

it in a fiscally responsible way. I urge this bill's adoption.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING JOHN DECKER FOR HIS SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, John Decker served in the United States Navy from 1952–1954; and

Whereas, he has served as a member of the color guard for military funerals; and

Whereas, John Decker is saluted for his bravery and service; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend and thank John Decker for his contributions to his community and country.

TRIBUTE TO HANNAH HAYES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Hannah Hayes for her service to our community.

Hannah Hayes is deeply dedicated to helping people restore their lives to a healthy creative balance through oriental medicine. In 1993, she and her husband Donn started Oriental Herb Company, known as OHCO, in Evergreen. Cold Snap, Eye Ching and all their other products are created by Donn, who is an acupuncturist with extensive training in Chinese herbology. Ms. Hayes runs all facets of operating the business, from manufacturing to marketing and shipping.

Hannah Hayes enthusiastically teaches others about the benefits of listening to their bodies, evaluating their lifestyles, and exploring ways to live healthy balanced lives.

Ms. Hayes remarks, "It's rewarding when a customer calls and has had some incredible insight about how to customize our general formulas into their own particular needs."

Hannah Hayes teaches creative balance through Chamber of Commerce gatherings, presentations at health food stores, and a column in the local weekly.

TRIBUTE TO GERALDINE R. GENNET GENERAL COUNSEL TO THE HOUSE

HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Mr. HASTERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to say thank you to Geraldine R. Gennet who is resigning as House Counsel, after serving in that office for more than 12 years.

When I was Speaker, it was my privilege to oversee the institutional offices which help make the U.S. House of Representatives func-

tion on a daily basis. The house counsel, like the Parliamentarian, legislative counsel, and other institutional offices, serve the House behind the scenes but are essential to its operations. All these offices are non-partisan, and that tradition is important to maintain, so that no matter which party controls the House, its operations are viewed as professional and non-partisan.

Geraldine Gennet certainly carried on that tradition. She and her office gave the Speaker's office and the Bipartisan Legal Advisory Group advice that reflected the precedents and practices of those that went before us, but also the appropriate legal advice to address today's issues and problems. It was not legal advice calculated to advance a political goal or agenda. Rather, Geraldine's advice reflected her unbiased reading of the law and her best legal judgment. When the House's institutional interests were at stake, her advice was designed to further those institutional interests and protect the legislative branch's central place in our constitutional structure as envisioned by the Founding Fathers.

Geraldine and her staff were particularly helpful in the aftermath of the FBI's unprecedented raid on a congressional office last year. She was instrumental in negotiating with the executive branch in an effort to resolve the constitutional stand-off amicably. When those negotiations ultimately failed, she then assisted the House leadership in charting its course through the litigation that followed. We particularly relied on Geraldine and her office for advice on significant institutional issues of this nature, and they always did an excellent job. This House owes Geraldine and her staff a debt of gratitude.

I wish Geraldine well in her future endeavors and thank her for her service to the U.S. House of Representatives.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING JACK EVERETT FOR HIS SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Jack Everett served in the United States Army from 1967–1969; and

Whereas, he was inducted into the Military Hall of Fame; and

Whereas, Jack Everett has received two Purple Hearts; and

Whereas, he is the recipient of the Bronze Star; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend and thank Jack Everett for his contributions to his community and country.

HONORING MS. SYLVIA BROCKNER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Sylvia Brockner for her service to our community.

Wildlife, nature, and open spaces are the focus of Sylvia Brockner's community leadership. "Anytime I help save land, I'm pleased," she states. "It's a legacy for future generations."

Sylvia Brockner brought with her the conservation and naturalist leadership expertise she honed as chairperson of the Western New York Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. She was instrumental in organizing the Mountain Area Land Trust, which she likens to a local Nature Conservancy. A lifelong bird watcher, she helped establish the annual Christmas Bird Count, and in 1978 she and her husband founded the local Audubon Society.

Sylvia successfully lobbied the Army Corps of Engineers to protect the wetlands at Evergreen Lake. She also helped convince JeffCo Open Space to preserve Lair O'The Bear Park in Bear Creek Canyon.

For 30 years, she has written and illustrated the Canyon Courier's weekly feature about nature, instilling her passion in her readers.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3996, TEMPORARY TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 9, 2007

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, although I have serious concerns with the underlying bill, H.R. 3996, there are several provisions of this bill that extend necessary business and individual tax relief set to expire this year.

One provision in H.R. 3996 would extend important tax relief for individuals who choose to make distributions from their Individual Retirement Accounts, IRAs, to charities. Charitable IRA rollovers greatly help the work of worthy charities, and it is important that this tool for giving remains available to taxpayers. I have introduced stand-alone legislation with Congressman EARL POMEROY of North Dakota, which has 90 cosponsors that would broaden the charitable IRA rollover rule to allow distributions to donor-advised funds and would strengthen other aspects of the present-law provision. I remain committed to the enactment of the improvements included in the Public Good IRA Rollover Act, H.R. 1419, that would work to encourage billions in new giving to those who need it most.

This legislation also includes a provision that extends the Research and Development Tax Credit for an additional year. Firms in California already conduct nearly one-quarter of all our Nation's R&D activities by dollar value, making this credit critical to California's leadership in high tech innovation. I am a strong supporter of this provision, and am a cosponsor of stand alone legislation that would make important improvements in the R&D credit and extend it permanently, H.R. 2138.

H.R. 3996 also includes a 1-year delay of the 3 percent withholding burden on contractors that work with governments, which is scheduled to take effect starting in 2011. Earlier this year I introduced legislation with Representative KENDRICK MEEK of Florida that would do away with this added withholding requirement before it starts. Together, we have

worked to inform other representatives about the potentially damaging effects of this new cost of doing business with governments, and our legislation has attracted over 230 cosponsors, H.R. 1023.

Despite my opposition to the overarching legislation, I sincerely hope members of both parties can continue to work in a bipartisan fashion—as we have done on these three issues to-date. It is important that we move ahead with this important individual and business tax relief through legislation members from both parties can support, and not in the context of controversial new tax increases on the American people.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE DEDICATION OF CAMP SHERMAN GATE POST

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Camp Sherman became a military camp for local soldiers on June 8, 1917; and Whereas, the camp would come to serve over 40,000 soldiers; and

Whereas, Camp Sherman trained soldiers, nursed them back to health and instructed them on agricultural issues; and

Whereas, the gates at Camp Sherman are dedicated for those that have passed through them, for those men that have borne the battle; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I applaud Camp Sherman and honor the soldiers that have entered through the post.

TRIBUTE TO MS. DING-WEN HSU

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Ding-Wen Hsu for her service to our community.

Ms. Ding-Wen Hsu enriches both the economic and cultural well-being of our community. She is cofounder and majority shareholder of Pacific Western Technologies Ltd., one of the fastest growing companies in Colorado. She is also a founder of the Colorado Dragon Boat Festival and actively involved in her family foundation, the International Multi-Cultural Institute.

As a national fellow of the Asian Pacific American Women's Leadership Institute, she attended a training program that focused on self-discovery. "I discovered that I need to lead and make a difference," Ding-Wen comments. "I feel very fortunate that I got to live in two very different cultures. I felt I should use my gift."

She does so primarily through her community endeavors. The Colorado Dragon Boat Festival, for example, offers a unique cultural experience that builds awareness, knowledge and understanding among the diverse Asian communities. The mission of the International Multi-Cultural Institute is to promote harmony, eliminate prejudice and discrimination, combat

community deterioration, and defend human and civil rights.

HONORING COLUMBUS HOUSE, INCORPORATED AS IT CELEBRATES ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join the New Haven community in celebrating the 25th anniversary of Columbus House, a shelter and service provider for the homeless of the greater New Haven region. Throughout their 25 years, Columbus House has given countless people the support they need to become self-reliant and productive members of the community, providing a path to recovery and the ability to attain their goals. The shelter was the brain child of Cynthia DeLouise, founding executive director, members of the Downtown Cooperative Ministry and the city of New Haven.

Columbus House opened in November 1982 and provided shelter for its first person in need—a 19-year-old woman who needed housing and food. In the first two years, Columbus House served more than 1,000 individuals. Most all of the beds were filled by men, but in the fall of 1984, Columbus House designated 16 beds specifically for women. It was New Haven's first shelter for homeless men and women. The original mission was to provide basic food and shelter services, however, the organization quickly learned it needed to understand and address the problems that lead to homelessness. Columbus House began to broaden its mission by providing case management services in the areas of mental health, substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, and trauma/abuse. Columbus House has also been nationally recognized for its innovative programs. One such program is the 90-day length of stay program, in which the residents set goals for themselves and develop a timetable in which to achieve them. This program proved to be a powerful incentive tool to enroll clients into counseling and treatment services. Columbus House also charges residents a nominal fee for their stay, a practice which promotes the ultimate goal of self-reliance.

The dual mission of Columbus House is what makes it so unique, remarkable and valuable to the New Haven community. Providing emergency shelter is a critical community service. Columbus House is not only emergency shelter beds; its wide array of shelter services is extraordinary. Its outreach services include a mobile crisis van and outreach workers who try to link the mentally ill with the treatment and services they require. Columbus House also launched the Citizens Project in 1996, which trains formerly homeless individuals to participate on boards and committees of social service agencies. In 2002, it implemented the mentor project which trains people in early recovery to become mentors in social service agencies throughout the community. Columbus House strives to help residents become self-sufficient and able to maintain permanent housing.

In addition to providing counseling, job training and medical care, Columbus House aims to cultivate a sense of self-worth, self-dignity and self-reliance in those who feel that their

lives are beyond their control. It is rebuilding the client's sense of self that is the key to the program's success. Columbus House gives residents the tools to handle life on their own and to effectively seek resolutions to their problems.

In September 2002, Columbus House literally broke new ground with the opening of its new facility, three times the size of the former shelter. This new shelter building has increased the capacity to 101 beds, doubling the amount of clients it is able to serve. This new building is clean, safe and accessible and provides a sense of pride and accomplishment for the staff, volunteers, and all of the clients.

It is unconscionable to know that homelessness remains a crisis in our communities and across the Nation; people are still hungry, seeking refuge under bridges, and living on our streets. The sad truth is that approximately 33,000 people are homeless in Connecticut, and approximately 2,000 are living in New Haven. Without the caring and compassionate work of the staff and volunteers at Columbus House, these numbers would be even more devastating. I would be remiss if I did not mention the incredible work and creative vision of Alison Cunningham, the executive director of Columbus House since 1998. It is also important to note that volunteers provide some of the most essential services of medical care, dental care, legal counseling, and spiritual guidance. Volunteers over the years have also brought gifts for holidays and have organized various fund-raising events. Our communities would not be the same without the efforts of folks such as these, whose energy, compassion, and commitment touches people's lives every day. I have tremendous admiration for community service and those who provide it.

The work of caring for the homeless has become increasingly difficult. Many people no longer care about the plight of the homeless and are frustrated by the complex issues that contribute to homelessness. I commend Columbus House for facing all of the issues that surround homelessness and continuing to work every day to resolve them for the past 25 years. Congratulations on this remarkable milestone and for all the lives in need that you have quietly touched every day. I thank you, and I am grateful for over two decades of service to the greater New Haven region.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING CHARLES DEAN DAVIS FOR HIS SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY, 40TH SIGNAL BATTALION

SPEECH OF

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 9, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Charles Dean Davis served in the United States Army from 1966–1968; and Whereas, he served in Vietnam from 1966–1967; and

Whereas, Charles Dean Davis is the recipient of the Vietnam Service Medal; and

Whereas, he is the recipient of the National Defense Service Medal; and

Whereas, Charles Dean Davis is the recipient of the Vietnam Campaign Medal; now, therefore, be it