

cleanup and rebuilding tasks. This disaster has exposed the fault lines of race and poverty in our society that we all knew existed but which have been ignored, especially in recent years.

NCJW calls upon our leaders and lawmakers to realign their priorities, and we pledge to redouble our efforts to ensure that this happens. We must prioritize funding to address human needs over tax cuts that disproportionately benefit the wealthy and drain vital budgetary resources. We must act to address the vestiges of racism that linger in our society. And we must act to ensure that the communities that rise from the rubble embody a new vision of equality and social justice.

H.R. 3673, SECOND EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT TO MEET IMMEDIATE NEEDS ARISING FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF HURRICANE KATRINA, 2005

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2005

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my sincerest condolences and sympathies to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. With the recent devastation of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama, our Nation has reached a state of emergency. My thoughts and prayers are with those who have been tragically uprooted from their communities, or have lost loved ones in the path of the destruction. I wholeheartedly support the effort to provide food, water, and daily necessities to these victims, as well as the long-term effort to rebuild our Gulf Coast and house the now-homeless.

As we move forward with the effort to provide for families and to rebuild, it is Congress' job to ensure that federal aid and taxpayer dollars are spent appropriately and are reaching the truly needy. Last week, the Federal Emergency Management Agency was spending just over \$500 million a day, an unprecedented rate, and over the weekend spending reached \$2 billion a day. Over \$60 billion in emergency appropriations has been allocated, a record for disaster relief, and Congress is expected to authorize more funds in the coming weeks.

I strongly urge that future spending bills for Hurricane Katrina include controls on how the money will be spent; that this spending is offset with reductions in other programs, just as Congress did following the California earthquake and the Oklahoma City bombing; and that Federal resources are allocated for rebuilding only where State and local governments and the private sector cannot provide the funds.

Additionally, I encourage accountability and meticulous record keeping within the federal organizations funding the emergency and rebuilding efforts. I feel it is imperative that the Department of Homeland Security and other related agencies help these citizens and rebuild these towns, but in a financially responsible manner, ensuring every dollar is spent wisely and fairly in an effort to best help the victims of this tragedy. In this time of disaster, it is important that we do not saddle future generations with unmanageable debt, but rather work together to exercise fiscal responsibility.

RECOGNIZING OFFICER ROBERT FERRARA

HON. SUE W. KELLY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2005

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to honor a dedicated and heroic public servant from the Nineteenth Congressional District of New York. We nearly lost one of our finest citizens when Town of Chester Police Officer Robert Ferrara was critically injured while serving in the line of duty.

Officer Robert Ferrara, age 34, was seriously wounded on the night of July 20, 2005, when a drunk driver smashed head-on into his police vehicle. He suffered multiple fractures throughout his body including: a punctured lung, a ruptured spleen, a lacerated liver, a kidney abrasion, and a laceration to his head.

Officer Ferrara has dutifully served the Town of Chester since 1999 as a police officer. Previously, he spent 4 years working as a Deputy Sheriff with the Orange County Sheriffs Office. In addition to his public service, Officer Ferrara is the dedicated father of a 7-year-old girl.

Office Ferrara's relentless determination and resolve to overcome tragedy has served as a guiding light. His willpower and inner strength have touched his family, his friends, and even those who never met him but have heard of his courage. His community has been inspired by Officer Ferrara. Over 200 people recently participated in a blood drive in his honor, with some waiting in line for hours.

Officer Ferrara deserves recognition for he symbolizes the likes of an exemplary officer and diligent public servant possessing an unwavering commitment to serving others and protecting the well-being of the community.

A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF LOUIS MENDELSON

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Louis Mendelson; and

Whereas, Louis Mendelson will certainly be remembered by all those who knew him because of his upright character; and

Whereas, Louis Mendelson was born and raised in Bellaire, Ohio and owned the former Berman's Mens Store in Bellaire; and

Whereas, Louis Mendelson was active in many endeavors in his community as a member of the Temple Shalom Synagogue in Wheeling, West Virginia, a member of the Bellaire Area Chamber of Commerce, and Bellaire Kiwanis Club; and

Whereas, Louis Mendelson will be remembered and honored for his public service as a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II.

Therefore, while I understand how words cannot express our grief at this most trying of times, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family and friends of Louis Mendelson.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF NORTH TEXANS TO HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2005

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend the compassionate contributions of North Texans towards the hurricane relief efforts. During the past two weeks, televisions across the nation have brought into our living rooms images of the terrible destruction and suffering caused by Hurricane Katrina. Obviously our hearts ache at seeing our fellow Americans in desperate need, struggling at first just to survive, and now beginning to put their lives back together, one piece at a time. This desperation and despair, however, has not gone unanswered. Americans have come together in the past weeks, giving new meaning to the word "community," and the North Texas community has been a leader in this endeavor.

The City of Dallas and the surrounding areas have served as models of compassion, generosity, and leadership as North Texas has welcomed thousands who have been so tragically displaced by the hurricane into our neighborhoods and communities. So many sectors have given so selflessly of their time and resources to those in desperate need: city and county administrations, transit agencies, faith-based institutions, educational institutions, private and non-profit sector entities, and regular citizens have answered humanity's greatest call.

The American Red Cross in North Texas has come to the aid of thousands of evacuees here in Dallas, providing much needed meals and beds. Volunteers at the Call Center of the Dallas Emergency Operations Center have fielded thousands of calls, helping to organize this massive relief effort. Transportation has been generously provided by Dallas Area Rapid Transit, who have distributed over 3500 transit passes to evacuees, and the Dallas Water Utilities Distribution Division has assisted by providing pallets and personnel at the Dallas Convention Center.

The area's first responders have acted with bravery and selflessness. The Dallas Police Department has committed over 300 officers to support evacuee operations. The Texas State Guard has provided invaluable medical and shelter management services, deploying over 250 guardsmen to the Convention Center and Reunion Arena shelters alone. Fire Rescue and EMS personnel have lent their expertise to the relief effort at shelters throughout Dallas, and nearly two thousand patients have been served.

The Surgeon General of the United States, Richard Carmona, has described medical operations in Dallas as "nothing short of astounding," and Mr. Justo Hernandez, the co-ordinating officer on site with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, has reported that, in his 17 years of service with the agency, FEMA has never been as well received as it has in Dallas. Louisiana State Representative Derrick Shepherd described the effort as a "first-class administration of a difficult administration" and New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin stated, "People are doing great work everywhere in Texas".

Clearly, world renowned Texas hospitality has lived up to its reputation. The spirit of the North Texas community is strong and kind, and I commend all North Texans who have contributed toward the restoration of hope for their fellow man.

RECOGNIZING CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA CHIROPRACTOR FOR SERVICE TO THE CHIROPRACTIC PROFESSION

HON. RICK BOUCHER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2005

Mr. BOUCHER. Mr. Speaker, next week, the American Chiropractic Association—the nation's largest professional association for doctors of chiropractic—will elect a new Chairman of the Board of Governors at their annual conference in St. Paul, Minnesota. The outgoing Chairman, the chair since 2003, is a constituent of mine who practices in Christiansburg, Virginia: Doctor of Chiropractic, George B. "Mac" McClelland.

Dr. McClelland is a 1969 graduate of National College of Chiropractic and has practiced chiropractic for more than 30 years. He was elected chairman of the Board of Governors during ACA's 40th Annual Business Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, September 20, 2003.

Dr. McClelland has been extremely involved in the chiropractic profession for many years. He has served on the ACA Board of Governors since 1999, and on its executive committee for the past two years. Prior to being elected to the Board, Dr. McClelland served as ACA's Virginia Delegate for 18 years. In addition, Dr. McClelland is a current member of ACA's Council on Orthopedics and has been a member of ACA's Council on Roentgenology and its Council on Sports Injuries. He served as national chairman of ACA's Managed Care Committee from 1996 to 1999.

Dr. McClelland has also been extremely active with the Foundation for Chiropractic Education and Research (FCER) and currently serves as its vice president, as well as a member of its Research Committee, Board of Trustees and President's Council. In addition, he was FCER president from 1990 to 1996.

Dr. McClelland has been recognized for his service and significant contributions to the chiropractic profession. He is a two-time recipient of the VCA Chiropractor of the Year Award and has also received a Special Service Award and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the VCA. In 1997, he received ACA's first Delegate of the Year Award, and he has also received the Chairman's Award, the President's Award, a Meritorious Service Award and a Distinguished Service Award from the ACA. In 1985, he was awarded an honorary Fellow of the International College of Chiropractic degree.

Dr. McClelland, a Vietnam veteran and avid golfer, lives in Blacksburg, Virginia with his wife, Susan. He has two children. Fall Saturdays find Mac and Susan's home decked out in Virginia Tech maroon and orange.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have Dr. McClelland as a constituent and even prouder of his more than 30 years of service to patients throughout Virginia.

HONORING CONSTITUTION DAY

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2005

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the United States Constitution's 218th anniversary.

On September 17, 1787, 39 delegates from 12 states convened in Philadelphia to outline the powers of a new government—a government that for the first time in world history would exercise its authority from powers loaned to it by its citizens, not the other way around. It represented a sea change from centuries of belief that every person's right to his property was somehow the state's to grant or to confiscate.

John Adams once said, "The moment that the idea is admitted into society that property is not as sacred as the Laws of God, and that there is not a force of law and public justice to protect it, anarchy and tyranny commence. Property must be sacred or liberty cannot exist." I believe that every American that swears to defend the Constitution is obliged to defend that sacred right. Unfortunately, there exists a depressing trend, highlighted by the Supreme Court's recent 5–4 decision in *Kelo v. New London*, where those who think "government knows best" gain and property rights yield.

With the death of the late Chief Justice William Rehnquist, America is once again presented with a test of her character. A new Chief Justice must be appointed. He or she will bear the responsibility for defending a document that has generally succeeded in securing individual liberty for 218 years. From what I have learned about Judge Roberts, I am optimistic that he will rise to the occasion. I can only hope that the Senate will too. The Constitution is far too valuable for politics.

IN SUPPORT OF POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2005

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in respect of National POW/MIA Recognition Day. The brave sacrifices made by our Nation's veterans have protected the liberty of millions of Americans, and have brought freedom to countless individuals throughout the world. Today is a day for our Nation to humbly thank and remember those who have given up their freedom to protect our own.

Hundreds of thousand of Americans have been interned at the hands of their captors; many of these men and women are alive in our country today, and more than 88,000 remain missing from World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, Somalia, Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq. Today, our Nation thanks these brave individuals who have protected our freedom while losing their own and we renew our commitment to the families of those who are still missing by promising to do everything possible to account for their loved ones.

On September 16, 2005, I ask our Nation to salute American POWs and those honorable

men and women missing in action, and I urge my colleagues to fly the flag of the National League of POW/MIA Families, a black and white banner symbolizing America's missing.

CELEBRATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAN JOAQUIN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2005

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate San Joaquin Memorial High School on this ceremonious day in celebration of their 60th anniversary.

San Joaquin Memorial High School deserves congratulations for their dedication to providing their students with a superior education and making the tuition very affordable for many families in the Fresno area. With a 154 graduating class of 2005 nearly all of their students plan to attend colleges or universities. Over the past 15 years San Joaquin Memorial High School graduates' average college enrollment is higher than 98 percent and many of their graduates advance to the top universities in the nation.

The School was founded in 1945 and was given the name "Memorial," and school colors, "red, white, and blue," to serve as a living reminder of the men and women from the San Joaquin Valley who gave their lives in the service of their country. San Joaquin Memorial High School has been an exceptional addition to our community and serves as a model High School for other schools in the area.

San Joaquin Memorial High School strives to offer an academically challenging curriculum designed to stimulate critical thinking, to develop individual capabilities, to seek the truth in information and to gain wisdom in knowledge. They also believe that they can help their students recognize the uniqueness of the self and offer an environment conducive to personal growth. The students at San Joaquin Memorial High School are empowered to become self-disciplined and with their discipline they donate much of their time to community service in an effort to better society for the public, their school and their church.

They have continued to develop and modernize their facilities from its three original classroom buildings in 1945. A part of their Mission Statement is to give "service to the poor." With their hard work and dedication to supplying the San Joaquin Valley with an enormous amount of consideration and compassion for others they will surely continue to thrive in the Valley for many years to come.

PETITION TO RELEASE ROMAN CATHOLIC FAITHFUL FROM CHINESE PRISONS

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2005

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, upon the 50th anniversary of the Communist government assault on the Roman Catholic Church in Shanghai, I wish to submit for the RECORD a letter