

excel among the leaders at the United States Air Force Academy. I have no doubt that Mary will take the lessons of her student leadership with her to the United States Air Force Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mary B. Guzowski on her appointment to the United States Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available anywhere in the world. I am sure that Mary will do very well during her career at the United States Air Force Academy. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing her well as she begins her service to the Nation.

A TRIBUTE TO UNIVERSITY OF
REDLANDS PRESIDENT, JIM APPLETON

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a true leader for quality higher education in California, University of Redlands President, Jim Appleton. Over the past 18 years, Jim Appleton has helped a small liberal arts college gain a national reputation for excellence and progressive thinking.

The University of Redlands was established by the American Baptist Church nearly 100 years ago in what was then a small farming community east of the growing Los Angeles urban area. In the intervening century, both the city of Redlands and the University have grown in population and sophistication. The university is now an independent liberal-arts school, and the community is known throughout Southern California for its historical housing districts and support for the arts.

The University of Redlands was already becoming a modern institution when Jim Appleton was named president in 1987. Its student body had grown to 1,280, and its endowment was a respectable \$24 million. It had been rated highly in the widely-read survey of colleges by the U.S. News and World Report magazine.

Jim Appleton came to the University of Redlands from the University of Southern California, where he had been a faculty member, vice president for student affairs and vice president of development. He brought a can-do spirit from that national powerhouse institution.

Appleton balanced the university's books in 1989 for the first time in years. A new ball field was added in 1994, and a new NCAA-quality aquatics center opened in 1996. Overall, the college has invested \$140 million in new facilities in the past 18 years—compared to \$21 million in the previous 20 years. The building program is continuing with a new science center, new environmental studies center and new mathematics facility. Along the way, many of the college's historic structures have been renovated and modernized, as well.

New academic programs include Environmental Studies, Race and Ethnic Studies, and Theater. The college has increased its full-time faculty by 40 percent, and has added professional schools in business and edu-

cation. Three graduate degree programs are now offered—in music, communicative disorders and in geographic information systems—the latter a collaboration with the internationally known GIS company ESRI, which is also headquartered in Redlands.

The success of the university is easily measured: The student body today is 2,450 in the undergraduate schools, and an additional 1,965 in the graduate programs. The endowment is now in excess of \$107 million, and the university has raised \$70 million of a \$100 million Centennial Campaign begun in 2004.

As a member of Congress representing Redlands, I have been pleased that my colleagues have seen fit over the years to provide federal funds to further innovative programs at the university. The returns on the investment have ranged from informative studies on desert environment systems to new methods for teaching technology to classroom teachers. I have found it especially rewarding to work with my friend Jim Appleton, who has shown such dedication to his university and to the city we both call home.

Mr. Speaker, after 18 years as president, Jim Appleton has decided to "retire" and become university chancellor. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking him for his years of service to the education of our young people, and wish him and his wonderful wife Carol the utmost success in their future endeavors.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
MAYOR JACK FENTON

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Mayor Jack Fenton has provided outstanding service and contributions while serving as the Mayor of Zanesville from 1995 to 2005; and

Whereas, Mayor Fenton served his community as Assistant Fire Chief from 1978 to 2005 and served as Director of Public Safety for the City of Zanesville and the Zanesville/Muskingum County Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, Mayor Fenton has worked selflessly and with dignity as an integral part of the community through 46 years of public service.

Therefore, I join with Mayor Fenton's family, friends, the residents of Zanesville, and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in commending Mayor Jack Fenton for his exceptional work and years of service, and wish him the very best in his future endeavors.

HONORING DR. JAMES TERRY

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exceptional achievements of Dr. James Terry, Superintendent of the Mesquite Independent School District. On January 10th of this year, Dr. Terry announced his in-

tention to retire at the end of the school year bringing a close to his long and distinguished career as an educator. For the past 42 years, his students have been at the heart of each of his decisions. Dr. Terry has been a strong role model and exceptional educator for the children of east Texas as both a teacher and administrator. The students, parents, and teachers of the Mesquite Independent School District will greatly miss his leadership and educational vision.

Although his career has steered him through both Beaumont and Dallas, Dr. Terry and his wife Frances Louise Gilbert quickly settled in their eventual home of Mesquite, Texas. His first assignment in Mesquite was as a math teacher, but before long he moved into a variety of administrative positions before assuming the responsibility of Superintendent in July of 2001. Along the way, he amassed a trophy case of awards including the 1999 Administrator of the Year Award from the Texas Professional Educators and also earned the Golden Deeds for Education Award in 2004.

Dr. Terry, who received his undergraduate, masters, and a doctorate degree from East Texas State University in Commerce, Texas, has always believed that proper education required a hands-on approach. Upon assuming the role of superintendent, he immediately set out to visit each of the 42 schools in his district to share his plans and vision for the upcoming school year. Since that time, he has always made it a priority to spend some time at each of the schools and with the more than 34,000 students for which he is responsible.

On top of his numerous accomplishments in the classroom and in the superintendent's office, Dr. Terry has also demonstrated his commitment to public education through his membership and leadership roles in several educational organizations. Over the course of his career, he has served on the President's Education Advisory Council for the Texas A&M University System and in the Regents' Initiative for Excellence in Education through Texas A&M—Commerce. In addition, he was a member of the Executive Council of the East Texas School Study and has served as president of the North Central Texas Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development.

As the Congressman for the Fifth District of Texas, I am pleased today to recognize my friend, Dr. James Terry for his many years of public service and for the outstanding contributions he has made to make his community and his country a better place. Dr. Terry, on behalf of all of the constituents of the Fifth District, especially those in Mesquite, I would like to extend our most sincere thanks and praise for a job well done.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
GREGORY ANTHONY D'ANGELO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Gregory Anthony D'Angelo, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, WW II Veteran, and dear friend and mentor to many. Mr. D'Angelo's life was framed by kindness, tenacity, integrity and heart, and although he will be

greatly missed, he deeply touched the lives of everyone he knew.

Mr. D'Angelo was a true renaissance man, whose mastery of the carpentry trades, artistry in the boxing ring, and expertise in the field of aeronautical mechanics belied his kind and compassion heart. His main focus was always his family. Together, Mr. D'Angelo and his beloved wife of 54 years, "Millie," raised their five children.

A devoted husband and father, Mr. D'Angelo worked diligently to provide for them. Whether driving a truck, climbing into the boxing ring, or creating the Prehistoric World Diorama at Disneyland, Mr. D'Angelo did so with commitment, heart and grace. Though unimpressed by awards and accolades, his work at Disneyland captured the attention, honor and respect of Mr. Walt Disney himself. In addition to Mr. Disney, Mr. D'Angelo captured the honor, respect and love of those who loved and knew him best—his family and friends.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Gregory Anthony D'Angelo. I offer my deepest condolences to his wife and companion of 54 years, Millie; his children, Joseph, Kathleen, Annie, John and Susan; his daughters-in-law, Robyn and Susan; his sons-in-law, Charles, Willie and Curt; his 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren; his sister, Stella; and to his extended family and many friends. Mr. D'Angelo left this world with a legacy that shines love and light upon his family, friends and community. His joy of life, caring heart and concern for others defined his life and will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved well, today, and for all time.

THE INDENTURED SERVITUDE ABOLITION ACT OF 2005 INTRO- DUCTORY STATEMENT

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Indentured Servitude Abolition Act of 2005. At a time when the President and many Members of this House are discussing legislation to greatly expand the number of foreign workers who come to the United States legally for work, we must ensure that they are not indentured servants who owe unconscionable fees to recruiters.

One hundred and forty years ago, the American Civil War ended. Slavery and involuntary servitude were prohibited throughout our nation by the adoption of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution. And yet, as has been well documented in the press, thousands of men (and especially women) endure abuse as indentured servants because, as a condition of securing a job, they must pay exorbitant fees to labor recruiters—fees it can take years to payoff. The problem of recruiter-related indentured servitude has been well publicized in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, but it is a problem throughout this country, and it will grow as more guest workers are permitted. Foreign labor contractors lure workers to the United States by promising them a better life with decent wages and good jobs in

exchange for thousands of dollars in fees. Instead, workers arrive in the U.S. only to find that they were cruelly deceived. They earn unlivable wages for menial jobs to which they never agreed, with no insurance or health care, and deeply in debt to the recruiter for bringing them to their new home.

Sadly, those are the least of their worries. Workers endure sweatshop conditions and back-breaking work for inhumanly long hours. They are forced to work through illness and injury with only one day of rest per week. Employers automatically deduct the majority of their weekly pay for room and board, often for living situations not fit for animals and starvation rations, leaving workers with a few dollars if not further in debt. And that is when their wages are not withheld, a frequent occurrence. Most distressing of all, many workers suffer physical violence at the hands of their employers and are threatened if they should try to leave. Unable to pay off debt manufactured by the recruiters and their employer and fearing for their lives, workers are trapped.

This is not an exaggeration: it is the disturbing reality for thousands of workers in this country. This is not employment opportunity: it is indentured servitude, and it should not be occurring in the United States in 2005. Just this week investigations into La Mode Inc., a Saipan company that unlawfully suspended operations while owing workers back wages of more than \$395,000, revealed that Chinese employees were required to pay recruitment fees of \$4,500 to \$8,000 for the privilege of working at a job that pays barely \$3 an hour, and then being unlawfully terminated before the expiration of their contract, cheated out of their pay, and abandoned in a strange land.

This deplorable practice not only undermines living standards, it ruins lives. It is a violation of basic human rights that leaves workers as indentured servants, forcing them to endure a form of modern day slavery. The Indentured Servitude Abolition Act of 2005 will end this cruel practice by providing for tough legal accountability for foreign labor contractors and employers.

The "Indentured Servitude Abolition Act of 2005" holds recruiters and employers responsible for the promises they make to prospective employees, and discourages employers from using disreputable recruiters. The bill requires employers and foreign labor contractors to inform workers of the terms and conditions of their employment at the time they are recruited. It makes employers jointly liable for violations committed by recruiters in their employ. It imposes fines on employers and recruiters who do not live up to their promises and authorizes the Secretary of Labor to take additional legal action to enforce those commitments. Employers and recruiters are prohibited from requiring or requesting recruitment fees from workers and are required to pay the costs, including subsistence costs, of transporting the worker.

The bill discourages disreputable labor contractors by requiring the Secretary of Labor to maintain a public list of labor contractors who have been involved in violations of the Act and by providing additional penalties if employers use a contractor listed by the Secretary as having been involved in previous violations of this Act and that contractor contributes to a violation for which the employer may be liable. The remedies provided under the "Indentured Servitude Abolition Act" are not exclusive, but

are in addition to any other remedies workers may have under law or contract.

The legislation I am introducing has been endorsed by the Farmworker Justice Fund, the National Employment Law Project, and the AFL-CIO. The National Employment Law Project notes that "labor recruiters currently enjoy a near total lack of accountability for the workers' job conditions" and that the bill performs "an important service by requiring both the users of the labor and the recruiters themselves to inform workers on the job conditions they can expect."

The Farmworker Justice Fund notes that the legislation addresses, "the new reality of global labor migration. . . . In many cases foreign workers who are recruited for U.S. jobs suffer harsh abuses in the form of huge debts, usurious loans, threats of violence, false promises, and illegal wages and working conditions. . . . We must gain control over labor migration and this is one important step toward that goal."

Is it too much to ask that people who live on American soil, making products for American consumption, be treated like American workers? Our basic respect for human rights demands that we act now to protect these workers. I am pleased that 24 of our colleagues have joined me as original cosponsors of this bill. I am hopeful that all of our colleagues, on both sides of the aisle, will add their support to this critical legislation to end the despicable practice of slavery in the United States once and for all. Mr. Speaker, I urge Members of the House to join me and co-sponsor the Indentured Servitude Abolition Act of 2005.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL H. PERSIANI ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Michael H. Persiani of Perrysburg, Ohio has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Michael's offer of appointment positions him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming cadet class of 2009. Attending one of our Nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer. Truly, it is one of the most challenging and rewarding undertakings of their lives.

Michael brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming class of Air Force cadets. While attending St. John's Jesuit High School in Toledo, Ohio, Michael has attained a grade point average of 3.90, which places him near the top of his class of nearly two hundred students. While a gifted athlete, Michael has maintained the highest standards of excellence in his academics, choosing to enroll and excel in Advanced Placement classes throughout high school. Michael has been a member