

colleagues to join with me and with these communities and organizations in support of this legislation.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANA
DODSON

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate and honor a young Colorado student from my district who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in her community. Ana Dodson of Evergreen has just been named one of the top youth volunteers by the 2005 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program, an annual honor conferred on the most impressive student volunteers.

Ms. Dodson is being recognized for creating an organization called "Peruvian Hearts," a non-profit organization to aid abused and abandoned girls living in Peruvian orphanages. This organization has over the past year collected donations totaling near \$10,000. This money was used to purchase such commodities as school supplies, vitamins, books, toiletries, clothing, medicine, quilts, backpacks, and toys.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards was created by Prudential Financial in Partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals in 1995 to impress upon all youth volunteers that their contributions are critically important and highly valued, and to inspire other young people to follow their example. Over the past 8 years, the program has become the Nation's largest youth recognition effort based solely on community service, with more than 170,000 youngsters participating since its inception.

Ms. Dodson should be extremely proud to have been singled out from such a large group of dedicated volunteers. I applaud Ms. Dodson for her contribution and public service, and for the positive impact she has had on the lives of others. She has demonstrated a level of commitment and accomplishment that is truly extraordinary in today's world. She is deserving of our sincere admiration and respect. Her actions show that the spirit of America's youth holds tremendous promise for America's future.

CONGRATULATING KENNETH
McGLUMPHY ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Kenneth McGlumphy on his retirement after 31 years of service to the Social Security Administration.

Mr. McGlumphy started as a clerk and worked his way up to the position of District Manager of the Butler Field Office. Kenneth has a long standing relationship with my office, and has always been pleasant and courteous.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recog-

nizing Kenneth McGlumphy. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute citizens such as Kenneth who truly embody the spirit of public service and make the communities they live in special.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISH-
MENTS OF HELEN AGUIRRE-
FERRE

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible achievements of Ms. Helen Aguirre-Ferre.

An accomplished journalist in print and television, Helen is currently the Opinion Page Editor of *Diario Las Americas* and moderator of the weekly public affairs program *Issues for WPBT Channel 2*.

In addition, I am proud to acknowledge the wonderful distinction Helen earned by being elected as the first female President of the District Board of Trustees of Miami Dade College.

Helen's enthusiastic ability to balance the responsibilities and obligations of these challenging positions is a commendable feat and serves as a testament to the diligence and determination she exerts as she continues to succeed in her professional endeavors.

She truly lends an impressive example of purpose and fortitude to the communities of South Florida.

I invite my colleagues today to join in the much-deserved recognition of Ms. Aguirre-Ferre and wish her much continued success in the future.

Congratulations, Helen!

INTRODUCTION OF THE DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE CONNECTIONS CAM-
PAIGN ACT OF 2005

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the "Domestic Violence Connections Campaign Act of 2005," legislation that ensures that the National Domestic Violence Hotline continues to provide the essential services it has been providing since it was created in 1996. I am joined by Representative HART.

The Hotline was created by the Violence Against Women Act and answered its first call on February 21, 1996. By August 2003 it answered its one millionth call, an increase of approximately 133 percent. This is due in large part to public awareness of domestic violence and public promotion of the Hotline. Today, on average the Hotline receives almost 16,000 calls a month.

The Hotline is primarily funded by federal dollars that come from annual federal spending bills. However, as the Hotline's call volume continues to increase exponentially, funding has failed to keep pace. To keep up, the Hotline needs new equipment, new connection

capability, and new data protection technology. Because its system is so outdated, over 26,000 calls last year went unanswered due to long hold times or busy signals.

The Connection Campaign is a combination of public and private efforts to bring the Hotline up to speed. It teams up private telecommunication and technology companies with the federal government to solve the Hotline's crisis and guarantee that the Hotline can answer every call. Under the Connection Campaign, companies like Microsoft, Sony, BellSouth, Verizon Wireless, IBM, Dell and others, may donate hardware and software such as cell phones, home computers, mapping software, flat-screened monitors, and telephone airtime to the Hotline.

On the public side of the partnership, Senator BIDEN will soon join Representative HART and me in introducing legislation to bridge the digital divide. Our bill, the Domestic Violence Connections Campaign Act of 2005, which will also appear in the 2005 reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, has three components:

It mandates that federal appropriations to the Hotline include technology training for Hotline advocates so that every new telephone, computer, and database will be used to its full-est capacity.

It provides a new research grant program to be used to review and analyze data generated by the Hotline. Administered by the Attorney General, the grant program will study trends, gaps in service and geographical areas of need. The findings of this research will be reported to Congress within three years of its enactment.

It provides a grant program for the Hotline to increase public awareness about the Hotline's services and domestic violence generally.

The Connections Campaign and this legislation are important next steps in our fight to defeat domestic violence and assist victims. I am hopeful that Congress can move quickly to enact this worthwhile and timely legislation.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO
CLARIFY ISSUES OF CRIMINAL
JURISDICTION WITHIN THE EX-
TERIOR BOUNDARIES OF PUEBLO
LANDS

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation on behalf of myself and cosponsors HEATHER WILSON and STEVAN PEARCE that will help clarify issues of criminal jurisdiction within the exterior boundaries of Pueblo lands by amending the Indian Pueblo Lands Act of 1924.

This legislation addresses confusion over criminal jurisdiction on Pueblo lands in New Mexico arising out of the holding in *United States v. Jose Gutierrez*, an unreported decision of a federal district court judge in the District of New Mexico that overturned prior precedent regarding the jurisdictional status of the lands within the exterior boundaries of Pueblo grants.

The Gutierrez decision created uncertainty and the potential for a void in criminal jurisdiction on Pueblo lands. Because of the risk to

public safety and law enforcement arising out of this uncertainty, it is important to clarify the scope of criminal jurisdiction on Pueblo lands. This amendment to the Pueblo Lands Act makes clear that the Pueblos have jurisdiction, as an act of the Pueblos' inherent power as an Indian tribe, over any offense by a member of the Pueblo or of another federally recognized Indian tribe, or by any other Indian-owned entity committed anywhere within the exterior boundaries of any grant to a Pueblo from a prior sovereign, as confirmed by Congress or the Court of Private Land Claims. The legislation also makes clear that the United States has jurisdiction over any offense within these grants described in chapter 53 of title 18, United States Code, committed by or against a member of any federally recognized Indian tribe or any Indian-owned entity, or that involves any Indian property or interest. Finally, the legislation makes clear that the State of New Mexico shall have jurisdiction over any offense within these grants committed by a person who is not a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe, which offense is not subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

Nothing in this legislative clarification is intended to diminish the scope of Pueblo civil jurisdiction within the exterior boundaries of Pueblo grants, which is defined by Federal and Tribal laws and court decisions. This legislation also does not in any way diminish the exterior boundaries of these grants.

The All Indian Pueblo Council of the nineteen Pueblo Governors has agreed to the language included in this legislation. The Governors recognize the urgency of this matter and have come to Congress asking that we do everything in our power to avoid the unfathomable situation of creating places in New Mexico where someone could literally get away with murder. We here in Congress must also recognize the urgency of this situation and take action to address it.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House and the New Mexico delegation to pass this legislation.

CONDEMNING PROPOSED PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ANTI-SE- CESSION LAW

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn the recent "anti-secession law" proposed by the "legislature" of the People's Republic of China.

I believe it is clear to even the most casual observer that this move by China's rubber-stamp National People's Congress is little more than a thinly veiled attempt by Beijing to create a "legal framework" for starting a war with Taiwan.

Should China's unelected parliament enact this law, it will represent a clear-cut, belligerent and dangerous step toward a military attack of a peaceful and democratic ally of the United States. Moreover, it underscores once again that the government in Beijing is not sincere about resolving its differences with Taiwan in a peaceful or rational manner.

America's position is clear: Any change in the status quo between the People's Republic

of China and Taiwan must have the assent of the people of Taiwan. As such, resolving the differences between these two nations can only be achieved through honest and direct state-to-state negotiations without preconditions. They cannot be resolved by intimidation, indignant bluster or threats of military force from Beijing.

Mr. Speaker, the truth is that Taiwan and China are not united. They are not "one country" as the communists in Beijing are so fond of asserting. If they were there would be no talk of "unification." China must accept that it does not have jurisdiction over Taiwan, and abandon this kind of counter-productive saber rattling. The simple fact is this: Regardless of whether the puppet legislature in Beijing enacts this "law" or not, Taiwan will remain free, independent and outside of the control of communist China. Those, Mr. Speaker, are the facts.

Nonetheless, world reaction to this P.R.C. "trial balloon" will be significant and watched with great interest by the autocrats in Beijing. Hard liners in Beijing will observe how civilized and modern nations respond to the explicit threat that the "anti-secession law" represents. In short, they are feeling out the free world to determine its commitment to the safety and security of Taiwan—and its more than twenty million citizens.

I hope the family of free nations will condemn the "anti-secession law" with a unified voice, making it clear to China that any resolution of cross-strait tensions must be peaceful and above all acceptable to the people of Taiwan.

RECOGNIZING WIMODAUSIS CLUB OF NEW CASTLE, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the Wimodausis Club of New Castle, Pennsylvania for their selflessness and generous philanthropy towards the people of the 4th District.

Founded in 1905, the Wimodausis Club of New Castle was formed for the purpose of "creating an organized center for woman's work, thought, and action advancing her interests, promoting civic improvement and providing a place of meeting for its members. . . ." Since 1958 the Wimodausis Club of New Castle has donated over \$124,000 to various services in their community. These donations have aided the Girl and Boy Scouts of America, the Salvation Army, and a number of other organizations that work to better our community.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the Wimodausis Club of New Castle. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute the service of organizations like the Wimodausis Club that personify civic pride and make the communities that they live in truly special.

CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION OF TIBOR AND SHEILA HOLLO

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the amazing achievements and munificence of Tibor and Sheila Hollo. These two individuals have assumed a remarkable leadership role in the South Florida community and I thank them for their countless contributions and admirable generosity.

Raised in a small town in France, Tibor Hollo and his parents were victims of the concentration camps, and though he and his father survived, his mother did not.

Symbolic of his perseverant nature, Mr. Hollo went on to earn his architectural engineering degree in Paris and moved to the United States where he embraced the "American Dream" and is now one of the most prominent business leaders in South Florida.

Transforming Miami's midtown district into one of South Florida's dynamic epicenters of business and entertainment, Mr. Hollo is the proud developer of several key complexes in my Congressional district. The Venetian/Omni, Bay Parc Plaza, The Club at Brickell Bay and Opera Tower and the Grand are just a few of his developments.

As the first recipient of the City of Miami Visionary Award, Mr. Hollo was recognized by his colleagues and the City of Miami for his outstanding foresight and determination to fulfill such visions.

Mrs. Hollo shares her husband's regard for philanthropic efforts and serves on the Board of the Foundation and Board of Trustees of the Mount Sinai Medical Center. She proudly presided over the Mount Sinai Medical Center Founders, Women's Cancer League of Miami Beach, Sunflower Society and the Temple Emanuel's PTA.

This inspirational couple provides a wonderful example of diligence and generosity. I commend their efforts and I am grateful to have them as part of our South Florida community.

TRIBUTE TO THE STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, the Students at University School of Nova Southeastern University mobilized one of the first school-based tsunami relief campaigns in South Florida upon returning to school in January. Like others throughout the world, these students were struck by the enormity of what has been described as the worst natural disaster in modern human history.

In a single unified effort, students at the K-12 college preparatory school collected \$26,220.74 in their 1-day fundraising drive. They called the event "jeans day" and contributed \$5 to trade their uniforms for jeans on the designated day—Friday, Jan. 7. In addition to the \$5 donations, some students brought in money they'd saved, others prodded their parents to contribute, and one elementary school