

the Executive Director of the Chicago Korean American Chamber of Commerce and remains a prominent member of the City of Chicago's Human Relations Task Force. In addition, he served on the Asian American Advisory Councils for both the Illinois Secretary of State and the Illinois State Treasurer. Since 1997, Jin Lee has also served as the director of business planning and development for the Albany Park Community Center.

Hard work and determination were the hallmarks of Mr. Lee's early life. When he was 14 years old and without a working knowledge of English, he moved with his family to the United States from South Korea. He quickly mastered the language and subsequently earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Mr. Lee's reputation for hard work and determination are widely recognized and respected. He has received numerous honors and awards including Loyola University Chicago's Leadership Certificate, the Illinois Secretary of State's Certificate of Application, and membership in the Asian American Hall of Fame.

As he begins his 4-year term as a member of the Board of Trustees for Northeastern Illinois University, I am confident that Jin Lee will continue to serve the people of the Chicago area with steadfast dedication, just as he has proven in years past.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Fifth Congressional District of Illinois and indeed the entire city of Chicago, I thank Jin Lee for his many outstanding contributions to our community. I wish him continued success as he begins a new challenge and extend my heartfelt congratulations on his appointment to the Northeastern Illinois University Board of Trustees. I am proud to represent Mr. Lee and Northeastern Illinois University in the Fifth Congressional district and am confident both he and the university will find their partnership to be mutually productive and rewarding over the next four years and beyond.

**HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF BISHOP SAMUEL EDWARD
IGLEHART**

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bishop Samuel Edward Iglesias for his unparalleled dedication to his community, church, and family.

It is rare to find many people who have gone through life so humbly helping others. However Bishop Samuel Edward Iglesias is one of them. Ordained at the age of 31, Bishop Iglesias has gained a great familiarity with the people of his church and community. Whether it is a fellow officer of the church or a small child in need of assistance, serving humanity is always a top priority for Bishop Iglesias. This priority can be seen in the everyday mission of his church, the Childless Memorial Church of God in Christ. Future goals and milestones Bishop Iglesias plans to implement for the Memorial Church consist of providing a daycare and Christian Academy for children, a learning center for adults, and a Christian book store.

Memorial Church has not been the only medium for Bishop Iglesias to serve the community. He is a life-time member of the NAACP and a strong supporter of the United Negro College Fund. For his active community involvement, Bishop Iglesias was inducted into the "Who's Who Society of Outstanding Church Leaders" in May of 1989.

Besides his commitment to the community Bishop Iglesias dearly loves and is dedicated to his family. His wife Gloriosa Cosey Iglesias and their six children have a very special bond that can stand the test of time.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to be given the time to pay reverence to the lifetime of service of Bishop Samuel Edward Iglesias and his life-time of service.

**A TRIBUTE TO THE ESPINAL
FAMILY**

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the Espinal Family who are being honored at the Brooklyn Caribe Lions Club dinner dance as "Outstanding Family of the Year."

Jose and Agueda Espinal are the parents of this family, and together, they have raised thirteen children in the community of Sunset Park, Brooklyn, New York. Jose and Agueda immigrated from the Dominican Republic in 1977. They hoped to provide a better life and education for their family. Their children are Carmen, Pablo, Pedro, Maria, Julio, Esteban, Andres, Ceferino, Carlos, Bienvenido, Rafael, Mary Carmen and Juan Martin.

All the members of the Espinal Family have established very successful community based businesses. The majority of the children and grandchildren are professionals with degrees in business administration. They are also well known for their generosity to churches, civic and community organizations, which serve the less fortunate and infirm. This distinguished family is an inspiration and a role model to everyone in the community.

May this award inspire and encourage them to continue the important work that they have already begun. The wonderful example of dedication to their fellow community members and commitment to the important value of family has surely made them worthy of this honor.

Mr. Speaker, by raising thirteen successful children and still finding time and money to assist others, the Espinal Family has been a shining example to the community. As such, they are more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and the award of Outstanding Family of the Year. Thus, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

**FIFTH ANNUAL MOVERS AND
SHAKERS AWARDS OF THE VOL-
UNTEER CENTER OF JOHNSON
COUNTY**

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note an important event in the Third Congressional District of Kansas. On April 18, 2005, the Volunteer Center of Johnson County in Overland Park, Kansas, will honor outstanding youth volunteers. Seventy-one young people have been nominated by school personnel and nonprofit organizations for their dedication and service to the community. Youth volunteerism continues to grow and be a strong force in Johnson County. These 71 youths exemplify the true meaning of volunteerism and giving back to their community. It is my honor to recognize each student volunteer, their school, their age, number of hours volunteered, and their hometown by listing them in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Molly Allison-Gallimore, Home School, 15, 500+, Spring Hill, KS.

Kirsten Amble, Shawnee Mission Northwest High School, 17, 150, Shawnee, KS.

Brett Beyer, Shawnee Mission Northwest High School, 18, 350, Lake Quivira, KS.

Cheryl Bornheimer, Shawnee Mission West High School, 18, 100, Shawnee Mission, KS.

Brea Buchanan, Olathe East High School, 16, 217, Olathe, KS.

Jessie Bullock, Notre Dame de Sion, 16, 130, Stilwell, KS.

Meghan Burrow, Shawnee Mission South High School, 18, Gold, Overland Park, KS.

Clayton Calder, Olathe South High School, 18, 284, Olathe, KS.

Jenna Christensen, Shawnee Mission North High School, 16, 70, Overland Park, KS.

Jill Christensen, Shawnee Mission North High School, 14, Bronze, Overland Park, KS.

Brittany Clark, Mill Valley High School, 17, 200, Shawnee, KS.

Michael Cobb, Blue Valley High School, 18, 240, Stilwell, KS.

Michelle Cook, Shawnee Mission West High School, 17, 120, Lenexa, KS.

Christopher Connell, Shawnee Mission West High School, 15, Silver, Lenexa, KS.

David Dolginow, Pembroke Hill, 18, 100, Shawnee Mission, KS.

Marissa Dorau, Shawnee Mission West High School, 18, 90, Shawnee Mission, KS.

Morgan Fasbinder, Blue Valley Northwest High School, 17, 50, Overland Park, KS.

Kate Garrett, Shawnee Mission West High School, 16, Gold, Lenexa, KS.

Kevin Garrett, Westridge Middle School, 13, Bronze, Lenexa, KS.

James Geary, Blue Valley Middle School, 12, 63, Overland Park, KS.

Lindsey Gerber, Oregon Trail Junior High, 14, 250, Olathe, KS.

Josh Gordon, Blue Valley North High School, 17, 110, Leawood, KS.

Maggie Gremminger, Mill Valley High School, 17, 165, Shawnee, KS.

Luke Hays, Oxford Middle School, 12, 81, Overland Park, KS.

Kristen Heath, Mill Valley High School, 17, 110, Shawnee, KS.

Samantha Hewitt, Shawnee Mission West High School, 17, 350, Lenexa, KS.

Bethany Hileman, Oxford Middle School, 12, 68, Overland Park, KS.

Mallory Howlett, Shawnee Mission Northwest High School, 18, 300, Shawnee, KS.

Ellen Jorgenson, Shawnee Mission North High School, 17, 150, Shawnee, KS.

Adam Kenne, Gardner-Edgerton High School, 16, 110, Gardner, KS.

Becky Kenton, Mill Valley High School, 18, 225, Shawnee, KS.

Hunter Kiely, Blue Valley West High School, 16, 150, Overland Park, KS.

Jenny Kim, Shawnee Mission South High School, 17, 120, Overland Park, KS.

Danielle Kopp, St. Thomas Aquinas, 15, 92, Leawood, KS.

Kelly Kutchko, Shawnee Mission North High School, 16, 75, Merriam, KS.

Andrew Lacy, Blue Valley Northwest High School, 18, 200, Overland Park, KS.

Max Lehman, Blue Valley High School, 16, 250, Leawood, KS.

Ethan Levine, Pleasant Ridge Middle School, 14, 250, Overland Park, KS.

Emily Limpic, Shawnee Mission East High School, 17, 75, Shawnee Mission, KS.

Blake Lindsay, Olathe South High School, 18, 100, Olathe, KS.

John Liu, Blue Valley High School, 16, 262, Overland Park, KS.

Magdalena May, Olathe North High School, 15, 300, Olathe, KS.

Greg May, Olathe North High School, 17, 300, Olathe, KS.

Emily Minion, Blue Valley West High School, 18, 155, Overland Park, KS.

Jennifer Moore, Shawnee Mission North High School, 17, 150, Overland Park, KS.

Josh Morgan, Gardner-Edgerton High School, 16, 135, Olathe, KS.

Kate Motter, Shawnee Mission West High School, 17, 300, Shawnee Mission, KS.

Rhea Muchalla, Shawnee Mission North High School, 17, 50, Shawnee, KS.

Caroline Mueller, St. Thomas Aquinas, 15, 75, Leawood, KS.

Katheryn Mueller, St. Thomas Aquinas, 17, 100, Leawood, KS.

Lindsay Murphy, Olathe South High School, 18, 265, Olathe, KS.

Katie Murray, Blue Valley North High School, 17, 325, Leawood, KS.

Kasey Nelson, St. Thomas Aquinas, 18, 100, Overland Park, KS.

Hannah Oberkrom, Shawnee Mission West High School, 18, 90, Shawnee, KS.

Miranda Oley, Pioneer Trail Junior High, 14, 10, Olathe, KS.

Jessica Pohl, Blue Valley Northwest High School, 100, 100, Overland Park, KS.

Justin Pohl, Blue Valley Northwest High School, 75, 75, Overland Park, KS.

Ashley Racca, Olathe North High School, 18, 100+, Olathe, KS.

Justice Randolph, Shawnee Mission South High School, 16, 100, Overland Park, KS.

Jennifer Ray, Spring Hill High School, 17, 80, Olathe, KS.

Kelly Regan, Blue Valley West High School, 15, 100, Overland Park, KS.

Brendan Reilly, St. Thomas Aquinas, 18, 200, Overland Park, KS.

Chris Rhodes, Spring Hill High School, 17, 300, Spring Hill, KS.

Cassie Rhodes, Spring Hill Middle School, 14, 200, Spring Hill, KS.

Amber Lynn Roan, Shawnee Mission North High School, 17, 158, Shawnee, KS.

Amy Schneider, Olathe South High School, 18, 165, Olathe, KS.

Amanda Sherraden, Olathe South High School, 18, 159, Olathe, KS.

Stephen Stahl, Home School, 16, 110, Overland Park, KS.

Jonathan Stahl, Home School, 16, 110, Overland Park, KS.

Nate White, Home School, 16, 175, Leawood, KS.

Mary Zima, Notre Dame de Sion, 17, 60, Leawood, KS.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DEFENSE, THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR, AND TSUNAMI RELIEF, 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2005

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1268) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes:

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Chairman, while I will support the bill before the House today, I will do so with deep and serious reservations.

In October of 2002, I cast an important vote to deny the President authorization to send American troops into Iraq to strike unilaterally. I thought then, and I know now, that his actions were not the best course for our nation.

One year later in October of 2003, I made yet another testing decision to oppose legislation, which on the one hand allocated \$87 billion to support American operations in Iraq but on the other hand lacked accountability for these taxpayer dollars and placed the mounting cost of rebuilding Iraq and Afghanistan squarely on the shoulders of our children and grandchildren.

The apprehensions I had then about sending America's sons and daughters into harm's way in Iraq and about signing a blank check for this military adventure, have now materialized. Congress is now attempting to address the glaring consequences of an ill-advised, preemptive and unilateral military action through this third emergency supplemental appropriation of \$81.4 billion. To date—and I say "to date" because there is no end in sight—President Bush has directed over \$275 billion of taxpayers' monies away from schools, healthcare, Social Security, and the like to pay for his decision to go to war in Iraq.

Today we know that President Bush's premise for commencing a war against Iraq—the alleged weapons of mass destruction possessed by Saddam Hussein—was not true.

The Bush Administration's confident prediction of a quick and easy victory followed by a quick return home for our troops has become a nightmare. And now the Administration refuses to commit to a time-table for the withdrawal of our troops from Iraq.

The Bush Administration's estimate that reconstruction in Iraq would cost between \$1 and \$2 billion and could be financed by Iraqi oil revenues has now turned into a reconstruction quagmire. We hear more about military contractor Halliburton's billing excesses and contract abuses than about any re-built school or hospital.

In terms of accountability, the Inspector General has reported that almost \$9 billion in funds designated for reconstruction efforts have been mishandled and remain unaccounted for. The FY 2005 Defense Appropriations Act passed in July of 2004 instructed the Department of Defense to submit two accountability reports to Congress, one by October 31, 2004 and the other by January 1, 2005. In these reports, the Pentagon must provide a comprehensive review of all military oper-

ations, including reconstruction and military readiness, and provide detailed cost estimates for these operations. Congress has yet to receive either report or any concrete information about the future costs of this war.

I still do not believe that our troops should have been in Iraq under these conditions, facing these obstacles virtually alone, fighting battles for which the Pentagon did not properly plan or prepare. But with over 150,000 of America's brave men and women still in Iraq, it would be difficult to cast a vote against providing the much-needed funds that this supplemental provides to them. Far too many of our soldiers have died and remain in harm's way because of their superiors' miscalculations. As long as our troops remain in harm's way, it is our duty to provide them all of the equipment, tools, vehicles, weapons, and benefits that they need and deserve to protect themselves and give democracy a chance in Iraq.

Democrats have fought hard to include accountability measures in this legislation, to extract from it extraneous and unnecessary projects, and to focus America's precious taxpayer dollars on resources for our nation's veterans and troops. This bill, unlike previous Bush Administration requests, allocates the dollars for armor and equipment that our troops on the ground need if they must patrol the streets and roads of Iraq. Democrats also fought hard to cure deficiencies in the bill which put at risk increased death benefits and life insurance for the families of our fallen soldiers.

Unfortunately, despite \$9 billion of unaccounted funds, an amendment by Mr. TIERNEY of Massachusetts that would have provided \$5 million to establish a select committee to investigate reconstruction efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan was defeated by my Republican colleagues. The Bush Administration, it seems, will continue to spend money without adequate oversight and accountability.

Additionally, the bill includes funding for extraneous non-emergency projects that would more properly be addressed through the regular appropriations process. While some of these projects were removed on the House floor through the amendment process, funding for unrelated military construction and \$4.6 billion for an Army "transformation" plan remain.

Most blatant of all the extraneous provisions are those of H.R. 418, the REAL ID Act, which the Republican procedural rule has allowed to be attached to this supplemental following its passage. The immigration policies of our nation deserve a proper and thorough debate, and legislation that provides emergency funding for our troops, for humanitarian aid, and for foreign assistance is not the appropriate vehicle to enact the sweeping, controversial immigration policy embodied in HR 418.

I will support H.R. 1268 because of the critical funds and resources that it provides to our troops and their families. However, as this bill moves forward I will work with my colleagues to ensure that my concerns are addressed in the final version of the bill that comes back for final approval after joint House and Senate consideration. I do not foreclose the possibility of voting against the final version of this legislation should it come back in a form departing further from its core purpose of focusing on our men and women in uniform. These are the tough decisions, and they must be made in the best interest of the American people.