

of Ulster County, New York where she has dedicated much of her time to serving her community in various manners. Most notably, Shirley committed much of her energy over the years to environmental protection programs and served as the catalyst for several important local initiatives. I'm proud to join the Ulster County Jewish Federation in honoring Shirley for her lifetime achievement and service to the communities of Ulster County.

Upon her arrival to Ulster County from the Bronx, Shirley quickly became active in various community service organizations. It was in her capacity as editor of the League of Women Voters' monthly newspaper that she featured environmental articles prominently on the front page and began to organize the League around relevant environmental matters. On Earth Day in 1970, Shirley, along with her League colleagues, founded the Environmental Task Force of Ulster County. One of the most notable public policy initiatives to emerge from the Task Force was a broad-based recycling program that laid the groundwork for the county's current recycling program. Shirley later became the first chairperson of the Ulster County Environmental Council where she brought attention to the environmental concerns surrounding the generation of nuclear power and oversaw the organization of various environmental fairs.

Shirley went on to serve on the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency where she formalized a recycling program that continues to exist in the county. She oversaw significant expansion of the Resource Recovery Agency and its recycling program, including the construction of the agency's first sorting facility.

In addition to these notable endeavors, Shirley has been deeply involved with the Ulster County Jewish Federation and many of its programs that support the community. She volunteers regularly at her synagogue, Ahavath Israel, and participates in many community service programs including the Federation's Book Rescue Program and Project Hope.

Mr. Speaker, I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Shirley Kobran for more than thirty years. She has been a friend and a valued adviser and we have worked closely on many issues of importance to the residents of Ulster County. Her work on behalf of environmental issues and her community is inspiring and commendable. It is with great pleasure that I join the Ulster County Jewish Federation in recognizing her outstanding contributions and achievements.

H.R. 5429—AMERICAN-MADE
ENERGY AND GOOD JOBS ACT

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, before the Memorial Day recess, we considered the misnamed and misguided American-Made Energy and Good Jobs Act (H.R. 5429). I voted against this legislation, which unfortunately passed the House of Representatives. As I have repeatedly stated, we must make a commitment to a rational energy policy that promotes sustainable energy sources and conservation; not continue the belief that we are going to drill our way to energy independence.

Two weeks ago we considered the Fiscal Year 2007 Energy and Water Appropriations bill which funds our Nation's Department of Energy programs, water and science programs, and some defense and agriculture related programs. Unfortunately, instead of making a commitment to a rational energy policy, the Energy and Water bill continues our dependence on fossil fuels and continues our practice of poisoning our lands, oceans, and air. While the Energy and Water bill does increase funding for alternative energy research and development, we must do more. I was pleased to learn that energy supply and conservation programs will receive more funding in Fiscal Year 07 than they did last year. However, this is not even close to sufficient. Congress still fails to recognize the dire situation the world faces with regard to global warming and the urgency of the action we must take. It is apparent now to all but the willingly blind that we are altering our climate in dangerous and deadly ways, and that is threatening the ability of the air and the oceans to sustain us.

We then considered a bill that will once again allow drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. I wonder when my colleagues will learn that drilling our way to energy independence is unrealistic and simply flawed logic. The United States consumes 25 percent of the world's oil, yet we only have less than 3 percent of the world's proven oil reserves. Even if we find oil in ANWR, we will not even come close to lessening our dependence on foreign oil.

We must focus on developing sustainable energy sources and encouraging conservation. We can do this by investing in programs that make our schools, office buildings and homes energy efficient. We must continue to invest in transportation systems that optimize technology to efficiently and effectively move passengers while consuming less energy. In 2005 the Energy Information Administration estimated that if oil was discovered in ANWR, it would only lower gas prices by about one penny per gallon twenty years from now. Responding to rising gas prices by drilling is simply not the answer.

My colleague from New York, Mr. BOEHLERT, pointed out during debate on the House floor, that we have not considered one piece of conservation legislation since the most recent spike in gas prices in May of this year. When will we realize that there are other means to fulfilling our energy needs than destroying our environment and disrupting habitat and wildlife?

It is essential for us to do something dramatic. It is not enough for us to just do a little bit better every year. This is the only way to actually work our way to energy independence. Now is the time for my colleagues to make a commitment to alternative energy sources. We must continue to fight to preserve our environment and develop energy sources that are clean, safe, and sustainable.

TRIBUTE TO EL PRIMER PASO,
LTD.

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor El Primer Paso, Ltd., a pre-

school in Dover, New Jersey, a vibrant organization I am proud to represent. On June 10, 2006 El Primer Paso is celebrating over 35 years of educating young, non-English speaking children.

El Primer Paso is a non-profit early childhood education center. Its primary goals are to provide opportunities for growth and development of ideas, imagination, initiative and self-reliance to the pre-school children who are enrolled in its program.

El Primer Paso prepares non-English speaking children to meet the challenges of the American school system. Adult English classes and other support services are also available to encourage parents to participate in school and community activities. A two-day a week pre-school program provides an extra year of preparation for non-English speaking children before they attend area schools.

El Primer Paso was founded in Dover by a group of volunteers in the late 1960's. The program primarily serves low and moderate income Hispanic families in Morris County, New Jersey. It has grown and changed over the years to meet the needs of this community. In the 1970's, parents requested adult English classes to enable them to help their children and to obtain better jobs. Today, the program serves approximately 30 adults a year and includes training for driver's tests and citizenship tests and preparation for continuing education.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the dedicated and talented trustees, staff and volunteers of El Primer Paso, Ltd. on the celebration of over 35 years of providing critical educational services to the Dover community.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT
APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
2007

SPEECH OF

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5427), making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes:

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to bring your attention to a technology that will revolutionize our electricity resources. This Congress has recognized that energy challenges need to be explored through alternative, renewable and clean energy sources to enable a diverse national energy resource plan. However, the rhetoric of supporting alternate fuels hasn't been met with the policies enacted by the House of Representatives. The Energy and Water Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2007 fails to recognize an area of energy exploration that other nations are well-ahead of us in tapping—ocean wave energy.

There is an increasing need for reliable, non-polluting sources of economic electrical power throughout the world. The Electrical Power Research Institute, EPRI, has carried out a comprehensive economic study of wave generation and has concluded that the economics of wave generation are at least as favorable as for wind generation, EPRI study

shows that tidal is as favorable as wind and that wave would be as favorable if the same resources for wind had been invested which has now achieved economic competitiveness and is undergoing extensive worldwide growth.

It is estimated that if 0.2 percent of the oceans' untapped energy could be harnessed, it could provide power sufficient for the entire world.

Wave Energy has several advantages over other forms of renewable energy such as wind and solar including higher energy densities, enabling devices to extract more power from a smaller volume at much lower costs (e.g., the density of water is about 1000 times that of air).

The availability of wave energy is in the 80–90 percent range, whereas wind availability is in the 30–45 percent range depending on location. Wave energy is also more predictable, with energy forecast times of greater than 10 hours, thus enabling more straightforward and reliable integration into the electric utility grid to provide reliable power.

Unfortunately, these developments have once again been ignored by Congress. While the FY 07 Energy and Water appropriations bill provides just over \$24 billion for the Department of Energy, it fails to provide any funding for the ocean energy program.

Ocean wave energy extraction technology is currently in the preliminary stages of development, at the same stage that wind turbines were approximately 15–20 years ago. Several technologies are being developed, and yet no clear superior engineering solution has been established. I urge my fellow colleagues to understand to recognize any opportunity to support this new endeavor and make the United States a leader in tapping into this alternative, renewable energy source.

I am very pleased that this bill fully funds the American Competitiveness Initiative which would strengthen basic research by increasing funding for the DOE Office of Science, for a total of \$4 billion. In addition, the bill supports the Advance Energy initiative by increasing funding for a variety of clean energy technologies, including biomass, hydrogen, solar, wind and clean coal. However, again, it includes no funding or support for ocean wave energy.

The new Energy Policy Act of 2005 adopted into law recognized for the first time the value of wave power to the US economy. Ocean energy research and development was authorized by this Congress. It should be supported and funded by this Congress.

HONORING MAYOR MICHAEL A. GUIDO ON BECOMING THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great friend and wonderful public servant, Dearborn, Michigan Mayor Michael A. Guido, on becoming the President of the United States Conference of Mayors.

Mayor Guido began his career in public service when he was elected the youngest person ever to the Dearborn City Council. He

promptly surpassed that achievement two terms later by becoming the youngest Mayor in the city's history. Since assuming the mayor's office in 1986, Mayor Guido has masterfully guided Dearborn with an immense degree of dedication, passion and competence.

As mayor of Henry Ford's hometown for 20 years, Mayor Guido has proven his tremendous ability to serve as a leader both locally and nationally. In Dearborn, Mayor Guido has been able to reduce crime; maintain a responsive police, fire and medical service structure; raise and sustain high property values; and, increase the quality of life through providing recreational, cultural and artistic programs and overseeing the building of nationally recognized cultural and recreational facilities. He managed all of this and much more while maintaining responsible fiscal discipline.

Mayor Guido has also contributed his expertise nationally through a number of organizations. He is a past member of the National League of Cities, NLC, Board of Directors, chaired the NLC's Working Group on Homeland Security following the tragic events of September 11th, and was a member of the Federal Communications' Local and State Government Advisory Committee. Mayor Guido also continues to serve on the National Advisory Councils of Fannie Mae and the NLC.

Knowing such a decent, kind and apt public servant such as Michael Guido has been a distinct privilege of mine for many years. I have seen Mayor Guido grow into a veteran public servant whose savvy for understanding complex national issues has always exceeded my expectations. I have no doubt that the U.S. Conference of Mayors will be well served having Mayor Guido as its President. I ask that all of my colleagues join me in congratulating Mayor Guido on his inauguration as the 64th President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

TRIBUTE TO THE ARLINGTON
FOOD ASSISTANCE CENTER

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate National Hunger Awareness Day and to honor the Arlington Food Assistance Center, which is located in my congressional district.

National Hunger Awareness Day was established to help inform individuals, communities, corporations and policy makers that hunger is a severe domestic issue and deserves our critical attention.

The Arlington Food Assistance Center's sole mission is to feed the hungry. This important action allows their clients to make other necessary purchases, such as paying for rent and utilities, without having to sacrifice their health and nutritional needs.

Despite the fact that Arlington County is one of the wealthiest areas in the country, plenty of local residents do not have enough to eat. The Arlington Food Assistance Center, AFAC, seeks to remedy this problem by distributing bread, vegetables, meat, milk, eggs and other food items to those in Arlington who are in need. The Arlington Food Assistance Center currently distributes approximately 1100 bags

of groceries each week to over 900 clients, nearly half of whom are children. Each week, families with one to three members receive one bag of food and families of four members or more receive two bags of food—amounts that are expected to supplement a week's meals.

AFAC obtains surplus food at a minimal cost from the Capital Area Community Food Bank and at no cost from local bakeries, supermarkets, farmer's markets, food drives and private donors.

I would like to commend the staff and volunteers of the Arlington Food Assistance Center who work hard to provide needy families in Arlington with groceries each week.

TRIBUTE TO THE DEMOCRATIC
PACIFIC UNION

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Democratic Pacific Union, DPU, whose goals include promoting democratic values, peace and prosperity among its member states. The DPU is an important development in the steady expansion of democracy among Pacific states.

Led mainly by Taiwan's President Chen Shui-bian and Vice President Lu Hsiu-lien, the Democratic Pacific Union was created last summer on the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II. In less than a year, the DPU has grown to 28 member democracies and has already compiled an impressive record of accomplishment. This record includes publishing its first quarterly journal, planning regional meetings, forming a Pacific economic advisory group, establishing a training program for typhoon and flood disaster reduction, and initiating the Pacific Congressional Caucus project. The Speaker of Taiwan's legislature, Wang Jin-pyng, has also formed a Taiwan Chapter of the DPU Congressional Caucus.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to acknowledge the importance of this initiative in strengthening democracy in the Pacific region. I congratulate Vice President Lu, the current Chair of the DPU, the leaders of Taiwan, and all the member states for their role in creating and supporting the Democratic Pacific Union.

HONORING HAVENSCOURT
COMMUNITY CHURCH

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Havenscourt Community Church, which has contributed immeasurably to the Oakland community as a whole as well as its own parishioners since 1925.

Since its founding, Havenscourt has been known as a stalwart of service, leadership, and faith, impacting countless lives over the past eight decades. With this same spirit, that of addressing needs within the whole community in addition to the church community, Dr.