

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL FORMER  
PRISONER OF WAR RECOGNITION  
DAY

**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2003*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day.

Our country's former prisoners of war are national heroes. Their service placed them in harm's way, causing their capture and imprisonment. They have suffered and sacrificed a great deal to ensure our freedom and national security.

These courageous Americans who suffered through often horrific and demeaning conditions in wars, including Vietnam, the Persian Gulf War and now Operation Iraqi Freedom, have my greatest appreciation and respect. I also extend my gratitude to family members of former POWs who stood by and supported their loved ones during such excruciatingly difficult times.

Today's recognition of former POWs is particularly appropriate in light of the recent rescue of Pfc. Jessica Lynch. Pfc. Lynch was captured on March 23, along with 11 other U.S. soldiers from the 507th Maintenance Company. On April 2, in a dramatic military operation, she was rescued from a hospital in Iraq, and just two days ago was reunited with her family.

The heroism of Jessica Lynch and those who served our country before her signifies the high price of liberty.

As we recognize the former POWs that served our nation, I also want to offer my thoughts and sympathies to the family members of those who lost a loved one or have a loved one who is missing in action from the ongoing war in Iraq as well as past military conflicts.

On behalf of the people of the 4th Congressional District of New York, thank you to all former POWs for your brave service to America. To those who are still being held, we all pray for your safe rescue and that you come home soon.

EMERGENCY WARTIME SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2003

SPEECH OF

**HON. TOM UDALL**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 3, 2003*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1559) making emergency wartime supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes:

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Chairman, today we are considering the largest supplemental appropriations bill ever brought before the U.S. Congress—a bill totaling \$77.9 billion. We live in extraordinary times, Mr. Speaker, so it is no surprise that we are considering a bill requesting an extraordinary amount of supplemental spending. What is extraordinary,

however, is that in light of the war on terrorism, the war in Iraq, and the simultaneous obstacles we face in ensuring the security of our citizens here at home, this supplemental bill includes only \$4.2 billion for homeland security.

Mr. Speaker, our first responders are already under great pressure ensuring the safety of our citizens and I am sure we would all applaud them for their hard work and effort. But our applause is not enough. Our applause does not help them effectively protect our nation. Our applause does not help our first responders become any more prepared for a chemical or biological attack than they, and our nation, already are. Further exacerbating the problem for our first responders is the fact that many men and women who are now overseas either in Iraq, or in support of the military action in Iraq, are reservists or members of the National Guard who are police officers and firefighters when not on active duty. As a result, many of our local police and fire departments are experiencing shortages in the personnel they have available.

We must provide more funding for these men and women. For that reason, I opposed the Rule for the debate on the supplemental spending bill. This rule prohibits Mr. OBEY from allowing his important amendment that would increase funding by \$2.5 billion for Homeland Security programs. Programs that are critical to our nation's security. The Obe amendment would provide critically needed funds for military facilities, nuclear security facilities, port and infrastructure security, and much-needed funds in the amount of \$1.2 billion for state and local first responders. It is a shame that Mr. OBEY is not allowed to offer his amendment, but it is an even bigger shame that this bill shortchanges our needs for security here at home.

That being said, I do believe this is an important bill. I believe that it provides the critical resources to support our men and women currently fighting in the field. Just as we must support our first responders, so too must we support the men and women courageously fighting overseas right now, and we must do so by providing additional funding that will help them conduct their missions. I am hopeful that these funds for those currently in harm's way will help bring a speedier resolution to the operations in which they are participating, and will help contribute to their safety and the speed with which they are able to return to their loved ones back here in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I know that my thoughts, and the thoughts of my colleagues are, and should be, with the soldiers fighting overseas. But as we continue to keep them in our thoughts, we must not neglect the security of our nation at home. I hope that Members will work across party lines to provide more funding for our security at home as this bill returns from the conference committee. After all, don't we want to provide the best security possible for our soldiers when they return home? I, for one, certainly do. And I believe my colleagues should as well.

BOULDER CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2003*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Boulder City Fire Department for obtaining a Class 2 Insurance Service Offices (ISO) rating. The ISO Class 2 rating is obtained by less than one percent of the fire departments in the county and is made possible by the dedication and skill of Boulder City Fire Chief Dean Molburg and the firemen of Boulder City.

As a former Mayor of Boulder City, and its current Congressman, I am proud that Boulder City has been recognized for its excellent fire coverage. The courage and commitment to public service shown every day by Boulder City firefighters is an example for all of us. They, and all Nevada first responders, have my thanks and full support.

RECOGNIZING ASHWAUBENON VIL-  
LAGE PRESIDENT TED  
PAMPERIN

**HON. MARK GREEN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2003*

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, today before this House I'd like to recognize and honor Ashwaubenon Village President Ted Pamperin, whose exceptional leadership and commitment to the citizens of Brown County have strengthened our local communities, and set a superb example for our future leaders.

Ted's dedicated service began in 1971, when he was elected Ashwaubenon town supervisor. Since that time, Ted has held a wide range of offices, and served on virtually every committee and board in Ashwaubenon.

As a friend and colleague, I am sad to see Ted leave. However, I know his constituents are very grateful for the tremendous contributions he has made to our area throughout his tenure. Ashwaubenon is a strong community with an exceptional work force, a proud history, and a wholesome tradition. There's no question Ted has kept Ashwaubenon on that path, and greatly enhanced the quality of life for folks all across Brown County.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor and pleasure to recognize today the extraordinary service of Ashwaubenon Village President Ted Pamperin. On behalf of my constituents, we say thank you, and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

IN MEMORY OF INGERBERG  
CARTIER HENRY

**HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN**

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2003*

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, a blessed woman from my district in the U.S. Virgin Islands, whose worth was far above rubies left this temporary earthly residence and went home.

I rise today to speak of Mrs. Ingerborg, "beautiful daughter", Agatha—"the good, the kind", Cartier Henry, who was above all else a mother, to her nine wonderful children who have learned from her to dedicate their lives to caring and serving. She also "mothered" everyone who grew up in Gallows Bay, in the Seventh Day Adventist Church, her grands, great-grands and countless others.

Ingerborg Cartier Henry was born to Eugenie Phaire Cartier and Valdemar Cartier on February 6, 1911 on the island of St. Croix. She was educated under both the Danish and American public school systems.

She joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1929, when she was baptized by Pastor C. G. van Putten. On December 21, 1932, she married Irvin Henry. To this union, nine children were born.

Mrs. Henry was an excellent cook, pastry maker and baker. Some people still talk about her black bread. She loved to entertain, camp, and travel. In the early hours of the morning of March 28, 2003, she quietly passed to her rest in her home in Gallows Bay where she resided for 61 years.

Mrs. Henry, Miss Inger, Mother Henry, Cousin Inger, Auntie Borg, Borgie, Mother will be greatly missed. We will always cherish her memory. Her husband, her children and all of us call her blessed. May she rest in eternal peace.

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HONORING JACK ECKERD ON HIS  
90TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2003*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jack Eckerd, a man who has dedicated his life to public service as he celebrates his 90th birthday.

Jack Eckerd's life is a testament to what one can achieve with hard work, dedication, and perseverance.

After flying air cargo flights for the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, Mr. Eckerd opened a now well known chain of drug stores in the Tampa Bay area. These stores, named after their founder, were the first self-service drugstores in Florida. Many of the concepts he instituted at his stores, such as senior citizen discounts and two-for-one photo processing, have become standard practice in drugstores across the country.

Jack Eckerd's story is more than that of veteran, successful businessman, and devoted husband to his wife, Ruth. Mr. Eckerd quickly became involved in his community after founding Eckerd drugstores. He contributed his time, talents and money to help organizations such as the YMCA, United Way, and Morton Plant Hospital in my congressional district in Clearwater, Florida. He also founded, in 1968, Eckerd Youth Alternatives, an organization dedicated to finding innovative solutions to help troubled youths. Eckerd Youth Alternatives, which he considers his proudest accomplishment, today is one of the nation's leading and most respected programs for troubled young people.

Jack Eckerd ran for the U.S. Senate in 1974 and later co-chaired former Florida Governor Ruben Askew's study on management and ef-

iciency, which found more than \$100 million in state budget waste. President Gerald Ford appointed Mr. Eckerd to head the General Services Administration from 1975 to 1977. President Ford, commenting on Mr. Eckerd's tenure, said "Jack ran GSA cleaner than a hound's tooth." He later was appointed by then Governor and now Senator BOB GRAHAM—the man who defeated him in his Senate race—as chairman of the board of Prison Rehabilitative Industries, a state program to provide jobs and skills to inmates and to make such institutions self-supporting. Since his retirement in 1996, Jack Eckerd has remained involved in his community.

Mr. Eckerd's financial generosity is legendary. He and his family have given millions of dollars through the years to improve education, promote the arts, and encourage the health and well-being of our fellow citizens. Jack Eckerd has received many awards for his public service and philanthropy over the years. The greatest honor he can receive, however, is to know that he has had a profoundly positive impact on those whose lives he has touched.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to thank Jack Eckerd for his life's work and congratulate him as he celebrates his 90th birthday on May 16. I wish him and his family many years of continued health and happiness.

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CONCERNING THE OUTBREAK OF  
SEVERE ACUTE RESPIRATORY  
SYNDROME (SARS) IN TAIWAN

**HON. DARRELL E. ISSA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2003*

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my concern about the outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) in Taiwan. Despite the World Health Organization's categorization of the disease as "a worldwide health threat," it has refused to help Taiwan during this time of need.

What the WHO has failed to realize is that "worldwide health threats" do not remain neatly behind political borders. Taiwan may not yet be a member of the WHO or a recognized independent state by some countries, but that does not make SARS any less of a threat to the Taiwanese people.

This crisis underlines the need for Taiwan to be granted observer status in the WHO, much like their status in the World Trade Organization. Global health risks must be addressed wherever they may occur and regardless of the political environments surrounding them. We should not expose the Taiwanese people to unnecessary health risks simply because their status in some intergovernmental organizations is uncertain.

I urge my colleagues to remain outspoken in their support of Taiwan's bid to gain observer status in the WHO so that dangerous diseases like SARS may be battled wherever they occur.

THE LEGACY OF DAVID BLOOM

**HON. HENRY BONILLA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2003*

Mr. BONILLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the legacy of NBC's David Bloom. All across America as people mourn the loss of life among our men and women in uniform, we also mourn the loss of David. Over the years he touched so many lives with his dramatic, cutting-edge reporting.

Prior to my time in the U.S. Congress I spent 15 years in the broadcast news business. Today my wife continues in that field. The two of us watch television news reporters with a special eye. David was in a league of his own. He always brought a flair, an insight, an extra dimension to his stories that made you feel the impact. There were times it felt like you had been on a roller coaster after watching his reports. And you always felt better informed.

David always set the standard for covering breaking news whether it was the Clinton scandal or the current war. Just when you thought it was impossible to break new ground in broadcast news, David would do it. His Bloommobile rides through Iraq put Americans on the edge of their seats each night. No other reports on television compared to his. Viewers were better served because they got to feel the peril of our troops and the ruggedness they experienced. I remember discussing his reports at the dinner table with family and friends. All agreed his work was the best and couldn't wait to see his next report. David was a rare talent.

David's now in a different place. I'm sure he's trying to figure out a way to get a satellite signal set up so he can send us another report. We wish he had a way to reach us. It would be the most incredible moment ever on television. Appropriately, it would carry his name.

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TRIBUTE TO MR. MURRAY  
SISSELMAN: "MISTER EDU-  
CATION" IN MIAMI-DADE COUN-  
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**HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 9, 2003*

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, March 11, 2003, our country lost a true giant in the profession of teaching our children.

Murray Sisselman was a man of great intellect, poise and determination. As President of the United Teachers of Dade for over a quarter century, he was an innovator who played a key role in the operations and policies of the nation's fourth largest school system, helping our schools adapt to a changing workplace, a changing economy, and an influx of immigrants from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua and dozens of other countries.

A native New Yorker, Murray Sisselman came to Miami in December, 1949. He attended the University of Miami for his undergraduate studies, and continued his graduate studies at NOVA University, where he received a Master of Science Degree as an Educational Specialist.