craft, who is being honored tonight at the University of Southern California. From his days with Bobby Kennedy to his time at the Philadelphia Inquirer and, most recently, shaping the minds of a new generation of journalists at USC, Ed has remained steadfastly committed to the principles of open government and honest journalism. As editorial page editor at the Philadelphia Inquirer, he wrote with insight on the major issues of the day; nuclear safety, education reform and corruption in Philadelphia and Pennsylvania's court systems. His clear prose and cogent ideas brought honor to his newspaper and true enlightenment to us, the readers.

Ed's career did not begin with his decade at the Inquirer. Before coming to Philadelphia, he served as the national editor at the Los Angeles Times. It was during his work in Los Angeles that Ed was listed as number three on Nixon's infamous enemies list. The list, and Guthman's inclusion, offer enduring evidence of the danger of an unchecked executive and a reminder of the need for an eternally vigilant free and independent press. Prior to the LA Times, he was a reporter at the Seattle Times where he was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for his investigation into the Washington State Un-American Activities Committee.

I consider it a privilege to call Ed my friend. He is a brilliant man and has contributed greatly to the field of journalism and the quest for a fair and democratic United States. While I am pleased that he has the opportunity to share what he knows with the students of USC, we will always miss him in Philadelphia.

ELLEN WALLACE BUCHANAN

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2007

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, it is a great honor for me to rise in recognition of the highly successful career and notable achievements of Ms. Ellen Wallace Buchanan. On February 28, 2007, Ellen retired as Chief of Staff for Representative JOHN SPRATT (D–SC), after over 30 years of service to the United States House of Representatives.

Ellen was raised in my home state of South Carolina by a father who was a probate judge and a mother who was a school teacher. Her parents instilled in her the importance of service to community and country.

After receiving her Bachelor's degree in Education from Winthrop University, Ms. Buchanan followed in her mother's footsteps, beginning her career as an elementary school teacher in Charleston, SC.

In a career move that would enable her to further serve her community while engaging her fascination with government, Ellen accepted a position as Staff Assistant with former Congressman Kenneth Holland (D–SC) in 1976. During her six-year tenure in former Congressman Holland's office she was given roles of increasing responsibility. When JOHN SPRATT succeeded Congressman Holland, Ellen continued her service to the United States House of Representatives starting as Congressman SPRATT's Legislative Assistant and rising to become his Chief of Staff.

Ellen's tenure in the House can be described in one way—passion for her work. She especially enjoyed taking part in campaigns. In her words, ''It reenergizes you to be with your supporters.'' In addition to her exceptional leadership skills, Ellen possesses an extremely pleasing personal demeanor. She is loved by all who know her.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of my staff, and the constituents of the 6th District of South Carolina, I ask you and my colleagues to join us in saluting the contributions of Ellen Wallace Buchanan and wish her well in the years to come.

NATIONAL SECURITY FOREIGN INVESTMENT REFORM AND STRENGTHENED TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 28, 2007

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of H.R. 556, National Security Foreign Investment Reform and Strengthened Transparency Act of 2007, and I urge my colleagues to join me in voting in favor of it.

Many Americans were rightfully concerned in 2006 by the Dubai Ports World scandal. I support H.R. 556 because this bill provides the needed reform to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS). By reforming CFIUS, the United States can better balance the critical issue of national security with the billions of dollars in foreign investment that helps keep our economy strong. H.R. 556 formally establishes CFIUS and its membership and streamlines the process for reviews by the committee. This bill mandates a 30-day review for all national security-related business transactions and a full-scale 45-day investigation to follow if necessary. This bill also ensures these decisions are made at a senior level and requires CFIUS to report to Congress five days after their final action on an investigation. The United States Chamber of Commerce supports this bill as do other groups concerned about responsible policy for foreign investment.

I oppose any amendments that weaken H.R. 556, National Security Foreign Investment Reform and Strengthened Transparency Act of 2007. The three amendments introduced by Rep. MCCAUL all place burdensome reporting requirements on CFIUS and detract from the committee's mission. Reporting on tax issues is outside the scope and expertise of the committee. CFIUS and its resources should be focused on foreign transactions, and most importantly, on national security.

I support H.R. 556 and urge my colleagues to join me in improving our national security while safeguarding America's economy.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE STAFF SERGEANT JOSHUA R. HAGER

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 2007

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I ask for unanimous consent to address the House for one minute and to revise and extend my remarks.

I stand here today to pay tribute and recognize the loss of SSG Joshua R. Hager. Staff Sergeant Hager was killed in action while serving his country in Iraq.

Every day, the men and women of the United States Armed Forces face danger in the hope to bring peace and prosperity to those in need. We must not forget the individual stories of these soldiers who are serving our country with courage and honor.

Joshua Hager was from Bloomfield, Colorado and he is survived by his wife and child who reside in Pueblo, Colorado.

Staff Sergeant Hager was one of three Fort Carson soldiers who died on Friday, February 23. Hager, PVT Travis Buford of Galveston, Texas, and PVT Rowan Walter of Winnetka, California, died Friday of injuries suffered a day earlier when an improvised explosive device detonated near their vehicle.

All three brave men were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, based at Fort Carson, which has now lost 189 soldiers since the war in Iraq began.

Joshua Hager was 29 years old.

My heart goes out to Joshua's wife and child as well as all of his family and friends. Their courage in this time of hardship humbles us all.

We will not forget his sacrifice, and that of the soldiers who rode alongside Joshua.

I submit this recognition to the United States House of Representatives in honor of their sacrifice, so that Joshua Hager may live on in memory.