

of institutionalization remain in their own communities where they become productive citizens. She has also worked on issues of importance to Boulder County with Colorado's congressional delegation, such as the cleanup and closure of the former Rocky Flats nuclear weapons production facility, open space protection on Federal public lands in the county, and critical transportation funding needs.

Ms. Dulchinos also worked on and succeeded in accomplishing environmentally and economically sustainable administrative actions at Boulder County and legislation on multimodal transportation, land use, and open space, among many others. She has been a tremendous asset to the Board of County Commissioners and a workhorse for the office. She has the ability to simplify complex issues, get to the crux of an issue and communicate this effectively to decisionmakers and the public. She is known for her sense of humor and for her efforts to boost the morale and collegiality of the office through her memorable events commemorating employees' birthdays, going away parties, and retirements.

Although Ms. Dulchinos is leaving the county, I know that she will continue to be a contributing member of the community. She has a bright future ahead and I wish her the very best in her future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF SERGEANT KIP JACOBY

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2005

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a courageous young man who died while serving our country in the war in Afghanistan.

Sergeant Kip Jacoby was a 21-year-old Florida resident who is described by his classmates as someone with a brilliant smile and perfect charm. He joined the Army a few short months after high school graduation and has served our Nation for three years as a member of the Special Forces "Night Stalkers". Kip loved his country and served honorably. On the Army's Web site, his family posted a message stating, "He loved what he was doing, he knew the risks, and he was proud to be a soldier, fighting, so others wouldn't have to."

On June 28, 2005, Kip was one of 16 soldiers whose helicopter was hit by an insurgent's rocket-propelled grenade. He was part of an elite American military team that was on mission to clear anti-governmental forces from Kumar Province of eastern Afghanistan. Kip Jacoby was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously.

Mr. Speaker, the people of this Nation will be forever grateful for Kip's selfless sacrifice and valiant service to our country. He died to protect freedom for America and to provide freedom for millions around the globe.

Sergeant Jacoby's distinguished service and commitment to freedom will never be forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2005

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 362, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

HONORING THE HOMER HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM FOR THEIR RECORD-SETTING SEASON

HON. JOHN J.H. "JOE" SCHWARZ

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2005

Mr. SCHWARZ of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is my special privilege to honor the Homer Trojans baseball team for setting the national record for consecutive wins in high school baseball by winning 75 straight games. I commend the Trojans for the dedication required to accomplish such a remarkable feat.

The Trojans' streak began on opening day of the 2004 season with a victory over Addison. The team would eventually earn a State championship, with a record of 38 wins to zero losses. During the season, Homer shut out 20 opponents.

The Trojans continued to dominate the diamond in the 2005 season. Improving on their 2004 record, the Trojans shut out 21 opponents in 2005, a national record. They also had a streak of eight consecutive shutouts, which etched the team in the State record book again. The Trojans ended the 2005 season with a 37-1 record and a runner-up finish in the State.

In the world of sports, success is often determined based on wins and losses. However, the Trojans are not just a success for winning 75 consecutive games; they are a success because of the manner in which they win. Their astounding record is testament to not only their ability to pitch, hit, run, and field; it is indicative of their superb commitment to teamwork and maturity. The lessons they learned and skills they perfected will help prepare them for a bright future, whether it be on or off the baseball field. I am honored to have these fine young men as constituents, and I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring their accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2005

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to commend Montgomery County for its commitment to recycling.

The Montgomery County Recycling Center received the 2005 Material Recovery Facility of the Year Award. This is the second time in 5 years that Montgomery County has received this award from the Solid Waste Processing Division of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME).

The criteria needed to receive this award include the facility's success in reaching its goals, environmental performance and safety, and the facility's role in solid waste processing and integrated waste management.

The plant is estimated to generate about \$3,000,000 in revenue for fiscal year 2005. In addition, the plant underwent a processing system equipment overhaul in the summer of 2002 which increased its efficiency.

Recycling is a vital part of our effort to preserve our environment for future generations. I am very proud of Montgomery County's success in this area and I applaud the community leaders and citizens for their dedication to recycling.

IN HONOR OF EDNA KIMBRO

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2005

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Edna Kimbro, State Parks Historian and architectural conservator. On June 26, 2005, Edna Kimbro, 57, died of cancer at her Watsonville residence. She is survived by her husband Joe, sons David and Joey, brother Todd, and granddaughter Sakura.

Ms. Kimbro was born on June 25, 1948. She graduated from the University of California Santa Cruz with a degree in Art History. In the 1970s, Kimbro bought the last remaining building of an early civilian Spanish settlement and began preserving it as best her finances would allow. In 1998 Kimbro, along with her husband and two sons, purchased a 150 year old adobe home in Watsonville, CA. To preserve the building, she traveled to Europe on a United Nations grant to study the earthquake resistant preservation of old mud brick based buildings. Sadly shortly after she returned home, the Lorna Prieta earthquake destroyed the 150 year old adobe home. This unfortunate event did not daunt her. Edna convinced State administrators to buy the damaged adobe, repair the damage, and create a State park.

Mr. Speaker, I am joined by Edna Kimbro's family and mends to honor her life and contributions to the preservation of California's history. Her memory will always be preserved in our minds, just as the adobe structures she worked so tirelessly to preserve.

INTRODUCTION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY RELIEF ACT

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2005

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I introduced a bill with my colleague in the House, Representative ELLEN TAUSCHER, to increase the end-strength of the Army. A companion bill was introduced in the Senate by Senators LIEBERMAN, CLINTON, REED, NELSON, and SALAZAR. I am grateful to Sen. LIEBERMAN and Rep. TAUSCHER for their leadership on this issue, and to the Third Way organization for its recent report on this issue and its help on this bill.

We are introducing this legislation at a critical time for our military. The war in Iraq has put a tremendous strain on our Army, the Reserves and on National Guard units that were never intended for such long deployments, and ought to be used more effectively for homeland security.

There is deepening concern that our current force requirements cannot be sustained in Iraq and Afghanistan without depleting our reserves and diminishing our capacity to meet other global threats.

I am one who believes we have more work to do to thoroughly understand these other global threats and the strategies and tactics necessary to prepare for the kind of conflict we are facing in Iraq. The upcoming Pentagon defense review needs to look at increased troops levels in the context of our long-term security needs as well as the immediate challenges.

But in the meantime, the Bush Administration's lack of foresight in Iraq has left us with an immediate problem that cannot be ignored. Our troops are overstretched—not just in Iraq and Afghanistan but in 117 other countries around the world. Last year, nine of the Army's ten divisions were deployed to, preparing to deploy to, or returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. And we continue to rely too heavily on our Guard and Reserve.

Without this bill, we risk asking too much of our men and women in uniform who have performed so courageously and sacrificed so much in their service to this country. They, future recruits, and the country all need to know that we are committed to providing the resources necessary to keep our Army strong.

Let me emphasize that this is not about increasing troops so that President Bush can plan for more Iraqs; this is about rebuilding the strength of the incredible institution that is the U.S. Army.

Leadership begins with recognizing reality. Although we may wish we had a different starting place, this is the place that we find ourselves after much miscalculation and wishful-thinking by the Bush Administration.

So we ask the Administration today to heed our call and to heed the call of so many in the military community who understand the importance of increasing the Army's end strength. The defense of the United States is and must continue to be the first priority of our government.

IN HONOR OF PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS JAMES SUH

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2005

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Petty Officer 2nd Class James Suh, a South Florida resident who served in the Navy for 5 years and was killed in the line of duty on June 28th, 2005, in Afghanistan. During his years at Deerfield Beach High School and the University of Florida, James excelled both athletically and academically finding himself with a rare opportunity to become a Navy Seal shortly after graduation from college.

James was loved by an entire community. His family and friends say he was a young man of exceptional character, intelligence and

athleticism with a wry smile and unfalteringly dry sense of humor. Those who knew him saw his immense pride in two things: his close knit family and his job as a U.S. Navy Seal.

Roughly two weeks ago James was one of 16 soldiers whose helicopter was hit by an insurgent's rocket-propelled grenade. He was part of an elite American military team that was on a mission to clear anti-governmental forces from Kumar Province in Eastern Afghanistan. Sadly, our country lost 16 heroes that day.

Mr. Speaker, the family and friends of Petty Officer 2nd Class James Suh can be proud of his valiant service and selfless sacrifice in the name of freedom. He will always have the thanks of a grateful Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2005

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 358, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

TRIBUTE TO WALTER JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2005

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise to congratulate a high school in my District, Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda, Maryland, for winning the 2005 Washington Area "It's Academic" television quiz show Superbowl.

Walter Johnson High School is being recognized for its win in the Superbowl match, which featured regional champions Robert E. Lee High School from Central Virginia and Centennial High School from Baltimore.

The school's victory in the "It's Academic" program, which is an extracurricular activity at 81 schools across the region, demonstrates the benefits of academic competition in our schools. The hard work and commitment to academic excellence demonstrated by the students is commendable. In the midst of frequent critiques of our national education system, successes like this one highlight the great achievements of talented, intelligent young people in our schools.

As recognition for this accomplishment, the school's "It's Academic" team received a trophy, which will be displayed for the next year, and academic scholarship money for the school. The Superbowl match featured strong performances by seniors Zach Hommer and James Coan and juniors Alex Price and Adam Newman.

I commend Walter Johnson High School for its championship win and wish the "It's Academic" team continued success in future years.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF J.J. "JAKE" PICKLE

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2005

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay my respects to one of the giants of this institution and the State of Texas, a man who recently passed away, former Congressman J.J. "Jake" Pickle. Cancer finally beat him on June 18, 2005 and anyone who knew Congressman Pickle knew he did not quit on anything and fought until the end. His relentless approach to politics and life earned him the respect and admiration of the 10th Congressional District he served so well and his colleagues on both sides of the aisle. First elected in a special election in 1963, Congressman Pickle served 16 terms until stepping down in 1995. During his service in Washington, he chaired the House Subcommittee on Social Security and was instrumental in implementing improvements that ensured the trust fund's long term solvency for decades to come.

Too often, the term public servant is casually used for any person who worked in the public sector, but Congressman Pickle personified every facet of the phrase. Congressman Pickle distinguished himself in a variety of service positions, beginning as the University of Texas student body president, as a member of the National Youth Administration, and as organizational secretary for the State Democratic Executive Committee. After being elected to Congress, he relished returning to his district whenever possible and upon boarding the plane would walk up and down the aisles as if he were working a campaign rally and shake everyone's hand and talk to them. Learned at the knee of President Lyndon Baines Johnson, Congressman Pickle's politics hailed from an era still shaped by the Great Depression and small-town America, a time in which connecting with constituents was a must.

Campaigning was a full contact sport in the best sense of the phrase, and every 2 years, he would outwork much younger campaign aides and sought to meet every voter in his district. For Congressman Pickle, politics was a person-to-person enterprise, and he would talk to his constituents and find out their cares and concerns. Full of stories and a smile for everyone, he would engage every person in his path no matter if he happened upon them in the halls of the Capitol or in the streets of Austin.

Of course, his influence here in Washington greatly benefited Austin and Central Texas as he was crucial in ensuring funding for the University of Texas, his alma mater, and helped it become the world class facility it is today. Congressman Pickle fought to make sure his district and his state received their fair share. The university benefited in the millions of dollars he steered into its research, technological, and educational programs, and this was pivotal in making Austin one of our Nation's centers for high-tech enterprises such as Dell computers.

However, the vote Congressman Pickle was proudest of was the one he cast in favor of the 1964 Civil Rights Bill, which he thought would end his career. As one of six southern