

missed rollcall votes Nos. 251 through 255. Had I been present, I would have voted:

"Yes" on rollcall No. 251, H. Res. 794—Recognizing the 17th anniversary of the massacre in Tiananmen Square, Beijing, in the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes;

"Yes" on rollcall No. 252, H. Res. 804—Condemning the unauthorized, inappropriate, and coerced ordination of Catholic bishops by the People's Republic of China;

"Yes" on rollcall No. 253, H. Res. 608—Condemning the escalating levels of religious persecution in the People's Republic of China;

"Yes" on rollcall No. 254, H. Con. Res. 338—Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the activities of Islamist terrorist organizations in the Western Hemisphere, and

"No" on rollcall No. 255.

ON HATRED AND VIOLENCE RELATED TO IMMIGRATION

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to express concern about the sharp rise in hate crimes and racial intolerance, and to urge acceptance in our Nation.

A recent report from the Southern Poverty Law Center stated that there were 803 hate groups in the USA last year. This is up from 762 in 2004 and is a 33 percent increase since 2000. The center's report stated the national debate that has focused on immigration has been "the single most important factor" in spurring activity among hate groups and has given them "an issue with real resonance."

Hundreds of thousands of people marched peacefully throughout the Nation to give a voice for immigrants in this country. Half a million in Los Angeles, 300,000 people in Chicago, 40,000 in Washington, DC, and 20,000 in Milwaukee and Phoenix marched to defend the hopes and dreams of immigrant families. Nearly 40,000 students across Southern California, including students at several schools in my district, marched for the rights of immigrants.

Those who marched did so peacefully. I encourage everyone to remember the great history of change driven by nonviolent action, which is such a vibrant part of our Nation's fabric. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion, but I urge that such expression be done in a peaceful and nonthreatening manner.

OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, the following high school students from the First Congressional District of New Mexico have been awarded the Congressional Certificate of Merit. These are exceptional students that serve the community and participate actively in school and civic activities. It is my

pleasure to be able to recognize these outstanding students for their accomplishments. Their parents, their teachers, their classmates, the people of New Mexico, and I are proud of them.

Certificate of Merit Award Winners 2005: Juanita Martinez, Albuquerque High School; Robert Cardwell, Monzano High School; Britten Smith, Highland High School; Gary R. Stinnett, La Cueva High School; Robert Sanchez, Rio Grande High School; Cameron Banes, Creative Education Preparatory Institute; David Gullett, Temple Baptist Academy; Ashley Martin, West Mesa High School; Leanne Raskob, St. Pius X High School; Jane Yein Song, Sandia High School; Dorothy Billau, Cornerstone Christian School; Jordan Spence, Evangel Christian Academy; Makenzi Williamson, Hope Christian Schools; Aaron Sims, Menaul High School; Emily Wildsmith, Southwest Secondary Learning; Nicholas Trumbley, Albuquerque Evening School; Karl Nieman, Career Enriched Center; Takesha Haynes, New Future High School; Suzia Van Swol, East Mountain High School; Erika Anaya, Moriarty High School; Samuel Lujan, Charter Vocational High School; Jessica R. Siegel, Sandia Preparatory School; Felicia Fuentes, South Valley Academy; Maggie Elizabeth Crank, Albuquerque; Danielle Threadgill, Bernalillo High School; Ruth Ann Huning, Los Lunas High School; Marie Jiron, Career Academy; Jesse Rafael Torres, Mountainair High School.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN L. "JACK" ASHER

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John L. "Jack" Asher, who has played a vital role in the development of Asher's Chocolates, in Lewistown and Souderton, Pennsylvania, over the last 51 years. Started by his grandfather in 1892, Jack has led the company since 1966.

With over 1,000 molds, Asher's can be respected as one of the largest candy molding companies, and one of the oldest family owned and operated candy manufacturers in America. The time-tested recipe for success is epitomized in the daily operation of one of the foremost confectioners in the country. I owned a small business for years and I understand, along with many others across Pennsylvania, the day-in and day-out work it takes to succeed. I applaud Jack for his commitment to his community and his business.

In early April, Jack was bestowed with the national honor of induction into the Candy Hall of Fame. This award recognizes Jack for his life's achievements and dedication to the company, as his contributions to the business and the confectionery industry are immeasurable.

As our economy continues to move in the right direction, our small businesses are the driving force. These businesses make up our communities, neighborhoods and towns. The Pennsylvanians who have benefited from the efforts of Asher's Chocolates—as employees, chocolate lovers and more—would certainly join me in thanking Jack for his contributions to the community and the economy, as well as

serving as an inspiration for the spirit of familial virtue.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, on June 12, 2006, I was speaking to a group of professionals in New York City about my work in Congress and, therefore, missed five recorded votes.

I take my voting responsibility very seriously, and had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on recorded vote No. 251, "yes" on recorded vote 252, "yes" on recorded vote 253, "yes" on recorded vote 254, and "yes" on recorded vote 255.

HONORING QUEBECOR WORLD PUBLICATIONS

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Quebecor World Publications as they mark the publication of the one billionth copy of Highlights magazine.

Few things in this world are as consistent and positive as Highlights magazine has been for the past 60 years. Since 1946, Highlights magazine has kept parents and kids smiling. As a parent, I remember sharing time with my two children, Mary Morgan and Chad, while reading this wonderful magazine. Countless Americans have enjoyed decades of good memories thanks to Highlights.

In an era when we have to guard our kids' access to information like never before, it's nice to know that America can still depend on Quebecor and Highlights magazine not only to entertain but to teach the morals and values we hold dear.

TRIBUTE TO MR. CHARLES HAUGHEY

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues the passing of Mr. Charles Haughey, former Taoiseach of the Republic of Ireland, and to offer my deepest condolences today to the Irish nation and to Mr. Haughey's family and loved ones, including especially his wife Maureen, his daughter Eimear and his sons Conor, Cian and Sean.

Mr. Haughey served both his constituency and the Irish nation with distinction and honor over his 35-year career in Dail Eireann. He will be most remembered for his key roles in laying the foundations for Ireland's economic rebirth, and in promoting and furthering progress towards a lasting peace in Northern Ireland.

John Hume, the Nobel Peace Prize laureate, praised Haughey, saying "he worked very closely with me in preparation for the whole movement to get a lasting peace and an end to violence with The Downing Street Declaration. He privately worked with me in the preparation of that Declaration . . . Charles Haughey made a positive contribution to ending violence and achieving peace on our streets."

Charles Haughey was a major figure in the history of the Irish Republic, and his work for peace and prosperity at home will forever be remembered by friends of this small island so important to the history of our own country.

**WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER
AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT
ON H.R. 4939, EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS
ACT FOR DEFENSE, THE GLOBAL
WAR ON TERROR, AND HURRICANE
RECOVERY, 2006**

SPEECH OF

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 12, 2006

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, when is enough, enough? I rise in opposition to H.R. 4939 because there is no limit to the amount of money Republicans are willing to spend on this counterproductive war in Iraq.

When the Bush administration beat the drums of war, it promised the American people that the total cost would be \$50 billion. More than 3 years later, the price tag for the Iraqi civil war stands at more than \$320 billion. Before the invasion, neoconservatives told us Iraq was an oil-rich country that could finance its own reconstruction. Yet this latest supplemental includes billions more for the "stabilization" of Iraq that could have instead gone to rebuild New Orleans.

The Vietnam war required only a single supplemental, after which it was financed through the regular budget process. But virtually all of this money for the war in Iraq has been provided in so-called "emergency" supplementals that do not require budgetary tradeoffs such as spending cuts or tax increases. As a result, every dollar spent in Iraq is a dollar of debt for our children and grandchildren.

For their money, future generations are getting a terrible return. Thanks to our seemingly open-ended occupation of Iraq, anti-American forces are growing stronger, not weaker. Despite parliamentary elections and limitless American aid for democracy building, Iraq is in the midst of a civil war. Though even the rubber stamp Republicans in Congress have shown a real interest in transferring authority to Iraqi security forces, their training proceeds at a snail's pace.

This emergency supplemental bill does provide badly needed funds for Katrina reconstruction. Particularly worthwhile is this legislation's support for levee improvements, the rebuilding of the Veterans Administration hospital in New Orleans, alternative housing for hurricane survivors, and community development block grants.

But the numbers speak for themselves. The bill provides more than three times more funding for defense-related expenditures than it

does for Katrina-related aid. Because I cannot support additional spending for a war that has already claimed nearly 2,500 American servicemen and women and countless Iraqi citizens, I urge my colleagues to vote "no."

IN RECOGNITION OF EUGENE SLAY

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Eugene Slay, a fine member of the St. Louis Community in my home state of Missouri. Mr. Slay is the son of immigrant grandparents, who came from Lebanon to settle in the city of Saint Louis. In 1920, Gene's grandfather, John Slay, created Slay Industries, a shipping company that has been a great addition to the area's proud legacy of transportation commerce. Gene Slay gathered the reins of the institution in 1952, and ever since has blazed the corporation down a path of success, currently employing more than 800 persons and deriving an annual revenue of more than \$100 million.

Of course, Gene Slay has not only been an effective and outstanding leader in business, but in the St. Louis community as well, giving his time to help those less fortunate. Gene Slay has always committed himself to activities that strive to give every person a chance to succeed. Specifically, I would like to recognize his work as an exceptional director of the Boys' Club of St. Louis. Mr. Slay has served as a member of the institution's Executive Board for 33 years and as its president for 14 years. Gene Slay has been a vital asset to the Boys' Club, building its endowment to \$4.4 million, allowing the organization to be a helping hand to more than 5,000 youth.

With these accomplishments in mind, I am proud to recognize Gene Slay as a prominent St. Louisan and I thank him for his efforts in our community. It is my great honor to announce that the Boys' Club of St. Louis will now be renamed the Gene Slay's Boys' Club of St. Louis, to acknowledge all of Mr. Slay's hard work and dedication. I congratulate Gene Slay on this honor and praise him for all the young people that he has helped and will help in the future.

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PERRY COUNTY FAIR

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 150th Anniversary of the Perry County Fair which is held each year in Pinckneyville, Illinois.

While no records exist of the first fair in 1856, oral accounts passed down from those who attended describe the Pinckneyville town square decorated with tall corn stalks and the owners of the prize livestock showing them in the street. Although much has changed since that initial event 150 years ago, the Perry

County Fair remains a premier venue of agricultural and horticultural exhibition, as well as a place where families come to be entertained and old friends renew acquaintances once a year.

As the "oldest consecutive running fair in Illinois," the Perry County Fair has seen much of our Nation's history. The Civil War, Prohibition, the Great Depression, both World Wars, the ushering in of two centuries and a millennium all occurred during the time that the Perry County Fair has been in operation.

The Perry County Agricultural Society was established as the governing body of the fair and continues today as the organization entrusted with planning, funding and organizing the Perry County Fair. Early records note that a \$1.00 contribution was good for family entry to the first fairs and that \$10.00 provided for a lifetime family membership. As the fair has expanded through the years, the balance of providing a first class fair that is affordable to all families continues to be a struggle.

Competition of livestock, produce and the tasty results of many closely-guarded family recipes have been a staple of the fair since its inception. Other attractions at the fair through the years have been horse racing, beauty pageants, musical entertainment, rides and, always, good food.

Several generations have now enjoyed the Perry County Fair and it has become an event that not only draws families and friends together from Perry County but also attracts fairgoers from throughout Southern Illinois.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Perry County Fair. May it continue to provide entertainment for Southern Illinois families well into the future.

**HONORING THE CONSECRATION OF
ELIZABETH CHAPEL UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with tremendous joy and celebration that I rise today to honor the consecration of the Elizabeth Chapel United Methodist Church in Chumuckla, Florida where my wife Vicki and I have been members since 2001.

Elizabeth Chapel has been a home for me; a place of solace where I can go to be closer to God and get back in tune with what is really important in my life. Likewise, the church family has acted as a true family to my wife and me, continuously offering us their support, encouragement, and kindness.

Elizabeth Chapel United Methodist Church has served a vital role in the community of Chumuckla since 1937. Originating from the marriage of two smaller churches in the late 1930's, the church has remained a quaint group of adamant believers whose moral fiber and strength is unwavering.

On September 16, 2004, Hurricane Ivan tore through the area, leaving damage, destruction, and heartbreak in its wake. The hurricane left the church building irreparable and it was soon leveled to begin new construction. Though many members of the congregation lost their homes or had significant damage to