

Sonoma Valley Unified School District in Sonoma. As superintendent for Tamalpais Union High School District, he managed to raise teacher for salaries so that the students could have the best and brightest teachers possible.

Membership in the Marin County School/Law Enforcement Partnership, School to Career Partnership, the Treasury Oversight Committee, and the Joint Legislative Advisory Committee demonstrates Bill's commitment to education on the community level. He has been President of the Marin Association of Superintendents and the Special Education Local Plan Area Operational Steering Committee and worked statewide on behalf of small school districts and basic aid districts.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Levinson's commitment to education extends beyond his duties as a superintendent. Talk to him and you understand that he is all about the students. I am proud to salute an educator who demonstrates the passion we need to ensure that our nation's children will grow up to be the leaders of tomorrow.

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PAYING TRIBUTE TO JESSICA  
McKAY

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**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 6, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity and recognize Jessica McKay, a senior at Fruita Monument High School in Fruita, Colorado. A member of the varsity golf team, Jessica has had a remarkable spring season. Beginning with a thirteen shot win at the season opening tournament at Tiara Rado Golf Course, she has dominated the Western Slope Tour. Jessica has demonstrated remarkable poise and courage to become the player she is today.

As a four-year varsity player on the Fruita Monument team, Jessica has steadily improved to become one of the top golfers in the state. However, Jessica and her family were struck with tragedy when, during her sophomore year, her younger brother Ricky was killed in a car accident, and six months later her father Tim died of a heart attack. Jessica did not play golf for eight months, but feeling guided by her departed loved ones, she rededicated herself to the game. Last summer she participated in a program that took her to Rhode Island and Florida, and she competed in a tournament in the Virgin Islands. Not only is Jessica an excellent golfer, but she is also an inspiration to her team and a natural leader.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to the achievements of Jessica McKay before this body of Congress and this nation. Her dedication and perseverance in spite of obstacles is truly moving. I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING MRS. MARTHA  
MARTINA THERESA DE LA ROSA  
RIOS

**HON. HILDA L. SOLIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 6, 2004*

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to recognize the numerous contributions of Martha Martina Theresa De La Rosa Rios, who is being honored with the Mexican Mother of the Year Award by the Mexican Mother of the Year Association.

Born on January 10, 1933, in Los Angeles, California, Mrs. Rios graduated from Sacred Heart of Jesus High School and married her high school sweetheart, Jesus Melendrez Rios in 1953, with whom she recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. A mother of five, Martha Rios has always prioritized the happiness and well-being of her children and family above all else. She made sure that her children had beautiful birthday cakes and presents on the holidays even though their financial resources were tight. It comes as no surprise to all those who know her—Martha Rios exemplifies a giving and dedicated mother whose love for her children sees no boundaries.

Martha Rios not only devotes herself to her family, but also generously gives her time and energy to her community as well. As a first step in her goal to help others, Mrs. Rios enrolled in Rio Hondo College in her forties and balanced taking care of her family and studying to become a Registered Nurse. After attaining her degree, she worked in the Emergency Room at the Beverly Hospital in Montebello, California, where she spent many hours trying to relieve patients' distress.

Mrs. Rios also worked as a nurse for AltaMed, and eventually became a social worker for the elderly in the community. With a strong sense of social duty, she often gave her patients small gifts or food out of her own pocket. Cherished and respected by all those around her, Mrs. Rios relentlessly strives to make her community a happier, healthier and safer place for all. Her devotion to her family, work, and her commitment to others has earned her the love and praise of countless people who have received her comfort, advice and support.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Mrs. Martha Martina Theresa De La Rosa Rios for her selfless and extraordinary dedication to her family and our community. I am happy to know that there are mothers like Mrs. Rios who will serve as role models for future generations of Mexican-American families, and I am honored to recognize her today.

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EXPRESSING CONCERN OF CON-  
GRESS OVER IRAN'S DEVELOP-  
MENT OF MEANS TO PRODUCE  
NUCLEAR WEAPONS

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SPEECH OF

**FORTNEY "PETE" STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 5, 2004*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, Iran's deceptions about its nuclear weapons program are rightly

condemned. The United States ought to use the tools at our disposal—both political and economic—to demand an end to their egregious policies.

However, this resolution calls for the U.S. to use "all appropriate means to deter, dissuade, and prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons." As long as President Bush is in office, I can no longer trust that our foreign policy will be carried out using "appropriate means." This President is no longer deserving of our trust.

That's why I am forced to vote present on this resolution. I simply don't trust that President Bush won't misinterpret Congressional intent and attempt to use this resolution in ways Congress never intended.

The pre-emptive quagmire in Iraq in which we now find ourselves was started under the pretense of deterring and preventing weapons of mass destruction. In fact, President Bush used past declarations of Congress meant merely to reprimand Iraq to justify full-blown war against that regime.

Mr. Speaker, the Bush foreign policy of pre-emptive war, threats, and isolation has made the world a far more dangerous place. I want no part of this neoconservative agenda.

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TRIBUTE TO ERNEST KOLB,  
MAYOR OF OAK LAWN, COOK  
COUNTY, IL

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**HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 6, 2004*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the memory of a remarkable civic leader from the Third District of Illinois, Mayor Ernest F. Kolb. Throughout his career, Mayor Kolb was an incredible visionary for the Village of Oak Lawn.

Mayor Ernie was a strong, energetic leader, and over the years he became a dear friend of mine. The people of Oak Lawn thought the world of him, for he was a man of true character and integrity. Mayor Ernie passed away in June of 2003, yet he will live on in our hearts and always be remembered by the people of Oak Lawn.

Mayor Ernie served the Village of Oak Lawn since 1955, and as mayor for the past twenty six years. He dedicated his life to the village, at all times envisioning routes to build a better community. Mayor Ernie greatly impacted the growth and prosperity of the village by seeing to the construction of a new village hall, police station, and fire station. Mayor Ernie continuously recruited new businesses, worked to beautify the community, and overall improved the quality of life.

On April 24, 2004, the Ridgeland School District honored this great man by dedicating the Ernest F. Kolb Elementary School in his name. During financial hardship for the State of Illinois, the district was forced to close down several schools. Mayor Ernie went far beyond the call of duty to ensure that the Dearborn Heights Elementary School kept the doors open to their students. Today, the newly renovated Dearborn Heights will possess the name and spirit of Ernest F. Kolb. The Village of Oak Lawn will continue to share in his passion for education. The future of our communities rest in the children of our schools and it

was the goal of Mayor Ernie to make sure the students believed in their potential.

Mr. Speaker, I am certain that Ernie Kolb's enthusiasm for education, community strength, and civic leadership will forever linger in the minds of the people of Oak Lawn.

#### RECOGNITION OF LANCE CORPORAL TORREY STOFFEL-GRAY

#### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 6, 2004*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Torrey Stoffel-Gray, who was recently killed in action in Iraq.

Lance Cpl. Torrey Stoffel-Gray was a 19-year-old Marine from Patoka, Illinois. Patoka is a rural town in my district with a population around 630. At 16 he left Patoka to enter Lincoln Challenge, a military-style alternative school at Rantoul, Ill. Many friends and family say that Lincoln Challenge changed his life and helped him find his way. This young man was recently killed in action in Iraq when his convoy was struck by rocket-propelled grenades and gunfire in the Al Anbar Province. My condolences go out to his family and friends.

Lance Cpl. Stoffel-Gray is survived by his mother, Mary Stoffel, his stepfather Jerry Stoffel and his three brothers, Brandon, Russell, and Blake. Lance Cpl. Stoffel-Gray was awarded the Purple Heart, which was presented to his mother at the time of his burial. Not enough can be said about Lance Cpl. Stoffel-Gray and the rest of our brave men and women serving in Iraq. These soldiers are risking their lives everyday to ensure our freedom here at home and to others throughout the world. I salute him and my best wishes go out to his family and all the troops fighting to ensure freedom and democracy.

#### RECOGNIZING VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MILITARY IMPACTED SCHOOLS, TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATION, AND STAFF FOR THEIR ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION OF MILITARY CHILDREN

SPEECH OF

#### HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 4, 2004*

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am here to recognize the valuable contributions of military impacted schools and their contributions to the education of military children. There are approximately 750,000 school-aged children of members of the active duty Armed Forces in the United States. 650,000 of these military have been children served in public schools across the United States.

Approximately 100,500 military children have been served in Department of Defense Education Activity schools in the United States and overseas.

Schools serving military installations stress the importance of being aware of what is hap-

pening in the world and the impact of world events on the lives of military families and can provide students a sense of safety and reassurance.

Schools serving military installations understand the importance of providing a normal environment and regular routine for children of parents in the military before learning can ever take place and can offer increased counseling for military children due to the deployment of family members.

These schools serve students whose parents can be deployed for long periods of time and often with short notice. The teachers are trained to work with military children and their classmates when there is a service-related incident or death.

I am pleased to be joined by my colleagues to recognize the contributions of the teachers, administration, and staff of Military Impacted Schools and the Department of Defense Education Activity schools world-wide. Also, I commend the teachers in military impacted communities who work on the front lines at home to educate students during times of peace and times of conflict.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO KAY HAYASHI

#### HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 6, 2004*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to pay tribute to the life and memory of Kay Hayashi, of Grand Junction, Colorado, who passed away recently at the age of eighty-five. Kay's extensive involvement with Club 20 has done much for the people in my district and for the State of Colorado. As her family and community mourn her passing, I believe it is appropriate to recognize the life of this exceptional woman, and her many contributions to her community and state.

Kay had been an active member of Club 20 since its founding in 1953, an organization dedicated to representing the people of the Western Slope at all levels of government. Kay was one of the first members awarded Emeritus status to acknowledge her years of commitment to the organization. During her years of service, Kay served as Treasurer, and was a member of both the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise before this body of Congress and this nation to recognize the life of Kay Hayashi. She dedicated her life toward the betterment of her community, state and nation, and she will be greatly missed. My thoughts are with her loved ones during this difficult time of bereavement.

#### STATEMENT ON IRAN AND SMART SECURITY

#### HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 6, 2004*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn Iran's continued pursuit of nuclear weapons and its failure to disclose nuclear en-

richment projects to the international atomic energy agency. Surely the United States must utilize its influence as the world's largest democracy to encourage countries that have signed the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty—like Iran—to forego the pursuit of new nuclear weapons. However, there is a right way and there is a wrong way to register our influence in situations like this.

In October of last year, the foreign ministers of France, Germany, and the United Kingdom met in Tehran to negotiate the possibility of IAEA inspections of Iran's nuclear sites. Iran agreed to this deal. In the months since the Tehran summit, inspectors have found several sites that seem to have some connection to the production of nuclear materials. That means the inspections have been at the very least reasonably successful.

Today Congress voted on H. Con. Res. 398, a resolution condemning Iran's nuclear activities. This resolution demands that Iran immediately cease all efforts to acquire nuclear enrichment activities and calls for the country to honor its stated commitments to grant IAEA inspectors unrestricted access to nuclear sites. But the resolution also calls upon all state parties to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty—including the United States—to use "all appropriate means to deter, dissuade, and prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons."

Doesn't anyone remember the last time we provided someone with the authority to use all means "necessary and appropriate?" In case you've forgotten, let me remind you: When we granted President Bush the authority to use all means "necessary and appropriate," he lead us into a devastating conflict in Iraq, one which has already cost the lives of over 740 Americans and thousands of unarmed, innocent Iraqi civilians. Supporting another resolution that promotes the use of "all appropriate means" is like giving your kid the keys to the car after he's already wrecked it once. Even if this bill doesn't authorize the use of force against Iran, codifying the language of preemptive war is a dangerously slippery slope to tread.

We need to stop the spread of weapons of mass destruction, and keeping the American people safe must be our highest priority. But we must avoid equating our security with aggression and military force. There has to be a better way, and there is. One that emphasizes brains instead of brawn. One that is consistent with American values. I have introduced legislation to create a SMART Security Platform for the 21st Century. SMART stands for "Sensible, Multilateral American Response to Terrorism" and it calls for aggressive diplomacy, a commitment to nuclear nonproliferation, strong regional security arrangements and vigorous inspection regimes.

SMART security advocates maintaining our commitment to existing international treaties, like the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, the Biological Weapons Convention, and the Chemical Weapons Convention. SMART Security promotes adequately funding programs like the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program, which works with the Russian Federation and the states of the former Soviet Union to dismantle nuclear warheads, reduce nuclear stockpiles, and secure nuclear weapons in Russia. And we must replicate this type of program in other troubled regions, like Iran, because in the long