

below 1 GHz for unlicensed devices to meet the growing consumer demand for robust wireless broadband connections. As outlined in the committee report, the Federal Communications Commission should evaluate whether the presence of unlicensed devices operating in the broadcast television bands will produce harmful interference to television stations broadcasting in that band.

Unlicensed devices that utilize spectrum below 1 GHz could be used by neighbors who want to communicate with each other, by wireless Internet providers who want to improve their coverage, or by other service providers who want to expand their capabilities. Unlicensed use of these bands has the potential to foster additional broadband competition, technological innovation, and economic development. In addition, wireless broadband devices can be deployed rapidly in areas where wireline communications infrastructure has been wiped away, such as has occurred during recent disasters. I agree that the FCC should act expeditiously on this proceeding, and we were therefore pleased to provide the FCC with a deadline to complete its work.

HONORING DAVID MITCHELL ON HIS CAMPAIGN TO BE ELECTED TO THE CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 8

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2005

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor David Mitchell, a resident of Chautauqua County for his quest to become the elected representative to the eighth legislative district in Chautauqua County Legislature. Although Mr. Mitchell was not able to realize his dream he has been able to make an impact on other's lives in a different way.

The campaign trail is a difficult path to take. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Mitchell traveled that path with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way. I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the voters of district 8.

David Mitchell is a former Jamestown police officer that was wounded while on duty. Through his courage and determination to rise above his injuries David has made a tremendous recovery. It is inspiring to see a man with such conviction to better his community run for public office.

Chautauqua County is blessed to have such strong candidates with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Mitchell is one of those people and that is why, Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor him today.

HONORING DAVE SMITH, NEWARK'S RECENTLY RE-ELECTED MAYOR

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2005

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Newark, CA's Mayor Dave Smith. His

recent re-election makes him the second longest serving mayor in the country as he embarks on his 28th consecutive year of service.

Mayor Smith began his career in public service as the Fremont chapter president of the Jaycees, a fraternal business group. He then ran for, and was elected to, the Newark city council in 1976. Two years later he was elected Mayor, where he has remained ever since.

During his tenure, Newark has become a model for the country to follow. It has a \$35 million surplus, a low crime rate, beautiful parks and well-maintained streets. Newark city council meetings are efficient and exemplify Mayor Smith's ability to build consensus among the city's leadership.

He has steered Newark through the dot-com boom and bust, avoiding the common pitfalls that plague many other cities. His plans for managed growth have allowed Newark to thrive. Also, he is a respected governmental figure—not an easy trick for a Republican representing a city that is registered 55 percent Democratic.

Smith's nickname, Mr. Newark, is well deserved. With an easy style prone to practical jokes and trombone solos, he has become an accomplished politician, a beloved public servant and a committed member of his community.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dave Smith's dedicated commitment to the city he serves. His ability to lead Newark, one of the jewels of the East Bay, is unquestionable and I for one hope he continues to serve for another 28 years.

RECOGNITION OF PRESIDENT MARGARET A. MCKENNA'S 20 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP AT LESLEY UNIVERSITY

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2005

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Margaret A. McKenna, president of Lesley University since December 4, 1985.

Dr. McKenna became president of Lesley College 20 years ago and her leadership has created Lesley University, with a School of Education, a Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, an Art Institute and the School of Integrative and Experiential Studies. Over these two decades, Lesley University's enrollment, endowment and programmatic reach have each expanded dramatically. While these achievements would be laudable on their own for any university president, they are only a portion of the success Dr. McKenna has fostered at Lesley University.

Dr. McKenna has placed a very strong emphasis on educating our educators. Under her stewardship, Lesley has grown to be the Commonwealth of Massachusetts's largest producer of new teachers. Lesley has also become one of the largest providers of graduate professional education to classroom teachers in the Nation. The faculty and students have become an important resource to local public school districts. This is due, in no small part, to her commitment to pioneering on-line and distance learning. With President McKenna's imprimatur, Lesley University has placed many re-

sources and much energy toward providing quality education for teachers specializing in the hard sciences.

President McKenna has also used her position as the head of a leading university to call attention to important causes. One need only glance at her published work to know she sees education as an opportunity to build a citizen, not just a student. Clearly, from her perspective, there is no civics topic that is not enmeshed with higher education.

In closing, I salute President Margaret McKenna for 20 years of outstanding leadership and vision.

STATEMENT HONORING SFC
RICHARD SCHILD

HON. STEPHANIE HERSETH

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2005

Ms. HERSETH. Mr. Speaker, I am saddened to report the passing of SFC Richard Schild. He was killed while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The lives of countless people were enormously enhanced by Richard's goodwill and service. He inspired all those who knew him. Our Nation is a far better place because of his life. All Americans owe Richard, and the other soldiers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of freedom, a tremendous debt of gratitude for their service.

Every Member of the House of Representatives has taken a solemn oath to defend the constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic. While we certainly understand the gravity of the issues facing this legislative body, Richard lived that commitment to our country. Today, we remember and honor his noble service to the United States and the ultimate sacrifice he has paid with his life to defend our freedoms and foster liberty for others.

Mr. Speaker, I express my sympathies to the family and friends of SFC Richard Schild. I believe the best way to honor him is to emulate his commitment to our country. I know he will always be missed, but his service to our Nation will never be forgotten.

HONORING NANCY PETRUCCELLO ON HER CAMPAIGN TO BE ELECTED TO THE CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 10

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2005

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Nancy Petrucello, a resident of Chautauqua County, for her quest to become the elected representative to the 10th legislative district in the Chautauqua County Legislature. Although Ms. Petrucello was not able to realize her dream, she has been able to make an impact on others' lives in a different way.

The campaign trail is a difficult path to take. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Ms. Petrucello traveled that path with her head held high and a smile on her face the entire

way. I have no doubt that her kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the voters of district 10.

Nancy Petrucello has served as a voting machine custodian for many of the Jamestown voting machines. Even though she was running her own campaign this year, Nancy still found the time to serve as the custodian.

Nancy Petrucello is an amazing woman who ran a tremendous campaign. Many do not realize this, but Ms. Petrucello ran her campaign while dealing with the trials of having a brain tumor. She clearly loves her county and wanted to do what is best for it at any cost.

Chautauqua County is blessed to have such strong candidates with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Ms. Petrucello is one of those people and that is why, Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor her today.

HONORING AL HUEZO, CITY
MANAGER OF NEWARK, CA

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2005

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the city of Newark, CA's extraordinary city manager, Alberto "Al" T. Huezo. After a long and illustrious career, he will retire on December 30, 2005.

He was hired by the city on July 1, 1974 and promoted to the position of city manager on July 1, 1996. For the last 9 years, City Manager Huezo has guided Newark in an exemplary fashion. He defines his position as city manager as "the chief executive officer of an organization that provides municipal services." He emphasizes the word services and describes his role also as "an ambassador for the organization, someone who actively markets and promotes that organization to people on the outside, potential customers and certainly customers within." During his tenure as city manager he never lost his focus on service.

When asked how he would like to be remembered, Mr. Huezo responded "as a man who didn't take himself too seriously, someone who did his job with passion and gusto." Among his legacies to the city is the development of Newark's Silliman Center, a modern multi-purpose community center, and maintaining city services through difficult fiscal issues and challenges. He points to the proudest moment of his career, as city manager, as being part of a team that dealt effectively with the nationally publicized Eddie "Gwen" Araujo homicide in Newark. This tragedy put the city under a microscope and communities acted with dignity and as a tightly knit group to face the challenge together.

Referring to his legacy, Mr. Huezo points to the people that he has promoted or brought into the city's organization and the key people in place to lead Newark forward.

I join the city of Newark and its residents in wishing Al Huezo all the best upon his well deserved retirement. He has been a trusted public servant and we shall miss his warm personality and the genuine, consistent caring he expressed when carrying out his duties to make Newark a model city. Thank you, Al Huezo, for making a positive difference with your commitment to excellence.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MARY M. LASSEN

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2005

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to Mary M. Lassen, who has served more than a decade as president and CEO of the Women's Union in Boston. Mary Lassen has been an extraordinary force for social justice and effective reform. The Women's Educational and Industrial Union, established in 1877, supported suffrage, legal rights, and wider opportunities for women. Mary Lassen built upon those historic triumphs and led the union into a new century, working with and on behalf of poor and immigrant women. Under her leadership, the union has provided job training for women moving from welfare to work, supportive housing for survivors of domestic abuse, and compelling advocacy for family economic self-sufficiency.

Mary Lassen graduated summa cum laude from Radcliffe College, determined to secure liberty, justice, and opportunity for all persons. Her struggle against poverty and injustice has been both intellectual and pragmatic. She believes in rigorous analysis and sustained collaboration. After working as a community organizer, she became executive director of the Committee for Boston Public Housing. In that office, she introduced early childhood, antiviolence and community building programs in several of Boston's public housing developments, and then, characteristically, she took time to reflect. In a sabbatical year, as a fellow of the Mary I. Bunting Institute at Radcliffe College, she produced a study of "Community-Based Family Support in Public Housing." During a public policy fellowship sponsored by the Japan Society, she explored women's employment and workforce development in East Asia. She has inspired the union's important research on Family Self-Sufficiency and helped forge the Massachusetts Family Economic Self-Sufficiency Project, MassFESS, a statewide coalition of organizations, to measure the real costs of living, working and paying taxes without subsidies and to frame policy in terms of these real costs.

Under her leadership, the Women's Union opened Horizons II, increasing by 30 percent the number of supportive transitional housing units for battered and homeless women and their children in the city of Boston. This year, the Women's Union celebrated the opening of a newly designed, state-of-the art, woman-focused technology training center. The title of their report expresses their goal: Achieving Success in the New Economy.

Several of the most daring, inspiring, and influential women in the history of our country have been associated with the Women's Union, sometimes as supporters, sometimes as clients: Louisa May Alcott, Julia Ward Howe, Helen Keller, and Amelia Earhart. Mary Lassen deserves a place among them.

HONORING FRED YEZZI ON HIS CAMPAIGN TO BE ELECTED TO THE CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 11

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2005

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Fred Yezzi, a resident of Chautauqua County for his quest to become the elected representative to the 11th legislative district in the Chautauqua County Legislature. Although Mr. Yezzi was not able to realize his dream, he has been able to make an impact on other's lives in a different way.

The campaign trail is a difficult path to take. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Yezzi traveled that path with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way. I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the voters of district 11.

Mr. Yezzi has tried his hand in county politics a couple of times. That is a respectable trait to have. Determination to do good things for your county is one thing that Chautauqua County residents strive for.

Chautauqua County is blessed to have such strong candidates with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Yezzi is one of those people and that is why, Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor him today.

STATEMENT HONORING SSG
DANIEL CUKA

HON. STEPHANIE HERSETH

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 6, 2005

Ms. HERSETH. Mr. Speaker, I am saddened to report the passing of SSG Daniel Cuka. He was killed while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The lives of countless people were enormously enhanced by Daniel's goodwill and service. He inspired all those who knew him. Our Nation is a far better place because of his life. All Americans owe Daniel, and the other soldiers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of freedom, a tremendous debt of gratitude for their service.

Every Member of the House of Representatives has taken a solemn oath to defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic. While we certainly understand the gravity of the issues facing this legislative body, Daniel lived that commitment to our country. Today, we remember and honor his noble service to the United States and the ultimate sacrifice he has paid with his life to defend our freedoms and foster liberty for others.

Mr. Speaker, I express my sympathies to the family and friends of SSG Daniel Cuka. I believe the best way to honor him is to emulate his commitment to our country. I know he will always be missed, but his service to our Nation will never be forgotten.