

National Alliance of the United States, for hosting this celebration of success in sports and academics. The effort of all those involved in planning this worthwhile event is indicative of their devotion to the very gifted young people in Indiana's First Congressional District.

REGULATING BROADBAND
INFRASTRUCTURE

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2003

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, over two months ago, the Federal Communications Commission adopted an order that will change the way it regulates broadband infrastructure. Under the old FCC rules, broadband provided by cable and satellite is essentially unregulated, but broadband provided by telephone companies is regulated like voice telephone service.

The FCC saw that this created regulatory winners and losers and decided in February to change some of its broadband rules and move in the direction of parity for broadband. The FCC's action was the first step in the process of putting telephone company-provided DSL service on the same regulatory footing as cable provided high-speed Internet service. While, in the same proceeding, the FCC failed to remove its burdensome and economically devastating rules on the unbundled network element platform (UNE-P), at least they started to move broadband regulation in the right direction. This will be a much-needed change in broadband regulatory policy, and I applaud the FCC for this aspect of its ruling.

Today, cable has more than two-thirds of the residential broadband market. To the consumer, the two services are fungible, but cable still dominates. Regulatory parity between DSL and cable modem service will result in more head-to-head competition between the two, creating better prices and new, innovative services. It will be a win-win for the consumer. The FCC should end its internal bickering and issue the text of the rules it adopted in February so the FCC can continue on the path to regulatory parity. Only then will our citizens realize the benefits of a fully-competitive broadband Internet market.

COMMENDING THOSE INDIVIDUALS
WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE DE-
BRIS COLLECTION EFFORT FOL-
LOWING THE SPACE SHUTTLE
"COLUMBIA" ACCIDENT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 222. This resolution commends those individuals who contributed to the debris collection efforts following the Space Shuttle *Columbia* accident.

On the early morning of Saturday, February 1, 2003, just after 9:00 a.m. a tragedy struck our nation. For the second time in 17 years we lost the crew of a Space Shuttle. This time

it was the Space Shuttle *Columbia*, the oldest of America's four space planes.

On board was a crew of seven courageous astronauts—six Americans: Colonel Douglas Husband, Commander William C. McCool, Astronaut Kaplana Chawla, Captain David M. Brown, Lieutenant Colonel Michael P. Anderson, Captain Laurel Blair Salton Clark, MD, and one Israeli: Colonel Ilan Ramon.

The seven astronauts accepted this mission knowing the potential danger they faced. Despite the danger, they risked their lives and made the ultimate sacrifice in their dedicated efforts to advance our nation's space program. Each of these astronauts will be remembered as a pioneer and a hero.

More heroes emerged in the days and weeks following the Space Shuttle *Columbia* accident. These heroes collected the debris and wreckage from the Space Shuttle *Columbia*. Among the debris collectors were National Guard Civil Support Teams from Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas, trained to handle the aftermath of terrorist attacks. Their training made them ideal experts for protecting the public from the toxic shuttle fuels. Also helping with the collection were Department of Public safety troopers, the National Forest Service, forest fire crews, and other law enforcement agency personnel.

As impressive as the efforts of public agents was the self-sacrifice of the over 1,500 volunteers who helped with the search for debris. The volunteers are residents of Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Louisiana, and Texas. They hiked over and through thickets, briers, forests, marshes, muddy hillsides, creeks, and barbed-wire fences for over a week looking for debris. The volunteers braved near-freezing temperatures, gusting winds, sleet, and rain. They included teachers, NASA engineers, store-owners, and housewives.

Brian Carpenter, a volunteer from Warren, Texas described his experience, and why he joined the search efforts. "It's cold out here," he said, "but knowing that the day will come when the astronaut's families will be able to smile and think about their loved ones with pride and without grieving, there's warmth in that."

Tracy Jones of Orange, Texas said, "We want to give the families peace of mind. That's the only reason we're out here."

Mr. Speaker, I support H. Res. 222 to commend Brian Carpenter, Tracy Jones and all of the generous volunteers who helped to collect the Space Shuttle *Columbia* debris. I also support H. Res. 222 to commend the members of the National Guard Civil Support Teams from Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas, the Department of Public safety troopers, the National Forest Service, forest fire crews, and the other law enforcement agency personnel who sacrificed their time to collect the debris and bring a sense of needed closure to the grieving families of the astronauts. I commend everyone who helped with the debris collection efforts. They too are heroes.

HONORING THE 13TH ANNUAL DC
BLACK PRIDE CELEBRATION AND
EARL D. FOWLKES

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2003

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, this Memorial Day weekend, May 23–26, is the 13th Annual DC Black Pride Celebration in Washington, DC.

DC Black Pride is an exciting 4-day event complete with dynamic workshops, receptions, cultural arts activities, small and large night-club events culminating with the world's largest Black Pride Festival at Washington's new Convention Center. It is considered one of the preeminent Black Pride celebrations in the world, consistently drawing 30,000 people to the nation's capital. Attendees come from every major urban area in the United States as well as from Canada, England, France, Germany, the Netherlands and South Africa. The Black Pride Festival features activities for the entire family including performances from national recording artists, 200 exhibition booths, book signings from noted writers, participation from national and local health organizations, and arts and crafts.

The event is coordinated by Black Lesbian and Gay Pride Day, Inc. (BLGPD), a nonprofit organization with a volunteer Board of Directors: Earline Budd, Cheryl Dunn, Clarence J. Fluker, Eric Richardson, Members-At-Large; Toni Collins, Secretary; Ronnie Foster, Vice-President; Robert Jones, Treasurer; and Earl D. Fowlkes, President. BLGPD's mission is to build awareness of and pride in the diversity of the Black lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community as well as to create a funding source and support for organizations that are addressing HIV/AIDS and other health issues adversely affecting our community.

Mr. Fowlkes has been President of Black Lesbian and Gay Pride Day, Inc. since 1997. In addition to his duties with BLGPD, Mr. Fowlkes is the Executive Director of Damien Ministries, Inc., a faith-based HIV/AIDS service organization in Washington, DC, and he sits on the boards of Siloam Ministries, Prevention Works, the DC Black AIDS Network, Project Ujima, International Federation of Black Prides and DC HIV Prevention Community Planning Committee. Mr. Fowlkes is retiring as President of BLGPD to devote more of his energies to the International Federation of Black Prides of which he is also President.

I ask the House to join me in welcoming all attending the 13th Annual DC Black Pride celebration in Washington, DC, and I take this opportunity to remind the attendees that United States citizens who reside in Washington, DC are taxed without full voting representation in Congress.

TONY SIANO, "KIWANIAN OF THE
YEAR"

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2003

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Tony Siano, whose commitment to

various organizations has helped make the local community a better place to live. In recognition of his many contributions to the community, Mr. Siano will be honored by the Astoria/Long Island City Kiwanis Club as "Kiwanian of the Year."

A lifetime New Yorker, Mr. Siano was born and raised in Brooklyn and attended New York University. As a young man, Mr. Siano joined the U.S. Navy and served as medic. After his honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy, Mr. Siano completed his education and received his degree in mortuary science.

An enthusiastic and dedicated community advocate, Mr. Siano is an active member of many organizations. Past president of the Astoria/Long Island City Kiwanis, Mr. Siano is now board chairman. Mr. Siano was also a CCD instructor, board president of Trinity Players, and has received the Walter M. Mitchie Community Service Award from the 114th Civilian Observation Patrol, and is involved with many other church and civic organizations.

Mr. Siano is also distinguished within his profession, having been honored with the Pursuit of Excellence Award since 1995 by the National Funeral Directors Association. Mr. Siano is presently vice president of Thomas Quinn and Son's Funeral Home, Inc. In addition, Mr. Siano is the vice president of the Broadway Merchants and Professionals Association.

Mr. Siano is described by his peers as a man of boundless energy and commitment to the community he has been a part of for the past thirty years. In recognition of these outstanding achievements, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Tony Siano as "Kiwanian of the Year."

IN HONOR OF THE COMMUNITY
PROBLEM SOLVING TEAM OF
THE QUEST PROGRAM

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2003

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Community Problem Solving Team of the Quest Program at the Dr. John Howard, Jr. School in East Orange, NJ. Working through various mediums, this group of fourth, fifth, and sixth graders has sought to combat the growing problem of gangs in their community.

Using their peer influence, these students reach out to elementary school children to teach them the dangers of gang involvement. They have made it their mission to educate the community through publishing monthly gang awareness newsletters, organizing a unity celebration night against gangs, organizing a kids against gangs rally, participating in an inmate day with gang members currently serving time in prison, as well as creating a website to inform students of the dangers of gangs. With the goal of educating others to prevent gang involvement and violence, these students have demonstrated that they are truly inspiring members of the community. Volunteering over 400 hours to this project, the dedication of this team has been outstanding.

These exceptional students will represent New Jersey at the International Competition in

Storrs, CT, June 4–8, 2003, having placed first in the New Jersey junior division of the Problem Solving Component of the International Future Problem Solving Program. It is with great pride that I recognize the Community Problem Solving Team of the Quest Program in East Orange, New Jersey. These young people have taken great strides to assist the members of their community and to see that they have a part in securing a healthy future for our country. Mr. Speaker, I know that my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in wishing the Quest Program continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE INSTITUTES OF
THE AMERICAS

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2003

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Institutes of the Americas on their 20th anniversary. Since 1983 the IOA has improved the opportunities for and relationships among companies and individuals who currently conduct or hope to conduct business in America.

In this age of international cooperation the Institute of the Americas has played a vital role in creating greater understanding and interaction between the United States, Canada and the countries of Latin America. With strong Latin American participation, this independent Inter-American organization has become a trusted and respected catalyst for dialog and problem solving. Its relationship with the University of California, San Diego gives the Institute added depth and balance in its quest to develop building blocks for Latin America's progress and stability.

Since its creation the Institute of the Americas has met its goal of becoming a significant catalyst for promoting development and integration as a means to improve the economic, political and social well-being of the people of the Americas. I want to congratulate the Institute, and all those associated with it, on the occasion of its 20th anniversary, extending sincere wishes for continued success.

IN HONOR OF ENGLEWOOD'S
JUBILEE II

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 14, 2003

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the City of Englewood, Colorado, on the occasion of its Centennial Anniversary. I am truly honored to have the privilege of representing this outstanding community in the United States Congress. The City of Englewood will celebrate 100 years of colorful history and development on May 13, 2003.

The Englewood area has a rich and colorful history. In the mid 1800's, the Ute Indians, buffalo, elk, antelope and other animals inhabited this alpine plateau. In 1858, gold was discovered in this area and the first gold mining camp was set up at the mouth of Little Dry Creek. As in many mining enclaves in the

West, this miner's camp quickly became a popular spot for gambling, saloons and roadhouses. By 1903, the inhabitants of this prairie community wanted to burnish a solid community reputation and the Town of Englewood was incorporated on May 13, 1903.

The City of Englewood has grown from its original prairie confines and a small gold mining camp, to become a city with a rich tradition of hospitality, vitality and amenities for residents and visitors alike. Englewood has become an urban mainstay of the southern Metro Denver area with a diverse population of over 31,000 residents.

Englewood offers the congenial and sociable atmosphere of an authentic community with all the benefits of the larger adjacent metropolitan area. The City of Englewood has become a prominent business center, which is home to 1,841 businesses within industrial, manufacturing, and service sectors and enjoys a full-time employment base of approximately 23,500 jobs.

The City Englewood is also fortunate to have outstanding cadre of public safety personnel including 56 firefighters, 73 full and part-time law enforcement personnel, 4 reserve officers, 36 support personnel, and 16 code enforcement personnel to safeguard the health and safety of residents, visitors and employers of the City of Englewood.

The unique appeal of Englewood, coupled with the business and cultural amenities of the Rocky Mountain Region, make it an exceptional place to call home for both residents and businesses. With excellent access, a strong employee base and business-friendly government, Englewood has long been the location of choice for successful businesses—boasting more jobs and businesses per square mile than any other city in the Rocky Mountains.

Under its progressive civic leadership, the City of Englewood has designed and built Englewood City Center. It replaced an aging suburban shopping mall and has become an outstanding multi-use urban civic center. This 55-acre public/private urban design project has coordinated the complex needs of city government, regional transportation system, national retailers and homebuilders, and nonprofit cultural organizations. It has transformed a single-use facility into a multi-purpose transit oriented development that is safely accessible by train, bus, car, bike and pedestrians.

Englewood's access to the region's superior light rail transportation system helps to meet the needs of local business and the city's residents. This unique transportation amenity offers convenient, quick, and inexpensive access to Englewood's cultural, educational, entertainment, recreational, and business activities from throughout the Denver Metropolitan area. Englewood's central location makes the area a natural transportation hub, and offers a mere 15-minute commute to downtown Denver.

The City of Englewood has been on the forefront of housing and community development by promoting and providing a varied mix of housing opportunities including affordable housing, expandable housing for different life-cycle stages, workforce housing opportunities, and housing for special needs.

Englewood is responsible for maintaining sizable high quality civic infrastructure including 310 acres of parks and open space, 118 miles of City streets, and over 2,558 acres of