

in order to provide students with accurate comprehensive sex education.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support comprehensive, medically accurate sex education so that we can reduce the number of teenage pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections. I look forward to working with a new administration to ensure that our younger generations will be provided with real, medically accurate sexual health information.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE IOWA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

#### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, September 27, 2008*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Iowa Army National Guard for being recognized as the Best Installation Management Program in the nation during the Army National Guard's Construction and Facility Management Officers annual conference in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Iowa scored 902 points out of 1,000 and was the only state to receive a Gold Award in the installation management program. The Iowa Army National Guard has had a history of putting an emphasis on installations and stresses the importance of setting goals to provide facilities that make our Soldiers and citizens proud, which has included important modernization efforts such as improving accommodations for female Soldiers. It also provides continuing education for all Iowa Army National Guard installation management professionals to help them become the best they can be on the job.

The Iowa National Guard, which has 42 armories, continues to make Iowa and our nation proud through its dedicated service. It is an honor to represent Installations Division Chief Col. Michael Bouchard, Construction and Facilities Management Officer Col. Scott Ayres and all those involved in installations at the Iowa Army National Guard in the United States Congress and I wish them success in their future work.

#### STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES GIFT OF LIFE MEDAL, ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

#### HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 23, 2008*

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my strong support of H.R. 6950, the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Gift of Life Medal Act.

I was pleased to work with Chairman PETE STARK to craft this bill that recognizes those that have donated their organs, and gave the gift of life. And it is a fitting tribute to name this bill in honor of our late colleague, Stephanie Tubbs Jones. A dedicated public servant to the end, she too gave the Gift of Life, helping over 50 individuals.

Enacting this bill will give the thousands of Americans who also donated their organs appropriate recognition for their tremendous gift by presenting them with a Congressionally-

sponsored medal. Each year, individuals donate approximately 14,000 organs. This is an amazing success and they should be recognized. Yet there are still nearly 100,000 individuals waiting for transplants.

In order to further encourage individuals to consider organ donation, Congress must publicly thank those that have made this selfless and living saving decision.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank Former Senate Majority Leader, Dr. Bill Frist. As a transplant surgeon and sponsor of this legislation in previous years, Dr. Frist helped to encourage greater organ donation. Mr. STARK and I introduced an earlier version of this bill in honor of Dr. Frist, who has endorsed H.R. 6950. Enclosed is a copy of Dr.

Finally, I want to thank the Tubbs Jones family for allowing this bill to be named in her honor. I am proud that we will pass this bill to ensure that through tragedy, lives will be saved and honored.

NASHVILLE, TN,  
*September 15, 2008.*

Hon. PETE STARK,  
*Chairman, Ways and Means Health Subcommittee, Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC.*

Hon. DAVE CAMP,  
*Ranking Member, Ways and Means Health Subcommittee, Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN STARK AND RANKING MEMBER CAMP: Thank you for your leadership on the Gift of Life Congressional Medal.

Like you, I am truly inspired by those that donate their organs. I can think of no act that is more honorable or selfless, and it is befitting of Congress to pass this act to recognize these outstanding individuals and their families. I was pleased to sponsor this legislation in the Senate.

It is also extremely fitting to name this legislation in honor of the late Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones. A tireless advocate for those in need, she cemented her legacy by donating her organs and tissue, which will help over 50 individuals. Her act, and the thousands that have come before it, must be recognized.

Each year, there are nearly 14,000 organs that are donated. As a transplant surgeon, I have seen firsthand how lives are transformed through these miraculous gifts. For me, it is a privilege to be part of the transplantation process. I am continually amazed at the advances in technology that make transplants more successful every year.

While advances are being made, there are still too few donors—nearly 100,000 people are waiting on national transplant lists. To encourage more donors, we should make every effort to recognize those that make this life-saving decision. I believe creating a Gift of Life Congressional Medal is critically important to increasing awareness on this issue.

Again, please accept my sincere appreciation for your work and strong support for naming the Gift of Life Congressional Medal Act in honor of Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones. It is a fitting tribute for such an outstanding and committed woman.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM H. FRIST.

#### TRIBUTE TO JOHN LINCOLN

#### HON. JOHN R. "RANDY" KUHL, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, September 27, 2008*

Mr. KUHL of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of New York Farm Bureau President John Lincoln.

Throughout his career, John has proven time and again his commitment to bolstering our agriculture industry here in New York State.

During his 12 years as President of the New York Farm Bureau, John has made a significant impact on our State's agricultural industry at every level. He has been a tireless advocate for the industry and he has never failed to communicate his enthusiasm for agriculture. As a member of many boards and task forces, John is one of the most respected and devoted members of our agricultural community.

In the words of John himself, "farming is a challenging business, and without farm bureau working for farmers, farmers simply wouldn't have a voice. We're too busy farming."

Yet, through it all he remained a farmer, operating a dairy farm with his wife Anne.

The farm has expanded over the years to include his daughter Julie and son Mike, ensuring that the next generation will keep farming in upstate N.Y.

John Lincoln has been an outstanding leader and advocate for strengthening the agriculture industry in New York and across the Nation, and for that, I thank him and wish him the best in his retirement.

#### LINCOLN TO RETIRE AS FARM BUREAU CHIEF

(By Julie Sherwood)

EAST BLOOMFIELD.—John Lincoln will retire in December as president of the New York State Farm Bureau after 14 years as head of the agriculture advocacy organization that includes 52 county farm bureaus statewide.

"I am so honored to have been a part of this wonderful, farmer-driven organization for all of these years," stated Lincoln, an East Bloomfield dairy farmer. "It's been a place where, working together, we've been able to positively advocate for real changes in public policy which have made a difference in the ability of family farmers to live and farm and thrive in New York."

"Farming is a challenging business, and without Farm Bureau working for farmers with a constant presence in Albany and D.C., farmers simply wouldn't have a voice. We're too busy farming," he added.

Delegates from each of the 52 counties in the bureau will vote for a new president at a two-day meeting in Albany in December.

Lincoln, who served 29 years on the state Farm Bureau's board of directors, said he thinks it's time for "the next crop of farm leaders to take their turn" leading the organization.

During his tenure, Lincoln took part in major victories for farmers including revisions to the agricultural-assessment program, the beginning of the farmland-protection program, passage of the farmers' school property-tax credit, authorizing interstate shipment of wine, incentive programs to encourage on-farm production of renewable energy and the recent boost of funding for specialty crops through the federal Farm Bill passed this year.

"John has been a great asset for New York agriculture," said Laura Pedersen, president of the Ontario County Farm Bureau. "We will miss him representing us" at both the state and national level.

In addition to being president of the state Farm Bureau, with its 30,000 member families, Lincoln also serves on the American Farm Bureau Federation's board of directors. In that role Lincoln has been involved in numerous immigration, trade, and environmental policy issues.

Lincoln "has played a key role in improving the financial well-being and quality of

life for New York farmers,” stated American Farm Bureau Federation President Bob Stallman. New York State Agriculture Commissioner Patrick Hooker said Lincoln leaves “a legacy on agricultural policy that will remain for decades.”

Prior to becoming president in 1994, Lincoln was state Farm Bureau vice president for nine years and also served as the county president for Ontario County Farm Bureau.

Lincoln owns and operates Linholm Dairy LLC with his wife, Anne, and their children, Mike Lincoln and Julie Pellett.

## RENEWABLE ENERGY AND JOB CREATION TAX ACT of 2008

SPEECH OF

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 26, 2008*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I support this legislation that will extend critical tax credits for renewable energy and for American families while not adding to the federal deficit.

As cochair of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus, I am especially pleased to see the House take action on needed tax credits for renewable energy. The Production Tax Credit, PTC, in particular has been instrumental in promoting the creation of a renewable energy industry. An extended PTC will provide more market certainty and we must have an extension of this key tax credit before the current credit expires at the end of 2008.

I must add that, while I am pleased that the bill provides a three year extension of the PTC for most renewable energy sources, I am concerned that it only provides a one-year extension for wind energy. Wind is a very promising renewable energy source and a one year extension will not be as helpful for the industry. I will continue to lead the fight to extend the wind energy PTC for more than one year.

The bill also extends the Investment Tax Credit, ITC, for solar energy, qualified fuel cells, and microturbines for eight years. The ITC will help companies with initial investment costs in expanding these renewable energy sources across the country.

Rising gas prices are forcing many Coloradans to dip into their savings just to make ends meet. This bill will help families reduce their fuel bills by providing \$3,000 in tax credits toward the purchase of fuel-efficient, plug-in hybrid vehicles. It will also help address long-term fuel cost concerns by expanding production of homegrown fuels and incentives for the installation of E-85 pumps for consumers to fill up flex-fuel vehicles.

This bill also will support advances in energy efficiency and conservation in commercial and residential buildings, as well as energy efficient appliances.

And this bill will also help Colorado businesses stay competitive by extending the research and development tax credit for one year. While again I would like to see this key tax credit extended for more than one year, this is a step in the right direction.

To help with the hard economic times that Coloradans are facing, this bill includes sev-

eral other key tax credits, including expanding the child tax credit for some of our neediest families, allowing teachers to take a deduction for purchasing classroom supplies out of their own pocket, and providing additional support for families paying for college education.

Although this bill includes several important provisions and I will vote for it, I am disappointed that it does not include provisions that passed in the Senate and in previous House bills—particularly those related to clean renewable energy bonds, CREBS, and the Secure Rural Schools program.

CREBs provide a critical tool for public power providers and electric cooperatives to invest in renewable energy. This is a unique tool for Colorado's rural coops and municipal utilities and I hope to see us address this issue before the session ends. CREBS provisions were in the version of the bill originally passed by the House, but in the Senate they were revised. My understanding is that is the reason they have been omitted entirely from the bill now before us. My hope is that further discussions between the House and Senate will resolve this impasse.

The “Secure Rural Schools” program, originally authorized in 2000, was designed to establish stability to certain annual payments made to States and counties containing National Forest System lands and certain public domain lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

Since 1908, 25 percent of Forest Service revenues, such as those from timber sales, mineral resources and grazing fees, have been returned to the States in which national forest lands are located. Because receipts from timber sales have fluctuated over time, the 106th Congress in 2000 enacted the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act, Public Law 106-393, to address this instability by providing funding for a period of seven years, but requiring reauthorization after that time.

While Colorado is not among the States receiving the largest payments, the program has helped some of our rural counties meet urgent needs. In fact, last year payments under the program to Colorado counties amounted to more than \$6.4 million, helping to offset the costs of public schools, roads, and other needs of Colorado residents.

That is why I cosponsored legislation, H.R. 3058, to renew the program's authorization, and why I voted for that legislation when the House considered it on June 5 of this year. Unfortunately, while 218 of us voted for the bill, the final total included 193 against and thus, because it was considered under a procedure requiring two-thirds approval, the bill did not pass.

In its version of this legislation the Senate included funding for both the Secure Rural Schools program and for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes, PILT, program, which makes payments to counties across the country where certain categories of Federal lands are located. PILT is also very important to Colorado, and I strongly support funding for it—and I would have preferred to have both its funding and that for the Secure Rural Schools program included in the bill now before us.

Nonetheless, despite the lack of these provisions, this is a good bill. I hope we can move it forward and promote positive change that

will benefit our families and rural communities, save consumers money, reduce air pollution, and increase reliability and energy security.

I encourage my colleagues in the House to vote for this needed legislation, and also encourage quick action in the Senate so that we may move it to President's desk.

NELSON OSTIGUY IS SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS VETERAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. BARNEY FRANK**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, September 27, 2008*

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, one of the most important organizations in the district I represent in terms of providing needed service to people who deserve our help is the Southeastern Massachusetts Veterans Housing Program, Inc. This group of dedicated and compassionate individuals maintains the Veterans Transition House and the Women's Veteran Transition House. One of the things they do annually as part of their overall program is to present a Southeastern Massachusetts Veteran of the Year Award. On November 6 of this year, that award will be presented to an extremely deserving individual—Nelson Ostiguy. Mr. Ostiguy is now the Senior Executive Aide to the very able Mayor of New Bedford, Scott Lang. The leaders of the veterans program correctly describe Mr. Ostiguy as a “behind the scenes type of person who is always there helping out but never seeking the recognition or limelight.”

I am glad that his friends, admirers and the beneficiaries of his many good works have decided to give him a little limelight whether he likes it or not. And I am especially pleased to be able to add this tribute to him so that all of my colleagues can read about him because he is a very fitting model for others to emulate.

Nelson Ostiguy joined the Marines when he was 18, and served for 4 years, including combat service in Vietnam. He was the recipient of a number of medals in recognition of his courage. After a job in the private sector, he joined the Massachusetts State Police in May 1969, and served there for 27 years, and, as in his Marine service, he received frequent decorations for his bravery and good works. Since his retirement as Lt. Colonel/Assistant Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police, he was the Associate Director of the Harvard University Police Department, put his dedication to young people to work as a substitute teacher in the school systems of New Bedford, and, again, is now an important aide to Mayor Lang.

The list of Mr. Ostiguy's affiliations is impressive, but even his resume does not convey the benefit those who know him derive from being his friends and associates. Nelson Ostiguy is an outstanding citizen who very well deserves the title of Veteran of the Year that has been bestowed upon him by his fellow veterans—which I know makes the honor particularly meaningful to him.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join in celebrating the life and work of Nelson Ostiguy on this occasion of his being honored.