

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING COMMUNITY VETERANS

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as the 3-year observance of the 50th anniversary of the Korean war comes to a close.

It is with great pride that I honor the men that served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America during that time and are members of the St. Stanislaus Memorial Post No. 1771 American Legion, Brooklyn, NY.

Since their honorable discharge from the armed services, they have led productive lives and continued to serve their communities, State, and Nation.

Therefore, it is with much honor and appreciation that I salute these brave men: Feldele Aita, Joseph Angerome, John Astrab, Joseph Beneventin, Walter Bielski, Edward Bizinski, Charles Bond, John Borisuck, Nicholas Burdick, Kevin Cahill, James Campion, John Canderloro, Michael Cantelmi, Michael Chorney, Anthony Chorney, Michael Croccia, Edward Czartoryski, Edward Danielski, Joseph Darragh, Everett Deming, Edward Dempsey, Donald Denson, Justin Dudzinski, Vincent Dzirko, Rudolph Fafalak, Louis Franklin, and Sol Friedman.

Michael Garvey, Ralph Gatti, Roman Giblewski, George Gibney, Dan Goodman, Eugene Graboski, John Graham, Richard Haines, Gerard Hammond, Lee Hedberg, George Heiberg, James Hesse, John Hoffmann, John Jablonski, William Janovesik, John Karcinsky, Robert Kelly, Thomas Knapp, Joseph Konzelman, Martin Kost, Walter Kryshak, Daniel Kujawa, Saverio La Rocca, Louis Lasecki, Edward Lentol, Carl Licht, Joseph Lukasiewicz, Bernard Maciejewski, Anthony Mangone, William Martin, Henry McQuillan, Frank Moley, Frank Paterno, Vincent Petitto, Robert Pieprzak, Peter Rago, William Revy, Roosevelt Rhodes, Henry Rusielewicz, Philip Ryzkiewicz, Louis Sieber, Walter Sito, George Skaats, Thomas Skubin, Charles Smith, Raymond Smith, Edward Spaeth, Fred Stiith, Leonard Suligowski, Peter Sullivan, Jean Taylor, Nicholas Teta, Henry Tomaszewski, John Walsh, and Alfred Willett.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRANK W. BALLANCE, JR.

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. BALLANCE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 12, Congratulating the Ohio State University for winning the 2002 NCAA Division I football championship, I was regrettably unable to cast my vote at the appropriate time. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

THREATS AND RESPONSES: TRACKING TERRORISM; 9/11 REPORT SAYS SAUDI ARABIA LINKS WENT UNEXAMINED

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following for the RECORD.

(By David Johnston and James Risen)

A draft report by the joint Congressional committee looking into the Sept. 11 attacks has concluded that the F.B.I. and the C.I.A., in their investigations, did not aggressively pursue leads that might have linked the terrorists to Saudi Arabia, senior government officials said today.

The report charged among other things that the authorities had failed to investigate the possibility that two of the hijackers, Saudis named Khalid al-Midhar and Nawaf Alhazmi, received Saudi money from two Saudi men they met with in California in the year before the attacks. The committee's preliminary findings, which also accuse the Saudi government of a lack of cooperation with American investigators, have caused a bitter behind-the-scenes dispute between the panel's staff and officials at the F.B.I. and the C.I.A. At each agency, officials have disagreed with draft findings, saying investigators vigorously pursued all available information related to Saudi Arabia.

Fifteen of the 19 hijackers were Saudi citizens, but little is known about their backgrounds and how they were recruited for the attacks. Most of the Saudis were part of a group that investigators refer to as the "muscle." These were men recruited late in the planning for the operation, not as pilots, but as an unskilled security force for the hijacking operation. Their job was to keep passengers at bay as the planes were commandeered and flown to their intended targets.

In a rebuttal report sent to the committee in recent days, the F.B.I. has tried to disprove several specific allegations by the committee. One of them was about Mr. Midhar and Mr. Alhazmi, who lived in San Diego a year before the attacks.

While in California, the two met with Omar al-Bayoumi and Osama Bassnan, each of whom was receiving financial support from the Saudi government. The men were receiving stipends, although officials said it was not exactly clear what kind. The committee staff concluded in its draft findings that investigators should have followed up on the meetings of the four men to determine whether there might have been a Saudi link to the hijacking plot.

The F.B.I. is still investigating how much financial support, if any, was provided by Mr. Bayoumi and Mr. Bassnan to the two men who later turned out to be hijackers. The bureau is also looking into whether senior Saudi officials in the United States may have played some role in distributing funds to Mr. Bayoumi and Mr. Bassnan.

Today, the F.B.I. said in a statement that it had "aggressively pursued investigative leads regarding terrorist support and activity." It added that Mr. Bayoumi and Mr.

Bassnan had both been charged with visa fraud after the attacks.

But by that time, Mr. Bayoumi was already in Britain, where he was temporarily detained and then released because visa fraud was not an extraditable offense. The F.B.I. statement did not say where the two men were now or clarify the status of the cases against them.

Although the disagreement has not been publicly disclosed until now, the debate over possible Saudi connections raises a very sensitive political issue for the Bush administration. Saudi Arabia is the largest oil producer in the world and one of the United States' closest and most important allies in the Persian Gulf at a time when the administration is preparing for a possible war with Iraq.

In its report to the committee, the F.B.I. said that it was no uncommon for Saudis in the United States to receive financial support from their government and that an inquiry into the two men after the attacks had failed to produce evidence that they had any link to the Sept. 11 plot. A C.I.A. spokesman declined to comment about the joint inquiry's investigation of the Saudi matter.

Counterterrorism officials have said Mr. Midhar and Mr. Alhazmi had paid for more of their expenses with cash, which has made the investigation more difficult. They have also denied finding any evidence that funds for the attacks were channeled through Saudi Arabia or that the Riyadh government had any connection to the hijackers.

It remains unclear whether the draft conclusions about Saudi Arabia will be included in the joint committee's final report, which is to be completed in December in classified form. An edited version is not expected to be made public until next year, officials said.

The Bush administration has sought to maintain close ties with Riyadh even as investigators examining the backgrounds of the hijackers have complained that they have received little cooperation from the Saudi government.

Investigators have yet to determine how the Saudi hijackers were selected for the plot, who chose them or whether they had help inside Saudi Arabia. Some American officials have theorized that Mr. Midhar and Mr. Alhazmi may have returned to Saudi Arabia from the United States to pick the Saudi hijackers, but investigators have no firm conclusions.

For their part, Saudi officials have said that they have assisted in important aspects of the investigation—for instance, providing confirmation of the identities of the Saudi hijackers. The officials have also said the hijackers' anti-American extremism did not represent mainstream thinking in the kingdom, even though some American officials have long regarded Islamic militancy as a serious problem that could destabilize the authoritarian government.

The tension between the joint inquiry staff and the F.B.I. and C.I.A. is the latest to evolve from the inquiry into lapses by intelligence and law enforcement agencies related to the Sept. 11 attacks. In a series of interim reports released during committee hearings in recent months, the joint panel had repeatedly criticized the performance of the two agencies.

Those sometimes scathing reports prompted officials at both the F.B.I. and the C.I.A.,

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including the director of central intelligence, George J. Tenet, to criticize the joint panel's methods. Officials have complained that it reached conclusions based on scant evidence and that it took evidence out of context.

The joint committee has already held at least one closed hearing on the F.B.I.'s relationship with a San Diego informer, the landlord of Mr. Midhar and Mr. Alhazmi a year before the attacks. The informer's role has become important because his former tenants are the hijackers who have come under the most intense scrutiny in the joint inquiry.

Mr. Midhar and Mr. Alhazmi, who were aboard the American Airlines plane that crashed into the Pentagon, were identified as Qaeda operatives by the C.I.A. in January 2001. But the C.I.A. did not ask the State Department to place their names on a watch list intended to prevent entry into the United States until late August. By then, they were both in the country. The C.I.A. sent information about the two men to the F.B.I. in late August, but by then there was little time left for the bureau to track them down.

The committee investigating the hijackers was also told by a retired F.B.I. agent who was the bureau's contact with the San Diego informer that he might have uncovered a hint of the plot through his informer network if the C.I.A. had provided the F.B.I. with more information earlier about the two men. <http://www.nytimes.com>

HONORING THE OUTSTANDING MUSICAL WORK OF MR. ANDREW HORWAT

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor Mr. Andrew Horwat, upon his selection to perform with the Honor Band of America.

Andrew has made Robert E. Lee High School history by becoming the first student ever from his high school to be selected for this national Honor Band. Every year student musicians all across the country are nominated by their band directors to take part in this national performance. After the nomination, musicians are evaluated by a distinguished panel of university wind conductors, and selected to attend the Bands of America National Concert Band Festival and National Percussion Festival. This year, the 11th District of Virginia is proud to send one of our own to this selective event.

Andrew is currently a drum major in the Marching Lancers, Lee High School's band. In March, he will represent this group when he travels to Indianapolis to perform with all other high school students selected for the Honor Band of America. This experience will provide Andrew with the opportunity to participate in rehearsals, master classes, and special clinics and concerts in addition to rehearsing with the Honor Band.

This experience will not only recognize Andrew for the dedication he has already exhibited, but also motivate him to continue his hard work. Andrew's accolade is a perfect example to young students that hard work and dedication do pay off. I believe that Andrew will serve as an example to his peers and

hope that through this experience, he will be able to share with them all that he has learned.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, it is with great pleasure that I extend this recognition to Mr. Andrew Horwat. His hard work and discipline are an example to all of us. The 11th District of Virginia is honored to have such a young talent in our community. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding him for all of his accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CONGRESSMAN WAYNE OWENS

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the extraordinary life and accomplishments of my former colleague Wayne Owens, who passed away unexpectedly in Israel on December 18. His death is a great loss to his family, his many friends, and our nation. His death is also a great loss to the cause of peace in the Middle East, an end to which he devoted much of his professional life.

Wayne was fond of saying that President Carter had succeeded at Camp David by taking the leaders of Egypt and Israel each by the arm and refusing to let go until they had worked out their differences. His open admiration for the vision of these peace makers—and for their persistence—said much about his own values. Wayne believed that ordinary people with high ideals, integrity, and determination could work great changes for the good and resolve even the most intractable conflicts. He exemplified these virtues throughout his career with a deep religious faith and his characteristic exuberance, humility, and good humor.

Throughout his eight years of service as a member of the House of Representatives, Wayne followed his convictions, even when they came at a high political cost. In his first term in Congress, for example, Wayne voted his conscience and supported articles of impeachment against President Nixon as a member of the House Judiciary Committee. In his conservative home state of Utah, this was an unpopular decision that probably cost him a victory in his 1974 bid for the U.S. Senate. Nevertheless, Wayne viewed his vote as one of the most important acts of his public life.

When Wayne returned to the House in 1986, he continued to think and act with independence and vision. He fought to protect millions of acres of Utah wilderness. He stood firm to protect a woman's right to reproductive choice. He sought to put an end to nuclear testing, compensate the victims of radiation from past nuclear tests, and end the production and stockpiling of chemical weapons. He worked to reintroduce wolves to Yellowstone National Park. He struggled to liberate Syria's captive Jewish community. And above all, Wayne strived to advance the cause of peace in the Middle East.

During his service in Congress, where he served on the Foreign Affairs Committee, and later as co-founder and president of the Center for Middle East Peace and Economic Cooperation, Wayne worked to support the frag-

ile and often flagging peace process in the Middle East. He traveled frequently and developed close personal relationships with business and political leaders throughout the region. At times when ministers and heads of state found it difficult to communicate with one another directly, Wayne often shuttled back and forth and served as a back channel for information. Leaders such as former Secretary of State James Baker, former Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, and the late King Hussein of Jordan praised Wayne for his role in carrying such messages and noted that he had genuinely helped advance the interests of peace.

Wayne's vision was to bind Arabs and Israelis together through a web of personal and financial relationships, develop the economic potential of the Middle East, and create a shared stake in political and economic stability. In the months preceding his death, Wayne undoubtedly saw that his goal remained elusive and the path difficult to follow. But despite this, I believe Wayne was never daunted and never discouraged. He soldiered on until the very end of his life, and I don't believe he would have had it any other way.

We will miss Wayne and remember him for his vision, leadership, and commitment to peace.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRANK W. BALLANCE, JR.

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. BALLANCE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 11, on the motion to recommit with instructions, H.J. Resolution 1, making further appropriations for FY03. I was regrettably unable to cast my vote at the appropriate time. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING THE TEXAS LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the legacy of representation and positive activism that has been fostered by the Texas Legislative Black Caucus. On this its 30th anniversary, I would like to praise the Caucus members for their diligent continuation of a heritage of public service to the citizens of the great state of Texas. My gratitude and respect as well to the Honorable Senfronia Thompson, the Caucus's only active original members, for her dedicated and tireless service to the Caucus and the State. This group of state leaders has steadily fought to ensure that the policy priorities of Texas reflect the best interests of all of its citizens. The education, economic, civil and human rights initiatives have revolutionized state services and have helped ensure that all Texans are empowered to achieve the American dream.

The Caucus will be hosting its statewide conference from February 5th through 9th, 2003. This year's poignant agenda and focus is entitled, "Without Vision the People Perish."

As Texas lawmakers prepare to continue their concentration on such issues as Education, health Care, Insurance, Criminal Justice, Business & Industry, and Elections, the Texas Legislative Black Caucus will assert its energies to ensure that the masses of Texas are properly represented. No other organization is better suited or possesses a better track record of being accountable and holding other lawmakers accountable for the betterment of the lives of Texas citizens. I am certain that the conference will once again be a tremendous success.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the United States Congress join me in paying honor and tribute to the 16 members of the Texas Legislative Black Caucus as they continue their critical fight for all Texas families.

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI DEDICATES
ROBERTO C. GOIZUETA PAVILION
TO HOUSE CUBAN HERITAGE
COLLECTION

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, January 29, 2003, the 150th anniversary of the birth of Cuban patriot José Martí, the University of Miami dedicates the Roberto C. Goizueta Pavilion to house the University of Miami Libraries' Cuban Heritage Collection. Under the accomplished direction and dynamic leadership of Professor Esperanza B. de Varona, the Cuban Heritage Collection is widely recognized as the premier collection of materials documenting the Cuban exile and Cuban American experience as well as the largest repository of historical and cultural Cuban materials outside of Cuba.

The history of the Cuban Heritage Collection is inextricably tied to that of the University of Miami. As early as 1926, faculty from the University of Havana came to teach at the University, and the collection of library materials related to Cuba grew to support course work and scholarship in Latin American and Caribbean studies. The arrival of thousands of Cuban exiles in the early 1960s accelerated the collection's expansion. In 1998, the Otto G. Richter Library's vast and growing holdings of Cuban, Cuban exile and Cuban-American monographs, and special materials were brought together under the Cuban Heritage Collection with Esperanza B. de Varona as its head. Mrs. de Varona is capably assisted by the Collection's bibliographer, Lesbia Orta Varona.

The Roberto C. Goizueta Pavilion, the new home of the Cuban Heritage Collection, is an elegant and spacious addition to the University of Miami's Otto G. Richter Library. It is named in honor of Roberto C. Goizueta, a Cuban refugee who lived, relished, and, indeed, embodied the American dream. Mr. Goizueta served as chairman of the Board of Directors and chief executive officer of The Coca-Cola Company from March 1, 1981 until his death on October 18, 1997. Born in Cuba in 1931, Mr. Goizueta began his career with The Coca-Cola Company in Havana in 1953. In 1960, after the Communist regime of Fidel Castro assumed power in Cuba and nationalized all private businesses, Mr. Goizueta, his wife

Olga and their children left Cuba for Miami. Within 30 years of leaving Cuba, Mr. Goizueta was leading an American company that symbolizes freedom around the world—The Coca-Cola Company.

Roberto C. Goizueta was more than a business leader. He was the ideal citizen who believed that every person who enjoys freedom and opportunity has a duty to cherish, protect, and nurture it. He strived to make America stronger, not only through his inspirational and exceptional business leadership but also through his generous philanthropic contributions. Mr. Goizueta established The Goizueta Foundation in 1992 to provide financial assistance to educational and charitable institutions. In 1999, under the leadership of Olga C. de Goizueta, wife of the late entrepreneur, The Goizueta Foundation made a challenge grant of \$2.5 million to the University of Miami in 1999 toward the building of a new home for the Cuban Heritage Collection. With additional support from the late Elena Díaz-Versón Amos and the Fanjul family, the Cuban Heritage Collection's Roberto C. Goizueta Pavilion was completed in the fall of 2002.

From its new location, the Cuban Heritage Collection is able to continue to carry out its mission of collecting, preserving, and making accessible materials related to Cuban, Cuban exile, and Cuban American history and culture. It is a privilege for the collection to be doing so in the name of a man whose life, mission, and presence so influenced this community, this nation, and our world: Roberto C. Goizueta.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRANK W. BALLANCE, JR.

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. BALLANCE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 10, making further continuing appropriations for FY '03, I was regrettably unable to cast my vote during the appropriate time.

Had I been present, I would have voted, "no."

HONORING THE OUTSTANDING
CITIZENSHIP AND WORK OF MR.
GREGG MODESITT

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor Mr. Gregg Modesitt on his selection as The Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce Business Leader of the Year for 2002. Mr. Modesitt will be honored at the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on January 23, 2003.

Mr. Modesitt is a certified public accountant in Northern Virginia, but more importantly he provides considerable community leadership. Mr. Modesitt is involved with many local organizations and has been honored by many for his professional talents and philanthropic efforts. In the past, he has served as treasurer, vice president and president of the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, in addition to

serving as the Director and Vice President and Loans of the Virginia Asset Financing Corporation. He also has served on the faculty at Northern Virginia Community College, teaching adult education courses, been an active member and President of the Annandale Rotary, and served as a life member of Virginia Jaycees. These activities are simply a few of the many activities Mr. Modesitt has undertaken.

More important than his professional accomplishments are the immense personal and social impacts Mr. Modesitt has had on the Northern Virginia community. He is a strong supporter of mentoring programs in the community and is described by colleagues as one who willingly gives his time and knowledge to others who need guidance and encouragement. One notable way Mr. Modesitt has consistently given to the community is his service as Santa Claus each year for organizations that assist underprivileged children.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, it is with great pleasure that I extend a wholehearted thank you and congratulations to Mr. Modesitt. His contributions to Virginia and his community have been great. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding him for all that he has done.

UNEMPLOYED AMERICANS NEED
REAL BENEFITS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today, the House of Representatives passed an extension of unemployment insurance benefits for almost 3 million unemployed American workers. Although I was supportive of a much stronger unemployment compensation extension, one that would have provided benefits to an additional 1 million American workers whose benefits have expired, this legislation is albeit a small step in the right direction. I am pleased that we are finally able to provide some comfort for those touched by this recession.

Relief for America's working families is long-overdue. With 95,000 workers exhausting their unemployment benefits each week, this is the kind of immediate assistance that we should have passed long ago.

On December 28, 800,000 Americans lost their extended unemployment benefits. The Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation (TEUC) program ended on December 28 because the President and House Republicans rejected Democratic pleas to extend the TEUC program with a compromise bill that the Senate had passed unanimously.

Initially, I was in full support of the House Democrats' comprehensive unemployment benefits bill introduced by Rep. CHARLIE RANGEL. This Democratic bill would have reestablished and expanded the Federal extended unemployment benefits program. Most importantly, it would have guaranteed all jobless workers at least 26 weeks of extended benefits.

Unfortunately, the House GOP leadership refused to allow a vote on this Democratic bill. Instead, they only allowed members to vote on their bill, which provides an extension of only

13 weeks of extended unemployment benefits, with no extension to workers whose benefits have already expired.

Unemployment is higher now than it was when Congress first passed extended unemployment benefits in March of last year. In my home state of Texas, the most recent statistics from the Texas Workforce Commission report that 646,939 or 6 percent of the workers in Texas are unemployed and in Dallas County, the figures are 98,780 workers unemployed, or 7.2 percent.

Unfortunately, some members of our society have suffered much worse than others. After September 11, the increase in unemployment rates for African Americans and Latinos was more than double that for whites. African Americans are losing their jobs at nearly twice the national average. Unemployment among African Americans soared to 11.2 percent last year and rose to 7.9 percent for Hispanics. Yet, the GOP allowed the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation program to expire!

Although we have passed this extension of unemployment benefits, our work is far from done. We will need to provide meaningful assistance to workers by passing health care relief for those who have lost their coverage along with their jobs. I also renew my call to provide immediate tax relief by exempting unemployment compensation from Federal taxes. These are the kinds of real benefits that we owe American families.

CONGRATULATING MICHAEL
DINUNZIO ON RECEIVING THE
NORTH PENN B'NAI BRITH HU-
MANITARIAN AWARD

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Michael DiNunzio, the Mayor of Lansdale in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, on being the recipient of the North Penn B'nai Brith Humanitarian Award. I am pleased to recognize Mike for his dedicated career in service to his community and country.

Mayor DiNunzio has been the Mayor of Lansdale for over twenty years. He has a record of distinction in the community. In working to improve the lives of Lansdale residents, he served his community in many different capacities. Many organizations and programs have benefited from Mike's leadership.

Mayor DiNunzio is committed to public service. He was a member of the Lansdale Development Foundation for the revitalization of the Borough of Lansdale. He served as president of the Association of Mayors of the Boroughs of Pennsylvania where he was awarded their highest honor, the "Outstanding Mayor for 2000" award. Mike served as a member of the North Penn Visiting Nurses Association for 56 years and was president of that group for 25 years. He also served as the vice-president of the Lansdale Public Library for 15 years. For five years, Mike served on the executive committee of the Montgomery County Boy Scouts. He is an active member of the Lansdale Rotary Club. Mike is the past president and board member of the United Way and the

North Penn Chamber of Commerce, which he worked with for 15 years.

Mike DiNunzio served in the Military with distinction. He was in the U.S. Air Force during World War II and remains a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

I have worked closely with Mayor DiNunzio over the years on behalf of Lansdale residents. He is an honorable and committed public servant. In congratulate him on receiving this award and wish him continued success.

CENTENNIAL OF THE SALT RIVER PROJECT

HON. JEFF FLAKE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Salt River Project, an institution that is celebrating its Centennial of Service to the people of Arizona, including a majority of constituents in my own Sixth Congressional District.

When the Salt River Project, or SRP, was formed on February 7, 1903 under the name of the Salt River Valley Water Users Association, it represented a new and courageous experiment in public-private partnership.

The Association's purpose was to provide a means of pooling the assets of central Arizona's pioneering farm communities as collateral for a federal loan to construct Roosevelt Dam on the Salt River east of Phoenix.

The dam, made possible by passage of the National Reclamation Act of 1902, was conceived as a way to bring a reliable supply of water to the region now encompassing the Phoenix metro area. Nobody could be sure that the experiment would work or that the government would be paid back for construction of the dam and canal systems that would bring water to central Arizona's desert valleys.

But vision, courage and persistence paid off.

Completion of Roosevelt Dam in 1911 and subsequent construction of other dams on rivers east and north of Phoenix provided a water and early hydropower system that led to a flourishing economy.

Following World War II, local farms gave way to housing and industry as veterans flocked to Arizona to raise their families and launch business careers. The loan that had financed Roosevelt Dam was paid back in full to the federal treasury. And SRP, which had formed a power district during the Depression years, continued to expand its water-power services to meet the needs of central Arizona's booming economy.

Today, SRP stands as central Arizona's largest water supplier and as the nation's third largest public power utility with more than 780,000 customers. It has won a reputation as a solidly-run company with a strong commitment to the environment, human services, schools and the communities it serves.

Through a partnership between SRP, the federal government, and the state and local communities, central Arizona has grown into one of the most productive metropolitan regions in the nation with a population of more than 3 million and growing.

Mr. Speaker, as SRP embarks on its second century of service, it deserves special recognition for the historic and invaluable contributions it has made to the people of my native state.

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HONORING SHANNON AND LEE
CARTER AS THEY RECEIVE CIN-
CINNATI UNITED WAY'S 2002
ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE
AWARD

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor two dear friends and constituents, Shannon and Lee Carter, recipients of Cincinnati United Way's 2002 Alexis de Tocqueville Society Award. The award, which honors Lee and Shannon's extraordinary philanthropic leadership, will be presented on January 30, 2003 at the Cincinnati Club.

Lee and Shannon Carter are a dynamic couple who make our community a better place. They have vision, creativity, energy, and a special commitment and exceptional dedication to helping at-risk children.

Shannon Carter's Leadership Cincinnati class originated the idea for Crayons to Computers, a free store for teachers, and she was the driving force behind it. Shannon worked with the FreeStore Food Bank, Cincinnati Youth Collaborative and Cincinnati's corporate community to get the program up and running. The store opened in February, 1997, and since then it has provided teachers with over \$15 million in supplies to over 75,000 children. Before founding Crayons to Computers, Shannon was a successful businesswoman and donated her time and many talents to the Cincinnati community, including the Cincinnati Ballet; Children's Hospital Medical Center; the Greater Cincinnati Foundation; and the Taft Museum. A Cincinnati native, Shannon has been honored by the Cincinnati Enquirer as a Woman of the Year, received the Junior League's first Columbia Cup, and Family Circle magazine's first annual Halo award. Shannon and Lee have been married 24 years and have two sons, Gunner and Cody. It is easy to see why Shannon's motto is "Be kind and other-oriented."

When Lee Carter retired as a very successful marketing executive, he did not retire from his active involvement in the community he loves. Lee has served as Chairman of the Board, Children's Hospital Medical Center; Executive Committee Member, Every Child Succeeds; Steering Committee Member, Success by Six; Founder and President, Art Links; and Board Member, Family Service Foundation. Lee credits his father's public service with inspiring his own commitment, and says his involvement brings him enjoyment by helping to create a better Cincinnati for all of us. Every Child Succeeds is an organization especially close to Lee's heart. Lee has called Every Child Succeeds absolutely vital to the future of our area, because we can make an enormous difference in the lives of children if we reach them early.

All of us in Greater Cincinnati congratulate Shannon and Lee on receiving this prestigious award, and thank them for their commitment to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to participate in the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall vote 5, on ordering the previous question, I would have voted "yea."

5-MONTH EXTENSION OF THE TEMPORARY EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION ACT

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, as many Members this morning have observed, when Congress failed to act on extending unemployment benefits last session, we failed those who needed us the most.

Now today the Republican leadership offers a package that will help some but not all—1 million people who so desperately need help during these times of record unemployment.

Mr. Speaker, in a word the Republican plan is a half loaf. How can any of us go back to our constituents with a straight face and tell them that during times of record unemployment we are not going to extend to 1 million workers—those whose benefits expired on December and whose shelves are empty—13 more weeks of unemployment insurance?

I know I am not looking forward to telling my constituents this news, especially in light of the all the news surrounding the President's \$674 billion stimulus package. Our workers are unemployed but they are not uninformed. If we can even consider a bill to spend \$674 billion this means that the money is available. If it is available to spend to stimulate the economy, it can be used to put money in 1 million Americans' pockets—food on their tables, shelter over their heads, and clothes on their backs. We're not talking a new car here—we're talking basic necessities for these families who are undoubtedly hurting.

Mr. Speaker, the Democrats offered an alternative plan which would have reestablished and expanded the Federal unemployment benefits bill. In fact it would guarantee all jobless workers at least 26 weeks of extended benefits and would expand access to unemployment benefits for workers who are low-wage earners or work part-time. I and many in this body support this plan. It is more generous and it is the right thing to do during these harsh economic times for the 1 million individuals caught in the December 28 time trap.

Mr. Speaker as we work to provide dignity and security to our Nation's borders, and advance our military causes overseas in Iraq and North Korea, I think it is equally imperative that we provide dignity and security to our most valuable resources—our working men and women.

A TRIBUTE TO THE PASADENA-ALTADENA CHAPTER OF LINKS, INC.

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Pasadena-Altadena Chapter of Links, Inc. On Saturday, March 8, 2003, the Pasadena-Altadena Links will celebrate its 40th anniversary of service to the community.

The contributions of the Pasadena-Altadena Chapter of Links, Inc. are numerous. For four decades, this remarkable organization of African-American women has been a positive influence and inspiration to not only the African-American community, but also the entire Pasadena-Altadena community.

Through their successful Saturday School program, officially named "Pasadena Links to Student Success," they are enriching our children's lives. The Saturday School, for elementary students and their parents in grades K–4 with low academic achievement in reading, is a year-long program. The program focuses on four areas: the Arts, National Trends and Services, International Trends and Services, and Services to Youth. Saturday School offers special programs such as career day, African story telling, cultural events, field trips, and parent education workshops. In addition, scholarship awards are given to selected area high school students.

The Pasadena-Altadena Chapter of Links, Inc. also serves the community in many other endeavors. In 2002, they sponsored a successful health fair and a series of breakfasts aimed at promoting nutrition. They also participated in the National Walkathon, an annual walk promoting health in which all Links chapters across the country participate.

For their contributions both locally and nationally, I ask all Members of Congress to join me in saluting the Pasadena-Altadena Chapter of Links, Inc.

HONORING DON TUTTLE,
HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CA**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Don Tuttle, Deputy Public Works Director, County of Humboldt, on the occasion of his retirement after 31 years of public service.

Don Tuttle received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Purdue University and a masters degree from the University of California. In addition, he received a bachelor's degree in Natural Resources from Humboldt State University. After serving with the public works department in Walnut Creek, CA, he began his career in Humboldt County as Natural Resources Analyst for the Public Works Department, and later became Environmental Services Manager. In 1999 he was promoted to Deputy Public Works Director.

During his tenure, Mr. Tuttle was instrumental in protecting the environment, developing policy and guiding the permit process on

in a broad array of county projects. He managed county parks, improved public access and protected fragile natural resources; he guided the effort to protect wetlands and enhance fish habitat; he detected the Western Snowy Plover, a federally threatened species, leading to the protection of its habitat; and was instrumental in getting more protections for fish affected by the diversion of the Upper Eel River. A singular accomplishment was his compilation of an environmental data bank comprised of 20,000 aerial photographs, both modern and historic, along with documents and maps pertaining to archaeological sites, geology, vegetation, wildlife, and roads. This material will guide land-use decisions in Humboldt County for many years to come. He has also been an active member of the Humboldt County Historical Society for over three decades.

Don Tuttle is a dedicated, exceptionally able public servant that has made outstanding contributions to Humboldt County and to the State of California.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Don Tuttle for his extraordinary service to the people of California.

TRIBUTE TO GIL RECTOR

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that a longtime community leader in Lafayette County, MO, will be named to the Missouri State Hall of Fame at a ceremony in Springfield, MO. Mr. Gil Rector has demonstrated a strong commitment to Lexington, MO, high school sports and has helped to ensure a brighter future for the Lafayette County community.

Mr. Rector started his career in 1968 when he was named the head football coach at Lexington High School. During his 31-year tenure at the high school, he guided the Lexington High School football team to 10 Missouri River Valley Conference championships, 13 district titles, and five State football championships in 1976, 1980, 1984, 1988, and 1995.

As a result of his outstanding accomplishments as a Lexington Minuteman coach, Mr. Rector was inducted into the Missouri Football Coaches Hall of Fame in 1993 and was named Missouri State Football Coach of the Year in 1976, 1980, and 1984. Lexington honored him in 1997 by naming the Lexington High School football field Gil Rector Stadium.

Mr. Rector remains active with Lexington High School by serving as the school's activities director. In addition to his duties at the high school, he has served on the Lafayette County Commission for the Northern District since 2000.

Mr. Gil Rector has distinguished himself as a community leader and a wonderful coach. He has and continues to make his friends and family proud. I am certain that my colleagues will join me in wishing Gil Rector all the best.

TRIBUTE TO PASTOR HERBERT
GUICE

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great spiritual and civic leader, Pastor Herbert Guice for his lifetime of ministry. In addition, he has been a tireless champion of education, empowerment, and equality for more than 89 years.

Reared by his mother, Mrs. Eulee Guice, Reverend Doctor Herbert Guice was born in Rentisville, OK. The family later moved to Kansas City, MO, where he and his younger brother grew up and where he attended Lincoln High School and Baptist Seminary. In 1942, he moved to Oakland, CA, and in 1953, he organized Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, the first Black church founded in Alameda. Bethel Missionary was the first modern Black church built from the ground up.

Pastor Guice has provided broad civic and community leadership as: organizer and first president of the Alameda branch of the NAACP; executive board member, Alameda Red Cross; Chair of the Board of Directors of the Oakland Industrial Corporation; Advisory Committee member for the Oakland Unified School District. He has also served on the Adult Minority Employment Project and Oakland Economic Development Council, the Alameda County Welfare Advisory Committee, and was president of the Baptist Ministers Union.

In 1961, Reverend Doctor Guice established an educational and scholarship program which has awarded over \$1 million dollars to over 3,000 students. He instituted the Bethel Baptist Church Job Placement Program in 1971, providing full-time and part-time job placements for 2,500 young people and adults. In 1983, Pastor Guice led the church's efforts to purchase a lot and construct the Dr. Herbert Guice Christian Academy for pre-school through sixth grade, which was completed in 1997. The sixth grade class of June 2002 was the first graduating class of the Academy.

Finally, as we honor Pastor Guice today, I want to thank him on behalf of the entire 9th, Congressional District for being an exemplary role model, pastor, and preacher. Pastor Guice is known, acknowledged, and appreciated as, "an originator not an imitator." He has been a friend who has shared his wisdom and has given me tremendous support. Most of all, I thank Pastor Guice for his indomitable spirit and his prayers.

I take great pride in joining Reverend Doctor Guice's friends and colleagues to salute the extraordinary Herbert Guice.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ROBERT D.
JENSEN

HON. JIM KOLBE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the community of Tucson, Arizona, I would like to express our gratitude to Dr. Robert D. Jensen, a pioneer in the community college movement

who has led Pima County Community College District as Chancellor for the past eight years. As he retires, it is fitting that Tucson thanks him for the leadership and vision he displayed at local, state and national levels. He has left a legacy that will benefit our children and grandchildren for generations to come.

A Tucson Citizen editorial paid tribute to this "highly visible community leader, working for higher education funding and ensuring that Pima Community College is a key cog in the community. Jensen has concentrated on making the college a truly local institution, responsive to local educational and job-market needs. He will be badly missed."

While in Tucson, Bob Jensen brought Pima Community College to the workforce development and economic development tables through business, government and education partnerships. He served on the board of directors for the Tucson Airport Authority, the Greater Tucson Economic Council (GTEC), the United Way, the Arizona Town Hall Board and the Carondelet Foundation. He was appointed to the Governor's Task Force on Higher Education, and is on the national boards of the American Council on International Intercultural Education, Community Colleges for International Development, and the American Association of Community Colleges where he chaired its Executive Committee on Public Policy/Government Relations.

He is recognized by his colleagues for his leadership in advancing the level of professionalism in educational administration and for his passion and dedication to enabling students to achieve success. He has worked tirelessly to make a college education accessible to all and to expand community college resources within the city of Tucson. He has mentored several generations of people who are now in executive administrative positions throughout America's community colleges. He co-authored the Insider's Guide to Community College Administration, a primer on issues facing campus leaders. He faced tough issues head-on, tackling each with generosity, creativity, and wisdom.

Dr. Jensen has served as a chief executive officer in higher education for 25 years of his 41-year career. His leadership at four community colleges in California and Arizona includes a broad range of expertise and experience in administration/management, curriculum, instruction, planning, institutional research, professional development and community outreach.

Bob Jensen earned a bachelor's degree in business/administration/accounting and a master's in education/English/literature from Linfield College in Oregon. He began teaching in 1962, but returned to college on a National Graduate Fellowship to earn his doctorate in community college administration from Washington State University. Jensen served in numerous positions at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham, Oregon; as Deputy Chancellor at Los Rios Community College District in Sacramento; President of the District's American River College; Chancellor of Rancho Santiago Community College District in Santa Ana; Chancellor of the Contra Costa Community College District in Martinez, California; and, finally, as Chancellor of Pima County Community College District in Tucson, Arizona.

A sampling of awards and honors accorded to Dr. Jensen include Pacific Regional Chief

Executive Officer Award from the Association of Community College Trustees; National Pacesetter by the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations, CEO of the Year by the National Council for Research Planning. In addition he was honored by the national community college honor society, Phi Theta Kappa, with its Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction for executive leadership, and by the Tucson PTK chapter, Alpha Beta Chi, with its lifetime achievement award, renamed the Robert D. Jensen Award. Pima County Workforce Development recognized him for his achievement in the development of a well trained work force, he received several Community Services Award from the League of United Latin American Citizens and was honored for his work in advocating equal access and affirmative action by a conference of black educators (SAAMP). He also received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Research and Planning Group for California Community Colleges; and received the Annual Leadership Award for serving the Mexican American Community from SER/Jobs for Progress.

None of this would have been possible without the loving support of his wife, Jan, and his four daughters—Marjorie, Becky, Shelly, and Megan, as well as the indomitable high spirit and energy he inherited from his mother, Dorothy. The light of his life, his first grandchild, Jake, will no doubt give him great joy in retirement.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to pay tribute to one of the great leaders in the community college movement in the United States.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JAMES BROWN

HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in order to recognize James Brown, a longtime resident of Gilboa, NY. Though, because of redistricting, Mr. Brown is no longer one of my constituents, it is with gratitude I stand before the distinguished Members of the House and salute his many years of tireless dedication to the Upstate New York community.

Since being elected to the House of Representatives, I have been privileged to work with Mr. Brown on my Service Academy Selection Committee. Mr. Brown labored diligently for ten years, charting the future for many of the 22nd Congressional District's most talented young men and women. As a veteran of the United States Air Force, Mr. Brown offered a soldier's perspective to this panel of notable citizens, proving himself a dedicated and insightful partner.

Mr. Brown's commitment to public service spanned beyond his tenure in the Armed forces and service on the Academy Selection Committee. Mr. Brown showed a great commitment to the betterment of his community, serving on the Schoharie Board of Supervisors since 1990 as Supervisor of the Town of Gilboa, holding the title of Board Chairman from 1994 until 2001. Mr. Brown has also answered the call of New York's Chief Executive, Governor George Pataki, by lending his keen insight and sense of community to the ongoing New York Watershed agreements.

Mr. Brown is a true public servant. He embodies those qualities that re-affirm my pride

in being a New Yorker and has carved an important niche in the landscape of his community. I salute Mr. Brown for his continued service to the people of Schoharie and Gilboa and thank him for the many years during which he worked to uphold the traditions of America's service academies. His contributions will be missed and I wish him the very best in all future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO SAMUEL J. SIMMONS: A COMPASSIONATE ADVOCATE FOR LOW-INCOME AND MINORITY CITIZENS

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to one of our nation's unsung heroes, the late Mr. Samuel J. Simmons, President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Caucus and Center on Black Aged, Inc. (NCBA). His untimely demise on Sunday, January 12, 2003 leaves a gaping void in our nation's quest for quality service to our low income and minority senior citizens.

My district and the entire state of Florida will surely miss him for the longevity of his genuine commitment to the well being of our elder constituency under the aegis of the Center he so ably led. When I think of Mr. Simmons' consecration to our senior citizens, it is clear that it virtually parallels much of this nation's history as it struggled through the countless challenges of gender and racial equality.

I first came to know him when he served as President of the National Center for Housing Management (NCHM), which trains individuals to manage housing and services for the nation's low-income population. He also served as the Assistant Secretary for Equal Opportunity of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Director of Field Operations for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. He also worked for 16 years from 1978 to 1994 as a Director of the Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA) Corporate Board of Directors and the FNMA Foundation Board of Directors.

Prior to this tragedy that has befallen our Black and minority senior citizens, this dynamo of a public servant came in our midst to give hope and courage to the underserved and disenfranchised constituents from our nation's inner cities. He urged them to stay informed and become knowledgeable of the various legislations proffered by Congress, along with the impact these initiatives would have upon their lives. Time and time again, he managed to prod the key leadership in Congress, particularly the Congressional Black Caucus, as well as the top officials in the administration, by focusing their attention on the needs and concerns of the burgeoning population of our elderly population. He urged them to strengthen Social Security benefits under the Medicare and Medicaid programs, prescription drugs, housing initiatives and the like. He forged his vast institutional memory and experience into a veritable force that compelled the various agencies of our government to respond accordingly to the agenda of the NCBA

in a manner that immensely benefited its constituency.

Mr. Simmons was a multi-dimensional public servant, a civic activist par excellence, and an indefatigable community-builder who is completely unselfish in all his endeavors. The authenticity of his stewardship on behalf of our nation's Black and minority senior citizens was buttressed by his utmost consecration to his vocation as God's faithful servant, bringing hope and optimism to thousands of ordinary folks whose lives he touched so deeply, never holding anyone at arm's length.

He was the Founder and Treasurer of the Summit Health Coalition, the national lobbying arm for African Americans on healthcare reform and was a Board Member of the International Federation on Aging, the national nongovernmental organization concerned with issues of the elderly throughout the world. He also served as a Board Member of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA), the major advocacy for housing and living arrangements for older people, and the Leadership Council on Aging Organizations (LCAO), a coalition of all major organizations concerned with issues affecting the elderly.

For all his efforts of advocacy for the elderly, he was feted with a number of citations, including the Arthur S. Fleming Award from the Joint Conference on Law and Aging, the Distinguished Service Award by AAHSA, and the Senior Advocate Award granted by the United States Health Cooperative.

This remarkable leader was a friend and confidante in his pioneering mission to help establish the Congressional Black Caucus Aging Braintrust under the aegis of Congresswoman Carrie P. Meek, my mother. Indeed, we are deeply saddened by his death. At the same time, however, he will forever be an indelible reminder of the noble commitment and awesome power of public service on behalf of the less fortunate. His faith was deep and genuine, and his love for our low-income population of senior citizens defined his dynamic friendship and understanding. No one who knew Sam Simmons—and having been struck by his sunny disposition and eternal optimism—went away not acknowledging the towering presence of a caring and compassionate leader.

His life was truly akin to that of a burning candle, the ritualistic symbolism of our Christian faith. Just as a candle's lifelong service is to shed its light to illuminate the darkness of pessimism and hopelessness until it is fully consumed, so too did Sam Simmons consecrate his life by serving his God through his outreach efforts to our nation's elders. This authentic trailblazer was a superlative example of the depth and nobility that inclusiveness brings to once-exclusive rights that only belonged to a privileged few. He will be remembered long after many others of his era are gone and forgotten. At a time when there is a rapid upswing in our unprecedented economic successes and technological advancements at the national, state and local levels, his persevering stance about the glaring gap between the haves and the have-nots in our nation still reverberates in our low-income communities and serves as a timely warning to those charged with advancing the common good of all Americans. It is truly his commitment in this

arena that will most assuredly characterize his profile in courage. Though his voice is now stilled, let us not allow its echoes to disappear in our midst.

Last Monday, January 20, 2003, at the People's Congregational Church in Washington, D.C., I joined our nation's advocates for the low-income and minority senior citizens to memorialize this great leader whose vision is as relevant today as it was during his stewardship over the National Caucus and Center on Black Aged, Inc. Having a strong faith, Mr. Samuel Simmons would remind us that his death does not represent an irrevocable termination or a grim finality. He would rather have us firmly believe that he shall live on in the good deeds he amply left behind, and he will carry on through the wonderful thoughts and memories we all have of him.

Like the God whom he served faithfully during his earthly sojourn, he came and lived among us so that we may have life—and have hope more abundantly. This is the magnificent legacy Sam Simmons will leave behind. And this is the gift with which he will bless us. May Almighty God grant him eternal rest!

AGAINST A PREVENTATIVE WAR IN IRAQ, ENDORSED BY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF WELLESLEY HILLS

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. I submit the following for the RECORD:

As Unitarian Universalists, we are committed to: justice, equity, and compassion in human relations; use of the democratic process; the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all; and respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

The undersigned members and friends of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Wellesley Hills therefore stand in moral opposition to preventive US military action against Iraq, for a number of reasons: It will lead to loss of life, both American and Iraqi, both civilian and military, as well as great human suffering. It will divert resources away from pressing domestic needs, isolate the United States from many of our allies, and increase anger against this country from those who wish us harm. And it will set a dangerous precedent of first-strike response by nations that feel threatened.

In opposing a preventive war and promoting a just and peaceful world, the undersigned call upon the United States government to: refrain from adopting a foreign policy of preventive military strikes as a means of preventing war and terrorism; find an alternative to violence and threats of violence for resolving international problems and establish the United States as a model international peacemaker; fully involve the American people in democratic processes to create and implement foreign policy; fully respect the inherent worth, dignity, and civil liberties of all people; refrain from justifying the taking of any civilian lives; and refrain from jeopardizing the future of our planet by initiating violence in the name of peace.

TRIBUTE TO BOB BOWEN

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express the appreciation of the citizens of West Virginia to Bob Bowen for the invaluable contribution he has made to our beloved state.

The Polymer Alliance Zone was developed in 1996 as private/public partnership designed to promote the polymer industry in West Virginia. It has been cited as one of West Virginia's most successful initiatives and has been emulated in the chemical and wood industries.

One man, Robert E. "Bob" Bowen has served with great distinction as the Chairman of the Board of Directors since its inception. During that time, his leadership has brought the organization to a level of success that far exceeded all expectations, creating and saving thousands of jobs and attracting millions of dollars in new investment.

Mr. Bowen has leveraged resources from education, labor, management and government to bring worldwide recognition to PAZ, and focus attention on the many opportunities available for companies and workers in West Virginia.

After six years of successful leadership Mr. Bowen is retiring as the Chairman of the Board of Directors. His vision and skill have secured the jobs of thousands of West Virginia families, and brought growth for the future of many communities.

On behalf of the people of West Virginia, I wish to express a very sincere "thank you" for a job well done.

IN TRIBUTE TO MARIE S. NOWAK

HON. RICHARD A. GEPHARDT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marie S. Nowak, a woman who devoted her entire life to helping others through her civic and community activities. Marie passed away on January 15, 2003, and St. Louis will sorely miss her enormous energy and dedication to community service.

For almost 40 years, Marie was an educator and administrator in the St. Louis Public Schools, retiring in 1988. She was a past president of the St. Louis District of the Missouri State Teachers Association, and received their "Leader of the Year" award in 1985. Marie was a former delegate to the Governor's Conference on Education and a former member of the White House Conference on Education.

Marie's political and charitable interests were broad and deep. She was past president of the Metropolitan St. Louis Women's Political Caucus and an active member of the League of Women Voters. She served on the board of Grace Hill Settlement House and was vice-president of the board of Heritage House Corporation. She was also a determined advocate for women's rights.

At the time of her death, Marie's work on behalf of the elderly consumed much of her

time. She has served as chairwoman of the American Association of Retired Persons' state legislative committee, was State Coordinator for VOTE, and received the AARP "Volunteer of the Year" award in 2000. In 2001, Governor Bob Holden appointed her to the Missouri Board of Senior Services. In addition, Marie was a member of my Senior Advisory Council, meeting regularly with me and speaking eloquently on behalf of our senior citizens.

All of us extend our sympathy to her family, and especially to her children, Pauline Richards and James Nowak. Marie Nowak's gracious demeanor and generosity of spirit, her dedication to others and her good common sense, have left a legacy that St. Louisans will long remember.

CONGRATULATING OHIO STATE
UNIVERSITY BUCKEYES FOOT-
BALL TEAM

SPEECH OF

HON. TIMOTHY J. RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 8, 2003

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleagues in sponsoring H. Res. 10 to congratulate the Ohio State Buckeyes and Coach Jim Tressel on their first National Championship since 1968. The hard work and dedication that they exhibited this year has allowed them to achieve their goal in historic fashion. Coach Tressel and his team have set a standard of excellence that is unmatched.

Ohio State has proven that hard work and dedication will always persevere over doubt, and that people should always pursue their dreams against all odds. In the championship game, and throughout the entire season, the Buckeyes were able to work together and triumph in the face of adversity.

I also want to offer congratulations to both teams on an outstanding effort and for playing a game in which they both can be proud. Both teams demonstrated extraordinary sportsmanship and displayed the professionalism that a sporting event of this magnitude deserves.

I know that Coach Tressel will continue to field quality teams that compete at the highest possible level. Thanks for a great season. Go Bucks!

TRIBUTE TO DOCTOR HISASHI
KAJIKURI**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker I rise today to honor Doctor Hisashi Kajikuri, an exceptional physician who has continued to serve the Monterey Peninsula for the past thirty-five years. Dr. Kajikuri has been recognized by a number of local medical associations and this year, at age 76 he is being honored with the Monterey County's Physician of the Year award.

Dr. Kajikuri is well known in the medical community as a committed and talented physician and a strong patient's advocate. A man of great integrity and generosity, Dr. Kajikuri has

been dedicated to providing quality healthcare to everyone who enters his door, myself included, as well as those who are unable to pay.

Born and educated in Japan, Dr. Kajikuri began his career as an intern for a U.S. Military Hospital and was later awarded a Fulbright Fellowship in 1954 to research heart valve autographs at the University of Indiana. He became a United States citizen in 1967. Dr. Kajikuri later moved to Monterey, California, where he established a practice and was honored by the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula as the first recipient of the Lifetime Physician Award. He is a member of the Monterey Medical Society Review Board, California Thoracic Society, Japan Surgical Society, and a Trustee of the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.

The contributions that Dr. Kajikuri continues to make to the Monterey community are innumerable. The honor of Physician of the Year is awarded to a physician who has made a significant contribution in the health care field, is a strong motivator and educator, has a good rapport with patients, has demonstrated extraordinary professional competence, and is a strong role model for young physicians. I can personally attest to the care and competency shown by Dr. Kajikuri in his interactions with patients and affirm his reputation as a medical professional who stands out in his community as generous, talented, and worthy of such respect.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress I would like to honor and congratulate Dr. Kajikuri for his remarkable achievements and the great honor of this award.

EXTENSION OF UNEMPLOYMENT
BENEFITS**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my disappointment in the Majority's failure to provide real relief to unemployed Americans.

During this economic downturn, millions of Americans have faced difficult times as they lost their jobs, and then dealt with the harsh reality that their unemployment benefits would run out before they could find employment. Recent estimates find that 35,000 workers in the New York City area lost their benefits on December 28, 2002. That is not acceptable.

The 107th Congress adjourned before passing an unemployment package. While this legislation will help some, it does not provide an extension to the nearly one million workers who have already exhausted their benefits.

I have heard from my constituents who have been looking for work for months and find that there just are not jobs out there right now. And they cannot believe that their elected officials, the representatives who are supposed to fight for their interests, turned their backs on them when they needed help the most. It's time that we stop putting the interests of the wealthy ahead of the needs of America's workers who shoulder the burden when the economy is bad.

I wholeheartedly support legislation introduced by Congressman RANGEL which would

guarantee all jobless workers at least 26 weeks of extended unemployment benefits. We must provide this necessary relief to America's unemployed.

While I will vote for this legislation, it's time for the Majority to make unemployment relief a priority and to give us the opportunity to vote for meaningful legislation that will make a difference in the lives of workers.

A CENTENNIAL TRIBUTE TO THE SALT RIVER PROJECT

HON. JOHN B. SHADEGG

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. SHADEGG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the Salt River Project on the Centennial Anniversary of its founding. Throughout its 100 year history, the Salt River Project has contributed greatly to the growth and prosperity of the City of Phoenix and Central Arizona. Its history is very familiar to me, as my father Stephen Shadegg wrote several books on the Salt River Project, including its first narrative history in 1942, and subsequent works on the importance of the Project to Arizona's development. These books include: *Arizona: An Adventure in Irrigation* (1949), *The Phoenix Story: An Adventure in Reclamation* (1958), and *Century One: One Hundred Years of Water Development* (1969).

In 1868, Phoenix had a population of 100 people; it is now the sixth largest metropolitan area in the United States. All of this growth was made possible by the development of water storage and irrigation facilities and, since 1903, the Salt River Project has played a central role in this development.

In a desert state like Arizona, access to a reliable supply of water is literally a matter of life and death. The early settlers recognized this fact and constructed the first of many water supply canals in Phoenix in 1868. These early canals relied on diverting water from the rivers but did not include the construction of dams to create water storage reservoirs. This failure to store water proved to be a fatal flaw when drought hit in the 1890's. For three years, there was no rain and the rivers ceased to run. The population of Phoenix plummeted and conflicts, some of them deadly, erupted over the limited water available.

This devastating drought forced the citizens of Phoenix to band together and create an organization capable of financing, constructing, and operating a water storage and delivery system. It required the highest degree of personal commitment: each property owner in the Phoenix area pledged his or her property as collateral to finance the construction of the system. In 1903, this organization took shape as the Salt River Water Users' Association, now a part of the Salt River Project, and became the first water storage system organized under the Federal Reclamation Act.

Today, it is easy to take the necessities of life for granted, including the ability to get water by simply turning on a faucet. However, the laws of nature still apply and, in a desert, a reliable supply of water will always be a matter of life and death. Life in Arizona, Southern California, and other desert regions is only possible because a guaranteed, permanent supply of water is available.

While the laws of nature should be self-evident, there are some individuals and organizations who refuse to accept them and instead advocate the destruction of the water supply reservoirs which make life in the desert possible. We are currently locked in a struggle against the willful ignorance of these groups and individuals and, while we are supported by the facts, we must not underestimate the zealous dedication of the other side. We must not allow such destructive proposals as the draining of Lake Powell to lead to a repeat of the devastation inflicted on Phoenix by the drought of the 1890's.

As long as people live in the desert, there will be a need for organizations like the Salt River Project to supply them with the most basic substance needed for life. The Salt River Project fulfills this need by delivering water to more than 1.5 million people in ten cities in central Arizona. It also plays an important role as a power provider by supplying over 780,000 customers with electricity. Furthermore, it is a leader in the development of new techniques and technologies, from its underground storage of excess water for future use to the cutting edge low-impact hydro-electric facility which it will bring on-line in February. I commend the Salt River Project for its historic role in the development of Phoenix and its continued importance, and wish it a happy birthday.

TRIBUTE TO MR. WILLIAM E. SNELL, JR.

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. William E. Snell, Jr., of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania for being named Business Person of the Year by the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce. As the president and chief executive officer of F&M Trust in Chambersburg since 1995, he has demonstrated a willingness to support his local community through both financial giving as well as through giving of himself and his own time. Mr. Snell, in his role at the F&M Trust and as leader of several civic groups, has shown great vision and leadership in the area of community service. Through his service he has contributed greatly to the betterment of the community.

In addition to running the largest locally owned bank in Chambersburg, Mr. Snell also serves on a number of boards in his community. Capitol Theatre Center Foundation, Chambersburg Hospital, Summit Health, and Chambersburg Area Development Corporation are just a few examples of boards and organizations on which he serves in a leadership capacity. By giving so generously of his time, he has helped to positively shape the vision and direction of the Chambersburg community. During Mr. Snell's tenure as president and CEO of the bank, F&M Trust has generously given approximately \$80,000 to help fund several educational and artistic initiatives in the community. Donations such as these benefit everyone in the community, not just those that directly receive the funds. Mr. Snell is a wonderful example of a business person who not only cares deeply about his business but also

about the community in which it is located. His continuous efforts and community service are a true testament to his affection and commitment to the people and organizations located in Chambersburg.

I would like to congratulate Mr. Snell once again for this tremendous award he has received and thank him for all his contributions to the Chambersburg community. I wish him the very best of luck in all of his future endeavors.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SOLID WASTE INTERNATIONAL TRANS- PORTATION ACT OF 2003

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. MIKE ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, in 2001, more than 5.8 million cubic yards of foreign municipal waste was imported to the State of Michigan, with the citizens of the State having no say in the process. The citizens of Michigan have made it clear: they want the power to regulate incoming foreign waste. Through their elected officials, Michigan citizens have attempted to gain some control of the importation of municipal waste to Michigan. Each time though, these legislative actions have been deemed unconstitutional in court, as states have not been granted the necessary authority by Congress. The Solid Waste International Transportation Act of 2003 is designed to give every state the authority to prohibit or limit the influx of foreign municipal waste through state legislative action.

A Supreme Court decision in 1978, *City of Philadelphia v. New Jersey*, struck down a New Jersey statute which prohibited the importation of most out of state municipal waste, partially on the basis that the Federal Solid Waste Disposal Act, had no "clear and manifest purpose of Congress to preempt the entire field of interstate waste, either by express statutory command, or by implicit legislative design." The Solid Waste International Transportation Act of 2003 would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to provide that express statutory command.

Northeast Bancorp v. Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System 472 U.S. 159, 174 (1985) said "When Congress so chooses, state actions which it plainly authorizes are invulnerable to constitutional attack under the Commerce Clause." The Solid Waste International Transportation Act of 2003 would be a plain authorization of the state's authority to prohibit or limit incoming foreign municipal waste.

Every State in this Nation should have the ability to regulate the influx of foreign municipal waste. If a State wants to prohibit the importation of foreign waste, they ought to have that power. If a State wants to import large amounts of foreign waste, they ought to have that power. Or if a State wants to restrict the importation of foreign municipal waste, they ought to have that power too. Through their elected representatives, let's give the citizens of their respective States a say in the importation of foreign municipal waste.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. CAROL LACY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mrs. Carol Lacy, a close friend, longtime colleague and an indefatigable advocate for improving the quality of life in North Monterey County. She was a civic leader devoted to good land use planning in a county that depends on its "good looks" and "productive dirt." Carol passed away after a battle with lung cancer on Friday, November 1, 2002, and is survived by her husband Richard Liebenberg, daughter Susan Lacy, son Tim Lacy, stepson Ken Liebenberg, her parents Tom and Winifred Carney, sister Janet Carney, brother Barry Carney, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Lacy was a former Monterey County planning commissioner, businesswoman and health insurance agent who was known for her involvement with her community. She served for seven years on the Monterey County Planning Commission, nine years as a North Monterey County School Board trustee, and as a PTA president at Prunedale Elementary School. Carol had been a grand juror and was involved with the Monterey County Special Healthcare Authority. After seeing accidents and deaths year after year along Highway 101 through Prunedale, her hometown of 35 years, she was a founding member of the Highway 101 Bypass Committee. Work is now underway to improve safety along that corridor thanks to her pioneering efforts.

Many people knew and loved Carol, and I am thankful to be one of them. Her contributions to her community have left a legacy that will last for years to come. She will be sorely missed.

JOYCE GATES

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank a very good friend of mine for her years of service to me and my staff both here in Washington and back at home in Ohio. Friday will be my chief of staff Joyce Gates' final day in that position, and my staff and I will sorely miss having her as part of our office team.

Joyce initially joined our team in 1995, as the coalitions director for the House Republican Conference. For four years, she served our caucus well by strengthening our relationships with a wide variety of groups here on Capitol Hill. Then, nearly two years ago, she returned to the fold to take the reins as my chief of staff. In that position, Joyce helped guide us through the very intense months during which we helped craft the No Child Left Behind education reform bill, and she was at the helm to assist our staff during the difficult months after September 11th and the anthrax attacks that followed.

In addition to the strong leadership she has provided to my staff, Joyce has been a terrific friend to all of us. She is always willing to listen, to share her professional and personal opinions, and to lift spirits during an especially long or difficult day.

Mr. Speaker, though Joyce has decided to retire from my office in an official capacity, she will continue to be a part of our team in the months and years to come. And despite giving up the title of "chief of staff," she will always be one of my very best friends. I wish Joyce, her husband Bruce, and her family nothing but the best in the future.

TRIBUTE TO DR. WILLIAM D. CRIST

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to Dr. William D. Crist, one of Sacramento's most outstanding citizen leaders. Dr. Crist has served his term as the President of the Board of Administration for the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) with great distinction. As his friends and family gather to celebrate Dr. Crist's numerous achievements, I ask all of my colleagues to join with me in saluting one of Sacramento's most accomplished citizens.

Dr. Crist first joined the CalPERS Board in 1987 and became its President in 1992. During his fifteen years of service, CalPERS achieved tremendous growth in its pension fund. As a result of his considerable contributions, CalPERS became the standard in the health benefits arena and a leader in corporate governance and shareholder rights.

Under his leadership, CalPERS was able to secure a brighter future for 1.3 million California public employees, retirees and their families. CalPERS has been a powerful advocate for strong corporate governance requiring the attention and dedication of company officers, directors, and shareholders. Dr. Crist has long been a leader in calling for corporate governance activism. All in all, Dr. Crist has steadfastly promoted the interests of CalPERS and its enrollees with great success for the past fifteen years.

Long before his illustrious career with CalPERS, Dr. Crist enjoyed a distinguished career in academics. Dr. Crist, a Professor of Economics at California State University Stanislaus, rose to the rank of chair of the Department of Economics from 1986 to 1990. In addition, he also held a number of Academic Senate and faculty association positions during his academic career. Dr. Crist was the State President of the California Faculty Association from 1976 to 1985.

As a scholar, Dr. Crist made a number of significant professional and scholarly contributions to a variety of important subject matters. Dr. Crist authored scores of articles regarding collective bargaining in higher education, public retirement systems, and corporate governance. Dr. Crist's innovative ideas and sterling reputation earned him a number of prestigious distinctions: co-chair of the Council of Institutional Investors, CII Executive Committee member, a seat on the International Corporate Governance Network Board of Governors.

Dr. Crist's unparalleled success in the classroom and the boardroom truly makes him one of California's most accomplished and treasured citizens. Dr. Crist's outstanding service to Californians, which has spanned the course of four decades, will surely be missed. Yet, we

can all take comfort in knowing that his commitment to help improve the lives of others will undoubtedly serve as a shining example to others who follow his leadership.

Mr. Speaker, as Dr. William Crist's friends and family gather for his retirement celebration, I am honored to pay tribute to one of Sacramento's most honorable residents. His successes are considerable, and it is great honor for me to have the opportunity to pay tribute to his contributions. I ask all my colleagues to join with me in wishing Dr. William Crist continued success in all his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO DR. WILLIAM F. SLAGLE

HON. HAROLD E. FORD, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding career of Dr. William F. Slagle of Memphis, TN, as he retires after 31 years of service with the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry.

Education has been the cornerstone of Dean Slagle's career, and he has fought tirelessly to improve the educational opportunities available to our future dentists. In so doing, he has also improved the standard of dental education and dental care available to all who become patients of those doctors he has helped to nurture and train.

Thanks to Dean Slagle's progressive vision, the University of Tennessee, College of Dentistry is recognized as one of the top ten in the nation, ranking number one in 1998 by the ADA for best scores on the National Board Examination. During his 23 year tenure as Dean, Dr. Slagle led the college through laborious accreditation processes, one in 1996 which resulted in zero recommendations for improvement and a total of 27 commendations, a feat never before accomplished. He built the most advanced interactive dental stimulation clinics in the country and inspired those around him to work toward the highest standards of excellence. Always interested in the development of faculty and students, Dean Slagle worked diligently to grow endowments in the College from zero in 1981 to over \$6 million presently.

For his career of noteworthy service to the State of Tennessee and the field of dentistry nationally, I would ask that you and my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join with me in saluting a distinguished Tennessean and American, Dr. William Slagle.

HONORING CURTIS R. PATTERSON
OF CHINA SPRING, TX**HON. CHET EDWARDS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, a citizen of China Spring, Texas, a Central Texas community in my 11th Congressional District was recently honored with the Carnegie Medal for risking his life to save the life of another.

On July 12, 2001, Curtis R. Patterson, a customer service technician with Southwestern Bell Telephone and a member of the Communications Workers of America, Local 6225 of Waco, was on his way home from work when he came upon an automobile accident. A car driven by Margaret Ratliff had left the road and struck a wooden utility pole. The collision brought down power lines at the front of her car and fire broke out around the car from the sparks.

When Mr. Patterson arrived at the scene, Ms. Ratliff was trapped in her car. Patterson donned protective gloves and went to the passenger side of Ms. Ratliff's car, even as flames were spreading underneath it.

Entering the car, he cut the seatbelt that was holding Ms. Ratliff in the car and pulled her across the console and passenger seat to safety. Within minutes, the flames engulfed Ms. Ratliff's car and completely consumed it.

Ms. Ratliff was treated for third degree burns on her left arm, but recovered. She owes her life to Curtis Patterson.

This last December, Patterson was 1 of 22 individuals from throughout the United States and Canada to be recognized by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the Members of the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Curtis Patterson of China Spring on the receipt of the Carnegie Medal, and honoring him for his lifesaving act. He is an authentic Texas hero and we are indeed proud of him.

FOR THE FALLEN SOLDIERS

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following for the RECORD.

FOR THE FALLEN SOLDIERS

(By Amanda Escareno)

For the soldiers that fought the wars,
U.S. Army, Navy, Air force and the corps.
As you lie here deep beneath the ground,
there's not a single sound.
Now you lay here in a deep sleep,
While the others weep.
They know that when you died,
you were showered with pride.
You gave your happy lie,
with your kids and your wife.
Now we stand here above your grave,
and cherished all that you saved.
the tears cried is for the blood shed,
and the life that you led.
Let a salute be gave and the flight of a dove,
for America the land that you love.

HONORING TIM HANNEMANN ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate my friend Tim Hannemann on his retirement as vice president of Northrop Grumman and president of its Space Technology sector.

Prior to the recent Northrop Grumman merger, Tim was president and CEO of TRW

Space and Electronics of El Segundo, having been named to that position in 1993—coincidentally when I was first elected to Congress.

Indeed, even before my first election, Tim and TRW helped educate me about the challenges facing the industry. Well-respected by his South Bay peers, Tim co-chaired my aerospace advisory committee and often hosted policy discussions with other local aerospace representatives as we worked to address tough economic times following sharp cuts in defense spending in the early 90's.

During the course of more than a decade, Tim and I worked on a strategy to diversify the local industrial base. TRW, for example, excelled in space science and became lead contractor on a number of important space-based satellites programs, including Mission-to-Planet-Earth, which helped map our globe, anticipate climatic changes, and identify weather patterns.

TRW was also a leader in developing commercial applications for technology it originally developed for the country's defense needs. To that end, I was proud to join Tim at the launch last year of Velocium, which designs and fabricates high speed components for fiber optic and wireless telecommunication applications. The company's products make use of advanced semiconductor manufacturing processes developed at TRW.

Tim joined TRW in 1969. From the start, he distinguished himself as a leader of TRW's technical and management team and should be especially proud of the talented and diverse organization of engineers, scientists and technical staff he assembled during his tenure. His employees are committed to the community in which they work and live and many actively participate in local chambers of commerce, school districts and environmental projects.

Every recent visit or phone conversation includes glowing reports about his grandchildren. Justin, the oldest, turns six this weekend and Tim's retirement will be a big present for that special boy.

Thanks, Tim, for your gifts to a fabulous company, to our community, and to me personally.

MUSIC PRESERVATION

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the preservation of American creative culture. Librarian of Congress James H. Billington announced today the first annual selection of 50 recordings to the National Recording Registry. I am proud to congratulate my colleagues who supported the National Recording Preservation Act of 2000, legislation that made this historic moment possible. I worked diligently in shepherding this legislation through Congress with the help of then House Administration Ranking Member STENY HOYER, now Minority Whip.

Under the terms of the National Recording Preservation Act of 2000, the Librarian of Congress is charged with selecting recordings annually that are "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant." And the list of offerings is just that: cultural, historical, and aesthetic

jewels that tell the story of our beloved America. Congress created the registry to celebrate the richness and variety of our audio legacy and to underscore our responsibility to assure long term preservation of that legacy so that it may be appreciated and studied by generations to come. The creation of the registry, inspired by the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences (NARAS), is one part of the legislation that charges the Library of Congress with developing a comprehensive national recording preservation program, and first of its kind.

The National Sound Recording Preservation Act of 2000, Public Law 106-474, created an advisory National Recording Preservation Board appointed by the Librarian of Congress, and consists of experts from organizations representing composers, musicians, musicologists, librarians, archivists and the recording industry. The National Recording Preservation Board in turn makes the selections of works to be included in the National Recording Registry. The National sound Recording Preservation Act of 2000 also created a fund raising foundation to restore and preserve the Library's music collection. All three components are conducted under the auspices of the Library of Congress, providing the necessary elements of a comprehensive program to ensure the survival, conservation, and increased public availability of America's sound recording heritage.

William Ivey was named Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Recording Preservation Foundation and was instrumental in creating the National Recording Registry when he was President of the National Endowment for the Arts. The foundation is a charitable and nonprofit corporation created by the Preservation Act to promote and ensure public accessibility of the nation's sound recording heritage. The foundation will accept gifts and administer a grants program to support sound preservation in archives throughout the United States. Ivey is past chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts and presently the Branscomb Scholar at Vanderbilt University. His work in this tireless effort is appreciated.

Included in the 50 releases are masterful brushstrokes on the canvas that is American cultural history. The list includes such groundbreaking recordings as the Edison Exhibition Recordings (Group of three cylinders): "Around the world on the Phonograph;" "The Pattison Waltz;" "Fifth Regiment March." (1888-1889); "Stars and Stripes Forever" Military Band. Berliner Gramophone disc recording (1897); Lionel Mapleson cylinder recordings of the Metropolitan Opera (1900-1903); Scott Joplin ragtime compositions on piano rolls. (1900s); Booker T. Washington's 1895 Atlanta Exposition Speech (1906 recreation); "Vesti la giubba" from Pagliacci-Enrico Caruso (1907); "Casey at the Bat" DeWolf Hopper, reciting (1915); "Down-Hearted Blues" Bessie Smith (1923); President Franklin D. Roosevelt's radio "Fireside Chats" (1933-1944); Billie Holiday's "Strange Fruit" (1939); Bob Dylan's "Freewheelin'" (1963); and Precious Lord: New Recordings of the Great Gospel Songs of Thomas A. Dorsey-Thomas Dorsey, Marion Williams, and 38 others (1973).

Great American poet Walt Whitman noted that: "Perhaps the best of songs heard . . . is the résumé of them, or any of them, long afterwards, looking at the actualities away

back past, with all their practical excitations gone. How the soul loves to float amid such reminiscences!" Mr. Speaker, with the release of these, the first 50 of the sound recordings preserved in the National Recording Registry, my soul is floating atop the marvel of what is to become of the National Recording Registry and the possibilities of cultural awakening for coming generations. Congratulations to all who are making this dream come true.

LOUISIANA RICE ECONOMIC
RELIEF ACT

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. JOHN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of my colleagues to the severe economic distress of the Louisiana agriculture industry. In particular, the Louisiana rice industry is facing disastrous economic conditions due to record low market prices coupled with storm damage from Hurricane Lili, Tropical Storm Isidore, and several additional severe storm systems. Without sustainable federal support for last year's losses, many rice producers, and much of the rural Louisiana economy, will not be able to withstand another year of hardship.

As we enter the final stages of negotiations for the FY 03 Omnibus Appropriations bill, I commend Senator COCHRAN and the supporters of agriculture disaster assistance in the U.S. Senate. However, unfortunately, it will take more than 42 percent of direct program payments to reverse the current economic disaster in South Louisiana. For this reason, I am reintroducing the Louisiana Rice Economic Relief Act, providing a \$2.42 per hundred-weight payment to rice producers across the state.

As Congress concludes discussion on an omnibus appropriations package, and we prepare to debate an economic stimulus package for our nation, I offer the Louisiana Rice Economic Relief Act as the cornerstone of economic stimulus for the rural agricultural economy of this region. We must keep in mind the distress of Louisiana's agricultural economy if we are serious about moving forward on a truly sustainable plan for our nation's entire agriculture industry, as well as the entire economy of the United States.

CONGRATULATING RUTH BASCOM
ON THE DEDICATION OF THE
RUTH BASCOM RIVERBANK
TRAIL SYSTEM

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and to congratulate Ruth Bascom of Eugene, Oregon. On January 31, 2003, the Eugene City Council will name a bicycle and walking trail system after Ms. Bascom to honor her for her determined advocacy, intelligent leadership, and inspired vision. The Ruth Bascom Riverbank Trail System is a testament to her indomitable spirit and her remarkable civic career.

Ruth Bascom has an impressive record of public service, with over thirty years of active participation. She has been Mayor and City Councilor; served as a member of the Alton Baker Park Advisory Committee, the Mayor's Bicycle Committee, and the Governor's Bicycle Advisory Committee; was president of the Youth Symphony Board and the League of Women Voters; and worked on a variety of campaigns dedicated to enhancing our community.

Ruth Bascom gets things done—and done well. She has helped shape Eugene and is directly responsible for the award-winning bike-way system. In her many civic roles, she tirelessly fostered the riverbank trail system through design, funding, and construction phases. Her wholehearted and unwavering support for a city-wide bicycle-pedestrian trail system rallied community members, elected officials, and staff to her vision.

The opening of the East Bank Trail completes the Ruth Bascom Riverbank Trail System. The project survived ups and downs and detours because Ms. Bascom focused considerable energy, enthusiasm, and ingenuity on its success and delivered the necessary plans, funds, and allies.

Ruth Bascom is an exemplary citizen activist. I am pleased to offer her the hearty congratulations and warm thanks she so richly merits.

HONORING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY
OF MCKENDREE COLLEGE

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 175th Anniversary of McKendree College in Lebanon, Illinois.

McKendree College is the oldest college in Illinois. Founded by Methodist pioneers on February 20 1828, McKendree College will mark her 175th anniversary on February 20, 2003.

In recent years, McKendree has experienced remarkable growth in both quality and quantity. In academics, The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has selected a McKendree College professor as the Illinois Professor of the Year for 2002, Dr. Nancy Beck Young. The college has welcomed its first group of students from France as part of a new exchange program in the Business Division. In addition, the college faculty has grown 65 percent and includes professors well-published and recognized in their fields of expertise. McKendree has a nationally ranked Debate and Forensics Squad and boasts and outstanding teacher education program, one that has recently received re-certification, and the only one among six institutions, to receive the certification fully and without provisions.

McKendree's student body has also excelled in its 175 years of history. With approximately 1,300 students currently enrolled at the Lebanon campus, the student body has grown 67 percent in the past 10 years and the residential population has increased more than 300 percent. The current freshman class is the third largest in the history of the college, in-

cludes 22 valedictorians and has an impressive 3.7 GPA and 24 ACT. Currently, students from 15 different states and five countries are enrolled at McKendree College.

McKendree also has an athletic program that is gaining in national prominence. This year the men's basketball team has been ranked #1 nationally in the NAIA, the first time in the history of the college that an athletic team has earned a first place ranking. The college football team, now in its seventh season since its return in 1996 after a 45-year hiatus, played in the NAIA semi-finals, with an 11–2 record. McKendree's athletic director and men's basketball coach has been inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame, earning recognition as Coach of the Year and this year broke the record to become the winningest coach in NAIA history. In Track and Field McKendree athletes have won several national team championships.

McKendree College is a four-year, private, liberal arts college and is ranked by U.S. News & World Report as a Top Tier Midwest Liberal Arts College. For the sixth consecutive year, McKendree has been recognized as one of America's 100 Best College Buys. McKendree College has been referred to as "the fastest growing business in Southwestern Illinois". Dr. James M. Dennis is the 32nd president of McKendree College, inaugurated in 1994.

McKendree College, founded in 1828, has the distinction of being one of the first colleges established in Illinois. Acknowledging pride of her Scottish heritage McKendree was also approved as the first institutional member of the Clan Henderson Society of the United States in 1997.

Each year, students from McKendree College contribute to businesses, schools, and non-profit organizations in the region as interns, teachers and employees. The college has participated significantly in regional programs to enhance diversity education and to help prepare students from lower income areas for college. The college provides a wealth of cultural events to the community, hosting distinguished speakers, exceptional performers, and nationally ranked competitive athletic contests. They partner with many community groups and assume a leadership role to promote and enhance the benefits of the region.

McKendree College provides a high quality academic program, at the heart of which is a values-centered liberal arts education. The mission of McKendree College is to include students in the joys and challenges of intellectual inquiry and its staff and faculty are devoted to nurturing this experience both inside and outside the classroom. The college has grown significantly in the past seven years and has brought esteem and recognition to our greater community. They enjoy the reputation of a high quality academic institution, with competitive athletic programs, and the diversity of social and co-curricular programs that meet and challenge a wide range of interests.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 175th Anniversary of McKendree College in Lebanon, Illinois and to recognize its alumni both past, present and future for their contributions to the success of the University.

RECOGNIZING JEWISH SOCIAL
SERVICES OF MADISON**HON. TAMMY BALDWIN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jewish Social Services of Madison, which was founded 25 years ago, on February 9, 1978, in Madison, Wisconsin.

Jewish Social Services of Madison serves more than 800 individuals and agencies each year, and for a quarter century has served the entire community with its programs for seniors and individuals in need.

More than 400 people volunteer each year for Jewish Social Services of Madison. These volunteers help the organization continue its excellent social work, which includes sponsoring the largest weekly nutrition site in the country, offering services with specific attention to cultural and language sensitivity, and providing assistance to refugees and other émigrés. The Jewish Social Services of Madison has also been a participating agency of United Way of Dane County for 25 years.

This organization has excelled as a professional social work agency since 1978, and has truly provided help where help is needed for a quarter century. Wisconsin is fortunate to be home to such a dedicated organization as Jewish Social Services of Madison.

I congratulate Jewish Social Services of Madison on 25 years of extraordinary achievements, and I wish them good luck in the years to come.

IN HONOR OF THE 30TH
ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE**HON. JANE HARMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2003

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Supreme Court's historic Roe v. Wade decision.

That decision marked a cornerstone of equality and freedom for which American women had fought for generations. The decision empowered women to make their own decisions about their reproductive health and protected them from unwarranted government intrusion into their personal, private decisions.

I know firsthand how hard it was to secure the right to choose for women, and I know how hard we will have to fight to maintain this

right. I was active on this issue in 1973 when the case was decided, and I have continued to be so since coming to Congress in 1992. I fought to give military women the right to pay for abortions in military hospitals, and I have served on the board of Planned Parenthood of California, all in an attempt to keep secure the essential right of a woman to make her own choices about her reproductive health.

But, 30 years later, we still live in a time in which a woman's right to choose is in danger of being diminished or reversed. Anti-choice advocates now control the White House, the Senate and the House of Representatives and have indicated they intend to launch a legislative assault on Roe v. Wade. President Bush has made clear his intent to nominate anti-choice justices to all branches of the judiciary. And, the retirement of just one Supreme Court justice may tip the court from pro-choice to anti-choice; from protecting women's health to endangering it.

As such, it is now more important than ever for Americans to protect the rights that women gained as a result of Roe v. Wade. Freedom of choice is essential for women and their health, and as we work to make the number of abortions rarer through improved health education and family planning services, on this anniversary, it is important that we remember the struggles women faced before Roe v. Wade. Indeed, it is somewhat bittersweet that so many women today cannot recall the times in which abortions were not legal. Many do not know women who became ill or died from unsafe, illegal procedures. It is our duty to remind them of the danger of returning of that era.

I join my colleagues in urging Americans to fight to protect the right to choose, to uphold Roe v. Wade, and respect reproductive freedom for all women across the nation.

TO HONOR EL CHARRO RESTAURANT OF TUCSON, AZ ON ITS
80TH ANNIVERSARY**HON. ED PASTOR**

OF ARIZONA

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Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to pay tribute to one of Arizona's oldest family-owned and woman-run businesses, El Charro Restaurant. El Charro has become an institution in the City of Tucson and is celebrating its 80th anniversary.

The story and legacy of El Charro goes beyond decades of culinary excellence in serving fine Mexican cuisine. The restaurant has es-

tablished deep roots within the community. Dedication and vision have enabled its two owners, Monica Flin and her grandniece Carlotta Flores, to maintain a unique atmosphere and style, which have embraced by the community and kept the enterprise strong through many difficult economic times.

Founder Monica Flin, a native Tucsonan of French descent, was smart and resourceful and used her cooking talents to establish El Charro in 1922. That first restaurant opened with three tables and a small simple menu of tamales, chili and tortillas. Through the years, the restaurant continued to grow in size and reputation. The Tucson Citizen characterized Monica's charisma and colorful persona in 1952 when it wrote that: "El Charro is not a restaurant so much as it is an extension of Monica Flin's personality." Through its difficult beginnings, enduring the Great Depression and expanding the business, Flin exemplified the classy, independent and strong business owner in an era in which businesswomen were rare.

More than thirty years after establishing El Charro, Ms. Flin passed the business to remaining family members. Carlotta and her husband Ray Flores, Sr. were living in California at the time and returned to Tucson to assist family members with the restaurant. With no experience in restaurant operations, the couple decided to step in and revive El Charro. Carlotta carried the legacy of Monica's determination and passion for service and unique cuisine as the restaurant not only expanded, but also ventured into new venues. She began El Charro's catering businesses as well as a restaurant at the Tucson International Airport. Carlotta's vision to expand and improve business didn't end there, as she has established a second El Charro restaurant and acquired a food production/processing facility. Managing the family's restaurants and companies has truly become a family endeavor, as Carlotta's children are involved in the operations as well.

Eighty years ago, Monica Flin began a business in the small community of Tucson, Arizona. Its current guardians Carlotta Flores and her family have embraced her legacy. The restaurant and its operations have progressed and developed throughout the decades from the tiny restaurant on South 4th Avenue to a Tucson tradition renowned for its excellent Mexican food and warm environment. Therefore, Mr. Speaker I ask that you join me in honoring El Charro Restaurant, Monica Flin and the Flores family for their ongoing success and the examples they have set for businesswomen everywhere.