

Rollcall vote No. 521: I would have voted "aye" on approving the Journal.

Rollcall vote No. 522: I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 457, recognizing the importance and positive contributions of chemistry to our everyday lives and supporting the goals and ideas of National Chemistry Week.

Rollcall vote No. 523: I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 491, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to raising awareness and enhancing the state of computer security in the United States and supporting the goals and ideas of National Cyber Security Awareness Month.

INTRODUCTION OF "PREVENTING SEXUAL ASSAULTS IN THE MILITARY ACT OF 2005"

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce legislation, the "Preventing Sexual Assaults in the Military Act of 2005," which would appropriate such funds as are necessary for fiscal years 2006 through 2008 to eliminate the backlog in processing DNA evidence, to ensure that testing takes place in a timely manner, to provide an adequate supply of forensic evidence collection kits at all domestic and overseas U.S. military installations, military academies, and theaters of operation, and to ensure that at least one military medical personnel member, who is trained as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) or Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE), is on duty at all times in the health care facility at a military academy, domestic military base, overseas military base, and theaters of operation, except where a memorandum of understanding is issued between the military installation and a local civilian hospital.

Rapes and sexual assaults are far too common in both civilian life and in the military. As the April 2004 report issued by the Pentagon states, among other findings, current DoD policies and standards do not focus on sexual assault and "the military services' policies lack integration for effective prevention and response."

This legislation will help bring justice to the victims and survivors of sexual assault by ensuring that DNA evidence is used to identify perpetrators and bring them to justice. Additionally, it will provide servicemembers who are raped with the necessary medical care.

As our soldiers are fighting for those who have long been denied basic rights, we should do everything possible to ensure that we are protecting their rights, too.

HONORING CLARENCE S. HAINES

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today on behalf of C.S. Mott Community College located in my hometown of Flint, Michigan. On October 24, members of Mott's administration, faculty, staff, and student body

will gather to pay tribute to the contributions made by Clarence S. Haines, a true pioneer in the fields of Applied Sciences and Technical Education at the college. Mr. Haines, who died in 1995, will be honored with a plaque honoring his life and legacy, to be displayed in Mott's Regional Technology Center.

Born in 1905, Clarence "Mike" Haines was the first chairman of Mott Community College's Trades and Industry Department. In 1955, he was awarded the Ballenger Chair of Learning in that area. He created specialized curricula that helped usher the school into the technology age, and facilitated the planning, coordination, and implementation of these programs. Clarence also assisted with designing the school's Mott and Gorman Buildings to simulate workplace environments and provide practical experiences for students. Mott's Applied Sciences program was created largely as a result of his influence.

Mr. Speaker, as a former teacher, I applaud Clarence Haines' dedication and commitment to education. His insight and vision have helped create many opportunities for our young people, past, present, and future. I ask my colleagues in the 109th Congress to please join me in acknowledging his memorable achievements.

CONGRATULATING BEAR VILLAGE AND KEITH AND LYNN DENNY FOR WINNING THE BEAUTIFICATION AWARD

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Keith and Lynn Denny have built one of the premier gift shops in Jackson County; and

Whereas, Bear Village has grown to be an impeccable illustration of what Jackson County has to offer and what great potential the community has; and

Whereas, Keith and Lynn Denny's vision has added greatly to the beauty of Jackson County and is further enhancing the attractiveness of Water Street.

Therefore, I join with family, friends and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Bear Village and Keith and Lynn Denny for winning this prestigious award.

RECOGNIZING THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE OF CHARLES W. PERKINS

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Firefighter Charles W. "Chuck" Perkins for his twenty-three years of dedicated service to the North County Fire Protection District and his commitment to serving his community.

Chuck Perkins and his fellow firefighters from the North County Fire Protection District have served the Fallbrook, Bonsall and Rainbow areas with honor since the district was chartered in 1925. Classified an "all-risk" fire, rescue and hazard mitigation agency, it serves

over 150 square miles in the northern-most portion of San Diego County.

Chuck Perkins' service to his community began in 1982, as a Reserve Firefighter. On July 20, 1987, he was hired as a full-time Fire/EMS Dispatcher. His hard work and dedication were recognized on April 5, 1988, when he was hired as a full-time Firefighter. His contributions to the agency led to his promotion to the rank of Engineer on March 15, 1999.

Engineer Perkins was actively involved in fire, rescue, emergency services and fire prevention programs. He managed the Engine Company's Fire Inspection Program for over ten years. The Fire Inspection Program, along with Engineer Perkins' skilled management resulted in a significant reduction in fire loss to the business community of the greater Fallbrook, Bonsall and Rainbow areas.

Engineer Perkins is regarded as a humble and generous man by his fellow San Diegans. His involvement in the community is not limited to his work as an Engineer in the North County Fire Protection District. For the last fifteen years, Engineer Perkins has volunteered his time as a leader in the district's public education efforts. He demonstrated his passion for fire prevention and safety education by portraying "Smokey the Bear," performing for thousands of school children during his career, promoting Smokey's fire prevention message, "Only you can prevent forest fires." Engineer Perkins continues to share his time as a "Partner in Prevention," by traveling to local schools, teaching kids to "Stop, Drop and Roll" as well as the "Exit Drill in the Home" (EDITH) exercise. In addition to his portrayal of Smokey the Bear, he also warns school children about the dangers of fire and smoke as "Evil Mr. Smoke."

Engineer Chuck Perkins will retire from the North County Fire Protection District on October 28, 2005, after more than 23 years of esteemed service, though he will continue to remain a leader in fire safety education. Chuck Perkins is due our respect and gratitude for his tireless service and genuine commitment to his community now, and in the future.

CONGRATULATING DFW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR RECEIVING "STAR OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY" AWARD

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport for receiving a "Star of Energy Efficiency" Award from the Alliance to Save Energy. DFW won the award for its aggressive pursuit and corporate commitment to the efficient and environmentally friendly use of energy.

Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport currently serves more than 59 million passengers and offers 2,300 flights a day to 152 domestic and international destinations. DFW has faced daunting challenges since 2001, including a catastrophic business downturn in the airlines precipitated by terrorist attacks in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, DC, and the Environmental Protection Agency's introduction of stringent national ambient clean air

ozone standards that require DFW to reduce its emissions by 70 percent. Throughout this period, and long before, DFW officials have campaigned aggressively to reduce operating expenses for all its tenants through reduced energy use while adhering to new EPA guidelines.

From building commissioning and energy retrofits, to more efficient building design and adherence to strict energy codes, DFW has reduced its energy use at the central plant by over one fourth, and is energy use per square foot by almost 40 percent. This has resulted in a total avoided energy use of 25 million MMBtus. In addition, nitrous oxide emissions are expected to be reduced by 86 percent, far exceeding the EPA mandate.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I stand here today to congratulate Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport, my home airport, for setting an unprecedented example as a world leader in energy and environmental stewardship within the airline transportation industry.

TAIWAN NATIONAL DAY

HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, today I want to congratulate the people of Taiwan on the occasion of their National Day.

Taiwan serves as a prosperous and democratic model to countries around the world and I would like to personally congratulate Taiwan for its dedication to democracy and the rule of law. Its 23 million people enjoy the privileges of a balanced judicial system, free speech, and fair elections. Its vibrant free market system continues to thrive and supports a strong and healthy economy. Taiwan is a strong regional ally and a close friend of the United States and is committed to maintaining peace and stability.

To help us celebrate the momentous accomplishments of our friends in Taiwan, I urge my colleagues here in Congress to support Taiwan's bid to return to the United Nations. It is truly shameful that Taiwan has been denied its proper international role and presence. There is no better way to show our respect for Taiwan's democratic ideals than to support its bid to return to the international community. It is an objective fact that Taiwan is a free and independent nation, and therefore meets all the criteria for admission to the United Nations.

I am confident Taiwan will continue to serve as a model to its neighbors and I praise its commitment to democracy, the rule of law, and regional stability. Congratulations Taiwan on your National Day.

CONGRATULATING PAUL AND SHARON BOCZEK FOR WINNING THE 2005 PEACEKEEPER'S AWARD

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Paul and Sharon Boczek have selflessly given to support Peg's House, the Tri-County Help Center's emergency domestic violence shelter; and

Whereas, Paul and Sharon Boczek and their staff have conducted themselves with professionalism in maintaining the confidentiality of the shelter and managing the upkeep of Peg's House; and

Whereas, Paul and Sharon Boczek pursue this noble labor without expectation of thanks or reward, but out of the pure kindness of their hearts.

Therefore, I join with family, friends and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Paul and Sharon Boczek for winning this prestigious award.

PETROLEUM REFINERIES: WILL RECORD PROFITS SPUR INVESTMENT IN NEW DOMESTIC CAPACITY?

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the following statement for the RECORD.

"Will Record Profits spur investment in new domestic capacity?" That is the title of this hearing. In a competitive market, the question would not be worth asking in Congress. There would be no doubt about the answer.

But the petroleum refining industry is not a competitive market. Ten companies control 80 percent of the refining capacity, and just 5 companies control half of the Nation's capacity all by themselves.

Since 1981, the concentration of refining capacity supply in fewer and fewer hands has increased. Mergers and acquisitions have fueled industry concentration. The result is astonishing:

Operable capacity stopped rising in 1981, as it had for the previous 30 years.

Instead, it went into decline, before it plateauing. For the past 20 years, capacity has been held relatively constant.

Economics 101 teaches that rising demand meets constant supply at higher and higher prices. We can be confident that the industry is familiar with that economics lesson, and they have profited handsomely as a result.

The question we should address is why should the U.S. Government continue to permit an anti-competitive environment that enables a few companies to rein in supply and drive up record profits?

I am sure that we will hear from the industry a lot about onerous environmental regulations. They want the public to believe that they would have built more refineries if only they'd been allowed to do it.

Not only is that not true, but it is a smokescreen. The industry hasn't tried but once in 25 years to build a new refinery. Yet, between 1994 and 2004, they closed 30 refineries. On balance, they have been closing refineries, not trying to open new ones. Closing refineries tightens supply, driving up prices when demand is rising. That is exactly what has happened, and they've made record profits.

If there were no environmental regulations, the industry would have to invent them or something equivalent in order to disguise a corporate strategy to hold down supply. That is the real issue and Americans

are paying mightily for it. Since 2001, according to Public Citizen, the largest 5 oil companies operating in the United States enjoyed after-tax profits of \$254 billion.

There are things Congress can do. One would be to pass H.R. 2070, the Gas Price Spike Act of 2005. This bill, which I introduced with 39 cosponsors, would implement a windfall profit tax on gasoline and diesel. Such a tax would be imposed on key oil industry profits above a reasonable rate of return. If oil companies are collecting excessive profits on the backs of consumers, they should be subject to a stiff tax on those excessive profits. The threat of heavy taxation will send a clear signal to oil companies that price gouging, and shorting supply, will not pay.

In addition, H.R. 2070 will direct the revenue from the windfall profits tax to Americans who buy ultra efficient cars made in America. These individuals would receive a \$6000 tax credit. The credit would be phased in, and cars that achieved 65 miles per gallon would receive a full tax credit. Today average cars get less than 30 miles per gallon. This tax credit will stimulate the market in ultra efficient vehicles.

Lastly, the bill makes funding available to regional transit authorities to offset significantly reduced mass transit fares during times of gas price spikes. Providing low-cost mass transit will slow demand for gas and ease the price of gasoline, benefiting all Americans.

CONGRATULATING FORMER CONGRESSMAN JOSEPH HOFFFEL

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

Ms. SCHWARTZ of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, Joseph Hoeffel honorably represented Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional district for 6 years. And, on October 16, I proudly joined with area Democrats in naming Joe the "Montgomery County Democrat of the Year."

As a lifelong resident of Montgomery County, Joe was elected in 1976 to the first of four terms in the Pennsylvania State House, representing the Abington area until 1984, where he worked on budget and government reform, economic development and programs for seniors. In 1991, Joe was elected to the first of two terms as Montgomery County Commissioner where he fought for open space preservation, community revitalization and reforms of patronage and pay-to-play abuses in the courthouse.

In 1996, Joe ran for the U.S. House of Representatives, challenging a freshman incumbent and losing by just 84 votes. However, he returned to the campaign trail in 1998 and was successful—earning the opportunity to represent the 13th district in the 106th, 107th, and 108th Congresses. Joe campaigned on a platform of creating jobs, bettering our public school system, expanding access to health care, balancing the Federal budget, and ensuring that we have a robust foreign policy.

During his tenure, Joe fulfilled many campaign promises. He authored various pieces of legislation to better the 13th district and the Nation, including bills to create a veterans' cemetery at Valley Forge, to eliminate wasteful corporate welfare, to reform Federal support for public schools and to establish a patients' bill of rights.