

work and use their own funds for gas and whatever else is needed to attend missions.

The Guard is activated each time the military reports the death of a soldier in Iraq. This nationwide organization of volunteers is very efficient. State Captains send out e-mails to members in the city where the soldier will be buried, and everyone jumps into action. They ensure that streets along the funeral procession are lined with American flags. Each mission is accomplished through legal and non-violent means. If protestors are present and become loud, the Patriot Guard Riders form a flag line, turn their backs on protesters, and will even drown the sound of the protestors by singing and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

One involved Patriot biker, Rich "Boomer" Ford, a former Navy SEAL who served in Vietnam is the State Captain for the Texas Patriot Guard Riders. He is the man in charge of the "missions". If you ask Boomer why he rides, he will tell you that he remembers the lack of respect received when returning home from Vietnam. He wants to make sure that doesn't happen to these brave men and women. Boomer feels that each "mission" recognizes and honors the hard work our soldiers are doing for us overseas. These men and women like Boomer, who volunteer their time to help guard our nation's heroes should be forever remembered for their honor and dignity.

I commend the Patriot Guard Riders for riding for our soldiers whose lives were given in pursuit of a great cause, American freedom. I am proud to recognize these angels on bikes with hearts bigger than Texas. They show their respect for our troops, their families, and our community in an honorable way, one funeral at a time. They make a difference and represent all that is right and good in America. And that's just the way it is.

#### A PROCLAMATION HONORING DONNY BEACHY FOR WINNING THE DIVISION III STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT

##### HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Donny Beachy showed hard work and dedication to the sport of golf; and

Whereas, Donny Beachy was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Donny Beachy always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the green; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Donny Beachy on winning the Division III State Golf Tournament. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2007 golf season.

#### TRIBUTE TO TONY HESS

##### HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2007

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the bravery and heroism of Tony

Hess. A 23-year-old volunteer firefighter from Kanawha County West Virginia, Hess raced into a burning house last month to save the life of two year old Alyssa Abner.

Hess didn't plan on being a hero on November 23. A business major at West Virginia State University, he was just answering an early morning emergency call; but when he arrived first on the scene he headed directly to a second story bedroom. The smoke was so dense that he had to break a window in order to find Alyssa trapped inside.

After rescuing her from the fire, Tony rode with her all the way to the hospital. I am happy to report that little Alyssa is in an improving condition at a Cincinnati hospital.

Madam Speaker, I join the chorus of West Virginians thankful for Tony's courage and service. Volunteer firefighters are true heroes who sacrifice for the right reasons. In Tony's own words, "I'm not doing it for the publicity or lights or sirens," he said. "I just want to be a fireman."

#### RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF DAVID J. WILLIAMS AS CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT OF SANOFI PASTEUR AND HIS CON- TRIBUTIONS TO THE VACCINE INDUSTRY

##### HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2007

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to recognize David J. Williams of Scranton, PA, for his lifetime accomplishments and his extraordinary contributions to the vaccine industry in the United States.

On January 16, 2008, after 30 years of service, David J. Williams will retire as the chairman, president and chief executive officer of Sanofi Pasteur.

Mr. Williams, born in Scranton, PA, received his accounting degree from the University of Scranton in 1973 and joined Connaught Laboratories in 1978 as the manager of financial services.

As a member of the executive team, Mr. Williams distinguished himself as a leader willing to make courageous decisions to build the vaccine industry, and he was named chief operating officer of Connaught Laboratories in 1989.

Mr. Williams successfully steered the company through several mergers and acquisitions. As an organization that began with just 100 employees and sales of just over \$5 million in 1978, Connaught eventually merged with today's sanofi pasteur, the world's largest vaccine manufacturer with 11,000 employees and more than \$4 billion in sales in 2007.

Under Mr. Williams' guidance, more than a billion doses of Sanofi Pasteur's lifesaving vaccines were administered to more than 500 million people around the world each year, representing more than 25% of the global vaccine market.

Mr. Williams encouraged innovation and he has been at the forefront of the development of many of the world's vaccines, including the

world's first licensed conjugate and combination vaccines, vaccines to protect against meningitis and Haemophilus influenza type B, and most recently, a vaccine to combat avian influenza.

Mr. Williams recognized his company's ability to address current and future public health needs by investing in a robust research and development program and an ambitious production plan for pandemic preparedness in the event that a public health emergency strikes the United States.

Mr. Williams has been a visionary in the vaccine industry, building the domestic infrastructure necessary to protect millions of Americans from deadly diseases and showing a commitment to vaccines that goes beyond his own company to the broader industry and to public health around the world.

Mr. Williams, in his dedication to the larger immunization community, created the Vaccine Policy Committee of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America and is a founding member of the Partnership for Prevention, a leading organization of public and private sector representatives who focus on preventative health care policies.

Mr. Williams served as the first liaison member of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which sets immunization policy in the United States.

Mr. Williams also served on the board of directors of the Biotechnology Industry Organization, Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania, and on the Board of Regents of the University of Scranton. He is also one of the founding Board Members of the Medical Education Development Consortium.

Mr. Williams cultivated a culture of community involvement at sanofi pasteur and demonstrated a commitment to philanthropy through the company's contributions to United Way and donations of vaccines through UNICEF, the Global Alliance for Vaccines Immunization, GAVI, the World Health Organization's Global Polio Eradication Initiative and various humanitarian relief efforts.

Mr. Williams has been committed to the economic growth and development of Northeastern Pennsylvania and to expanding the campus in Swiftwater to maintain a domestic manufacturing base for many vaccines, including influenza. Under his guidance, sanofi pasteur grew to become the largest private employer in Monroe County and a purchaser of over \$145 million in goods and services from Pennsylvania-based vendors.

It has been a pleasure working with Dave over the years as his company expanded not only in Monroe County, but also in Scranton, his hometown. He has made an enormous contribution to his community, and on behalf of all my constituents, I would like to express my gratitude.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Mr. Williams for his distinguished career and extraordinary leadership as chairman, president and chief executive officer of sanofi pasteur and for his tireless efforts toward the advancement of immunizations and the eradication of vaccine preventable diseases.

WILLIAM WILBERFORCE TRAF-  
FICKING VICTIMS PROTECTION  
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 4, 2007*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the exchange of letters between Chairman CONYERS and myself be made part of the RECORD.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,  
Washington, DC, November 15, 2007.

Hon. TOM LANTOS,  
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs, House  
of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN LANTOS: In recognition of the desire to expedite consideration of H.R. 3887, the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Reauthorization Act of 2007, the Committee on the Judiciary agrees to waive formal consideration of the bill as to provisions that fall within the rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Committee takes this action with the understanding that by foregoing consideration of H.R. 3887 at this time, the Committee on the Judiciary does not waive any jurisdiction over subject matter contained in this or similar legislation. The Committee also reserves the right to seek appointment of an appropriate number of conferees to any House-Senate conference involving this important anti-slavery legislation, and requests your support if such a request is made.

I would appreciate your including this letter in the Congressional Record during consideration of the bill on the House floor.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

JOHN CONYERS, JR.,  
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS,  
Washington, DC, November 15, 2007.

Hon. JOHN CONYERS, JR.,  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,  
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 3887, the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Reauthorization Act of 2007.

I appreciate your willingness to work cooperatively on this legislation. I recognize that the bill contains provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Judiciary. I acknowledge that the Committee will not formally consider the bill and agree that the inaction of your Committee with respect to the bill does not waive any jurisdiction of the Judiciary Committee over subject matter contained in this bill or similar legislation.

Further, as to any House-Senate conference on the bill, I understand that your committee reserves the right to seek the appointment of conferees for consideration of portions of the bill that are within the Committee's jurisdiction.

I will ensure that our exchange of letters is included in the Congressional Record during the consideration of House debate on H.R. 3887, and I look forward to working with you on this important legislation. If you wish to

discuss this matter further, please contact me or have your staff contact my staff.

Cordially,

TOM LANTOS,  
Chairman.

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY  
OF FORMER REPRESENTATIVE  
HENRY HYDE OF ILLINOIS

SPEECH OF

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 4, 2007*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my sadness over the passing of our former colleague and friend, Henry Hyde, and my respect for his decades of public service on behalf of the people of Illinois.

Representative Hyde was known throughout the country as a man of strong beliefs, a public servant who fought hard for his convictions with eloquence and passion. Those of us in the House of Representatives—especially those of us served with him in the Illinois delegation—also knew him as a gentleman. Disagreements on some issues never prevented him from working with a colleague on other matters.

I was one who often disagreed with Congressman Hyde, but we were always able to talk about our differences and work together on bipartisan issues, such as investigating the causes of oil and gasoline price increases in the Chicago market, ending the genocide in Sudan and the AIDS epidemic in Africa, fighting global poverty and the proliferation of destabilizing nuclear weapons, and addressing gun violence. I always felt that I could reach out to Congressman Hyde and have an open and beneficial discussion, even on the most controversial issues. He was the only person who ever called me "Janny," a private nickname I enjoyed.

Congressman Hyde was born in Rogers Park, Chicago and went to St. George High School in Evanston. He was first elected to Congress in 1974, after already having had a distinguished career as a lawyer, World War II veteran, and member of the Illinois General Assembly. He served the 6th District of Illinois for 32 years, never forgetting his roots, his responsibilities or his values. He will be missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JERRY WELLER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 6, 2007*

Mr. WELLER of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to enter into the RECORD votes I would have cast had I been present for rollcall votes 1086 through 1126. I was absent on November 14th, November 15th, and December 4th, due to a death in the family.

If I were present I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote 1086, "yea" on rollcall vote 1087, "yea" on rollcall vote 1088, "yea" on rollcall vote 1089, "yea" on rollcall vote 1090, "yea" on rollcall vote 1091, "yea" on rollcall

vote 1092, "nay" on rollcall vote 1093, "nay" on rollcall vote 1094, "yea" on rollcall vote 1095, "nay" on roll call vote 1096, "nay" on rollcall vote 1097, "nay" on rollcall vote 1098, "nay" on rollcall vote 1099, "yea" on rollcall vote 1100, "yea" on rollcall vote 1101, "yea" on rollcall vote 1102, "nay" on roll call vote 1103, "nay" on rollcall vote 1104, "yea" on rollcall vote 1105, "yea" on rollcall vote 1106, "yea" on rollcall vote 1107, "nay" on rollcall vote 1108, "nay" on rollcall vote 1109, "nay" on roll call vote 1110, "nay" on rollcall vote 1111, "nay" on rollcall vote 1112, "nay" on rollcall vote 1113, "yea" on rollcall vote 1114, "yea" on rollcall vote 1115, "yea" on rollcall vote 1116, "yea" on roll call vote 1117, "yea" on rollcall vote 1118, "yea" on rollcall vote 1119, "nay" on rollcall vote 1120, "yea" on rollcall vote 1121, "nay" on rollcall vote 1122, "yea" on rollcall vote 1123, "yea" on roll call vote 1124, "yea" on rollcall vote 1125, and "yea" on rollcall vote 1126.

RECOGNIZING OFFICER ROY DAVID  
GILBERT, III

**HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 6, 2007*

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize and congratulate Officer Roy David Gilbert, III for being named the 2007 Police Officer of the Year by Parade magazine and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

A resident of Waterford, MI, Officer Gilbert has described the day he was sworn in as an officer of the Detroit Police Department seven years ago as one of the happiest of his life. Last year, however, Officer Gilbert was faced with one of the darkest. On December 30, 2006, while patrolling Detroit's Western District, Officer Gilbert and his partner Officer John McKee spotted a vehicle that had been carjacked earlier that evening. While in pursuit, Officer McKee was shot and wounded in the face and abdomen.

Officer Gilbert courageously moved between his partner and the suspect, and even after being knocked down by a bullet, he returned fire and took down the assailant. As a result of Officer Gilbert's actions, Officer McKee's life was saved, and in October of this year he was able to return to the police force. Officer Gilbert was awarded the Medal of Valor, the Detroit Police Department's highest honor for bravery and was recognized by Parade magazine and the International Association of Chiefs of Police as the Officer of the Year.

For over 40 years, Parade magazine and the International Association of Chiefs of Police have recognized the law enforcement officer whose deeds embody the intrepid spirit and altruism that Officer Gilbert has displayed. Even today as he is honored by Waterford Township, Officer Gilbert still says he was just "doing what partners are supposed to do."

Madam Speaker, Officer Gilbert epitomizes the bravery and selflessness that we see in our law enforcement officers everyday. His heroic actions saved the life of a fellow officer and made our streets safer. I commend him for his achievements and wish him continued success in his service.