

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, because H.R. 3717 is the latest assault in a disturbing pattern of attacks on the First Amendment, I must vote against it and urge my colleagues to do the same.

# PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 16, 2004*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise and pay tribute today to the American Lung Association on their 100th Anniversary. As the oldest voluntary health organization in the nation, its mission to combat tuberculosis and other lung diseases has done much to improve the health of our citizens. I would like to congratulate the Association for its one hundred years of service to America and commend their ongoing efforts in fighting lung diseases.

The American Lung Association was founded in 1904 as the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis by a group of dedicated doctors, nurses and volunteers to fight the tuberculosis epidemic. Since its founding, it has expanded its focus to include research, education, and advocacy programs for fighting all types of lung ailments. With the decline of tuberculosis related illnesses in the 1960s, the Association led education campaigns on the hazards of smoking and on chronic respiratory disease, which it continues to this day. The Association also played a major role in sponsoring progressive programs on asthma control, targeting our nation's youth.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize the American Lung Association and its numerous volunteers and staff for their work over the last hundred years. Its laudable goal of eradicating all types of lung diseases is an ever-continuing effort, and it is an honor to pay tribute to the Association before this body of Congress and this nation today. I wish them all the best in their continuing endeavors, and thank them for their 100 years of service to our nation's health.

# HONORING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE OF PHILIP E. BARRINGER, A CAREER DIPLOMAT AND PUBLIC SERVANT

**HON. CHRISTOPHER COX**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 16, 2004*

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, friends, colleagues, and a grateful nation will honor Philip E. Barringer in a memorial service this Friday. Mr. Barringer served half a century negotiating the arrangements that protect the interests of the United States and our Service personnel around the world. His negotiating career began with one of the twentieth century's historic diplomatic tasks: negotiating for governance of post-war Germany between the United States, the Soviet Union, France, and the United Kingdom. From the time of the signing of the North Atlantic Treaty in 1949 until his

retirement in 1999, he served in a civilian capacity in the Pentagon negotiating agreements on stationing, access rights, and the legal status of United States military forces based in friendly foreign countries. For the majority of that long and distinguished period of public service, he was Director of Foreign Military Rights Affairs, an office under the Assistant Secretary for International Security Affairs.

The United States has been fortunate that a man of Mr. Barringer's consummate skill had educational opportunities that uniquely prepared him for a life of negotiating on behalf of his nation. Born in Haverford, Pennsylvania, in 1916, he graduated from the Episcopal Academy with highest honors in 1933. He studied for a year in Heidelberg College, Germany in 1934, gaining insight into the crucial events taking place in Germany during Hitler's rise. He returned to the United States and attended Princeton University, graduating in 1938 with honors in European history. Subsequent law studies at the University of Pennsylvania were interrupted by the mobilization of the Pennsylvania National Guard in 1941. During and following World War II, he served with the 28th Division Artillery; in Headquarters Army Ground Forces; and as Secretary of the Legal Division of the Allied Control Council for Germany. In 1945 he helped develop the quadripartite arrangements for occupied Germany.

He served 50 years in the Pentagon. Among his early assignments were an effort to stimulate Latin America to contribute to the Korean War, participating in negotiation of the NATO Status of Forces Agreement, and negotiating a leasing agreement for U.S. forces in Iceland.

After attending the National War College in 1950–51, Mr. Barringer was assigned to the West Germany, Berlin and Eastern Europe Programs at the Pentagon. In that capacity, he was a member of the U.S. Delegation to the 1954 Berlin Conference on Germany and Austria, and the ensuing Geneva Convention on Korea and Indo-China. His primary responsibility was to coordinate the West German defense contribution to NATO; this was enlarged in 1956 to assisting western European nations in meeting their military contributions to NATO.

Between 1964 and 1966, he served as politico-military attaché at the American Embassy in London. Here he worked with the British Foreign and Defense ministries to lay the political foundation for the military use arrangements for Diego Garcia. As Congress reflects on America's victory in Iraq, especially during this anniversary week, it is important to recognize how many efforts, over so long a period of time, have contributed to America's strength. Mr. Barringer's contribution to this matter alone was critical to permitting Diego Garcia to serve its very valuable role in supporting our forces in operations against Saddam Hussein in 1990–91 and again in 2003.

On returning to Washington in 1967, he served 1 year as Deputy Director of Near East and South Asian Affairs, during the Arab-Israeli war. He then became Director of Foreign Military Rights Affairs, and served as Defense representative in the continuing negotiation of basing, access and status of forces agreements, covering 25 countries and areas worldwide. By the end of his career, these had included: US Forces in NATO, 1951; Diego Garcia, 1964–76; Japan, 1967; Spain, 1970–88; Bahamas, 1973; Iceland, 1973–74; Panama, 1974–77 and 1997; Turkey, 1975; Phil-

ippines, 1976–90; Micronesia, 1978–89; Israel, 1979–89; Oman, 1980–86; Somalia, 1980; Morocco, 1982; Northern Marianas, 1982; Portugal, 1983–84 and 1991; Honduras, 1985–86; Thailand, 1986; Korea, 1989; Australia, 1991; Germany, 1991–92, United Arab Emirates, 1992; Guam 1993–95; Partners for Peace, 1994–95; Russia, 1998; and for German forces in the US, 1970 and 1995–96. The Pentagon awarded Mr. Barringer the Secretary of Defense Meritorious Civilian Service Medal, 1975 and 1981; Distinguished Service Medal, 1989; Meritorious Executive, Senior Executive Service, 1990, and the Paul H. Nitze award, 1998.

That list of accomplishments does not begin to speak of the full impact Mr. Barringer had on his colleagues in the Federal service, his family, or his friends. His influence will be felt by many, in very personal ways.

As a Member of Congress, I am grateful to recall a point Mr. Barringer repeatedly made in meetings before negotiations: "The Congress of the United States demands that the legal rights of American service members sent abroad be protected." For many years, under Mr. Barringer's careful watch, that principle guided the negotiation of Status of Forces Agreements governing U.S. forces serving in places as distant as Korea and Bahrain. I appreciate the opportunity to take a moment this week to remember the fine service of this talented and dedicated civil servant and recall the value of his efforts to protect the rights of our military service members serving our nation abroad.

# HONORING GERALD E. BAKER

**HON. RAHM EMANUEL**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 16, 2004*

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Gerald E. Baker on his recent retirement from the Airline Pilots Association.

Jerry Baker is a graduate of North Park College, now North Park University, located here in Chicago's Fifth Congressional District. He received an M.A.T. from Northwestern University and a J.D. from the National Law Center at George Washington University before embarking on a distinguished career spanning 35 years promoting the airline industry, its workers and their important interests before the U.S. Congress.

From 1968 to 1976, Jerry served as the legislative representative for American Airlines, and has served as the legislative counsel for the Airline Pilots Association since 1976. During his 28-year tenure with ALPA, Jerry has been involved in virtually every piece of legislation that affects the professional interests of commercial airline pilots.

From the deregulation of the airline industry in the 1970's, the turbulence of the 1980's, the relative prosperity of the 1990's, and the devastating events of September 11th, Jerry Baker has served the airline industry with competence and professionalism.

Jerry also enjoys a solid reputation for developing personal relationships that he has fostered on both sides of the aisle. Leaders in both the House and Senate look to Jerry for his experience, diligence and his bipartisan approach toward advancing the interests of the airline industry.

Away from Capitol Hill and downtown Washington, one of Jerry's principal interests is The County Club of Woodmore in Mitchellville, Maryland, where he has served for the last four years as the president of their Board of Directors. Here's hoping that Jerry gets to spend even more time there with this family and many good friends in the coming years.

I have tremendous respect for Jerry's knowledge of the industry, his integrity and his firm advocacy for airline workers and their families. He is a shining example of leadership and commitment to hard-working Americans and their values. I am grateful for our friendship and mutual support for a strong airline industry in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I join with all of the airline pilots he represents and on behalf of the Illinois delegation in congratulating Jerry Baker on his retirement. I wish him, his wife Barbara and their three daughters all the happiness and continued success into the future. His presence will certainly be missed by all of us here in Congress.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO KAROL BENROTH

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 16, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Karol Benroth of Grand Junction, Colorado, on being named the School Psychologist Advocate of the Year by the Colorado Society of School Psychologists. The psychologists of School District 51 nominated Karol for the award, which recognizes outstanding leadership, support, and inspiration to school psychology and the children they serve. This award is a well-deserved testament to her achievements.

Karol's efforts as the safe and drug free schools coordinator have been instrumental in making District 51 schools safer, in turn fostering an environment where students are free to focus on their education. Specifically, she has provided the staff of District 51 schools with training in the areas of bully proofing, drug and alcohol response, and threat assessment. In keeping with her selfless nature, she credits the efforts of her fellow staff members, as well as parents and students, for her success.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to the service and achievements of Karol Benroth before this body of Congress and this nation. I congratulate her on having the distinction of being named School Psychologist Advocate of the year. Her contributions to our schools, children, and families are truly remarkable. I sincerely thank her for her service.

#### TRIBUTE TO FRANCES HARRIS

#### HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 16, 2004*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, there is no better way to strengthen your country, than by strengthening your community. One great American has been strengthening her commu-

nity for 50 years as a member of the Brentwood Garden Club. Frances Harris was one of the founding members of the organization in 1954, and she is the only original member still actively involved with the club.

The Brentwood Garden Club holds an exceptional flower show each year, and they have successfully organized projects such as home and garden tours, and refurbishing the landscaping at public buildings.

Frances is an accredited flower show judge. She is also a member of the Association for the Preservation of Antiquities and a founding member of the Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County. Through her community involvement, she has worked to make America beautiful. All of our nation's communities should be so fortunate to have a Frances Harris. I thank her for preserving our communities and promoting good citizenship.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO VICTORIA ROMERO COE

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 16, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to rise today to pay tribute to Victoria Romero Coe for her selfless dedication to the community of Durango, Colorado, and congratulate her on being recognized by the Durango Chamber of Commerce as their 2003 Volunteer of the Year. Victoria received this honor in recognition of her outstanding work with the Durango Latino Education Coalition and numerous other civic organizations. It is an honor to pay tribute to Victoria for her well-deserved award, and her ongoing efforts to better her community today.

As an active member in her community, Victoria dedicates her time to helping minority students achieve their potential in school by implementing programs to help bolster high school graduation rates. She is a founding member of the Durango Latino Education Coalition and serves on the board of the Southwest Youth Corps. When Victoria is not dedicating her time to these various civic organizations, she works with New Mexico Medicare and the Aztec and Bloomfield schools as a pediatric physical therapist.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Victoria before this body of Congress and this nation for her dedication and commitment to the Durango, Colorado community. She has done much to improve the lives of minority students in her community, and I congratulate her on her recent honor as the 2003 Durango Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year. I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 16, 2004*

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Vote Nos. 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, and 47, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO EARL AND FLOY YOUNG

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 16, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Earl and Floy Young of Grand Junction, Colorado, on their forty-fourth wedding anniversary. At the same time, I would like to commend them for their selfless acts of service, for you see, they spent their anniversary in an unconventional manner, namely on a humanitarian mission to provide dental services to the impoverished people of Udaipur, India.

For the past few years, the Youngs have been traveling with Health Teams International, donating their time and efforts and also paying their own travel expenses in order to bring dental care to parts of the world that are in dire need. They are remarkable individuals, and it is my pleasure to recognize their actions before this body of Congress and this nation today.

The Youngs served their Grand Junction community side by side for over thirty years in Earl's dental practice, where Floy served in various positions, from office manager to chair side assistant. After Earl retired from his practice seven years ago, the Youngs discovered their passion for travel, and their desire to serve people through dentistry leading them to join Health Teams International. In addition to India, the Youngs have been to Siberia, Myanmar, and have made multiple visits to Cambodia and Ethiopia. It is a testament to their courage and perseverance that they continue these trips in spite of difficult and sometimes even dangerous conditions. During their recent trip to India, the Youngs had to work with limited equipment and medicine and also had to travel daily on a rocky one lane road where they encountered elephants as opposing traffic and faced the constant threat of bandits if they were not back to camp by nightfall.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to bring the service of Earl and Floy Young to the attention of this body of Congress and this nation, and to commend them for the manner in which they have represented their community of Grand Junction and the United States. I would like to wish the Youngs the best of luck in all their future endeavors, which includes another humanitarian mission to Cambodia this July. I sincerely thank them for their service.

#### IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

#### HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 16, 2004*

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. In 1987, Congress passed a resolution designating the month of March as Women's History Month as a time to honor, "American women of every race, class and ethnic background [who] have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways."