

within the Department of Homeland Security. The Inspector General will have one responsibility, to conduct, supervise, and coordinate audits and investigations of the treatment and handling of Federal funds by any organization providing relief to Katrina. This will ensure the funds are reaching those most in need and ensure tax dollars are not wasted.

On a positive note, I congratulate my Long Island colleague, Congressman PETER KING, for being named Chairman of the Homeland Security Committee. With his experience working with Federal and local in the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks and serving on the Committee since its inception, PETER is more than qualified to lead. I am confident he will show the same dedication for rebuilding the Gulf Coast that he has demonstrated for rebuilding his hometown and trust he will work bipartisally when deciding how to use Federal resources in response to Katrina as he has in the fight with the war on terror.

TRIBUTE TO MR. HYMAN KING OF BENTON, KENTUCKY

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a constituent and friend in my District, Mr. Hyman King of Benton, Kentucky. Mr. King was born on June 9, 1924, in Biggers, Arkansas and after traveling much of his youth, he settled in McKenzie, Tennessee to work in the family's wholesale grocery business. He served his country in the United States Navy during World War II and was stationed in North Africa, Europe, and aboard a troop transport ship.

After World War II ended, Mr. King returned home to Tennessee to continue working for his uncle at their wholesale grocery business. In February of 1950, Mr. King and his brother Derril King opened their own grocery in Benton and later opened another store in Duffeville, Kentucky. The store was known as King Brother's Supermarket and is still in operation 55 years later. Mr. King's nephews, Ronnie and Ted King, operate the stores now and still maintain the work ethic that was taught to them by their father and uncle. The stores have prospered because they are an integral part of the community they served over the past half century. Mr. King's service to his country and his economic contributions through the establishment of his successful business, make him a person of integrity and a respected citizen in his community.

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 16th annual celebration of National Recovery Month, and to salute those who have shown us the promise and possibility of recovering from addiction. I am proud to be a member of the Congressional Caucus on Addiction, Treatment, and Recovery, and I

join my colleagues in highlighting the need for increased access to treatment.

Despite the fact that virtually everyone has a relative, coworker, friend, or neighbor who has had problems with alcohol, drugs, or other addictive behaviors, the difficulties in getting into and completing a treatment program are not often publicly discussed. Public stigma further compounds the problems of a system that is alarmingly overburdened. Health insurance policies often do not cover treatment of alcohol or drug dependency; and, when they do, coverage is not always adequate.

In Wisconsin, more than 120,000 people are currently unable to gain access to treatment for alcohol or drug dependence. To family and friends trying to help a loved one, the many obstacles standing in their way can seem insurmountable. With appointment wait times often approaching three weeks or longer and costs of care becoming prohibitively expensive, only one in four people with alcohol or drug addiction is able to get treatment.

In Congress, I'm working to address the problem in several ways. I have re-introduced the Health Security for All Americans Act. This legislation would provide health care for all Americans by encouraging the States to expand coverage through various methods of their own choosing and providing them with the funds to do so. Equally important, the legislation sets standards for the level of coverage and includes parity for mental health and substance abuse treatment benefits. This means that no limitations or financial requirements could be imposed on the treatment of mental illness or substance abuse that are not also imposed on other medical and surgical benefits.

I'm pleased to report that exciting work is being done on this issue in my home State of Wisconsin. Last year, the University of Wisconsin—Madison, along with The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, launched a national program to help treatment providers find innovative ways to meet their many challenges. The Network for the Improvement of Addiction Treatment, or NIATx, works with providers who are trying to treat more people with fewer resources. The 29 participating organizations are applying business and quality improvement principles to reduce wait times to get into treatment and the number of no-shows for treatment while increasing admissions to treatment and the number of those continuing in treatment.

NIATx agencies experienced dramatic improvements in access to treatment and retention, proving that significant change may be a lot simpler, less time consuming, and less costly than is often presumed. They're also developing new ideas and tools to share with the rest of the treatment field.

As we celebrate National Recovery Month throughout September, it's important to recognize and salute the dedicated and determined addiction treatment providers, as well as the brave and committed individuals who are recovering. I look forward to continuing my work with my colleagues, especially those who are members of the Addiction Treatment and Recovery Caucus, in ensuring that all Americans have access to timely and affordable addiction treatment.

FLEXIBILITY FOR DISPLACED WORKERS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker and members, I rise today in support of the Flexibility for Displaced Workers Act because it is the right thing to do.

This bill provides greater flexibility to the National Emergency Grants Program at the Department of Labor.

This will enable communities that are assisting evacuees to increase employment opportunities for evacuees.

For example, this legislation will allow temporary employment of evacuees in positions that are not directly related to the disaster.

While thousands of jobs will be created in rebuilding New Orleans, the Houston area has an estimated 200,000 evacuees in the area. If we pass this bill today, we will be able to offer these people more job opportunities for a longer period of time.

We hope those who want to return and help rebuild New Orleans will do so.

However, we also expect many evacuees will find it easier to settle in Houston now that there are opportunities to find housing and employment.

The State of Texas has already processed over 49,000 calls from evacuees seeking unemployment benefits since the evacuation started.

Texas, and especially Houston, need this bill to pass in order to help these people find employment.

I urge all my colleagues to support this measure.

Those of us with large numbers of evacuees in our districts need this change to help those displaced by Hurricane Katrina rebuild their lives.

J.J. KENNEDY, INC.'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate J.J. Kennedy, Inc. on the 100th year anniversary of its founding.

Over the past one hundred years J.J. Kennedy, Inc., a family owned business, has grown from a feed and flour mill to a top ready-mix concrete and building supplies distributor. Incorporated in 1970, the business has expanded considerably now consisting of four locations and 75 employees strong. I recognize the J.J. Kennedy, Inc. for all of their hard work and dedication to serving the citizens of Western Pennsylvania. In order to mark the special occasion, a celebration is planned for Sunday, September 18th at Monroeville State Park.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the 100th anniversary of the J.J. Kennedy, Inc. It is an honor to represent the

Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute such principled businesses as the J.J. Kennedy, Inc.

A PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING THE CHILlicothe PAINTS' FRONTIER LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP APPEARANCE

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, the Chillicothe Paints were the first Frontier League team and are the pre-eminent Single-A Independent team in Ohio; and

Whereas, the Chillicothe Paints are celebrating 12 years of excellence in baseball; and

Whereas, the Chillicothe Paints 2005 season demonstrated the character and determination of the fine young men playing for the pride of Chillicothe.

Therefore, I join with the residents of Chillicothe and the whole 18th Congressional District of Ohio in celebration for the outstanding 2005 season of the Chillicothe Paints.

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF MISS GRACE ANNE DENTON

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today, I am happy to congratulate Kari and Wesley Denton of Burke, Virginia, formerly of Beaufort, South Carolina, on the birth of their beautiful baby girl. Grace Anne Denton was born on September 20, 2005 at 6:58 p.m., weighing 8 pounds, 14 ounces and measuring 21 inches long. Grace has been born into a loving home, where she will be raised by parents who are devoted to her well-being and bright future. Her birth is a blessing.

HONORING SEPTEMBER AS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize suicide as a public health problem, and suicide prevention as a community responsibility. The State of California has recognized September as "Suicide Prevention Month." This is in support and recognition of the National and International Suicide Prevention Week.

It remains essential to remember that suicide is the 11th leading cause of all deaths in the United States and the 3rd leading cause of death among people from the ages of 15 to 24. It is also the 10th leading cause of all deaths and the number one cause of all injury deaths in the State of California. Moreover, suicide remains the 9th leading cause of all deaths and the 2nd leading cause of all injury

deaths in Santa Barbara County. Within the United States, one person completes suicide every 17 minutes; and it is estimated that 4.47 million people in the United States are survivors of suicide (those who have lost a loved one to suicide).

In addition, guns stored in the house are used for suicide 40 times more often than for self-protection and 54 percent of people who die by suicide use a firearm. Regarding mental illness, the stigma associated with mental illness works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk for suicide from seeking life-saving help and further traumatizes survivors of suicide. Finally, we must remember that a great many suicides are preventable, and can be reduced through awareness, education and treatment.

I therefore commend The Glendon Association, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization based in Santa Barbara, California whose mission is to save lives and help people create more meaningful lives by addressing the social problems of suicide, violence, child abuse and troubled interpersonal relationships. The Glendon Association accomplishes this through community outreach, research, education and training within the local community, the State of California, nationally and internationally. I recognize the important work they do through their Annual Suicide Prevention Forums which in this, their 11th year, include three free community programs, open to the public, held in Santa Barbara, Santa Maria and San Luis Obispo, California.

HONORING DONALD LADA

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to rise before you today to recognize the accomplishments of a man who, for many years, has been a tireless advocate for our community, including our youth. On Thursday, September 22, in my hometown of Flint, Michigan, civic leaders, family and friends will join Youth Projects to honor Donald Lada for his dedicated service to the community.

After graduating from Traverse City High School, Don Lada attended Northwestern Michigan College, and later continued his education at Worsham Mortuary College. Don has been a licensed funeral director for 42 years, and spent 33 of those years at Brown Funeral Home, which he also owned, and remained active with after it was sold. The Memorial Tree and Plant-A-Tree programs at Brown are highlights of Don's tenure, as is a Veterans' Memorial and the designation of the Home as an official Korean War Commemorative Community.

Don's community involvement is tremendous; over the years, he has been a part of, or helped lead, nearly 30 different civic organizations, including the Eastside Business Association, which he also founded, Genesee County Emergency Management Team, Mott Children's Health Center, Avalon Hospice, Flint Chamber of Commerce, Masons, Elks, and the Flint Rotary Club, among many others. He has been recognized on numerous occasions by groups such as the Salvation Army and the Consortium on Child Abuse and Ne-

glect, and has received keys to the cities of Burton and Flint. In 2004, Don became the first recipient of the Flint Journal's Community Advocacy Award.

Among Don's many blessings is his wonderful family: Dee, his wife of 45 years, their children Douglas and Debra, and their eight grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I have known Don Lada for many years, and have witnessed first-hand his selfless determination toward making the Flint area a safer place for our children to enjoy, and a better place in which to live. I am honored to call him my friend as well as my constituent. I ask my colleagues to please join me in congratulating Don on being acknowledged by his peers, and wishing him the very best in all his endeavors. Our community is clearly a better place because of his dedication.

ON THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF HAWAII COUNTY ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, I rise proudly to join many others in offering my heartiest congratulations to the Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council (HCEOC) on the occasion of its 40th anniversary on November 18, 2005.

Over these last four decades, HCEOC has epitomized the letter and spirit of economic opportunity envisioned by President John F. Kennedy and others. It has lifted two whole generations now of Big Islanders up and into lives of productive contributions and economic self-sufficiency, in the process advancing and enriching all of our Hawaii.

HCEOC has done so by providing good employment opportunities to those in need and by delivering to our Hawaii Island community with loyal and continued patronage for goods and services. Countless families, friends and neighbors have benefited directly from its programs, which include child development, education, housing, energy assistance, transportation services, and economic development projects.

Additionally, HCEOC has taken a leadership role in mentoring our Big Island youth and keeping them out of trouble and away from the scourge of drugs that has ravaged too many. HCEOC's after-school program, for example, has helped more than 4,000 students while unbelievably seeing only eight drop out. Not a single enrolled student has ever been arrested for drugs during or after his or her participation in the program.

Much of HCEOC's success is owed to its wonderful and dedicated staff, particularly its longtime executive director, George Yokoyama. George, indomitably optimistic and colorfully individual, has dedicated himself tirelessly and loyally over a long and illustrious career to help those too often forgotten or marginalized. George's deep commitment to his community is an inspiration to us all, and I know that I speak for all of us in thanking him for all he has done for our Hawaii.

Mahalo nui loa to HCEOC for making the Big Island, my home island, a better and more livable community. I wish each and all of you continued success over the next 40 years and beyond.