

his mother, Irene Herring; his children, Sandy Fagan, Paula Leigh Callaway, and Stanley Eugene Herring Jr.; his two sisters, Frances Doyle Herring and Joyce Rios; his three brothers, Jimmie Herring, Michael Herring, and Robert Herring; and his 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild—as well as the countless friends he leaves behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this difficult time.

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TRIBUTE TO DANNY ZHU

**HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 24, 2007*

Mr. CROWLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent Danny Zhu of College Point, NY. Danny is one of 24 finalists on the 2007 United States Physics Team that have been chosen to compete for the Traveling Team, a group of five students who will represent the United States at the International Physics Olympiad in Iran. These gifted students will show their merit against the best young scientific minds that the world has to offer.

Danny is a junior at Stuyvesant High School in New York City, where he excels at the highest skill levels. Outside of the classroom, he is heavily involved in student groups, participating in everything from the robotics club to the school band. He has reached the semifinals of the Physics Olympiad competition in each of the last 2 years and has placed in the top 10 in multiple national math and science competitions.

I am very pleased that a young man from my district could so well personify Speaker PELOSI's Innovation Agenda. It is young people like Danny Zhu and his fellow finalists that will become our next generation of great innovators: the mathematicians, engineers, and scientists who will keep this great country competitive and prosperous in the upcoming decades. I would like to again congratulate Danny Zhu on his accomplishment and thank him for his effort and hard work.

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TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY  
HEALTH ENHANCEMENT AND  
LONG-TERM SUPPORT ACT OF  
2007

SPEECH OF

**HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, from the Revolutionary War to the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, our wounded warriors have returned from combat with varying degrees of injury. Some of these physical injuries, such as bullet wounds or losing a limb have been diagnosed and treated since the dawn of our Republic. Others, such as Traumatic Brain Injury, TBI, have required the practices of treating veterans to evolve and adapt so that we can give our returning service members the quality of care and the quality of life they deserve.

The bill before us today is an example of how our system must adapt to these increas-

ingly devastating injuries, specifically TBI. H.R. 2199 would require that Veterans Affairs, VA, screen every combat veteran for TBI and submit a report to Congress on the number of returning soldiers that have this debilitating injury, and how we can improve upon the care they receive. Additionally, the VA would be required to establish transition sites so that those service members who are diagnosed have the ability to choose various recovery programs that are most comfortable to them.

What makes TBI such a frightening injury is that the symptoms are not instantaneous. A service member might not know if he or she has TBI until weeks after the initial jolt or blow to the head. If treatment is not readily available, then permanent brain damage and loss of motor skills and cognitive thought may be the end result.

For this reason, I am pleased that the House Veterans' Affairs Committee has taken up this legislation and continues to seek ways to better the care that our returning men and women will receive. H.R. 2199 is similar to legislation that was passed during the 108th Congress which increased research and outreach activities to service members with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, PTSD.

I am proud to serve on the House Veterans' Affairs Committee and I look forward to supporting further legislation that addresses the complex needs of our Nation's veterans. As Memorial Day approaches, I urge my colleagues to reflect on the sacrifices our veterans have made to preserve freedom and how much work we need to do to properly honor that sacrifice. I believe that passing H.R. 2199 is a good first step in showing that we in Congress recognize the evolving needs of our brave veterans.

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TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN LEGION  
AUXILIARY #290

**HON. ADRIAN SMITH**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 24, 2007*

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the American Legion Auxiliary #290, in Elwood, Nebraska—a beautiful town in my congressional district.

They distribute red poppies in honor of all living and deceased veterans, with donations going to rehabilitation efforts and filling other needs for veterans. The poppies are made by patients of VA hospitals and residents of veterans homes.

As we go into the Memorial Day weekend, many of our constituents will be holding backyard cook outs, or taking the boat out for a spin, or just getting out of town for a quick vacation.

In Flanders Field, the poppies grow among the crosses, row on row. These words remind us we owe our thanks to people like the members of American Legion Auxiliary #290, those who help us remember our troops and the sacrifices they have made.

AZERBAIJAN MARKS 89TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF REPUBLIC

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 24, 2007*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, in venues ranging from the Bundestag to the U.S. Congress to the streets of Baku, Azerbaijanis worldwide will mark their National Day of the Republic this upcoming week. Since achieving independence from the Soviet Union in 1991, Azerbaijan has remembered May 28 as the date, in 1918, when the country was proclaimed an independent state, making it the first democratic republic in the Caucasus region.

Though it lasted only 2 years, from May 1918 to April 1920, this first democratically elected Azerbaijani government worked on building an independent and democratic state.

Members of the Azerbaijani Diaspora regard the date as a key one among the numerous commemorative days they observe each year.

Even when such a state did not formally exist anywhere on the world map, it existed in our hearts, our souls, and our minds, said Tomris Azeri, president of the Azerbaijan Society of America. It is this strong sense of being an Azerbaijani, which we are now free to show to ourselves and the world. And with that freedom for Azerbaijan has come growing prosperity, and growing respect, involvement, and influence in the world community.

I commend Ambassador Yashar Aliyev for his hard work and dedication. I look forward to the United States continuing a successful relationship and strong friendship with the people of Azerbaijan.

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TRIBUTE TO LUCIOUS L.  
NEWHOUSE, JR.

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 24, 2007*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a proactive citizen from Dallas, Texas, Lucious L. Newhouse, Jr. As youth education is of great importance, I am delighted to recognize his 39 years as an educator and wish him well regarding his upcoming retirement. I would like to take a few moments to reflect on his many achievements and contributions to the city of Dallas and the Dallas Independent School District.

As the son of two educators, Lucious L. Newhouse, Jr., showed early signs of excellence, graduating as salutatorian from Galilee High School in Hallsville, Texas. Lucious then went on to obtain a bachelor of science degree from Prairie View A&M University and to star on the university's baseball team. Also to note, he obtained two graduate degrees from this same institution, a master of science and master of the arts.

Shortly after completing his undergraduate study and starting his teaching career at J.N. Irwin Junior High School in Dallas, Lucious was called to serve our great Nation as both an army sergeant and platoon leader in Vietnam. He would then return to DISD where he

taught and coached for 24 years and served as an administrator for 14.

Supplementing his 39 years as an educator, Lucious is additionally a very spiritual man and has been an active member of the community. Lucious is an avid member of the Cedar CME Crest Cathedral, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, and has served as both president and vice president of the Dallas Coaches Association and Dallas Schools Administrators Association.

Lucious Newhouse, Jr., has always taken pride in his work and been dedicated to the children of Dallas. This compassionate man never failed to show that he cared for his students, his fellow teachers, administrators, and staff members. I urge the rest of my colleagues to join me in applauding Mr. Newhouse, Jr., for all he has done for Texas's educational system and the wonderful city of Dallas.

HOUSE RESOLUTION INTRODUC-  
TION: RECOGNIZING RACHEL  
CARSON

**HON. TOM UDALL**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 24, 2007*

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation honoring the legacy of Rachel Carson, the ecologist and author whose courage, selfless spirit and sense of wonder ushered in the modern environmental movement.

May 27, 2007, will mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of Rachel Carson. While we as a nation continue to feel the impact of man-made environmental challenges and consider measures to lessen our impact on the planet, it is important to remember the person who first warned us of the hazards of environmental degradation, while capturing our hearts with her love and concern for nature.

Through her tireless activism and inspiring literature, in particular her book *Silent Spring*, Carson raised public awareness about humanity's inherent relationship to nature. In exposing the dangers of chemical pesticides, Carson demonstrated how life at all levels is interconnected, from the bottom of the food chain to humans at the top.

Carson wrote her landmark book, testified before Congress and rallied support for environmental awareness and action while secretly fighting the debilitating effects of the cancer that would soon take her life. Although she preferred quiet anonymity, Carson weathered tremendous scrutiny and made a courageous stand against powerful industry interests to serve the greater good.

Though she died at the young age of 56, Carson's impact was astounding. In the years immediately following her death, the U.S. Government enacted a string of environmental laws, created the Environmental Protection Agency and banned most uses of the chemical pesticide DDT, which resulted in the resurgence of numerous American ecosystems and wildlife species.

Rachel Carson's influence continues to reverberate, now more than 40 years after her death, in the ongoing struggle to balance the needs of our society with a healthy environment.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House to pass this resolution.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE  
RETIREMENT OF BOB BARKER

**HON. ROY BLUNT**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 24, 2007*

Mr. BLUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a man from my district recognized the world over for his contributions to popular culture and society. For the last 35 years, Robert William Barker has been a familiar face in a world of ever-changing television personalities as the indefatigable host of "The Price is Right."

His extraordinary television career began in 1956 with the show "Truth or Consequences," which broke records by remaining on daytime television for a remarkable 18 years. With his career in the national spotlight, he brought the program back home to Missouri, airing it live from Springfield on April 14, 1972. That same year, he also began hosting "The Price is Right." For 3 years, Bob hosted both shows concurrently—making it look effortless to his growing audience of friends and admirers.

His work would yield extraordinary results. Not only has "The Price is Right" become the longest running game show in television history, it has earned the distinction of being named the highest-rated game show of all time—a product of Bob's singular talent and tireless work ethic.

Among his other notable credits, he hosted the Miss USA and Miss Universe pageants and the Rose Parade for 21 years; won 17 Emmys and was nominated for two more; was inducted into the Television Hall of Fame in 2004; and was named by the Guinness Book of World Records as "The Most Generous Game Show Host" and "The Most Durable Performer" in television history.

Always a man whose popularity cut across ethnic, social, and generational boundaries, Bob's popularity soared even higher with young people after his appearance in Adam Sandler's hit movie "Happy Gilmore," for which he won the MTV Movie Award in 2000.

Another milestone in Bob's career occurred 2 years later when CBS named part of its Los Angeles headquarters "the Bob Barker Promenade" to commemorate the show's 30th anniversary. Stage 33 at CBS Television City, which is one of the most historic sites in the industry, was re-dedicated as the "Bob Barker Studio," making Bob the first performer to whom CBS had ever dedicated a stage. It was from Stage 33 that Elvis Presley made his legendary first appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show," and it has been the staging grounds for "The Price is Right" during its entire 35-year run on the network.

But long before he met fame, Bob met his future wife Dorothy Jo Gideon after graduating from Springfield Senior High. Barker would go on to pursue his studies at Drury College in Springfield, and was voted class president during his sophomore and senior years.

Like so many of his generation, the events of World War II would interrupt his studies. He trained as a Navy Air Corps fighter pilot, and returned to Drury College to graduate summa cum laude in 1947. He later served on the school's board of trustees from 1977 to 1980.

Bob Barker also started his entertainment career in Springfield, hosting a radio program on KTTS Radio, where he developed his clear, reverberating voice and his instant rapport with audiences.

For the past 30 years, Bob has devoted a significant portion of his time and resources to helping improve the lives of animals, appealing daily to viewers to have their pets spayed and neutered. In 1994, he established his DJ&T Foundation, which is named in memory of his wife and his mother. The mission of the foundation is to fund low-cost spay/neuter clinics.

In addition, Bob has given millions to establish endowments promoting animal protection law at some of the Nation's top law schools, including Harvard, Stanford, UCLA, Northwestern, Duke, Georgetown and Columbia. His work has also influenced other law schools to offer similar courses.

Bob Barker is a reflection of the character of southwest Missouri, where he learned early on the importance of self-discipline, an unrelenting work ethic, commitment to family and respect for others. It's also apparent from watching "The Price is Right" that Bob enjoys people, places and having fun. Through his contributions to the causes important to him, he has set an example for people committed to changing the circumstances of those less fortunate. And he has done it with dignity and style.

In his retirement, I wish Robert William Barker continued success.

INTRODUCTION OF CONSUMER  
PRODUCT SAFETY CAP LIMIT

**HON. BOBBY L. RUSH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 24, 2007*

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing a bill to raise the cap on civil penalties that the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) currently may impose against a person or company for knowingly violating the statutes that the CPSC enforces. Currently, the CPSC is limited to assessing a mere \$1.825 million against anyone company for related violations.

This amount is entirely too low to serve as an effective economic deterrent, especially for large corporations, and to help ensure that companies follow the law with regard to safe products. For some companies, this cap amounts to little more than a cost of doing business—a figure they can just write off in deciding to follow the law, or not.

My legislation would raise the cap to \$20 million, a more realistic number to serve as a deterrent against violations and a more appropriate penalty for violations that have occurred.

Madam Speaker, raising the cap to an amount that better reflects today's economic realities will encourage manufacturers, among other things, to report promptly critical information about unsafe products, to recall defective products more quickly, and generally to comply more cooperatively with statutes designed to promote and ensure safe products in the American marketplace.