

and host countries, the Peace Corps is well-positioned to continue to expand its ranks for many years to come.

The work of the Peace Corps has never been more relevant than it is today. Americans are interested in humanitarian service, and host countries are eager for our volunteers. Peace Corps volunteers share their time and talents by serving as teachers, business advisors, information technology consultants, health and HIV/AIDS educators, and youth and agriculture workers. These volunteers transfer life-changing knowledge and skills that are valued by the people of other nations. In its tenure this institution has become vital to the well-being of our country and to the international community.

During this week, we salute the men and women of this nation who selflessly serve abroad as Peace Corps Volunteers.

Recently, I had the opportunity to honor Sergeant Shiver, the organizer and first director of the Peace Corps. His lifelong service is only one shining example of the quality of individuals the Peace Corps recruits. He, as well as many other members of the Peace Corps, has shown that one dedicated individual can create positive change in the world.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to join my colleagues in support of National Peace Corps Week and honor past and present volunteers who carry out the Peace Corps' goals and who continue to empower people in developing and developed countries through their efforts.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 2004

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, on March 9, 2004, this Member unavoidably missed three roll call votes. On all three votes, this Member would have voted "aye," had he been present. The three votes were: 1. Rollcall No. 42, passage of H. Res. 519, a resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the earthquake that occurred in San Luis Obispo County, California on December 22, 2003; 2. Rollcall No. 43, passage of H. Res. 392, a resolution congratulating the Detroit Shock for winning the 2003 Womens National Basketball Association championship; and 3. Rollcall No. 44, passage of H. Res. 475, congratulating the San Jose Earthquakes for winning the 2003 Major League Soccer Cup.

IN HONOR OF FATHER JOHN J. CREGAN

##### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute and recognition of Father John J. Cregan, Pastor of Our Lady of Angels Church of Cleveland, Ohio, as he is being honored for his significant outreach and committed service to the people of our Cleveland community.

For more than 40 years Father Cregan has served as a spiritual guide, healer and be-

loved mentor and friend to countless families and individuals. Since 1968, Father Cregan has served as a dedicated advocate of spirituality, faith and counsel to members of our safety forces. In his role as Catholic Chaplain for the Cleveland Police Department and the Fraternal Order of Police, and as Spiritual Director of the Greater Cleveland Police and Fire Society, he continues to provide direction, hope and comfort to the men and women who so bravely and selflessly serve our community.

Father Cregan's journey of service to others began with his ordination at St. John's Cathedral on May 20, 1961. His kind, compassionate and gentle nature has touched the lives of countless families and individuals in every parish he has served. For more than twenty years, Father Cregan led the congregation at Blessed Sacrament Parish, first as Assistant Pastor, then as Pastor. Father Cregan also served as Associate Pastor at St. Joseph Parish and St. Thomas More Parish. In 1987, Father Cregan was named Pastor of Our Lady of Angels Church in Cleveland, where he continues to today—providing solace and strength to this parish community.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor, recognition and gratitude of Father John J. Cregan, whose compassion, commitment and energy continues to create a haven of assistance, hope and renewal for every member of Our Lady of Angels parish and for countless members of our safety forces. Father Cregan's vision, leadership, and love for others brings light, hope and possibility to Cleveland's West Park neighborhood, and strengthens our entire community. Today, we express our gratitude to Father Cregan for making a difference throughout the Cleveland area community.

#### RECOGNITION OF ALBERT M. ELÍAS

##### HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 2004

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Albert M. Elías for 50 years of service to organized labor and to the progressive political community in Tucson and Pima County as a member of International Typographical Union/Communications Workers of America Local 7026.

Albert M. Elías represents the highest ideals of the labor movement. While others talk about the need for a strong labor movement to protect and enhance the lives of working people, Albert, for more than 50 years, has worked to advance these goals. While others have talked about how Pima County and southern Arizona need progressive political success to empower the ordinary and disadvantaged among us, Albert has worked long hours helping politicians and movements advocate on behalf of these people.

Using the printing skills he has honed for most of his life, the knowledge he has gained over more than five decades of how the printed word can help realize worthy goals, and the personal contacts his honesty, integrity and goodwill have forged, Albert has achieved much and has helped others achieve even more in advancing political movements, and the labor movement in particular.

Albert, 75, a fourth-generation Tucson native, joined the International Typographical Union of his maternal grandfather Francisco S. Moreno in January 1954 and committed himself to a career in the printing trade. Albert believed that union membership would improve the professional quality of his work as a printer, and enable him to develop meaningful, long-term relationships in his community that would benefit himself and his family, as well as his union brothers and sisters. Union membership, he believed, also would provide him with better income and with vacations and holidays off to spend quality time with his family. It was Albert's goal to provide his children with the wherewithal to excel in education through high school and go on to college if they desired.

Time proved Albert to be correct. All three of the children of he and his wife Viola Baine are college graduates who are serving others in pursuit of their careers. Their eldest, Ana Elías Terry, has a master's degree from the University of Arizona and has worked as a bilingual speech therapist for Tucson Unified School District for 22 years. Son Albert is also a University of Arizona graduate and has been an urban planner for almost 20 years with the City of Tucson, where he is now the planning director. Son Richard parlayed his University of Arizona degree into winning election to the Pima County Board of Supervisors and becoming its vice chair.

Albert and his sister Aida Elías, the children of Alberto Spring Elías and Ermelinda Moreno Elías, always have lived their lives as Christians and are dedicated to their religious faith. Albert has maintained an active lifetime role in his Roman Catholic parish, based at St. Augustine's Cathedral in downtown Tucson. He served for many years as a member of its Parish Council.

Albert's interest in the printing trade goes back to his childhood in the 1930s. His grandfather Moreno had begun publishing the Spanish-language *El Tucsonense* weekly newspaper as a member of the Typographical Union in 1915, but he died an early death in 1929. *El Tucsonense* continued publication under ownership of his wife, Rosa E. Moreno, and with the help of her five children—Ermelinda, Gilberto, Federico, Arturo and Elías. Before Albert's 10th birthday he was delivering *El Tucsonense* by bicycle to the Latino barrios that dominated much of downtown Tucson. He worked his way into the print shop during his years at Tucson High School to be a "printer's devil," sweeping the floors, cleaning presses, and remelting the lead used to make ingots for the shop's linotype machines.

After graduating from Tucson High School in January 1947, Albert went to the Frank Wiggins Trade School in Los Angeles to learn more about printing. After completing those studies in 1948, Albert went to work in the print shop that published *El Tucsonense*, now being run by his uncle Arturo Moreno. That ended in late 1951 when Albert was drafted into the U.S. Army. He served in the infantry for two years before being honorably discharged. After his discharge, Albert returned to Tucson. But instead of rejoining *El Tucsonense*, Albert sought membership in the Typographical Union as a journeyman, skipping apprenticeship because of his experience. His skills earned him a position as a linotype operator in early 1954 with the Tucson daily newspapers, *The Arizona Daily Star* and *Tucson Citizen*.

A bitter and ultimately unsuccessful Typographical Union strike at the Star-Citizen in 1966, over job-depleting automation and the companies' rejection of the union's demand for a pension plan, ended Albert's 12-year stint with the daily newspapers. Fortuitously for Albert, El Tucsonense was in the process of folding and he and a partner, Oscar Araiza, bought his uncle's printing shop. Araiza retired in 1991 and Albert has run Old Pueblo Printers alone since then.

Upon taking control of the business in 1966, Albert and his partner began doing printing work for Tucson-area labor union locals and Democratic Party candidates for political office. One of the first campaigns for which Albert's shop printed the political literature was one of the late U.S. Representative Morris K. Udall's bids for office. Udall continued to use his services after that, as did Robert Kennedy for his assassination-truncated 1968 presidential campaign. Albert printed campaign materials for Raúl Castro, who was elected as the first Latino governor of Arizona; for Ed Pastor, who was elected as the first Latino congressman from Arizona; and for longtime Pima County Supervisors Sam Lena and Dan Eckstrom. I, too, came to Albert for my printing needs when I first launched what became a 12-year stint on the Tucson Unified School District Board. I continued to use Albert's services through 13 years on the Pima County Board of Supervisors and, finally, on my 2002 bid for Congress.

During his career, Albert supported labor leader César Chávez of the United Farm Workers, he supported the efforts of local Latino activists to get their fair share of federal funds to improve the homes and neighborhoods of their people, and he supported a landmark lawsuit forcing Tucson Unified School District to desegregate its schools. Albert always has been, and still is, fighting battles against those who seek to use their financial influence to their own advantage—and at the expense of ordinary working people.

Albert M. Elías deserves special recognition, honor and respect for his five decades of union membership—and for his meritorious achievements during that time on behalf of working people and the less fortunate of Pima County and Southern Arizona.

#### ON THE TERRORIST ATTACK IN MADRID, SPAIN

#### HON. JOHN LINDER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 11, 2004*

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, again a horrendous act of terrorism has been perpetrated on freedom-loving people in the world. Today, our friends in Spain are in mourning in the face of another cowardly attack by the enemies of freedom. News reports indicate that at least 173 people were killed and more than 600 injured in a series of explosions on Madrid's railway network at the height of morning rush hour.

Spain has suffered terrible losses from terrorism for decades, and the United States stands by its side today in grief. Our hearts go out to the Spanish people in this difficult time.

As I stated in September 2001, we—and our allies around the world—will show our re-

solve to our enemies. The free nations of the world will remain steadfast in our commitment together to ensure that those who hate freedom and liberty will not succeed. There are only two sides in this war: Ours and the enemy's. We reaffirm this today in light of the attacks in Madrid.

Lastly, it was President Franklin D. Roosevelt that stated that this Nation and its allies will defend ourselves to the uttermost and work to make certain that acts of war should never be permitted to endanger freedom-loving people again. Quote, "With confidence in our Armed Forces—with the unbounded determination of our people—we will gain the inevitable triumph—so help us God." This quote remains just as true today, as it did in December 1941.

#### FIRST ALL-FEMALE GRADUATING CLASS OF PICKER ENGINEERING SCHOOL OF SMITH COLLEGE

#### HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 11, 2004*

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor to congratulate the first all-female graduating class of the Picker Engineering School of Smith College. The Picker Program is committed to advancing opportunities for women in engineering. The engineering science program emphasizes an integrative teaching approach that will reinvent the standards of engineering and change the future.

The Picker Engineering Program has reinvented the role of engineering and thus expanded the way in which engineering students view the world. The 20 young women in the graduating class of 2004 have been exposed to an interwoven study of humanities and engineering. The creators of the academic department have redefined the standard curricula of engineering by integrating liberal arts education with traditional scientific and mathematical principles. The Picker Engineering Program stresses the importance of serving humanity and the protection of natural resources. The importance placed on environmental sustainability and social responsibility has raised the standards needed for an engineering degree.

The Picker Engineering School of Smith College will provide endless opportunities for students seeking an unparalleled education. It has already attracted a dedicated faculty and will continue to recruit superior staff and faculty. One of the highest percentages of women faculty, more than sixty percent, of any engineering programs in the country are employed by Smith College. The Picker program is a leading innovator in educating the next generation of engineers.

While women account for 45 percent of the American workforce, merely 9 percent of engineering careers are held by females. Smith College is dedicated to eliminating barriers to women in engineering while promoting interdisciplinary study. I speak on behalf of the second district of Massachusetts and the entire State in congratulating Smith College and welcoming the Picker Engineering School and its students to western Massachusetts.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY ENHANCEMENT ACT

#### HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 11, 2004*

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, in passing the Congressional Accountability Act (CAA) back in 1995, Congress affirmed a very important principle: if a law is right for the private sector and the rest of the federal government, it is right for Congress.

In passing CAA, we brought ourselves under 11 labor and employment laws from which we had previously been exempt, but it has become clear our work is not complete.

Today, we introduced the Congressional Accountability Enhancement Act to try to further curtail the double standard that exists between Congress and the private sector by bringing Congress under even more of the laws it has passed for the rest of the country.

Specifically, the CAA omitted Title II of the Civil Rights Act, which prohibits racial discrimination in places of public accommodation—like Member's offices or the Capitol building—to Congress. Additionally, CAA did not include whistleblower protections or require that the disabled have equal access to all electronic information, like Members' websites and committee hearing broadcasts.

In addition to extending these important protections, the Congressional Accountability Enhancement Act would ensure Legislative Branch employees are protected from discrimination or termination for serving jury duty, declaring bankruptcy or having their wages garnished for debt—protections inadvertently excluded from CAA.

We don't tolerate those kinds of discrimination in the private sector, and we certainly should not make excuses for them here in Congress. We have a responsibility as the Nation's lawmakers not only to lead by example, but also to share the burden we ask others to bear.

The bottom line is, Congress should not be above the law. Our bill will help ensure we live by the laws we've passed.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 11, 2004*

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, on roll-call vote No. 50, I inadvertently voted "aye" instead of "nay." I ask unanimous consent that the RECORD reflect that I was opposed to the amendment offered by the gentleman from New Jersey, Mr. ANDREWS.

#### STOPPING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

#### HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 11, 2004*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to an epidemic plaguing our Nation—violence against women. Too often we