

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.

At home, Joe was a constant figure throughout the community. He was intimately involved in bringing a public health center to Norristown and establishing the Center for Sustainable Communities at Temple University-Ambler. Additionally, he secured Federal funds for the Schuylkill Valley Metro, Title I education, river-front development in Norristown and Northeast Philadelphia, the Montgomery County Community College and the Abington Arts Center.

From his seat on the International Relations Committee, Joe also advocated for the United States to play an active role in international efforts to bring peace to the Middle East and throughout the world.

Joe's reputation as a hard-working legislator and an outspoken, progressive Democrat will not be forgotten. I know many of my colleagues continue to rely on Joe's guidance and advice and wish him well in his new endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all of my colleagues here in Congress I again want to congratulate Joe Hoeffel on being recognized as Montgomery County's Democrat of the Year. Although his service in Congress has come to an end, I know Joe will continue to work on behalf of the people of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, and our Nation for many years to come.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
VIVIAN MALONE JONES

HON. ARTUR DAVIS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

Mr. DAVIS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer a tribute to Vivian Malone Jones.

It is my generation's tragedy that so few of us knew the name of Vivian Malone Jones. It is a cruel twist of history that George Wallace's "stand in the schoolhouse door" is itself a vivid memory but that the protagonists of the event—the ones being stood against—were off-site and out of view.

Vivian Malone Jones died too young last week at age 63. In prose, she was the first black American to earn a degree from the University of Alabama. In poetry, she was proof of the power of dignified commitment, and was a trailblazer to young black women my mother's age, whose own dreams seemed more attainable when they contemplated her boldness.

Part of Jones' current anonymity was based on the choice she made to forge a conventional career as a government employee, rather than as a traveling icon of the civil rights era. She did not frequent the reenactments, the marches, or the annual seminars revisiting the sixties, and I never recall her weighing in on whether the war in Iraq was unjust or whether a Supreme Court nominee should be confirmed.

But these choices of when and where to cast her influence were hers, and they were noble and worthy of respect. And the value Vivian Malone Jones put on respecting choices meant that I never heard her offer those facile denigrations of the caliber of this generation's African American leaders.

My last memory of Jones is the Newsweek cover the week she registered at the University of Alabama. The cover featured the

unattributed quote, "We owe them—and we owe ourselves—a better country." It was so true, for Jones and her cohorts, and it is so true, for the children of poverty and depressed schools, for the working poor who are losing ground, and for the anonymous challengers to glass ceilings who are themselves broken for trying to climb to higher altitudes. Blessed are those whose courage moves us to make the ultimate commitments.

CONGRATULATING CHIEF MARTIN
KENDZORA 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, Martin Kendzora and the St. Clairsville Police Department continue to assist the Tri-County Help Center combat domestic violence; and

Whereas, Martin Kendzora supports the Family Visitation Center and worked with the staff there to develop safety plans; and

Whereas, Martin Kendzora has been the consummate professional in dealing with the staff and clients of the Tri-County Help Center.

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

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE
OF MR. M.J. "MIKE" ARTS

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a friend and a fixture within the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce. On Friday, October 21, 2005, after twenty years at the helm, Mike Arts retires as President of the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce. Throughout his tenure, Mike's leadership cut a path of economic growth and prosperity transforming his home community, Boca Raton.

In 1985, Mike took the reigns of the Chamber and faced an daunting task. The Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce was dealing with the loss of 10,000 IBM jobs, an inactive membership and a fledgling downtown development plan.

Today, thanks to Mike's leadership, the Chamber enjoys a membership of 1,800 members, the largest business organization in Palm Beach and Broward counties. The success of the Boca Raton Chamber has been at the center of making the City of Boca Raton, the envy of municipalities throughout Florida.

Mike's involvement reaches far beyond Boca Raton. Mike has served as President of the Florida Chamber of Commerce Executives and as a member of the United States Chamber of Commerce. Mike has also supported a regional business approach that has led South Florida to become a national and international leader in transportation and international trade. As a result of this progressive vision, Mike has

been called one of Palm Beach County's "movers and shakers."

I have had the privilege of representing the residents of Boca Raton and Palm Beach County since 1992. As a Member of Congress representing a new area, it was an easy transition the day I first met Mike. Mike took precious time introducing me around the Boca Raton business community.

The many relationships and support I have today is a direct result of Mike's support.

Every two years constituents of Florida's 22nd Congressional District travel to Washington and participate in my District Fly-In. The Fly-In provides my constituents with a firsthand look at the inner workings of the Congress and our federal government. I appreciate Mike's longstanding support of these events during the planning and implementation process. His assistance has made these Fly-In events a tremendous success.

Although Mike will step aside from leading the Boca Raton Chamber, we know his activities and commitment to Boca Raton and the South Florida business community remain a top priority.

I Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to call Mike Arts my friend. I wish Mike and his lovely wife, Catherine, much happiness and good health as they complete this chapter in their partnership and look for new challenges and opportunities in the future. I thank my colleagues for allowing me to bring to the attention of the House the outstanding service of Mike Arts.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JO ANN MITTENBERG,
NEW YORK STATE'S AMERICAN
STAR OF TEACHING HONOREE

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the accomplishments of Jo Ann Mittenberg, who was recognized in September by the U.S. Department of Education as the American Star of Teaching honoree from New York State. This exceptional honor goes annually to one exemplary teacher from each state.

Ms. Mittenberg has taught math for over 27 years and has been a teacher in the Farmingdale Union Free School district for over 14 years. Her colleagues describe her as a "gifted, caring, tireless, dedicated person with a superb mathematical background and extraordinary teaching skills."

Over the years, Ms. Mittenberg has taught Sequential I, II and III Mathematics, Grade 8 Math, Grade 8 Remedial Math, Regents Competency Math, Pre-Calculus Syracuse University Calculus Program and C.W. Post SCALE Calculus for college credit. Additionally, she has taught computer programming, computer literacy, SAT preparation, and GED preparation courses. One of Ms. Mittenberg's most impressive successes in the classroom has been helping ninth graders with disabilities pass state Regents exams with a 90 percent success rate.

Ms. Mittenberg's dedication to providing Long Island students with a strong math education doesn't end in the classroom. She works hard to ensure that her colleagues are