

have allowed funding for state programs to expire. Since that time, it has become obvious that the world of technology is continuously changing. Policy makers have learned over the last decade that responsible technology-related legislation must be more enduring. I am so proud to have been a part of this House-passed legislation, which ends sunsets and provides a permanent funding stream for these state programs.

I look forward to our continued work together to develop new ways to break down barriers to technology for all people with disabilities.

**JAKE WILLHITE'S 10TH ANNUAL
FLAG DAY PARTY**

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2004

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 10th annual Flag Day Party hosted each year by Jake Willhite of Chesterfield, Missouri.

Jake has been celebrating and honoring Flag Day with his family and friends for most of his life now and has inspired many of us to have a greater appreciation for our flag and its meaning. It is significant to note that someone so young can teach us so much.

Jake's parents, Bill and Shannon Willhite send out an annual invitation to Jake's party. This is what this year's invitation had to say: Jake's 10th annual Flag Day Party

"When Jacob's party began in June of 1995, he carried his flag everywhere. His patriotism was alive. Carrying the flag was Jacob's own way of showing us all that June 14th was its day. Since that first party, friends and family have come through when it's time to celebrate the red, white and blue. So come join us again. The years go by fast. We're ready to celebrate with Jacob's 10th Annual blast."

According to Bill and Shannon, a great time was had by all of Jake's friends and family members including his sisters Samantha and Kennedy.

Jake, we want to thank you for reminding us how important our flag is.

**CONGRESSIONAL RECORD STATE-
MENT ON CALPINE'S 20TH ANNI-
VERSARY**

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2004

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to recognize and congratulate one of my hometown companies for achieving a milestone this month—the celebration of their 20th Anniversary. An energy industry entrepreneur, Pete Cartwright, along with four associates, founded Calpine Corporation, headquartered in San Jose, CA, 20 years ago. They began their business of building power plants and producing electricity by buying one megawatt of power in a geothermal power plant in Northern California. Today, Calpine has 30,000 megawatts of power plants in operation and

construction (enough to power approximately 30 million homes), they operate the largest fleet of modern, environmentally sensitive gas-fired power plants in North America, and they oversee significant natural gas production, and are the world's largest producer of renewable geothermal energy.

While this is a remarkable achievement in an industry that has seen more than its share of turmoil and change over the last 20 years, Calpine has created a successful business while, at the same time, serving as the leading industry steward of the environment, acting as a good corporate citizen, and maintaining a rewarding workplace for its employees.

Let me give you some recent examples of the recognition Calpine has received for these achievements:

Fortune Magazine named Calpine "America's Most Respected Energy Company" in 2004.

The American Lung Association's of the Bay Area selected Calpine to receive its 2004 Clean Air Award for Technology Development at its Geysers geothermal operation.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy awarded Calpine a 2003 ENERGY STAR Combined Heat and Power Award recognizing its Deer Park Energy Center for "leadership in energy supply" for using 30 percent less fuel than onsite thermal generation and purchased electricity.

The California Department of Conservation recognized Calpine's Geysers geothermal operations with an award for environmental stewardship, safety, infrastructure maintenance and resource conservation for the last two years.

The New York League of Conservation Voters just presented Calpine and its Chairman, Pete Cartwright, with its Clean Air Champion's Award for their outstanding leadership on behalf of New York's environment.

The University of Colorado's Tim Wirth Chair on Environmental and Community Development selected Calpine to receive its Award for Sustainable Business for their leadership in producing electricity in an environmentally responsible manner.

Calpine Corporation has exhibited leadership in California on corporate responsibility by taking decisive action during the state's energy crisis to keep their power plants operating even in the face of financial loss due to the high cost of fuel. Despite the uncertainty about California's future design of its energy markets, Calpine has continued to invest in the state. Calpine has already invested \$5 billion and employs over 1000 workers to operate 39 power plants in California and is committed to investing another \$3 billion to meet the growing demand for power in the state.

Calpine has exhibited environmental leadership by adopting a unanimous board resolution committing the company to a low carbon future, by joining the California Climate Registry and the Silicon Valley Manufacturing Group's Voluntary Global Warming Initiative, by building only low-emitting gas-fired power plants using state-of-the-art pollution control equipment, and by being the world's leading producer of renewable geothermal energy and the country's largest producer of cogenerated power.

Finally, Calpine is a leader in community service with a long history of partnering with community organizations, as well as funding community and educational programs that seek to change lives and strengthen the fabric

of our society. Calpine also supports the generous volunteerism of its employees and encourages them to take active roles in their communities making them even better places to live and work.

I want to congratulate Calpine Corporation and its Chairman, Pete Cartwright, for the wisdom of choosing California as its major place of business, for continuing to invest in California, for showing leadership in the areas of the environment, corporate responsibility, and community service and for successfully reaching this milestone anniversary.

**RECOGNIZING MAJOR GENERAL
LAWRENCE R. ADAIR, UPON HIS
RETIREMENT FROM THE U.S.
ARMY**

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2004

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great patriot, soldier and fellow New Yorker, Major General Lawrence Richard Adair. General Adair is retiring after 30 years of distinguished service in the United States Army.

After graduating from the U.S. Military Academy, the Larchmont, NY, resident entered the Army in 1974, with a commission as a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery.

He held numerous commands and staff assignments in both the Federal Republic of Germany and the continental United States, and led soldiers into combat as a Battalion Commander during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Following successful tours as the Commander, Division Artillery, 2nd Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas; Deputy Commanding General/Assistant Commandant, United States Army Field Artillery Center and School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; and Commanding General, United States Total Army Personnel Command, Alexandria, Virginia, Major General Adair assumed the role of Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Army G-1. This critical part of the Army works on a wide variety of personnel issues affecting the Army's functioning.

In this capacity, his dynamic human resource vision has been absolutely critical in transforming the Army for its continuing global war on terrorism. For the past two years, he has served as the principal advisor to the Army G-1 and the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) in managing our most important resource—people. Major General Adair's influence has been far-reaching and strategic. One of the greatest challenges the Army G-1 has faced in recent memory has been to restructure the Army to better support the war on terrorism. A common sense approach to this difficult and complex human resource challenge was his hallmark. He provided leadership and guidance in efficiently activating a new system that supports commanders in the field with units rather than individual replacements. Major General Adair has also worked extensively with officials throughout the Army in order to determine the best way to take care of soldiers and their families. One example is the implementation of the Rest and Recuperation Program in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. Additionally, deployed soldiers have

received increased incentive pay due in part to his determined efforts to ensure that their sacrifices and contributions are appropriately recognized.

Major General Adair is married to the former Maria D. Davis of Scranton, PA. They have two children, Ted, a Captain in the Army who is currently serving in Iraq with the 1st Cavalry Division, and John, a ninth grader.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking General Adair for the leadership he has provided, for the care and concern he has demonstrated for our soldiers and their families, and for his dedicated and honorable service to our Nation and its Army. As he prepares for life after the Army, we wish him, his wife Maria, and his family Godspeed and the very best in the future.

RECOGNIZING THE VISIT OF MEXICAN PRESIDENT VICENTE FOX TO MICHIGAN

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2004

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with special privilege that I rise today to honor Mexico's President, Vicente Fox, on the occasion of his visit to Michigan and to thank him for his continued efforts to strengthen the bilateral relationship between our great countries.

President Fox's visit is a sign of the strong cultural and economic connection shared with America. Today, Michigan is called home by many Hispanics of Mexican descent. The result is a significant cultural bond that connects Mexico and Michigan. Mexico is considered a

partner, neighbor, and a friend to Michigan. President Fox's commitment to strengthening these ties is deep and far reaching. His dedication to upholding the integrity and principles of Mexico, and his continued work on behalf of the people in Michigan, are testaments to his strength of character.

President Fox's visit to Michigan's state capitol will undoubtedly further the state's relationship with Mexico and continued economic integration. Mexico can be considered more than a friend, rather a partner in building a more democratically prosperous state. His visit to the state of Michigan is just a glimpse of many good things to come; Mexico and Michigan will continue to work together to enhance our common prosperity.

Mr. Speaker, President Fox is a Mexican patriot with a great vision for his country. His vision extends to the people of Michigan so that they may share equally in prosperity. He has given selflessly of himself to better his country, and has shown equal enthusiasm in bettering his relationship with the great state of Michigan. President Fox has truly earned the respect and admiration of all those who know him.

CONGRATULATING ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL ON THEIR 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 15, 2004

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to St. Patrick's School in Dallas, Texas, on the occasion of their 40th anniversary.

Education is one of the most important issues facing the future of our great nation. If America is to continue to be the leader of the modern world, we must offer a solid educational foundation for our citizens. To succeed in school and life, every student needs a basic set of skills. They need to listen attentively, speak persuasively, read with understanding, and write with command.

Over the past 40 years, St. Patrick's School has maintained a commitment to educational excellence, striving to provide a stimulating, well-rounded Catholic education by teaching their students to embrace the message of the gospel, pursue knowledge and make a difference in the world.

On March 17, 1963, Bishop Thomas K. Gorman issued a decree to establish St. Patrick's Parish north of White Rock Lake. Construction on the school began soon after and when it opened in September of 1964, the school was staffed by three Sisters of Notre Dame of the Dallas province and lay teachers for 326 students. Since then, the school has grown, expanding its buildings and facilities to help accommodate and educate more than 500 students.

Accredited by the Texas Catholic Conference of the Texas Private School Accreditation Commission, St. Patrick's School is an institution dedicated to offering students the tools they need to become genuine leaders in the community.

As the Congressman for the Fifth Congressional District of Texas, I am very proud to represent St. Patrick's Parish. I would like to offer my congratulations to their administrators, alumni, students, and parents on this momentous occasion and best wishes for their continued success.