

consideration the bill (H.R. 1268) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Chairman, all Americans stand united in support of our troops. However, President Bush has no strategy for success in Iraq. Therefore, I rise in opposition to the Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriation (H.R. 1268) and my vote today is a vote of no confidence in this Administration's ad hoc Iraq policy.

Tragically, more than 1,500 American troops have been killed in Iraq and there is no end in sight to this war. The President's "coalition of the willing" is dissolving as Italy and the Netherlands become the most recent countries deciding to withdraw their troops from Iraq. The U.S. continues to bear the enormous burden of this conflict militarily and financially. With this \$75 billion, as well as the \$25 billion approved earlier this year, we have now spent \$250 billion in Iraq.

Most outrageous is the fact that not \$1 of the more than \$200 billion spent on this war has been paid for. Congress has now borrowed over \$250 billion from foreign countries like Saudi Arabia, China and Japan. Every dollar plus interest will be paid for by the men and women who are fighting as well as their children.

There are some real emergencies funded in this bill. I support U.S. assistance for tsunami relief and recovery as well as for peace-keeping operations, emergency funds and food aid to the Darfur region of Sudan. The generous assistance of the American people in these two serious crises is saving lives and having a tremendous impact.

This administration's failures of leadership in Iraq demands extensive Congressional oversight and accountability, not another blank check. The current policy is unsustainable. If Americans are to continue to bear the burden of securing and rebuilding Iraq, rather than approving a blank check, we deserve a plan for success and an exit strategy for America's troops.

HONORING THRESHOLDS PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION CENTERS

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Thresholds Psychiatric Rehabilitation Centers on the occasion of their 20th Annual Golf and Tennis Benefit. I am proud to represent this distinguished organization and I hope that the Congress will join me in recognizing their outstanding contributions to the field of mental health rehabilitation.

As one of the nation's largest non-profit providers of mental health and recovery services, Thresholds provides a critical service to members of the community that struggle with mental illness, as well as their families. Over 5,000 Chicago residents benefit yearly from the services provided by this impressive organization.

Thresholds provides a comprehensive program of therapeutic support, case management, education, job training and placement, and housing. With 30 service locations and

more than 75 housing developments in the Chicagoland area, Thresholds helps restore independence, dignity and respect to people with mental illness.

Offering outreach programs, residential services, youth and adult education, and services for homeless, deaf and jailed patients, this valuable organization has established itself as one of the nations most successful and respected psychiatric recovery centers.

I am also pleased to recognize Thresholds as an innovator and model in the field of mental health. Experts from Thresholds carry out research and regularly publish valuable research papers, and several mental health centers around the world have replicated Thresholds' success.

Thresholds and its extraordinary doctors and staff are regular recipients of awards in the mental health field. The 2004 Celebration Recovery Award was bestowed upon CEO Dr. Anthony Zipple's, and Dr. Jerry Dincin was awarded Honorable Mention for Lifetime Achievement by Eli Lilly's 2004 Reintegration Awards. These represent only a tiny fraction of the awards presented to Thresholds.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have Thresholds Psychiatric Rehabilitation Centers in the Fifth District. I wish them the best at their 20th Annual Golf and Tennis Benefit, and I hope they continue their 45-year history of serving mentally ill patients and their families in the Chicago area for decades to come.

COMMENDING BOB ANADELL AND TIMOTHY SANDERS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to commend two of Northwest Indiana's most distinguished citizens, Mr. Bob Anadell and Mr. Timothy Sanders. On Saturday, April 23, 2005, they will be honored for their exemplary and dedicated service to the community. Their praiseworthy efforts will be recognized at the TradeWinds Gala 2005 banquet at the Radisson Hotel at Star Plaza in Merrillville, Indiana.

Bob Anadell has had many positive accomplishments throughout his career. He actively contributed to his community through participation in various programs aimed at improving opportunities for the people of Northwest Indiana. He has been a powerful member of the Northwest Indiana Building Trades, Secretary Treasurer of the IBEW State Conference, Vice-President of the Indiana State AFL-CIO, Trustee of the Lake Area United Way, Board of Directors of TradeWinds, Member of the Lake County Integrated Services Delivery Board, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Investment Committee, and Executive Committee of the Legacy Foundation, as well as Co-Chairman of the Heroes Committee of the American Red Cross.

Tim Sanders enjoyed serving the public for several years as Director of Senator RICHARD G. LUGAR's regional office. In addition to serving Senator LUGAR, Tim has also worked with Senators Dan Quayle and Dan Coats. Through skillful networking within the state and federal legislative agencies, he established solid relationships benefiting Northwest

Indiana's businesses and constituents. Tim implemented public relations initiatives through television, radio, and print to provide information, gather support, and raise visibility on key issues. He has also extended his commitment to the community by serving on a number of Boards and Associations such as the St. Jude House, Lake Area United Way, American Heart Association, and the TradeWinds Rehabilitation Center. Although Tim has dedicated his time serving the community, he has never neglected to provide support and love to his family. Tim and his wife, Tania, have two children and three grandchildren.

Both of these men have spent years as dedicated members of the TradeWinds Board of Directors; each adding their individual business acumen and combined strength that has enabled TradeWinds to continue providing quality services for children and adults with disabilities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Bob Anadell and Timothy Sanders. Without their enduring love and compassion for the community and children of all ages and abilities, TradeWinds would not be what it is today.

ANTONIO COSTA WAS AN OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY LEADER

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, people in Southeastern Massachusetts, and Portuguese-Americans in particular, received very sad news on Sunday of this week of the death of Antonio A. Costa. As the New Bedford Standard Times noted in its obituary of this outstanding man, "Mr. Costa was an esteemed leader, establishing many firsts within the New Bedford, Mass., Portuguese community." Mr. Costa was a leader in establishing Portuguese language media, and he went on to be the Broadcasting Director for Voice of America in the Portuguese language section. He then returned to our area and again provided significant cultural, intellectual and economic leadership to the Portuguese-American community in particular, and the broader community in general. After retirement, he continued his leadership role and produced the only radio program in Portuguese in South Florida.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Costa was exactly the kind of community leader that contributes to the strength of America and I ask that his extraordinary life and his contributions to others be noted here. Mr. Costa's life reminds us of the great benefit America derives from immigrants such as himself and the attached editorial from the New Bedford Standard Times makes that clear.

ANTONIO A. COSTA, LEADER IN PORTUGUESE COMMUNITY

POMPANO BEACH, FLA.—Antonio Alberto Costa, formerly of Southeastern Massachusetts, died Sunday, April 10, 2005, unexpectedly at Imperial Point Medical Center. He was the husband of Guida (Goncalves) Costa.

Born in Lisbon, Portugal, he was the son of the late Jose M. and Maria A. (Correia) Costa. He immigrated to America as a young man.

Mr. Costa was an esteemed leader, establishing many firsts within the New Bedford, Mass., Portuguese community. He was a founder and past president of the Luso-American Soccer Association as well as the Portuguese American Athletic Club in New Bedford.

An entrepreneur, he began by purchasing Phillips Press and continued with the founding of Costa Imports. He founded the first Portuguese-language radio station in the United States, WGCY, now broadcasting as WJFD-FM in New Bedford, and produced the first Portuguese variety television program, "Passport to Portugal" on WTEV-TV. He initiated a daily TV cable program "Panorama of Portugal," currently known as The Portuguese Channel, and purchased and published what is known as "The Portuguese Times" newspaper, also in Southeastern Massachusetts.

Mr. Costa relocated to Washington, D.C., to represent Portugal as the Portuguese language broadcasting director for "Voice of America." He returned to New England as co-owner and director of Radio Club Portugal, "WRCP."

In recognition of his services to the Portuguese community, the government of Portugal conferred upon him the rank of *comendador da ordem do infante dom henrique*. Various civic organizations recognized his achievements as well. The Seven Castles Club named him Man of the Year, as he received the Merit Award from the United Way as well as the Portuguese-American Federation.

He received official citations from the Massachusetts and Rhode Island houses of representatives, the Medal of Prestige from the Portuguese Continental Union and the Annual Achievement Award from the Prince Henry Club.

In retirement, he produced the only Portuguese-language radio program in South Florida on WHSR-AM, where the transmission continues via his Web site, radioportugal.net. He also wrote periodic chronicles published in *O Journal* entitled "Desabafos."

Survivors include his widow; two sons, Carlos Alberto Costa and his wife, Susan, of Westport, Mass., and Luis Manuel Costa and his wife, Nancy, of New Bedford; a daughter, Ana Maria Costa of New Bedford; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a nephew.

His funeral will be at 9 a.m., Friday from the Dartmouth Funeral Home, 230 Russells Mills Road, Dartmouth, Mass., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 in Immaculate Conception Church, New Bedford. Interment will be private.

Arrangements are by Porter Funeral Service, Westport.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DR. RUBEN OLIVAREZ, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Superintendent of the San Antonio Independent School District, Dr. Ruben Olivarez, for his contributions to the local community.

Dr. Ruben Olivarez has dedicated his career to educating our youth. In 1970, Dr. Olivarez started his career in education. Having taught at J.T. Brackenridge Elementary School, he is

no stranger to the educational needs of our community. He has held a number of important educational posts over the years, including a professorship at the University of Texas at Austin, the title of Principal in the Fort Worth Independent School District, the post of Deputy Commissioner of the Texas Education Agency, and many others.

On January 11, 2000, Dr. Ruben Olivarez was named Superintendent of the San Antonio Independent School District, which has a student population of approximately 57,000. He is currently responsible for the "Vision 2005 and Beyond" plan for educational improvement. Dr. Olivarez has helped to provide the guidance our schools need, keeping the needs of our students an important priority.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the Superintendent of the San Antonio Independent School District, Dr. Ruben Olivarez, for his dedicated service to our local schools.

CONGRATULATING PATTY LAWLER ON BEING NAMED WOMAN OF THE YEAR BY THE LACKAWANNA COUNTY FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC WOMEN

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Patty Lawler as the Lackawanna County Federation of Democratic Women names her Woman of the Year.

Patty is the daughter of James and Dolores Lawler. She was born and raised in the MidValley area, and currently lives in Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania.

Patty is a graduate of St. Patrick's High School in Olyphant. She graduated from Marywood University with a bachelor of arts degree in education and theater. Patty was active in many clubs and organizations on campus and was president of the class of 1971. She was a member of the Student Pennsylvania State Education Association and the Marywood Players. She held leading roles in many productions on campus and chaired several committees including Sophomore Parents' Weekend and the Junior Prom. Patty is listed in the 1971 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*.

Patty completed her graduate work at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. in theater and directing. She participated in Shakespearean productions and represented the university at a meeting with Ed McMahon in New York City.

Patty currently works as a second grade teacher in the Lakeland School District, where she is in her 27th year in the education field. She has served as director of the Lakeland Curtain Club and also teaches theater courses for Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit. She has also worked at a summer camp for the Association for Retarded Citizens of Wyoming County where she trained campers in the basics of acting for a performance on the last day of camp.

Patty is a past president of the Lackawanna County Federation of Democratic Women. She ran as a delegate for John Kerry to the 2004 Democratic National Convention and received the highest number of votes in each of the

counties in her district. She attended the convention in Boston in July 2004 not only as a delegate, but also as a member of the Pennsylvania State Education Association Caucus.

Patty is currently a member of the Pennsylvania State Education Association, the Lakeland Education Association, the Laurel Garden Club, and the Rock and Mineral Club of Northeastern Pennsylvania. She is a very active member of the Lackawanna County Humane Society, of which she is a former board member. She can still be seen walking dogs in the St. Patrick's Day parade or serving refreshments at fund raising events. Patty is a member of the Marywood Alumni Club of Northeastern Pennsylvania and belongs to Holy Rosary Parish in Scranton, where she is a member of the choir. Patty was recently appointed to the Saint Joseph's Auxiliary Board and is working diligently on this year's summer festival.

Patty received the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Association for Retarded Citizens of Wyoming County for organizing the adoption of a ward program at Clarks Summit State Hospital.

Quality education and honest politics are Patty's passions. She was exposed to politics at a very early age when she and her sister accompanied her parents to political functions. The family attended functions such as the National Association of Postmasters Convention at the Waldorf Astoria. Patty's father was the postmaster of Olyphant and first cousin to County Commissioner Mike Lawler and Assistant Postmaster General Jo Jo Lawler. The families were very close, and Patty recalls that, as little girls, she and her sister would accompany their dad to the corner in Jessup where the men met to talk about politics.

Patty Lawler has a devotion to the community and expresses that through her willingness to volunteer her talents helping others. The Lackawanna County Federation of Democratic Women is awarding this honor to her this year because she works so hard to make a difference in Lackawanna County.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Ms. Lawler on the prestigious honor of being named Woman of the Year by the Lackawanna County Federation of Democratic Women.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2005

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 95) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010:

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to H. Con. Res. 95, the Republican Budget Resolution, and in support of the Democratic Substitute offered by Mr. SPRATT.