

The Child SAFE Act would focus on outcomes, rather than process, to better protect children by (1) providing more resources, (2) promoting better outcomes, (3) increasing accountability for results, and (4) increasing State flexibility. The legislation would increase overall child protection program funding over the next 10 years by \$2 billion. Federal funding for every child protection activity—foster care, adoption, family services, and case-worker oversight—would rise over the next 10 years.

Current child protection programs provide limited funding for services to assist families and keep them safely together. At the same time, the system provides open ended funding if kids are removed from their families, leading many to conclude that the system encourages an over-reliance on foster care. The result is that countless children are abused and too many families broken up.

The Child SAFE Act would provide Federal foster care aid for every child regardless of income, addressing a longstanding concern among families, advocates and program officials. It also would guarantee rising foster care funding to States regardless of the number of children in care. That means that States that promote more up-front services to either keep kids out of foster care or move them more quickly through foster care will have even more dollars to invest in additional services. This will remove any financial incentive for a State to needlessly remove a child from their family or let that child languish in foster care for years.

The Child SAFE Act also would promote adoption of children from the public child welfare system. Federal adoption assistance will be available for these children regardless of income. Since 1995, the number of children adopted from the public child welfare system has more than doubled. However, more than 129,000 children in foster care await adoptive families. We must encourage States to do more to find safe, loving homes for these children.

The legislation would increase Federal aid for family services and caseworkers. Federal aid would be (1) merged, (2) guaranteed, and (3) increased by a total of \$2 billion over 10 years. States would have more funds, more flexibility, and greater incentives to serve families and prevent children's removal to foster care.

The Child SAFE Act also provides increased funding to Indian tribes for child protection programs. It expands funding and services for children placed with relatives. The legislation requires an assessment of children entering foster care—many of whom have deep physical and emotional scars—to determine what services they might need. States that excel in protecting children would receive a share of \$400 million in new performance funds. And the legislation is fully offset by provisions previously passed in the House welfare reform bill (H.R. 4).

I thank my colleagues, Mrs. JOHNSON, Mr. DELAY, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. CAMP, and Mr. CANTOR for joining me in introducing this important legislation. This legislation will improve our Nation's child protection programs so that children are safe and in loving families. I invite all Members to support it.

IN HONOR OF JOHN A. COLEMAN

### HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 19, 2004*

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise today to recognize the achievements and activities of John A. Coleman. Mr. Coleman currently is serving as the President of the California Association of Sanitation Agencies otherwise known as CASA. CASA is a statewide association of wastewater treatment agencies that is responsible for ensuring the protection and improvement of California's water quality for more than 22 million Californians and their related businesses and our state's natural resources. He was elected CASA President after serving as a member of this association since 1990. It is also noteworthy that he assumed this leadership role after he was elected to the Board of Directors of the East Bay Municipal Utility District that provides water quality and water supply services to many of my constituents of the 10th Congressional District.

Mr. Coleman was the first CASA President to serve a two-year term of office, having been unanimously elected by the General Council of the California Association of Sanitation Agencies on August 9, 2002 and re-elected August 15, 2003. He will conclude his term as the 46th President on August 7, 2004.

Mr. Coleman's performance on behalf of CASA has been one of strong leadership. He has provided important guidance on complex legislative and regulatory issues affecting the management of local public wastewater agencies as these agencies strive to comply with the myriad of federal requirements. On many an occasion I have had the opportunity to review a number of these matters with Mr. Coleman in his capacity as President of CASA and as a member of the East Bay Municipal Utility District Board of Directors.

In each of these roles, Mr. Coleman displayed the highest level of integrity establishing a threshold of performance that served CASA well. He used his position at CASA both as President and a Member of the Executive Board to encourage all CASA members to maintain the highest level of professional performance in the course of conducting the public's business.

Of special note, during Mr. Coleman's tenure as CASA President, he launched a state wide program to promote the beneficial use of biosolids to improve the quality of our lands and minimize the inappropriate disposal of a useful byproduct of water quality programs. This program has generated a better understanding on the part of the public on how we can be better stewards of our local communities and their natural resources.

Most recently, Mr. Coleman oversaw the first CASA Federal Legislative Outreach Seminar, bringing to Washington 40 public officials to meet with their congressional delegations and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency officials. This effort typified Mr. Coleman's commitment to working to enhance the CASA members' understanding of the policymaking process and to promote increased public participation in the legislative and regulatory processes. Through this activity, he has elevated and solidified CASA's leading role as one of the most effective, respected, and influential

California public association dedicated to wastewater and water quality improvements.

As Mr. Coleman prepares to complete his term as CASA President, I want to take note of these accomplishments and to commend him for his tireless commitment to improve the water quality of California's lakes, rivers, streams and coastal waters. His commitment and leadership at CASA means that valuable recreational, economic and social activities that today's Californians enjoy will be available for California's future generations. I congratulate him on his many achievements.

### HONORING THE ARMY RESERVE 367TH MOBILE PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT UNIT FOR ITS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY DURING OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM AND OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

### HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 19, 2004*

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Army Reserve 367th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment Unit for their participation in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. I commemorate the service of the 367th members from the 12th Congressional District, which I am proud to represent, and all who served in the unit. For fourteen months members of the unit worked to provide news and information to media sources from around the world. Additionally, due to the work of the 367th, soldiers from my district were able to send messages to loved ones by way of "video post cards home" broadcast on local television. This service provided my constituents and many other Americans the opportunity to watch our troops in action. Today, we thank its members for the sacrifices they made to serve our country.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to share one example of the 367th's exemplary service to our Nation. The unit was in Tikrit, Iraq when it was informed of the capture of Saddam Hussein. Its members immediately realized the support that would be needed to accommodate the over 600 journalists who traveled to Iraq to cover the event. The 367th took action and coordinated an effort to provide transportation, lodging, food and even internet access. Because of the 367th's hard work, journalists from around the world were able to provide coverage of the historic event.

On March 3, 2004 the 367th returned home after a job well done. Once again, I thank the members of the Army Reserve 367th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment Unit for their service to our country.

### NATIONAL BLACK DATA PROCESSING ASSOCIATES

### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 19, 2004*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Black Data Processing Associates (NBDPA). In honor of their upcoming 26th National Conference, I would like to

commend NBDPA for their commitment to delivering Information Technology (IT) excellence to their members, partners and communities.

BDPA was founded in 1975 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Today, it has grown to include over 45 chapters across the United States. The mission of BDPA is to build and strengthen its stakeholder proficiency and effective application of IT, to affect a just level of member participation at all levels of the IT industry's employment and business opportunities, and to become a powerful voice in the IT industry that represents the interests of their members and communities.

The 3,000 members of BDPA include IT professionals, entrepreneurs, consultants, executives, educators and students. This wide base of members represents associates from across our nation as well as growing membership in Canada, England, France and Ghana.

BDPA is involved in a variety of programs to attain their vision, mission and objectives. These programs include student internship and mentoring programs, an education and technology foundation, a career center, as well as interest groups that promote the perspectives of the IT industry.

As BDPA celebrates its 26th National Annual Conference this year, I would like to commend this organization for their role in supporting the Information Technology industry and its employees. As technology continues to advance, their role will only grow. We are proud of your achievements, and we wish you the best in the future.

GOVERNOR ROBERT SMYLIE

**HON. C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 19, 2004*

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary life and peerless achievements of Robert Smylie, the only governor in Idaho history to serve three consecutive full terms. He died Saturday at the age of 89.

Please join me in extending the sympathies of the House of Representatives to Governor Smylie's wife Lucille and their entire family.

Bob Smylie was an Iowa native educated at my alma mater, the College of Idaho in Caldwell, and then at the George Washington University law school here in the nation's capital, where he attended classes while working as a member of the Capitol Police Force.

For 8 years as Idaho's attorney general and 12 years as governor, Bob Smylie proved time and again that he was a man of talent, vision and courage. He saw the modern challenges facing state government and understood intuitively that they required bold actions. As is the case with many people of intellect and audacity, his genius was not fully appreciated in his lifetime.

Governor Smylie was a pillar of fiscal responsibility. Yet he was far ahead of his time in recognizing that demands for government services would increase geometrically within his lifetime, that education and transportation are investments no state can afford to shortchange, and that the public's business is worthy of our best efforts and brightest minds.

Most of all, Governor Smylie was a tough and committed public servant who accepted

nothing less from his colleagues and contemporaries. His example is one of uncompromising devotion to the good of Idaho, America, and our people.

Mr. Speaker, we have lost an American original, a man whose influence and example will live on for years to come. He set the stage for the growth and progress that mark Idaho today. My state mourns his passing, but we all are better for having had Robert Smylie in our lives.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM J. PASTUSZEK, DISTINGUISHED BUSINESS LEADER WITH A LEGACY OF CIVIC AND HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS

**HON. CURT WELDON**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 19, 2004*

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on July 14th my good friend Bill Pastuszek passed away and Pennsylvania lost one of its most distinguished business and community leaders.

Born in Chester, Pennsylvania, he graduated from Juniata College with a B.A. and attended classes at Elizabethtown College, Pennsylvania Military College, and University of Pennsylvania Law School. After graduation from Pennsylvania Military Prep School and service in the Army during World War II, he held a teaching certificate in secondary education and briefly taught at Chester High School and Smedley Junior High School.

Mr. Pastuszek's leadership qualities were in evidence early in his professional life. At the age of 26, Mr. Pastuszek became one of the youngest members of the Board of Directors of Chester School District, where he served as director, vice president and president from 1954 to 1963. A prominent leader in communities throughout Delaware County, Pennsylvania and in the Ukrainian American community in the United States, he established his real estate office in Chester in 1947 and later relocated to Swarthmore in 1963.

During his 57 years in the Delaware County, Pennsylvania real estate industry, Mr. Pastuszek became an institution in the county. He developed more than 1,000 commercial, industrial, self-storage garages, apartments and residential units in Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. In 1985, the Delaware County Council presented Mr. Pastuszek with the Distinguished Business Achievement Award for his contributions to the overall economic vitality of Delaware County. In 1991, he was awarded the Distinguished Community Achievement Award by the Lower Chichester Township Board of Commissioners. Mr. Pastuszek's subsequent contributions to improve housing were recognized by the municipalities of Marcus Hook, Chester, Trainer, Swarthmore, Morton and Lower Chichester.

Mr. Pastuszek's work over the years and tireless dedication to the character and charm of the properties under his care improved the quality of life in our community. Life is a series of crossroads and how appropriate it was that the Lower Chichester Township Board of Commissioners resolved in 2000 to change the name of Ormond Street to Pastuszek Boulevard, while the Township of Chester re-

named West 10th Street as Pastuszek Court. Bill Pastuszek was a developer not just of property but of people and of communities. I can't think of anyone more deserving of such recognition.

Mr. Speaker, Bill Pastuszek was someone who made a difference and dreamed the American Dream, and he truly represented what this country is all about. I wish Bill's wife of 56 years, Theodozia Kiziuk Pastuszek and family, my heartfelt condolences and may they find comfort in knowing that the many people he impacted deeply value his dedication and generosity and the example of his life and work.

HONORING HARRY WIGGINS

**HON. KAREN MCCARTHY**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 19, 2004*

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my dear friend and former colleague, State Senator Harry Wiggins. Harry is the quintessential gentleman and a distinguished statesman. He dedicated his life to the betterment of our community and state.

Kansas City is home for Harry. A devoted son to his mother and father, young Harry attended St. Elizabeth's Grade School and Lillis High School. He continues to support these local institutions that fostered his academic growth. He received his law degree from Saint Louis University and served his country in the Army from 1957 to 1959.

Harry was inspired to a life of public service, as I was, by Robert Kennedy. He fulfilled Bobby Kennedy's prophecy that "few will have the greatness to bend history itself; but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation." In 1961 Harry was appointed by Attorney General Robert Kennedy to serve as Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Missouri.

In 1970, Harry was elected Western Judge of Jackson County, joining Presiding Judge George W. Lehr and Eastern Judge Joe Bolger in bringing growth and prosperity to Jackson County, and following in the footsteps of Harry S. Truman who had earlier served as Eastern Judge. The dynamic combination of Lehr, Bolger, and Wiggins catapulted Kansas City into a major sports city with the creation of the Truman Sports Complex. Judge Wiggins traveled to New York's financial bond market to ensure funding for the innovative complex.

Known for his tenacity and persistence as a crusader, Harry was elected to the Missouri State Senate for the Tenth District in 1974 and served with distinction for 28 years. From 1980 to 1984 he served as Majority Floor Leader. I fondly remember the eighteen years in which I worked with Senator Wiggins on numerous bills for our community and state when I joined my friend in Jefferson City as a State Representative in 1976. For 12 years we partnered on landmark fiscal policy as we each chaired the Ways and Means Committees of our respective chambers.

Harry's civic and charitable awards include: the 2001 Charles Evans Whittaker Award for outstanding lawyer of Kansas City; 2001 Outstanding Advocacy for Children Award from