

reasons, but sadly also as a result of price gouging. In my home State of New Jersey, residents voiced concerns over fair and honest treatment when purchasing gasoline for weeks before a federal emergency declaration was declared and state price gouging statutes were triggered.

For these reasons, the bill does not require a federal emergency declaration to be issued before the FTC could begin an investigation. Instead, the bill sets out specific factors for the FTC to use to determine whether the commodity is being sold at an unjust or unreasonable price. If the FTC makes the determination that price gouging exists, the bill ensures that the violator, whether an individual or a corporation, is subject to strong civil and criminal penalties.

Americans in every corner of the country are today being faced with unprecedented energy costs. We owe it to our constituents to ensure that no one is profiting unjustly at their expense. I urge my colleagues to speak for them and to support the "Energy Price Discipline Act of 2005."

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month and pay special tribute to the extraordinary contributions of Hispanics towards our great nation. Hispanic Heritage Month, which began on September 15th, commemorates the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries—Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile both declared their independence in the month of September. This anniversary celebrates the day these countries declared their independence from Spanish colonial rule, and continues to represent the shared heritage of all Hispanics in our hemisphere.

This month-long commemoration allows us to celebrate the diversity within the Hispanic community in the United States. America's cultural diversity has always been one of our nation's greatest strengths. Although Hispanics share a common language, their history is rooted throughout the Americas and the Iberian Peninsula. Hispanics represent a mixture of several ethnic backgrounds, including European, American Indian, and African.

Throughout our history, Hispanic Americans have contributed to the greatness of America. From the earliest settlers in the New World to the most recent arrivals seeking greater opportunities and freedoms, Hispanics continue to add to America's unique culture.

According to the Census Bureau, in 2002, there were 37.4 million Hispanics residing in the U.S., representing 13.3 percent of the total population. More than 2.7 million Hispanics reside in my home State of Florida, and comprise almost 17 percent of the population. As a relatively young and rapidly growing population, Hispanics are poised to make their mark on our nation for generations to come. Through their hard work, commitment to faith and close-knit families, Hispanics have the potential to have a significant impact on society.

Furthermore, beyond this data, the reality is that Hispanics are an integral part of America's social fabric. More than one in eight people in the U.S. are of Hispanic origin. During this month-long celebration, we recognize the millions of Hispanic Americans who value a strong commitment to family, hard work, and community. In various aspects of society, from the world of sports, music, and literature and to the entrepreneurial sector, Hispanics continue to live and pursue the American dream. As legislators, we must continue to work for the advancement of initiatives that support and provide opportunity for all.

During Hispanic Heritage Month, I urge all of my colleagues to join with our fellow citizens in celebrating this rich and diverse culture, and I encourage all Americans to recognize the significant role Hispanics play in creating and building this great country.

HONORING CERRITOS COLLEGE

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, Cerritos College celebrates its 50 years of dedication, tradition, and influence in the 39th Congressional District and southeast Los Angeles County. It stands as an honored institution within the surrounding communities and continues to provide excellent education and training to thousands of students year after year.

A community's dream to extend the educational opportunities of local youth resulted in the birth of Cerritos College. Established in 1955, Cerritos College began with a humble 195 students, 10 teachers, and 15 subjects. Today, the College enrolls more than 22,000 students and offers over 180 areas of study.

Cerritos College's dedication to quality education has made the College an asset to both career-oriented students as well as life-long learners. From political science to business, culinary arts to computers, Cerritos College's programs are invaluable in providing the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in today's dynamic world.

Cerritos College has embraced and utilized technology in providing quality education and services to its students and faculty. The College boasts an open-access lab of 600 high-speed computers dedicated to student use, a modern teleconferencing center, online courses, and "wiring" of the entire campus. As a result, Cerritos College has been dubbed "the most technologically advanced community college" in California for teaching and learning.

Perhaps Cerritos College's greatest asset is its diversity. It is the fourth largest Latino serving community college in the nation and is home to more than 300 international students. Cerritos College's commitment to serving the community's needs has empowered local students and given them a chance to pursue their dreams and become engaged with the rest of the world.

I proudly celebrate with Cerritos College its fiftieth anniversary and look forward to working with the College and its students for many more years to come.

IN RECOGNITION AND REMEMBRANCE OF LIFE OF REVEREND MONSIGNOR ROBERT D. GOODILL

HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Mr. ENGLISH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition and remembrance of the life of Reverend Monsignor Robert D. Goodill, who tragically died on April 1, 2005 from injuries sustained in a car accident while in Mexico. For nearly seven decades, Reverend Monsignor Goodill selflessly served the citizens of northwestern Pennsylvania, acting as both a community leader and spiritual counselor for countless individuals. He was a man deeply devoted to his church and his community, dedicating the entirety of his life to the betterment of both.

Reverend Monsignor Robert D. Goodill was born in Erie, Pennsylvania on October 23, 1912. He attended St. Patrick grade school and later attended Cathedral Preparatory School. In 1935, Reverend Monsignor graduated from Catholic University of America with an M.A. in Philosophy. Following his ordainment as a priest at Our Lady of Humility Church in Rome, Goodill was assigned as a parochial vicar at St. Brigid Parish in Meadville, PA. Rev. Monsignor Goodill entered military service in 1943. He served as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy during World War II and again from 1952 to 1954 during the Korean Conflict, being named Naval Chaplain of the year in 1953. In 1954, Goodill was appointed as the founding pastor of Erie, Pennsylvania's St. Luke Church, a position he held until his retirement in 1985. In 1994, after five decades of loyal service to the church, Pope John Paul II named him a prelate of Honor with the title of Monsignor.

The dedication Reverend Monsignor continually demonstrated for his church, community, and nation warrant this body's recognition. As a community leader, spiritual counselor, and war veteran, Reverend Monsignor Goodill's life embodied the American ideals of service, commitment, and sacrifice. With his unfortunate passing, the people of my district, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the nation have lost a truly exceptional and beloved man.

RECOGNIZING PRINCIPAL CHERRY FITCH

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor for me to rise today to recognize Cherry Fitch, Florida's High School Principal of the Year. For over 30 years Mrs. Fitch has served Gulf Breeze High School, improving students' lives working as both a teacher and an administrator.

She began her career at Gulf Breeze High School in 1970 as an English teacher and 27 years of dedication later she became the principal. She is an excellent principal, concerned not only with the academic wellbeing of her students but their social success as well. Although Mrs. Fitch left the classroom, she remained deeply involved in her students' lives.

There is no doubt that Cherry Fitch has positively influenced thousands of students during her time at Gulf Breeze High School. Her love of community and school has been apparent throughout her career. It is fitting that in her last year at Gulf Breeze High School that Mrs. Fitch is recognized with this great honor for all her dedication. Under her leadership, Gulf Breeze High School has been the recipient of numerous accolades including being named an A+ school for the past 4 years.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to an educator who could serve as a role model to us all. Over three decades of service to education is something to truly be admired, and I am thankful for her commitment to Gulf Breeze High School.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent due to illness during rollcall votes 521 and 522.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on 521 and 522.

RECOGNIZING THE MILITARY AND COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS OF COLONEL JAMES DOTY AS COMMANDER OF FORT HUNTER LIGGETT AND PARKS RESERVE FORCES TRAINING AREA

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel James Doty for exceptional service to the military and to our community in forming the U.S. Army Combat Support Training Center in northern California.

Between June 2003 and October 2005, Colonel Doty led an ambitious, successful effort to create a free-standing installation that supports training for both Active and Reserve Components.

Colonel Doty unified four individual sites under one command in creating the Training Center, a truly remarkable feat. At the Parks Training Area, he managed a historic Army Real Property Exchange to permit replacement of aging structures decades beyond their useful life with over \$200 million worth of critical support facilities. He prepared Fort Hunter Liggett for implementation of Defense Secretary recommendations to make it the Training Support Headquarters for the 91st Division. Furthermore, he overcame significant obstacles to preside over the development of more than 300 housing units at the Parks site and at Moffett Federal Airfield across the San Francisco Bay in Sunnyvale.

No less remarkably, Colonel Doty accomplished these achievements in a characteristically affable, engaging, and sincere manner. His intelligence, tireless energy, and commitment to success are enhanced by his personal

integrity and genuine regard for those in his command and in the larger community affected by his leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I wish much satisfaction and success to Colonel Doty in his well-earned, exciting new assignment. He, his wife Charlotte, and their family have endeared themselves to everyone who knows them in the Tri-Valley region. They will be remembered fondly and sorely missed.

UNDERAGE DRINKING

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus to highlight the issue of underage drinking.

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the first use of alcohol typically begins at age 12. Additionally, research tells us that the majority of kids are accessing the alcohol they drink from family and friends. According to Teenage Research Unlimited, 51 percent of 13–15 year olds say they will be faced with making a decision regarding alcohol in the next three months.

The good news is that parents are the leading influence on kids' decision not to drink alcohol. It is critical that parents and other trusted adults initiate conversations with kids about underage drinking well in advance of the first time they are faced with a decision regarding alcohol.

Yesterday, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus teamed up with The Century Council and Nickelodeon to launch Pregunte, Escuche, Aprende: ¡Los niños y el alcohol no mezclan! The program was developed in collaboration with LULAC, Aspira Association, the National Latino Children's Institute, National Hispanic Medical Association and MANA, among others and is an adaptation of the English program, Ask, Listen, Learn: Kids and Alcohol Don't Mix.

The program is designed to reduce underage drinking, particularly among children ages 9–13. The information is useful for parents, other trusted adults and kids and includes strategies to help facilitate conversations about the dangers of underage drinking.

I commend The Century Council and Nickelodeon for giving Latino parents and children across the Nation such a valuable communications tool to initiate those critically important discussions regarding alcohol.

EULOGY OF THE COMMON SOLDIER

HON. RALPH REGULA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the following poem "Eulogy of the Common Soldier" for inclusion in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. The poem was written by U.S. Army First Lieutenant Aaron Seesan when he was in his senior year at Washington High School in Massillon, Ohio. Aaron was killed in Iraq on May 22, 2005 while serving his country.

All mortal beings, which God brought forth,
die the same, man is not exempt.

All will inevitably end as the dust from
whence we came, it matters not of age.

Do not mourn me if I should fall in a foreign
land, think this of my passing.

In a far off field a finer soil mixed with the
foreign sand, a dust that is American.

A dust that laughed, cried, and loved as an
American, on this plot there shall be.

A little piece of America, a patch for the free
man, which no oppressor can take.

From this soil grows grass shimmering a lit-
tle greener, brilliant emerald ramparts.

A Breeze whispering White Poppies with a
scent a little sweeter, flowers towards
Heaven.

Mourn not my terrible death but celebrate
my cause in life, viewed noble or not.

I would have sacrificed and gave all that I
had to give, not to make man good, but
only to let the good man live.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF ANTHONY A. LEON GUERRERO

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 20, 2005

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my deepest sympathies and condolences to the family of Mr. Anthony A. Leon Guerrero who passed away on October 10, 2005. He was born on Guam on June 19, 1952 Throughout his life, Mr. Leon Guerrero made numerous contributions to the island of Guam, most notably serving as the president, the chief executive officer, CEO, and chairman of the Bank of Guam. He attended the London School of Economics at the University of London, majoring in Monetary Economics in 1976. He earned his masters of Business Administration at Stanford University's Sloan Program in 1985. At the Bank of Guam, which was founded by his father, the late Jesus S. Leon Guerrero, Tony served with a professionalism that sets a standard for senior executives on our island. Mr. Leon Guerrero served in various positions at the Bank of Guam, rising from commercial loan officer in 1974 to chairman of the board, president and CEO in 2002. Under his stewardship, the Bank of Guam and its 14 branches strengthened its position as the leading financial institution in the Western Pacific region. He was a true visionary in Guam's business community, launching online banking services for the island. Through his leadership, the Bank of Guam became the first local company to go public when its stock was offered for trading on the Pacific Exchange in August of 2000.

Mr. Leon Guerrero's public service includes tenures as chairman of the Guam Economic Development Authority and the Guam Council on the Humanities. He served on various government boards and commissions including the University of Guam Board of Regents, the Guam Political Status Commission, the Guam Waterworks Authority, the Hagatna Restoration and Redevelopment Authority, the Pacific Islands Development Bank Board of Governors and the Micronesian Regional Tourism Council. He served on civic boards and organizations including the Guam Chamber of Commerce, the Guam Bankers' Association, the Catholic Education Council Board of Trustees, the American Cancer Society, Goodwill