

concomitantly have low self-concept. Researchers have been quick to point out that there is no evidence that suggests playing these videogames will lead to adjustment problems. The fact remains, however, that those individuals most at risk may share common characteristics, thus suggesting the need to monitor the playing habits of these types of games among children.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Research on the effects of violent video games on subsequent aggressive behavior has served as an important catalyst for change, in that rules and regulations have been developed to make it increasingly difficult for young children to obtain video games laden with violent or sexually explicit content. However, disparity in the present research literature and the absence of clear and compelling scientific evidence from the psychological community demonstrating the harmful and lasting effects of violent games on behavior has signaled the need for novel studies in this area. Future research may need to focus on the issue of free choice and the reasons why some children and adolescents would rather play video games than engage in some other type of stimulating activity. One avenue might involve the greater examination of personality variables in an effort to determine what factors may precipitate the purchase and subsequent use of violent video games. Because of the noted gender differences in past research, future research should continue to examine the role of player gender in the proclivity to exhibit aggressive behavior following video game playing. Lastly, due to the need to determine if exposure to violent content has any lasting detrimental effects on children, longitudinal studies are needed to ascertain what effects, if any, children are likely to experience.

In sum, past empirical studies have found that even short term exposure to violent video games influences subsequent player behavior and can result in an increase in outward aggressiveness both verbally and physically, a more negative self-concept, a decrease in helping behavior, an increase in arousal, and an increase in anxiety. Although no one study has conclusively demonstrated a cause and effect relationship between exposure and behavior, based on the results presented here, it is difficult to argue that there is no relationship between violent game play and subsequent aggressive behavior. And given the amount of violent content in the media and in current video games, it appears that this is an issue psychologists will be dealing with for quite some time.

RECOGNIZING MARY ALICE QUEIROS OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 17, 2005

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mary Alice Queiros, the winner of the 2005 Great Brooksvillian of the Year Award. After retiring from a 30-year career as an art teacher, Mary Alice moved to Brooksville in 1994 and immediately took an active role in the greater Brooksville arts community.

Currently serving as the city's art director, Mary Alice has been a tireless advocate for the arts over the years. Perhaps her greatest contribution to making Brooksville the cultural

heart of Hernando County has been her efforts to beautify and improve the city hall.

One of her first undertakings upon moving to Florida was to fill the bare walls of city hall with bright and beautiful artwork. Today, Brooksville city hall hosts an annual fall art show to showcase the work of area artisans. This year's exhibit, organized by Mary Alice, has brought the artwork of more than 20 local artists into the building, bringing color and beauty to the walls and hallways of city hall.

In addition to her work as Brooksville's art director, Mary Alice has been a longtime and active supporter of the arts in Brooksville. She is the founding member of the Brooksville Mural Society, and organizes artist receptions and art tours for visitors and students. She is also a member of the Hernando County Fine Arts Council, the Spring Hill Art League and is active at the Hernando Historical Museum.

Mr. Speaker, the city of Brooksville is lucky to have a woman like Mary Alice Queiros to take an active role in our community. I am proud to recognize her accomplishments, and congratulate her on being named the 2005 Brooksvillian of the Year.

GASOLINE FOR AMERICA'S SECURITY ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 7, 2005

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my strong opposition to the Gasoline for America's Security Act.

We are all too aware of this government's failed response to Hurricane Katrina and the problems that are continuing in the aftermath. Despite all the issues that we must address to assist the victims of this disaster, some of my colleagues are attempting to use this tragedy as a means to push through their flawed initiatives that were left out of the Energy Policy Act. Fortunately, a degree of rationality prevailed late last night and a few of the most egregious provisions were removed.

However, this bill still contains many misguided measures and continues the Majority's irrational economic policy of subsidizing one of the most successful industries—the oil and gas industry. Yet this direct handout of taxpayer dollars is not enough and at every opportunity this Congress finds ways to gut environmental regulations that protect the health of our citizens in order to preserve this unsustainable form of energy production.

Specifically, this bill will allow cities and States to delay meeting Clean Air Act requirements and undermines States that are seeking to meet these deadlines by limiting the number of fuel blends that can be used. Furthermore, this bill provides an open-ended taxpayer subsidy to cover all the costs that an oil company may incur due to a delay in the initial operation of a new or upgraded oil refinery, including delays due to compliance with State or Federal laws or regulations.

Time and again, we come to this floor to commemorate the lives of remarkable Americans that have changed the course of history. We recognize the importance of their contributions and the ways that they improved our lives. We disgrace this American legacy of in-

genuity every time that this Congress passes these shortsighted, deeply flawed bills.

This Nation is facing an energy crisis and a planet that is suffering from our mismanagement. We have the ability to become independent from fossil fuels and to revitalize the health of our environment. Scientists, researchers and business leaders across this Nation are standing ready to develop and make innovative technologies a reality. Even my constituents in New Jersey that have no connection to the energy industry write me with ideas and their desire to contribute to solving our energy problem. But instead of investing in this ingenuity and our Nation's future, this government keeps spending billions to keep America stuck in the quicksand of nonrenewable energy sources.

I urge my colleagues to oppose this flawed bill that will do nothing to alleviate the energy crisis facing this Nation and removes important environmental regulations.

HONORING JERRY BROWN ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM FORD MOTOR COMPANY

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 17, 2005

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Jerry Brown, as he retires from his position Governmental Relations Director, Michigan Region for Ford Motor Company.

Jerry joined Ford Motor Company as a Research Technician in 1962 with the General Parts Division and spent the next several years in various engineering positions in Body and Product Engineering.

In 1978, Jerry joined the Governmental Relations Staff as a Municipal Affairs manager. In 1994, he was appointed Director, Michigan Region in Lansing and has represented the Ford Motor Co. before the Michigan Legislature, the Governor and executive offices, government agencies and industry associations. Jerry also worked with the Local Government affairs activity on issues of importance to Michigan and Ford Motor Co. Additionally, Jerry has been very active in the community as a former member of Livonia City Council.

Mr. Speaker, Jerry Brown has made a significant impact on Ford Motor Co., and his community over the past four decades. I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Jerry as he prepares for his retirement, and I offer my congratulations and appreciation for his accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF GEOFF BORASTON

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 17, 2005

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to announce that Geoff Boraston, of Granite Construction, Inc., located in my congressional district, has been named 2005 National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association (NSSGA) Environmental Professional of the Year. Geoff Boraston is the vice chairman of the NSSGA

Environmental Committee. The NSSGA member companies account for 90 percent of crushed stone and 70 percent of the sand and gravel used each year in the United States, and employs 115,000 American workers.

Mr. Boraston recognizes that we must all be good environmental stewards. He has made significant contributions in limiting emissions from naturally occurring asbestos to conform to the standards set by the California Resources Board. Mr. Boraston has coordinated summit meetings between government agencies and industry companies, and developed and implemented company-wide environmental management systems to address Granite Construction environmental issues. These are truly commendable actions that exemplify what one individual can contribute to the protection of the environment. We all look forward to Geoff Boraston's continued leadership on the NSSGA Environmental Committee to achieve environmentally sound operating practices.

Granite Construction is one of the Nation's largest heavy civil contractors and construction materials producers. The Watsonville company is a major builder of all types of rail system infrastructure, such as light rail, monorail, commuter rail and freight rail. Granite Construction is currently pursuing some \$12 billion in rapid transit and rail projects to be bid throughout the country over the next year.

HONORING CHRIS COX

SPEECH OF

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2005

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and give thanks to my friend and colleague, Chris Cox. After serving in the House for more than 16 years, Chris is now taking on a new challenge by serving as the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission. I think all of us can agree that our loss is most certainly their gain.

Following the redistricting of 2002, I became the newest member of the Orange County delegation and my newly drawn district shared a border with his. Chris immediately welcomed me to the delegation with open arms and graciously introduced me to a host of local government officials, business owners, and community leaders.

If anyone has spent time in his district and enjoyed its extraordinary coastal setting, they would agree that Chris must be a truly dedicated public servant for agreeing to spend so much time here in Washington. Thankfully, he possessed the will to serve in Congress and to be a leader for his county, State and Nation.

During his time in the House, Chris served with distinction in many different roles. Most recently, Chris made history by serving as the first Chairman of the Homeland Security Committee. In this capacity, Chris took on an unprecedented challenge and oversaw the most radical government reform in decades. As those who know Chris would expect, he was up to the task and eager to find out what was working and what needed to be fixed.

Chris came to Congress in 1988 after serving as Senior Associate Counsel to President

Reagan. While at the White House, Chris gained tremendous insight and invaluable experience, but I think he would tell you that the best thing he took away from his time there would be his wife, Rebecca.

I know Chris will take on this new challenge with the same tenacity and vigor that he showed so often on so many important issues here in Congress. I understand Chris wisely decided to keep his home in Orange County, and I look forward working with him in Washington and enjoying the warm California sun with him in Orange County.

ACKNOWLEDGING STUDENTS AND STAFF OF BERTSCHI SCHOOL IN SEATTLE, WA

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 17, 2005

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I acknowledge the students and staff of Bertschi School in Seattle, WA, for sending heartfelt greetings to the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, I traveled to Houston to visit the evacuees who were housed in the Astrodome. I brought handwritten letters from citizens of my home town, Bainbridge Island, WA, and handed them out as I met so many courageous individuals who had lost everything; their homes, their jobs, their belongings, and in some cases, their families, during their hurried evacuation of New Orleans. As I handed out the letters written by citizens who live thousands of miles away, I witnessed how meaningful these words of compassion and support were to these displaced Americans.

Students at the Bertschi School in Seattle, WA, read about my trip and the positive impact the letters had on the hurricane victims and they wrote to me, asking if they could also send letters to families during my next visit with hurricane evacuees. While I was not able to return to Houston with their letters, I did have the pleasure of reading over their beautiful and inspirational words and art work before the letters made their way to Texas Children's Hospital, where some of the youngest hurricane victims were relocated.

It is among the greatest honors as a Member of the House of Representatives that I have an opportunity to meet and work with young people who are involved in their communities and who are deeply committed to making our country and our world a better place. Our future depends on these young people, who are capable of reaching out and showing support for their fellow citizens.

Though the students of Bertschi School are only in their elementary years, they already have a deep sense of civic pride and connectedness to the greater world and feel they have something to offer, even if it is, as in this case, sharing words of encouragement and compassion.

I commend the students and staff of Bertschi School for their efforts and wish them continued success in the years ahead.

IN HONOR OF THE COMMUNITY ACTION BOARD OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 17, 2005

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County, Inc. CAB on the occasion of its 40th anniversary. CAB was created in October 1965 to meet the challenge of President Lyndon B. Johnson's "War on Poverty," and as such is committed to meeting the needs of low-income people.

Since its inception, CAB has assumed responsibilities of great import to the community by providing vital preventative, emergency, and intervention services. They created and administer many programs in Santa Cruz County including Head Start, Second Harvest Food Bank, Legal Aid Society, Housing Authority, Women Infants and Children nutrition program, Senior Citizens Legal Services, Foster Grandparent Program, Women Ventures Project, Natural Resources and Employment Program, and CalWORKS Emergency Payment Program.

CAB played an important role in disaster relief for low-income residents following the devastating Loma Prieta earthquake of 1989 and the 1995 Pajaro River flood. Many of the programs and policies nurtured by CAB successfully reduce poverty and increase independence and self-sufficiency.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to recognize the Community Action Board for its 40 years of leadership in the community. I applaud the many contributions and achievements of the Community Action Board, and am proud to have such an exemplary organization fighting poverty and caring for the needs of the most vulnerable citizens in Santa Cruz County.

SUDAN HIRES WASHINGTON LOBBYIST

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 17, 2005

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, here we go again. First it was Patton, Boggs trying to polish the image of Saudi Arabia. Then we had Akin, Gump trying to assist China in buying a U.S. oil company. Now comes the shocking news that a Washington lobby shop has landed the Government of the Republic of Sudan as a client. Where will the lobbying wheel of fortune stop next?

The Government of Sudan has hired Mr. Robert J. Cabelly, managing director, C/R International, to lobby on its behalf. How can an American company use such bad judgment and represent a country whose leaders are suspected of organizing and arming militias to commit genocide? And why did the United States State Department sign-off on such a plan?

While shocking to some, it may not be all that surprising for anyone familiar with Mr. Cabelly's history. After working at the State Department for more than a decade where he