has stated that the Greek Cypriot side will "continue the efforts for reaching a solution to the Cyprus question both before and after Cyprus joins the EU."

I urge the government of Turkey to take constructive steps for resolving the Cyprus problem. And I urge the Administration to continue with its efforts to persuade Turkey and the Turkish-Cypriot leader to work within the UN process to end the division of Cyprus.

At a time when tensions are rising around the world, we must seize every opportunity to achieve peace and stability.

A TRIBUTE TO PASTOR JEAN BURCH, 29TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR—2003

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Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the accomplishments made by our nation's most distinguished women during the month of March. It is my great honor to recognize extraordinary women who are making a difference in my district.

I stand today, to recognize an outstanding woman of California's 29th Congressional District. Pastor Jean Burch of Pasadena, California, has been pivotal in the social and religious vitality of our community and I wish to salute her efforts today.

Raised in Pasadena, she attended Pasadena City College, continuing her journey into higher education at Biola University where she earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Organizational Leadership with an emphasis in Biblical Studies.

Pastor Burch had a successful twenty-year career within the legal profession. In March 2000, she left the legal profession to become the Senior Pastor of Community Baptist Church in Pasadena. Her religious career began in the early 1970s under the leadership of Dr. Reverend Coy Turrentine, the late Bishop James E. Henry and as Assistant Pastor for her father, Pastor Emeritus John W. Burch at Community Baptist Church. In addition, she served as an instructor at the Southern California School of Ministry, teaching a course entitled "Women in Ministry."

A natural leader, she has been extensively involved in many community, civic, and religious organizations. Some of the boards she