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Those of us from the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area will always note the critical role Senator Moynihan played in revitalizing Pennsylvania Avenue, the grand route between the Capitol and the White House that was in disrepair when he first arrived here during the Kennedy Administration. He recognized the benefits in revitalizing the avenue and invested his skills to make this vision come alive. The Pennsylvania Avenue effort was one of the most successful redevelopment projects in the nation. Throughout his Senate career he was an authoritative collaborator in shaping this historic project.

The revitalization of Pennsylvania Avenue attracted projects to the city that might not have come otherwise. Subsequently, this project was used as a model for other redevelopment projects in the city, such as the MCI Center and the Washington Convention Center. Not only has the District benefited, but so has the entire country. Thousands of visitors can come each year to visit the Nation's Capitol and be proud to stand on "America's Main Street" as it was intended to be. Daniel Patrick Moynihan's fingerprints will forever be on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Mr. Speaker, today I want to express my gratitude for Senator Moynihan's pioneering work and salute him as a scholar, leader, and gentleman. He will be sorely missed.

TRIBUTE TO LUTHER ELDRIDGE
"IKEY" MILLER

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2003

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to the attention of the House the passing of Luther Eldridge "Ikey" Miller. I had the pleasure of working with Mr. Miller during his service as the clerk of the Page County Circuit Court and chairman of the Page County Republican Party when Page County was a part of Virginia's 10th District between 1992 and 2002.

Mr. Miller, age 71, died at his Rileyville home March 17 after suffering a heart attack. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 19, at Bradley Funeral Home, and he was interred in Luray.

Many grieve the loss of this man who was known as fair, straight-talking, dedicated and driven by integrity. According to a longtime friend, "Ikey was looked at by other [party] chairmen in the area as a person with a lot of experience, who they could go to for advice."

"He was always that wise man that had advice. He'd already been through whatever was coming up," according to Brian Plum, the current Page County Republican chairman.

In addition to his court and political careers, Ikey Miller was a dedicated father and husband, a military veteran, a solid baseball player in his youth, a talented musician, an active civic leader, a member of the Masonic Lodge, and a successful farmer. He also loved to hunt for coon and squirrel.

It was an honor to have known and worked with Ikey Miller, who not only lived according to his beliefs, but he was driven by them to excel. My condolences go out to his family

and friends as they mourn the loss of such an exemplary public servant.

TRIBUTE TO COL. SANFORD "MAC"
McLAURIN

HON. ROBIN HAYES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2003

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to commend Col. Sanford "Mac" McLaurin for his valuable service to our nation. On Friday, April 18, 2003, a retirement ceremony in honor of Colonel McLaurin, Staff Director, Corporate Communications, Defense Logistics Agency, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, will be held in recognition of 21 years, 10 months, and 19 days of distinguished service in the United States Air Force.

Colonel McLaurin began his military career in 1977 as the Deputy Information Officer at Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina. From there, he went on to be the Radio and Television Station Manager at Galena, Alaska. He held several positions as Chief, Public Affairs and Chief, Plans before becoming the Deputy, Media Relations (SAF/PAM) and Chief of Press Desk in 1995. His last position before coming to DLA was Chief, Air Force News & Information (SAF/PAI), liaison for Air Force News Service, San Antonio, TX, where he supervised 168 employees.

Serving an illustrious and most impressive military career, Colonel McLaurin accomplished a great variety of tasks, to include working the evacuation of non-essential Americans in Sierra Leone, Africa, with Special Operation Forces in 1991; working the hostage release out of Lebanon in 1992 (including Terry Anderson); flying with the Presidential mission to Rwanda, Africa, for first water purification system in 1993; serving 3 months in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, as Chief of PA—Joint Task Force/Southwest Asia; launching the Air Force's first electronic official newspaper, U.S. Air Force Online News—March 1999; and was instrumental in developing U.S. Air Force Image Express—receiving video and imagery and supplying it to national media in real time.

After completing Student Air War College in 2000, Col. Mack joined DLA. The DLA 21 reorganization of the Agency brought together Public Affairs, Congressional Affairs, Visual Presentations, Visual Communications, Freedom of Information/Privacy Act, Corporate Promotions, and History—all under Corporate Communications and under the capable direction of Colonel McLaurin.

As Staff Director, Corporate Communications, Colonel McLaurin has numerous impressive accomplishments under his belt. He established the agency's first electronic official newspaper, DLA Today and Tomorrow. He also developed the Communications Plan and traveled to DLA activities around the globe to deliver a well-received Communications Road Show. He tackled the toughest media and congressional affairs issues and developed a "Hill Strategy" plan to aggressively pursue a better working relationship with congress.

In addition to a distinguished list of military courses completed, Colonel McLaurin has a Bachelor of Arts in Drama and a Master's in Psychology and Counseling from North Carolina Central University, as well as a Master's

in Strategic Studies—from Maxwell A.F.B. Married to Deborah, the McLaurins have two children: Justin, 15 and Maya, 8. I have enjoyed working with Mac the past few years and wish him all the best in his future endeavors. May God bless Col. McLaurin and his family.

SECURING BLESSINGS OF PROVIDENCE FOR PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AND OUR ARMED FORCES

SPEECH OF

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2003

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 153 will undoubtedly pass this morning. Many members, having read the summary, are probably uneasy because the resolution asks Americans to pray on behalf of the American Armed Forces and people—not for the British soldiers dying in the desert, nor for the Iraqi mothers searching for their children in the flames, nor for the countless others who need the blessings of Providence. I know I feel uneasy about the narrowness of the resolution.

However, I want to urge my colleagues to read and take seriously the entire resolution. I especially urge them to read the section which says:

"Whereas through prayer, fasting, and self-reflection, we may better recognize our own faults and shortcomings and submit to the wisdom and love of God in order that we may have guidance and strength in those daily actions and decisions we must take;"

I urge my colleagues to take seriously the admonition to remember that we, as individuals and as a nation, have faults and shortcomings. We are not, as individuals or as a nation, lords of this earth. We must do our best with imperfect knowledge and imperfect wisdom, never assuming we act on God's behalf.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to recall I Corinthians, 13:11-12:

"For now we see through a glass darkly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I shall know even as I am known."

INTRODUCING THE HOMELAND INFRASTRUCTURE POWER SECURITY AND ASSURANCE INCENTIVES ACT OF 2003

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2003

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing, along with Mr. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, the "Homeland Infrastructure Power Security and Assurance Act of 2003." This legislation will encourage the deployment and increased use of advanced technologies for the production of secure, reliable, efficient, and clean electric power needed to reduce our dependence on foreign oil and to protect our energy infrastructure from terrorist threats. In a radio address to the nation President Bush stated:

As our economy continues to grow, U.S. oil consumption is projected to increase by about one-third during the next 20 years. Our demand for electricity is expected to rise by 45 percent. America is already using more energy than our domestic resources can provide, and unless we act to increase our energy independence, our reliance on foreign sources of energy will only increase. (February 23, 2002 Radio Address to Nation)

Reducing dependence on foreign oil is a significant aspect of America's homeland security strategy, and this will require better utilization of our nation's domestic natural resource fuels. Another critical goal is to minimize risk of terrorist attacks on the nation's critical power supplies, especially at military installations and major financial centers. In my own congressional district, First National Bank has installed fuel cells in its new building in downtown Omaha that can each produce 200 kilowatts of electricity using natural gas. The electricity produced by these fuel cells powers the bank's data center in a secure and reliable manner. The ultra-clean power plant located securely inside the First National's Data Technology Center assures that the facility has less than one second of power downtime a year.

At another popular attraction in Omaha, the Henry Doorly Zoo, a fuel cell has been installed at the Lied Jungle that is a 200 kW unit that serves 50 percent of its power needs. It operates at a 75 percent capacity factor and generates more than 1.3 million kilowatt-hours annually.

This use of distributed stationary power generation is a prime example of what we can do to protect our critical infrastructure facilities like military installations, financial entities, utilities, first responder facilities like firehouses and police stations, and information technology systems from potential terrorist threats. Dispersed networks of decentralized, distributed generation power modules are less vulnerable to attack, and there is a wide range of advanced distributed technology options that can be deployed by U.S. electricity generators in order to fortify America's energy infrastructure.

Improving the reliability of our electric power infrastructure will also help our economy grow. It is estimated that power outages, brownouts, and other voltage disturbances cost U.S. industry up to \$150 billion per year. On the other hand, it is estimated that energy efficient and renewable energy markets account for a \$500 billion annual global market to U.S. companies and could lead to a net increase of 1.3 million jobs over the next 20 years. We need to use new, advanced turbines, fuel cells, and storage technologies to reduce these costly outages. We also need to export these technologies. This will improve both our energy security and our economic security.

My legislation is directed at promoting and encouraging faster deployment of advanced technologies, primarily to protect the homeland, but with the added environmental benefits that come from clean and efficient power equipment. The legislation empowers the Secretary of Energy to administer an Advanced Technology Incentives Program. In order to receive incentive payments eligible owners and operators must submit an application to the Secretary that documents the use of qualifying technologies that reduce system costs, and improve performance and reliability of advanced distributed power generation and energy storage systems. This is a voluntary, not a mandatory program.

The bill establishes two qualifying requirements for eligibility. First it must qualify as a "qualifying advanced technology facility." Facilities meeting this requirement are eligible for payments based on 1.8 cents per kilowatt-hour generated during a fiscal year. If an owner or operator provides power that qualifies as a "qualifying security and assurance power facility" a bonus of 0.7 cents per kilowatt-hour may be earned. The maximum number of kilowatt-hours a single owner or operator may accrue for each year is 10 million kilowatt-hours. There is authorized \$250 million for the first four years of the program and separate appropriations will be required.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation is timely. America is engaged in a war with Iraq that may disrupt our access to world oil supplies. Weather in the United States this winter has been unusually cold—raising home heating fuel prices to millions of consumers. Recently, President Bush elevated the threat of terrorist acts to Level Orange—the second highest level. Our national critical infrastructure, including power plants, electric transmission lines, and the nation's information technology system, are all potential targets. Secure, protected, reliable power must be a priority of any homeland security measures undertaken by the new Department of Homeland Security.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, I look forward to participating in the Committee's early consideration of this year's version of the "Securing America's Future Energy Act." I also urge my colleagues to consider including provisions that will encourage increased use of advanced technologies like fuel cells and other low emission, high efficiency energy technologies. These innovative advanced technologies must be a part of both our national energy and homeland security plans.

H.R. 1460—VETERANS
ENTREPRENEURSHIP ACT OF 2003

HON. RICK RENZI

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2003

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing H.R. 1460, the Veterans Entrepreneurship Act of 2003, a bill to help veterans create, manage, and grow their own small businesses. I am joined by Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. EVANS, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. BEAUPREZ, and Mr. MICHAUD as original cosponsors. We believe Congress should accord veterans a full opportunity to participate in the economic system that their military service has helped sustain. Veterans indeed represent a unique national resource and we need to harness their engaging abilities in our economy.

First, this measure would allow veterans to use VA education benefits to enroll in a non-degree, non-credit business course offered by a Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and the National Veterans Small Business Development Corporation. The Small Business Administration helps fund 1,000 SBDCs in the United States; Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa. SBDCs are operated in partnership with colleges and universities or governmental entities. We have drafted this section so that it

would improve access to pre-entrepreneurship training and skills building for veterans and certain others, as well. Disabled veterans, dependent spouses and children of certain disabled or deceased veterans, and members of the Guard and Reserve, also would be eligible.

Second, the bill would clarify that disabled veterans enrolled in school under a VA vocational rehabilitation program may establish self-employment in a small business enterprise as a vocational goal. The bill recognizes that self-employment is a legitimate rehabilitation goal. It intends to discontinue any current VA practices that could require a disabled veteran to establish that he or she is unable to be employed in another job before being permitted to benefit from the essential entrepreneurship services VA's vocational rehabilitation program currently furnishes. These services include necessary equipment, supplies, and other needs associated with starting a small business. We note VA still could establish certain controls, so that aspiring disabled veterans would have the best chance of succeeding as small business owners. This section of the bill is especially important for disabled veterans who desire to start and grow home-based small businesses.

Third, our bill would give federal agency contracting officers the discretionary authority to create sole source contracts for disabled veteran-owned businesses up to \$5 million for manufacturing awards and \$3 million for non-manufacturing awards. It also would furnish contracting officers discretionary authority to restrict certain contracts to disabled veteran-owned small businesses if at least two such concerns are qualified to bid on the contract. This section of the bill is designed simply to create a "level playing field" for those individuals who have been wounded or injured in defending our freedoms.

Mr. Speaker, the smaller business sector is our economy's job generator. Our former servicemembers indeed are engaging and resourceful individuals. Our bill simply gives them additional tools to realize the dream of entrepreneurship.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT AND APPRECIATION FOR THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES PARTICIPATING IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

SPEECH OF

HON. JESSE L. JACKSON, JR.

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 20, 2003

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I want to make it clear that our young men and women, who are putting their lives on the line in Iraq, have my unequivocal support. I will do everything in my power as a member of Congress to see to it that they have everything they need to win this war and return home safe and sound to their families. We can only hope and pray that this war will end quickly, and a minimum number of American, British, and Iraqi civilian and military lives are lost, destroyed or maimed for the rest of their lives.

While the troops have 100 percent of my support, when appropriate, I will continue to articulate the grave concerns I have about the