

around Ground Zero. Included in the sick are police officers, firefighters, volunteers, residents, and area workers. Despite a clear need, there is still no one in the Federal Government in charge of caring for these individuals, there is no coordination among programs established to screen these illnesses and there is no Federal program that provides anyone with any treatment. Now as we consider options to monitor the medical impacts of Hurricane Katrina, there is no Federal program in place to set up a medical monitoring program. This is why we are introducing the Disaster Area Health and Environmental Monitoring Act—H.R. 5329 in the 108th Congress. This is the companion to legislation introduced in the Senate by Senators VOINOVICH and CLINTON—S. 1279—and has passed the Senate by unanimous consent last Congress.

The Disaster Area Health and Environmental Monitoring Act would create a standard for a monitoring program following a disaster when the President determines a monitoring program is needed. This monitoring program would be set up to screen the health of affected individuals. By creating a coordinated monitoring program, we can provide valuable information to affected individuals and we can assure our first responders that we will continue to care about the health affects after the disaster. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

SIMON WIESENTHAL

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, Simon Wiesenthal refused to forget the horror he endured and witnessed in five Nazi death camps during the Holocaust. He would not let the world forget what the Jewish people and so many others suffered at the hands of Hitler's Third Reich. He dedicated his life to bringing Nazis to justice, educating the world about the Holocaust, and fighting to help ensure that the intolerance that brought it about would not be repeated. The spirit Wiesenthal brought to these lifelong pursuits will not end with his death.

Along with millions of other Jews, Wiesenthal was imprisoned by the Nazis during the Holocaust. Unwilling to accept this fate, Wiesenthal daringly escaped in 1943, only to be recaptured in 1944. Wiesenthal was sent back to a concentration camp, and as the German Eastern front collapsed Wiesenthal was marched with other prisoners across Europe. The trek left him near death when finally liberated by the advancing American army.

The moment his health returned, Wiesenthal sprang into action. He began to build a legal case against the Nazis, first for the American military's war crimes trials and then through an independent effort based in Vienna.

Wiesenthal relentlessly searched for Adolf Eichmann, the infamous Nazi who headed Hitler's Gestapo, and other Nazis who had evaded trial by the allies. Wiesenthal's work led to the capture of Eichmann and other infamous Nazis years after the world had given up on bringing them to justice. Although the Holocaust was fading into the world's memory, Wiesenthal continued to fight its battles every day with his time, determination, and spirit.

In Los Angeles, Simon Wiesenthal's memory lives on at the Simon Wiesenthal Center. The international organization works to preserve the memory of the Holocaust and to fight anti-Semitism and intolerance.

I had the honor of working with the Wiesenthal Center earlier this year in asking the British Government to keep a known terrorist supporter, Yussuf Al-Qaradawi, out of Great Britain. Al-Qaradawi has given religious justification and encouragement for terrorist attacks against Americans and Israelis. These efforts against intolerant religious extremism in the 21st century are a clear extension of Wiesenthal's lifelong mission.

Simon Wiesenthal's spirit, unbridled in life, will carry on in his memory through the Wiesenthal Center, its work, and the efforts of so many others fighting intolerance and preserving the memory of the Holocaust.

IN HONOR OF OTTAWA LAKE
QUARRY

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Ottawa Lake Quarry, in Monroe, Michigan. The Ottawa Lake Quarry, which is owned and operated by Stoneco, Inc., is being honored this year with the oldest occupational safety award in the nation, the National Mining Association's Sentinels of Safety trophy. Since its creation by then-Commerce Secretary and future President Herbert Hoover in 1925, this award has served to both recognize excellence in safety in mining and stimulate greater interest in developing safer mines. The Ottawa Lake Quarry is certainly deserving of this honor, as it has established a long record of safe mining.

The Ottawa Lake Quarry is receiving the award for the Small Metal and Nonmetal mills category. This trophy is an award of great distinction; I am proud that Ottawa Lake Quarry has attained this honor. The Ottawa Lake Quarry has earned this recognition for its tremendous commitment to safety and serves as an example for all of our industries.

REGARDING THE ARCTIC
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentleman, there's an old saying that says "If the only tool you have is a hammer, you tend to see every problem as a nail."

I cannot think of a more appropriate metaphor for what we're seeing now.

The hammer being used by some in Congress is drilling in our pristine Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. And to them, there are simply not enough nails.

The latest nail, of course, is spiking gas prices. The knee-jerk drillers will tell you that the logical solution to expensive gas is to drill in the Arctic. But in a best case scenario, we would only see a reduction in gas price of 1.5

cents per gallon. And production wouldn't even start until at least 10 years from now. That doesn't help you and me. That helps the oil companies.

What they don't tell you is that, in the words of one oil industry expert, the difference between price gouging and taking advantage of market distortions is a political question. I strongly believe that price gouging may be occurring.

I am not alone. In May of 2005, 33 of my colleagues joined me in introducing the Gas Price Spike Act. It would tax windfall profits tax on gas, create tax credits for ultra-efficient vehicles, and lower fares for mass transit. Now that's a part of a real solution.

But our opponents are still convinced that gas prices are a nail. They are also convinced that our dangerous foreign dependence on oil is a nail. But even in a best case scenario, our dependency would still increase from 59 percent to 64 percent by 2025.

Our hammer happy friends think a job shortage is nail easily solved with the hammer of the Arctic. But improving energy efficiency and motor vehicle efficiency would generate more than 1.3 million jobs in 15 years—185 percent more jobs than domestic oil production.

The nail of investment in our economy can be covered by investing in Arctic oil extraction, they say. But one dollar spent on petroleum production creates only a buck-fifty in economic value to our economy. That same dollar, when invested in energy efficiency programs and incentives, gives us two dollars and 23 cents in economic value.

It should be clear that drilling the Arctic will not solve any of these problems. And there is no way drilling in the Arctic can solve the mother of all these problems: climate change. I don't care how creatively they spin it. We can only expect more extreme weather in the coming years and we absolutely must address it with meaningful efforts to reduce greenhouse gases. Drilling can only make it worse.

There are so many more realistic, more effective, more sustainable ways to proceed. In fact, some of my colleagues here today have joined me in efforts to address not only prices, but national security, our health, the integrity of our environment, and a lopsided economic recovery. We should raise the minimum fuel efficiency of cars and trucks, invest in the transition to wind and solar energy, emphasize biofuels like biodiesel, and encourage conservation.

The solutions are there for the taking. The time is now.

Please join me in driving the nail in the coffin on this backdoor effort to drill in the Arctic.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VILLAGE OF WEBSTER, NEW YORK

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the village of Webster's Centennial Anniversary. Incorporated in 1905, the village of Webster is named in honor of the famous United States Senator from Massachusetts, Daniel Webster. The village has been celebrating this milestone with various events throughout the year.

Before splitting away from the town of Penfield, it was suggested that a center of town be established with four corners about 5 miles north of the center of Penfield. This gave rise to the Five Mile Line Road and the Four Corners.

Throughout the mid-1800's, the newly created Four Corners served as not only an important avenue for produce and goods moving north and south, but also as a vital thoroughfare for stage coaches and freight lines moving east and west. Multiple taverns and inns were built at this time and other various businesses saw their start at this busy intersection of commerce.

Along with the growth of industry in this area, came the problem of fires. To solve this dilemma, shortly after its incorporation, a much-needed volunteer fire department was organized for the people of Webster.

For many years after World War I, Webster kept its place as the primary shipping point for apple farmers across the Rochester area. At this time it boasted the world's largest basket factory and also stood as the center for the canning industry in Monroe County.

The village experienced added progress after the Great Depression and throughout the World War II era despite a steady decline in its rural agricultural lifestyle. The late 1950's saw the annexation of 182 acres to the village as well as the rise of Webster's largest corporate neighbor, the Xerox Corporation.

Today 5,500 residents call the village of Webster home. In providing an array of community services and fostering a neighborly atmosphere, the village continues various local traditions that began with its first settlers in 1812.

On behalf of the people of New York's 25th Congressional District, it is my honor to recognize and congratulate the residents of Webster on the village's 100th Anniversary.

RECOGNIZING 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROSA LOUISE PARKS'S RE- FUSAL TO GIVE UP HER SEAT ON THE BUS AND THE SUBSE- QUENT DESEGREGATION OF AMERICAN SOCIETY

SPEECH OF

HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 208 and commend the gentlemen from Wisconsin and Michigan for bringing this concurrent resolution to the floor today.

Fifty years ago this coming December, Rosa Louise Parks inspired a town, a movement, and a Nation to hold true to the ideals and principles upon which our Nation was founded. By refusing to give up her seat after a long day of work because she felt she was being treated unfairly, Rosa Parks demonstrated the quiet strength that typified her life.

Her arrest led to the 381-day Montgomery bus boycott and to the eventual repeal of the segregation laws of the South. Her individual act of defiance is considered by many to be the beginning of the civil rights movement.

Ten years later, on August 6, 1965, President Lyndon Johnson signed into law the Voting Rights Act, which in later years was

strengthened with amendments to affirm the rights of non-Whites to vote and to be represented fairly in government. This fall, parts of the Voting Rights Act will come before Congress to be reauthorized. We must not only renew our commitment to the voting rights protected under that legislation, but look to strengthen voter rights and to improve our electoral systems. And we must forever link our current state of freedom with the sacrifice of exceptional individuals like Rosa Parks who stood up to oppression and changed history.

Let us celebrate the lifetime achievements of a truly remarkable woman. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Con. Res. 208.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM KOLBE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, on September 20, my vote on H. Res. 441, a motion to suspend the rules and agree to Congratulate the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Discovery Crew (No. 477), did not register. I voted "aye."

URGING DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TO EXPEDITE ULTRA-DEEP PRO- GRAM

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, the Congress has passed and the President has signed the Energy Policy Act of 2005, a historic bill that will put America on course for more energy independence. We now need to move as quickly as possible to increase production and distribution of energy supplies in the United States. The disruption of supplies and spiraling gasoline costs as a result of Hurricane Katrina—combined with the threat of disruption from other natural disasters or terrorist attacks—underscore the need to increase our energy supplies and reduce our dependence on foreign sources.

One provision in the Energy Act that will increase supplies is my provision for Ultra-deepwater and Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Resources. I want to share with my colleagues the letter and attachments that I sent to Secretary of Energy Samuel Bodman last week. These provide further analysis and clarification of this program to develop the technologies needed to drill in ultra-deep and unconventional areas. This program will improve our energy and national security, increase natural gas and oil production, increase royalty revenues, and help lower energy costs for consumers. I urge the Department of Energy to take steps to implement the program as soon as possible.

Washington, DC, September 14, 2005.

Hon. SAMUEL W. BODMAN,
Secretary of Energy, Department of Energy,
Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SECRETARY: I want to congratulate you and your colleagues at the Depart-

ment of Energy for your fine work in helping with the enactment of H.R. 6, the Energy Policy Act of 2005. There are many important provisions in the new law, and in this letter I want to draw your attention to "Subtitle J—Ultra-deepwater and Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Resources."

As you may know, I first introduced this legislation in 2001 when it was included in H.R. 4, the comprehensive energy bill that passed the House that year. Since that time I have shepherded this legislation through three separate Congresses. The provision has been the subject of Congressional hearings and much legislative debate. On the way to enactment in August, the provision was passed by either the House or Senate eight times in the last four years. The final version contained in the Energy Policy Act of 2005 embodies many improvements that were made throughout this long process and the important compromises that were reached during the Conference Committee meetings this past July. Since there was no detailed Conference Committee Report to accompany the bill, I am sending this letter to provide some additional context and clarification of legislative intent for this new program.

My purpose for introducing this legislation was to enhance the ability of the Department to conduct well-funded, multi-year, resource based natural gas and oil R&D activities to accelerate the development of new technologies and increase domestic natural gas and oil production in the near and mid-term. This new program is intended to complement the work of the Department and allow the current Oil and Natural Gas Program to focus its ongoing efforts on solving the more basic production and environmental issues that challenge our collective ability to increase production and to transition to a hydrogen based energy system in the longer term. For example, the vast methane hydrate and oil shale resources in the U.S. could make a substantial fossil fuel contribution to the ultimate evolution of a hydrogen based energy system for the country. The Oil and Natural Gas Program should also continue its important work analyzing the consequences of past and potential actions by other federal agencies on domestic natural gas and oil production, conducting public interest analysis and fostering the education of the next generation of American oil and gas technologists.

This new program will receive an assured, multi-year funding source from the Ultra-deepwater and Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Research Fund to pay for research, development, demonstration and commercial applications to create and deploy the technologies needed to bring these vital natural gas resources to the consumers of this country. This Fund and the authorities established in the law provide the tools to "the Department of Energy to work through its National Energy Technology Laboratory to accomplish these objectives and to work to develop the technologies for lowering the cost of drilling to formations in the Outer Continental Shelf to depths greater than 15,000 feet and to address the technology challenges of small producers.

It is the intention of Congress that the Department will take steps immediately to implement this new program in accordance with the schedule established in the statute. We expect that the Department will use existing program direction management funds to conduct the solicitation and select the program consortium. It is critical that this new program be implemented as quickly as possible. Most recently, the Energy Information Administration forecast that natural