

received a bachelor's degree in music education from New York University and, in addition to her dance training, is also an established pianist.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Yolanda Fernandez-Quincoces for her years of outstanding teaching and choreographing. She has demonstrated remarkable passion for the arts and has influenced the lives of many with her instruction and creative works.

TRIBUTE TO SHEILA PETERSON

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Sheila Peterson, who was recently honored with the highest award of Sacred Heart Schools, the St. Madeleine Sophie Medal by the Schools of the Sacred Heart in Atherton, California.

Sheila and her family have had a long connection to the Sacred Heart Schools. First, she had a great aunt who was part of the convent in St. Charles, Missouri. Next, her mother, Winifred Carreras Sullivan went to Jackson Street and Lone Mountain, where she made great lifelong friends. Winnie married Raymond Sullivan, later a distinguished Justice of the California Supreme Court, and Sheila, the eldest of their five children, "met" the Sacred Heart at Broadway in the 7th grade.

Ever since, Sheila has found a connection and a place with Sacred Heart. To quote Sheila, "Sacred Heart/Menlo/Atherton is our place: The first generation was my great aunt; the second was my mother; the third, my sisters and I; the fourth, the Peterson and Sullivan cousins. And at present, my son is on the English faculty and our cousin, Elizabeth is the new Alumni Director. I hope that someday, at some Sacred Heart School, they will find the same satisfaction that I received from helping here".

Over the years, Sheila's involvement with Sacred Heart has taken many forms. She has served as a Room Mother (sometimes for all three of her children), Parent Club Head, substitute teacher, soccer coach, and Auction worker in the Main Building Basement. She has had a hand in sports activities, field trips, drama, the Booster Club, the school's Annual Fund, two Capital Campaigns, and ultimately helped to plan the Centennial Celebration for Sacred Heart. Sheila has recently been working as the Events Coordinator, and as always, doing an extraordinary job.

In 1987, Sheila served on the Board of Trustees. With the support of her husband, Ron, and three children, Molly, Katie, and Michael, she guided the school through the Loma Prieta earthquake, subsequent discussions and contentions about repair or razing, tight finances, a small endowment, and the co-ed Prep in the early stages. All these weighty issues took time and great commitment. Sheila served with distinction and her prudent, wise leadership has benefited Sacred Heart Schools immensely.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this great and inspiring member of our community, Sheila Peterson, as she is honored with the St. Madeleine Sophie Medal.

TRIBUTE TO REPRESENTATIVES
AMORY HOUGHTON AND JACK
QUINN

HON. SHERWOOD BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, as the 108th Congress comes to a close, I would like to honor two of New York's greatest legislators—Rep. AMORY HOUGHTON (NY-29) and Rep. JACK QUINN (NY-27), for their outstanding careers in Congress. Unfortunately, Mr. QUINN and Mr. HOUGHTON have decided to retire at the end of the 108th Congress. As Dean of the New York Republican Congressional Delegation, I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation for their dedication and commitment to their constituencies.

Mr. HOUGHTON, a nine-term Member of Congress and founder of the influential Republican Main Street Partnership, has a legacy of supporting moderate social programs, while encouraging fiscal responsibility and much needed tax relief for hard-working Americans. HOUGHTON is also the founder of the John Quincy Adams Society, an issues forum that brings together moderate officeholders with top business leaders, which has been instrumental in strengthening the moderate movement.

I have had the distinct pleasure of working alongside Mr. HOUGHTON for the past 18 years, and his vision for a less partisan and more effective Congress is truly inspiring. Mr. HOUGHTON worked diligently on more equitable tax and health politics, in his role on the Ways and Means Committee. His counsel and fair-minded manner were always so valuable to myself, and all Members of Congress.

As a senior member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I have had the distinct pleasure of working closely with Mr. QUINN. Mr. QUINN, a six-term Member of Congress and Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Subcommittee on Railroads, has worked tirelessly on a variety of transportation issues, the largest of these being Amtrak and its preservation as part of our Nation's infrastructure.

Mr. QUINN also served as co-chair of the House Labor Working Group, advocating on behalf of organized labor with the Republican Leadership. Possibly the most important task to Mr. QUINN was ensuring a fair wage for all workers, as a leader and supporter of sensible labor policy. As a fellow New Yorker, I see the invaluable contribution of organized labor's representation of working men and women, and commend Mr. QUINN for his unwavering leadership on this issue.

As Members of Congress, we are judged on our records, and I can say with great enthusiasm that Mr. HOUGHTON and Mr. QUINN are men of honesty and integrity. Their work ethic and inspiring ideas, as well as their leadership, will be sorely missed. I am proud to not only call them colleagues, but also friends.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4818,
CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, November 20, 2004

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring my colleagues attention to a provision included in the Fiscal Year 2005 Appropriations Omnibus bill, H.R. 4818, titled, "Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Salaries and Expenses." The language included in this section declares that it is the intent of Congress for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to have exclusive jurisdiction over the siting and approval of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminals. This language seems to target a pending lawsuit by the State of California challenging the placement of a LNG facility. Although the language is non-binding, I am concerned with the possible repercussions of this provision, as well as the method in which it was added to the bill.

My home state of Rhode Island is currently examining a proposal regarding a LNG terminal in Providence. Members of the Rhode Island Congressional delegation and state officials have been in active discussions with all federal and local agencies that would be affected by this terminal to ensure that the region is properly informed of the hazards of a potentially expanded or new LNG facility. Rhode Island's unique geography and narrow waterways would force the LNG tanker ships to travel through densely populated areas to reach the terminal. The citizens of Rhode Island and our Congressional delegation have justly requested that all safety concerns are addressed before the facility is considered due to the ships close proximity to residential and businesses areas. There is also an increased potential for environmental damage due to dredging, as well as concerns for how increased tanker traffic will affect the commercial fishing industry, which is already under tremendous stress. Further, the U.S. Coast Guard recently responded in a letter to my office that the security of the LNG ships would be a shared Federal, State, local, and industry responsibility.

I understand the FERC's assessment that the shipment of LNG is engaged in foreign commerce, however, this statement severely limits the process and dangers involved with shipping LNG. The delivery of LNG, especially in populated areas such as Rhode Island, greatly impacts the lives of those who live near the transport route. Also, the state and local law enforcement agencies that will be called upon to ensure the public's safety will continue to be stretched thin. Excluding the involvement of the state from the consideration of a LNG terminal is inconsistent with all the information my office has received from various inquiries that unequivocally proves that state and local agencies would be greatly impacted by the construction of a large facility. The federal government is also ignoring the critical expertise and knowledge that can be gained by including state and local experts in this process.

I am also extremely disappointed with the closed-door method that was used to add this

language to the omnibus. Supporting the FERC's exclusive jurisdiction over the siting and approval of LNG terminals is an extremely important decision that is worthy of a full debate in Congress. By including controversial language in an omnibus at the end of the 108th session of Congress, there is no opportunity to amend or strip the bill of this or other, harmful provisions. I hope that my colleagues will join me in more closely examining the full impact of this issue on every state in the next Congress. I look forward to an open debate that will include the input of those citizens and local officials who are most affected by the inclusion of this language in the omnibus. Thank you.

IN HONOR OF REVEREND TYRONE
CHESS

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Tyrone Chess for his deep commitment to serving others. Reverend Chess was honored at the Holy Ghost Tabernacle's Tenth Annual Banquet Anniversary celebration on November 7, 2004, in Jersey City, New Jersey.

Throughout the years, Reverend Chess has provided a strong spiritual foundation for the members of his community. As pastor and founder of the Holy Ghost Tabernacle Ministries, he has spent years attending to the spiritual needs of his congregants. His tireless service and willingness to help people in need has helped to enrich the lives of so many.

For more than 21 years, he has been active in community and civic affairs, where he has held a variety of leadership positions. Reverend Chess served as the political and social chairperson of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, and is currently the division director for the Hudson County Consumer Affairs and Constituent Services Divisions.

Reverend Chess was born in Jersey City, New Jersey. He attended Essex County College and the American Fellowship Seminary, and received his bachelor's degree in theology from the Adonai Temple Christian Center Bible Institute. He and his wife, Martha, are the proud parents of five children.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Reverend Tyrone Chess for his outstanding spiritual leadership and years of service to his congregation and community in Jersey City, New Jersey.

TAIWAN'S NATIONAL DAY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my constituents, I wish to extend to Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian my congratulations on the occasion of the Republic of China's National Day which was celebrated on October 10th.

Under President Chen's leadership, Taiwan's economy continues to grow and people

continue to enjoy high standards of living. To bolster Taiwan's economy, President Chen has improved Taiwan's trade relations with the People's Republic of China. Moreover, President Chen continues to work for an early breakthrough in Taiwan's dialogue with the PRC.

In the meantime, Taiwan's relationship with the United States is becoming ever stronger. Bilateral trade between Taiwan and the United States topped \$65 billion last year and Taiwan is our eighth largest trading partner. Taiwan and the United States share many values in common such as attachment to freedom; democracy and human rights.

I would like to personally thank President Chen for his support of our war against global terrorism and developmental assistance to a number of African nations.

To President Chen I say "good luck and good fortune". I remain hopeful that our relations will continue to be strengthened in 2005. Certainly, the able leadership of Ambassador David Lee has helped to further our relations with the government and people of Taiwan.

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SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, November 20, 2004

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in reluctant support of the FY 2005 Omnibus Appropriations Bill. I am disappointed that we are only now finishing the nine appropriations bills that should have been completed months ago. I am even more disappointed that this bill is inadequate in meeting the Nation's education, health care, and environment needs. It is outrageous that anti-environmental and anti-choice provisions have been slipped into this legislation without previous consideration by this House.

I will vote for this bill today because it is \$4 billion closer to meeting our Nation's investment responsibilities that would be in the case under a continuing resolution of last year's funding levels. While this bill includes \$14 billion more for our top domestic priorities, this increase pales in comparison to the \$280 billion in tax cuts for this year alone.

Congress must work to do a better job of balancing our priorities. I will continue to work to ensure that we make responsible investments for working families in the future.

BOB DIX, PUBLIC SERVANT

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated public servant who has served this institution with distinction.

During the 108th Congress, Bob Dix served as my staff director on the Government Reform Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census. In that capacity, Bob assembled

a remarkable team of experts that assisted the subcommittee in conducting oversight on a number of areas crucial to our domestic and national security.

Over a period of 17 months, the subcommittee held 39 substantive hearings, ranging from the implementation of the President's Management Agenda and E-Gov initiatives to the threats posed at our Nation's airlines and seaports. Bob was the lead staff member of my Corporate Information Security Working Group, which was a public/private partnership that was tasked with creating a uniform set of safe-practice information security standards for businesses, government and consumers. In the process, Bob has distinguished himself as a leading expert on the cutting edge technology issues of our times.

Bob Dix has accepted the position of Vice President of Government Affairs and Corporate Development for Citadel Security Software, Inc., and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his service to the subcommittee and his commitment to public service.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PUBLIC MUSEUM OF GRAND RAPIDS, MI

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give recognition to the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Public Museum of Grand Rapids, Michigan, located in Michigan's Third Congressional District, which I represent.

The Public Museum of Grand Rapids is a collections-based educational organization that explores and celebrates the world and our place in it. It seeks to educate and delight the public, contribute to the well-being of its community, and enhance the quality of life in west Michigan.

Founded in 1854, the Public Museum has been owned and operated by the city of Grand Rapids since 1906, serving a broad regional audience of all ages. It is Michigan's oldest museum open to the public and the State's third largest museum, hosting visitors annually from every Michigan county, U.S. State and Canadian province and many foreign countries.

The Public Museum's beginnings date back to December 17, 1854, when a group of amateur historians, scientists, and collectors of antiquities gathered to form the Grand Rapids Lyceum of Natural History. By 1868, the Lyceum had allied itself with a group of interested high school students to form an actual museum with rooms open for "public inspection" in the city's Central High School. Increasingly, the museum shifted away from the display of natural curiosities and oddities, and acquired systematic collections that were useful tools in teaching about human culture and the natural world. A new name was adopted that emphasized the museum's expanded educational role as an operation of the Board of Education: The Kent Scientific Institute Museum. By 1917, the museum occupied two adjacent mansions in the downtown area, was a chartered department of municipal government, and had developed a huge lending program of instructional materials and mounted specimens and artifacts for use in schools.