

of the Medicaid program are being undermined by the inappropriate use of waiver authority by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

The Administration's Medicaid waiver initiative is an attempt to do behind closed doors what it has been able to do openly in Congress, which is to reduce protections in healthcare for some of our most vulnerable citizens. In less than four years the Bush Administration has eroded the health care safety net for millions of Americans, at a time when the faltering economy has produced record high unemployment and increased the number of Americans who are uninsured for health care.

The "Medicaid and CHIP Safety Net Preservation Act" will ensure transparency and public input in the process for exercising the waiver authority under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act. It also adds protections to ensure that waivers do not erode the core objectives of the Medicaid program and Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP) previously enacted by Congress.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation to assure that some of our most vulnerable citizens will receive higher, not lower, quality health insurance coverage under Medicaid.

#### AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN CERTAIN RECYCLING PROJECTS

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOE BACA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 19, 2004*

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of Congressman DREIER's Inland Empire Regional Water Recycling Initiative, H.R. 2991, which will specifically benefit the cities of Ontario and Fontana in my district.

I am an original co-sponsor of the bill and I look forward to seeing its benefits in the Inland Empire in California.

I consider it top priority to improve water quality and increase water quantity in my community. This community has had to juggle: wildfires, huge population growth, drought, and water contamination with perchlorate and other chemicals. For all of these reasons, water recycling and new technology for treatment are critical to this area.

We need to increase and improve the quality of our water supply, and this legislation before us today is a giant step in that direction.

I would like to commend my neighbor, Congressman DREIER, for his leadership in improving water availability in Southern California, as well as in the fight to clean up perchlorate-contaminated groundwater.

I also commend the bipartisan California delegation for bringing forward important legislation that will bring crucial water benefits to our State.

I urge my colleagues to support this initiative that will help "drought-proof" a region that desperately needs it.

#### HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF JOYCE CARDELLA

**HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 22, 2004*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a woman whose 42 years of public service to the City of Los Angeles serves as an example to us all. On behalf of my esteemed colleagues, I would like to acknowledge this remarkable woman whose reputation for hard work, humility, and effectiveness is well deserved.

Ms. Cardella began her career in 1960 as a senior clerk stenographer for the Los Angeles City Health Department. In 1963, she transferred to the office of 13th District Councilman James Harvey Brown. Four years later, she joined the office of Fowler D. Jones, the first Chief Legislative Analyst for the Los Angeles City Council. Over the next 34 years, Ms. Cardella faithfully served as the Executive Assistant to each succeeding Chief Legislative Analyst.

She has had the opportunity to work with many of the city's leaders, including 4 mayors, 8 City Council presidents, 67 city council members, 4 city administrative officers, and all 7 chief legislative analysts. Ms. Cardella even worked for the city when my father, former Congressman Edward Roybal, started his career in elected office as a Los Angeles City Council Member.

As part of the team of workers that have led Los Angeles, Ms. Cardella played a role in responding to Los Angeles's triumphs and tragedies—working to prepare the city for the 1984 Olympic Games and to rebuild our city after three major earthquakes, two episodes of civil disturbance, and the Baldwin Hills Flood.

Ms. Cardella has meant many things to many people. To her neighborhood, she is a graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School. To others, she is an alumnus of Glendale College, where she received an associate of arts degree. To her family, she is a loved and respected mother and grandmother. To the city that she proudly served, she is the standard to which few can lay claim, but toward which all employees strive. All who know and have worked with Ms. Cardella, know that her loyalty to her office was second only to her loyalty to the citizens of Los Angeles themselves.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I take this opportunity to express my thanks, and that of a grateful city, to Joyce Cardella for 42 years of dedication and public service.

#### RECOGNIZING THE EUFAULA TRIBUNE'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF EXEMPLARY COMMUNITY JOURNALISM

**HON. TERRY EVERETT**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 22, 2004*

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a community newspaper in my congressional district celebrating 75 years in business. The Eufaula Tribune recently marked its anniversary by announcing a

new publisher, Jack Smith, who was the associate publisher, editor, and son of long-time publisher and owner, Joel P. Smith, Sr.

For three quarters of a century, The Tribune has consistently educated, challenged, and supported the community of Eufaula with weekly, professional reporting. In an age of mass media and corporate take-over, this family-owned paper has remained a cornerstone of its community and a refreshing splash of local color. In fact, the Tribune has not only garnered a loyal readership, but has netted 14 awards from the Alabama Press Association.

Since 1958, Joel Smith has devoted his time, energy, and verbal craftsmanship to the Tribune. At the same time, he and his wife, Ann, a columnist and reporter for the Tribune, have raised three boys, balancing healthy community life with critical reporting. Joel's 46 years of endurance and commitment to his paper and his hometown are worth commending.

Jack began working for the Tribune at age 10 and is now an experienced and educated writer, editor, and publisher. Succeeding as publisher while raising his own young family in Eufaula, Jack promises continued excellence for the family-oriented community newspaper, saying "my goal is to become the best community newspaper in Alabama."

Mr. Speaker, I have a special appreciation for the contributions and the difficulties of running a newspaper in a small town. I, myself, owned and published a few different community newspapers in Alabama for over 30 years. It is a challenging and rewarding business and one of the noblest callings in public service.

The Eufaula Tribune has kept Eufaula, Alabama a vibrant, thinking, and informed community for 75 years. I salute this outstanding achievement.

#### HONORING THE 23RD ANNUAL DOMINICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 22, 2004*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and pay tribute to one of New York's oldest celebrations of Dominican culture, Manhattan's Dominican Day Parade.

The annual parade, which once ran through the heart of Washington Heights, has grown to become one of August's most anticipated celebrations of cultural and ethnic pride on New York's Sixth Avenue since the 1980s. The parade not only is a celebration of pride, but also pays homage to the declaration of the Nation's independence on February 27, 1844, when the Dominican Republic established constitutional autonomy. For Dominicans in the United States the commemoration, held in August, is a second Independence Day serving as a cultural holiday.

The Dominican Day Parade has paid tribute to the cultural heritage of the Dominican Republic and the vast contributions the Dominican community has made in the State of New York and in the Nation. Through the parade, the President and the Dominican Day Parade Committee have promoted unity as well as the advancement of Dominicans in New York City. Dominican youth are our hope for the future

and we want to encourage them to strive for excellence and advancement through this great celebration.

As in past years, this celebration follows Dominican Heritage Week and the Gran Parada Dominicana in the Bronx. On August 8th, beginning from 36th Street to 59th Street on Sixth Avenue, New Yorkers of all ages will get a chance to learn about some of the ways in which this vibrant community is transforming the Nation.

I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring this celebration and continue to support the great accomplishments made by Dominicans around the Nation and all over the world.

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FREEDOM FOR LUIS MILÁN  
FERNÁNDEZ

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**HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 22, 2004*

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about Luis Milán Fernández, a political prisoner in totalitarian Cuba.

Mr. Milán Fernández is a medical doctor by profession. Because of his training in protecting and nurturing human life, he could not tolerate the tyrant's incessant abuse of Cuban people. He understood the human condition and he knew that freedom is infinitely superior to the ills of tyranny and repression. Because of his belief in liberty, he joined the Cuban Medical Association and other groups dedicated to peacefully advocating for freedom for every citizen of Cuba.

In June 2001, Mr. Milán Fernández signed a document called "Manifiesto 2001", a document that called for recognition of fundamental freedoms in Cuba. According to Amnesty International, he, along with other medical professionals, staged a 1-day hunger strike to call attention to the medical situation of detainees.

On March 18, 2003, as part of the dictator's condemnable crackdown on peaceful pro-democracy activists, Mr. Milán Fernández was arrested because of his belief in liberty over repression. In a sham trial, he was "sentenced" to 13 years in the inhuman, totalitarian gulag.

Mr. Milán Fernández is languishing in the infernal gulag because he believes in human rights and liberty. He is suffering in abhorrent conditions because he refuses to accept the reality inflicted on the Cuban people by the tyrant. Let us be very clear, the politics of repression and tyranny practiced by the regime in Havana are incompatible with the democratic values of the western hemisphere.

Mr. Speaker, it is a crime against humanity that pro-democracy activists such as Mr. Milán Fernández are locked in totalitarian dungeons because they advocate for freedom and human rights. My colleagues, we must demand the immediate release of Luis Milán Fernández and every prisoner of conscience imprisoned by the nightmare called the Castro regime.

JULY 28TH IS INTERNET SAFETY  
DAY

**HON. MARK FOLEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 22, 2004*

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, today, we live in a new age and it is becoming increasingly apparent that our laws must meet the challenge of protecting our children in the face of new threats and new technology.

The Internet is a powerful tool that has brought new opportunities for education, commerce and self-empowerment to millions of Americans. However, it also provides a new medium for pedophiles to reach out to our most vulnerable citizens—America's children.

This has become a growing problem and, in 2002, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) reported that online child pornography and/or sexual exploitation are the most significant cyber-crimes against children.

I commend the efforts of Court TV and its CEO Henry Schlieff, Al Roker and the production team behind Al Roker Investigates: Katie.com for bringing attention to online sexual predators. Court TV's active role in shedding light on the issue of "Internet deception" will help protect America's children and raise much needed awareness to parents across the country.

As cochairman of the Congressional Missing & Exploited Children's Caucus, I join you in celebrating July 28 as Internet Safety Day in the hopes of bringing stronger awareness to the deceptive crimes against children that are being perpetrated on the Internet.

While we work in Congress to give law enforcement the tools to protect our children like the highly successful national deployment of the AMBER Alert system, the most important weapon of all is showing parents how to keep a watchful eye on the activities of their children; knowing the people who come into contact with their children in their neighborhoods, schools and online; and using plain common sense.

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JUNK FAX PREVENTION ACT OF  
2004

SPEECH OF

**HON. GIL GUTKNECHT**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2004*

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mr. UPTON for crafting this legislation in such a way that it protects the rights of consumers, without obstructing legitimate business endeavors.

I bring a unique perspective to this debate. I am a real estate auctioneer by trade. And for those auctioneers, it is common practice to notify people who have bid at previous auctions about upcoming auction sales. This is particularly the case if the person is interested in a certain type of item that will be sold at a subsequent auction.

Let me provide a real world example. A person registers to bid at an auction of 18th century antique furniture. A few months after that auction, another sale is scheduled that includes 18th century antique furniture. It is

common practice for auctioneers to notify those individuals again that there is an upcoming auction, and sending such notices by fax is a very cost effective means of doing this.

H.R. 4600, the "Junk Fax Prevention Act of 2004," restores the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) interpretation of the EBR or "established business relationship" as it existed prior to January 1, 2003. Under that FCC interpretation, incorporated by reference in the bill, the term "established business relationship" means "a prior or existing relationship formed by a voluntary two-way communication between a person or entity and a residential subscriber—and the bill expands that to also include business subscribers—with or without consideration, on the basis of an inquiry, application, purchase or transaction by the residential subscriber regarding products or services offered by such person or entity, which relationship has not been previously terminated by either party."

As such, with respect to the example I referenced above, H.R. 4600 would permit an auctioneer to send a notice of an upcoming auction by fax to a person who had registered for and/or bid at a prior auction run by that auctioneer.

I support this outcome, and I also agree that if a party wishes to stop receiving such notifications they should be allowed to do so. I am pleased that this legislation contains such "opt-out" language.

I support this legislation and believe that such measures which aim to reduce the onslaught of faxes, e-mails, etc., are good policy for consumers. In addition, it is important that the record highlights the unique nature of the auction business and its importance to a variety of industries and especially rural communities.

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DECLARING GENOCIDE IN DARFUR,  
SUDAN

SPEECH OF

**HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2004*

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to this incredibly dangerous legislation. I hope my colleagues are not fooled by the title of this bill, "Declaring genocide in Darfur, Sudan." This resolution is no statement of humanitarian concern for what may be happening in a country thousands of miles from the United States. Rather, it could well lead to war against the African country of Sudan. The resolution "urges the Bush Administration to seriously consider multilateral or even unilateral intervention to prevent genocide should the United Nations Security Council fail to act." We must realize the implications of urging the President to commit the United States to intervene in an ongoing civil war in a foreign land thousands of miles away?

Mr. Speaker, this resolution was never marked up in the House International Relations Committee, on which I serve. Therefore, Members of that committee had no opportunity to amend it or express their views before it was sent to the Floor for a vote. Like too many highly controversial bills, it was rushed onto the suspension calendar (by House rules reserved for "non-controversial" legislation) at