

While the June 10th accident in Bellingham, Washington, has caught our attention, we must examine how to improve the integrity of the pipeline and instill public confidence that we are adequately protecting those who live near a pipeline. I remain supportive of hydrostatic testing as a method to ensure the integrity of the pipelines. However, we must also review the regulatory, maintenance, and day-to-day operations of the pipelines comprehensively to better serve our communities.

On May 13th, I held a public meeting to discuss efforts to improve the pipelines. With a panel of experts, we discussed the need for better communication between local elected officials and the pipeline companies servicing the Puget Sound area. We must remain vigilant in protecting our neighborhoods not only today but also in the future. Congress can help in this process by passing meaningful pipeline legislation this year.

#### HONORING HOWARD J. MORGENS

#### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 19, 2000*

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Mr. Howard J. Morgens, a retired chief executive officer of the Procter and Gamble Co. and also a donor of property that made the construction of the Hospice of the Central Coast possible. Mr. Morgens passed away at the age of 89.

Born in St. Louis, Howard was a graduate of Washington University and Harvard Business School. Howard then moved to Carmel Valley with his wife Anne in 1962. The couple moved permanently to Pebble Beach in 1990. Beginning in 1933, Howard worked for Procter and Gamble serving as chief executive officer from 1957 to 1974. He retired as chairman emeritus in 1977. In addition to his work in Procter and Gamble, Howard served on the boards of directors of several corporations including General Motors, Morgan Guaranty Trust Co., and Exxon. Howard was also dedicated to various civic, educational and charitable organizations, some of which include the American Museum of Natural History and the American National Red Cross and the Cincinnati Children's Hospital. On the Monterey Peninsula, Howard was a trustee of the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula Foundation and the Monterey Institute of International Studies.

Howard will be sorely missed by the many people who were privileged to know him both personally and professionally. He will be forever remembered by dear family and friends. Howard is survived by his wife of 64 years, Anne; two sons, Edwin of South Norwalk, Conn., and James of Atlanta; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

#### RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROSEVILLE FEDERATION OF TEACHERS

#### HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 19, 2000*

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the 50th anniversary of the Roseville Fed-

eration of Teachers. For fifty years the men and women of the RFT have been educating the young people of the Roseville Community School district. I have been working side by side with Roseville teachers since I first came to Congress, and I have always had the utmost respect and admiration for their dedication to their students and to the community where they work.

From kindergarten at schools like Eastland, Kaiser and Alumni through the halls of Roseville High School and the once bustling Brablec High . . . the Roseville Federal of Teachers has come together to ensure the best possible education for the students entrusted to their care.

While the current state administration has mounted an assault on teacher unions through attacks on collective bargaining, the right to strike and the current school voucher proposal, organization such as the RFT remind us that teachers are democracy's most valuable resource. Teachers have taken on the responsibilities of mentors, counselors and role models to young people. As your responsibilities have increased over the years, your benefits have not always grown at the same speed. Organizations such as the Roseville Federation of Teachers insure that teachers are fully represented and properly respected.

I ask you each to join me in congratulating the Roseville Federal of Teachers for their 50 years and wish them the very best as they continue to help our children meet the future challenges of this Nation.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JOHN B. SHADEGG

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 19, 2000*

Mr. SHADEGG. Mr. Speaker, I was attending my daughter's high school graduation and was absent for a series of votes on May 18. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on No. 202, "no" on No. 203, "no" on No. 204, "yes" on No. 205, "yes" on No. 206, "yes" on No. 207 and "yes" on No. 208.

#### HONORING SANDRA ELLEN BARRY

#### HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 19, 2000*

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize a superb educator in my district. In July, Sandra Ellen Barry will become the superintendent of the Anaheim City School District.

The district's current superintendent, Dr. Roberta Thompson, leaves the district this summer after many years of service. Sandy Barry will take her place.

And no one is better qualified to lead the district's 21,000 students and 1,900 employees, in 22 elementary schools. Ms. Barry comes with an extensive educational background.

She has served as the deputy superintendent for three years, a role in which she has prepared for her new position. She comes to the job equipped with the many challenges she will undoubtedly face.

But Sandy's experience is not limited to one district. She has served Orange County schools, children and families well through her work in many capacities. She came to her administrative career only after a decade of teaching, working with children from the ages of 7 to 14.

The Anaheim City School District will miss Superintendent Thompson. But I know that I join the community and her colleagues when I say that Sandy Barry is equal to the task.

#### FLOYD D. SPENCE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001

SPEECH OF

#### HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 18, 2000*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4205) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes:

Mr. BOYD. Mr. Chairman, military retirees were promised a "lifetime of free medical care" in exchange for serving honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces for a minimum of 20 years. Although used by the services for decades as an effective recruitment and retention tool, this promise has no basis in law. Regrettably, our nation's failure to honor the "promise of health care" is a contributing factor to the critical retention and recruiting problems our armed services currently face.

In 1956, after the Korean War, only 11 percent of the eligible military medical beneficiaries were either retirees, their dependents, or survivors of former service men and women. At that time, existing military medical facilities were capable of serving these individuals. However, today, 52 percent of military medical beneficiaries are retirees and their family members. This growth in the military retiree population, along with recent base closures, has severely limited the ability of our government to provide them with direct care.

The Federal Government has fallen short of its commitment to the men and women who have served our Nation in the armed services. Demographic changes over the last several decades have led to an explosion in the number of military retirees, dramatically increasing the cost of providing health care to these individuals. While our Government could not have anticipated the factors which produced this problem, we must take action to ensure our military retirees receive the adequate care they deserve.

The Taylor amendment would expand and make permanent an existing Department of Defense (DoD) TRICARE Senior Prime demonstration program, more commonly known as Medical Subvention. Under Medicare Subvention, the costs of providing health care to Medicare-eligible military retirees who receive treatment at military medical facilities are reimbursed to the DoD by the Health Care Financing Administration.

As many of my colleagues know, the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 created a Medicare

Subvention demonstration project under which six military treatment sites were organized as Medicare+Choice plans and have enrolled and treated military retirees and their dependents 65 and over. This Demonstration will end December 31, 2000.

The Demonstration Project has been a success. There are long waiting lists to enroll at several of the sites. The number of retirees enrolling when they turn 65 is much higher than DoD expected. GAO reported that some retirees joined Tricare Prime at age 64 to be eligible to age-in to Tricare Senior Prime. The disenrollment rate is much lower than those of almost all Medicare managed care plans.

Enrollees in Tricare Senior Prime are guaranteed continuity of care at military health facilities. The current "Space Available" care cannot ensure that a retiree can see his cardiologist or other physician when he needs an appointment. The health needs of the over 65 population cannot wait for "space available." Medicare Subvention is needed to replace the Space Available policy as soon as possible.

Our men and women in uniform have earned and deserve quality health care for themselves and their families. Congress must take immediate action to live up to the medical care commitment the government made to our service men and women and their families. Though the Taylor Amendment does not take care of the entire military retiree population, it is a good first step to addressing this duty we have to take care of our nation's career service men and women. I urge your strong support of this important amendment.

RECOGNIZING DR. SPENCER PRICE  
FOR RECEIVING THE GENERAL  
DOUGLAS A. MACARTHUR LEADERSHIP AWARD

**HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 19, 2000*

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize a distinguished gentleman from Georgia's 8th District who is visiting Washington this week as one of six outstanding National Guard officers in the country, Dr. Spencer Price.

Dr. Price has been awarded the prestigious General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award for his dedication to both the medical and military community. Dr. Price is a respected internal medicine specialist at The Medical Center of Central Georgia in Macon and is also a member of the Georgia Army National Guard. In addition, Dr. Price serves as a surgeon for the Georgia Guard's 121st Infantry Battalion.

Dr. Price has made a career of serving people and saving lives, and we all know this world needs more people who are willing to put selfishness aside and dedicate themselves to serving their community and their country. As a Member of Congress from Georgia and a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I have been fortunate to know Dr. Price and have had several opportunities to speak with him about issues facing both the Georgia Guard and America's military. His insight is always respected.

Mr. Speaker, Georgia is rich in military heritage and we have always been home to incredible leaders and public servants. Dr.

Spencer Price is one of those people. He is an outstanding American, and it is an honor to know him.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN

**HON. DEBBIE STABENOW**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 19, 2000*

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Home for Children during their 75th Anniversary Gala Celebration. The VFW National Home for Children, located in Onondaga Township in rural Ingham County, has been serving our country, our state, our families and our children for 75 years. Through the initial efforts and determination of Amy Ross, a young woman from Detroit, this unique and cherished place has grown in the last several decades to include over 70 buildings on 629 acres nicely situated on the Grand River.

The VFW National Home for Children has created an inclusive community to assist families of those who served our country who can benefit from the assistance of a caring family environment. The National Home provides a variety of structural programs to help children develop the many skills that will enable them to succeed as young adults. Each of these programs, such as family living environment for orphans, single parent programs and preschool education and day care, provide essential assistance for our veterans and their loved ones. In addition, the Home's Education Department has a library, media center and computers that allow everyone to hone useful skills in our information-age connected economy. Tutoring is provided for students as well.

Mr. Speaker, the National Home also provides a dynamic roster of extra-curricular events throughout the year. These diverse activities include trips to cultural destinations throughout the state and beyond, such as the Detroit Zoo, fishing on Lake Erie, watching hockey games in Kalamazoo, canoeing on the Grand River, cross-county skiing and spending a day at Cedar Point in Ohio.

I was proud to support the VFW National Home for Children as a state legislator, and I am proud to rise today to commend the VFW National Home for Children on their 75th anniversary. This is a milestone which highlights many decades of service and commitment to the betterment of our future leaders.

IN MEMORY OF VICKI LEE GREEN

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 19, 2000*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take this moment to recognize the life of a friend of mine, Vicki Lee Green. Vicki was a wonderful woman who was loved by many. She will be greatly missed by friends, relatives, business associates, and acquaintances.

Vicki was a Colorado native born in Palisade, Colorado on a peach farm on April 1, 1949. She was active in athletics and

cheerleading throughout her high school and college. Vicki went to Mesa State College in Grand Junction, Colorado where she met her husband Lee Green. In 1970 they were married and in 1971 they moved to Glenwood Springs where they gave birth to their daughter Tonya.

In Glenwood Springs, Vicki worked as an exercise and ski instructor at Ski Sunlight. Vicki later took a real estate class and discovered her abilities as a salesperson, leading her to become a real estate agent. Vicki went on to create the latest real estate firm in the area and soon she was recognized as one of the top realtors in Colorado. Vicki earned a strong reputation for her business ability. Along with her business affairs, she provided many contributions to the community and the local college (CML).

Vicki was very dedicated to her family: her husband Lee, her brother Bill, her daughter Tonya, and her sister-in-law Jeannie. Vicki was so proud of her daughter in that among other things Tonya decided to follow her mom's footsteps as a realtor. Vicki considered her friends as family and on any occasion would assist them as only family could.

In the very broadest of terms, Vicki was a beautiful person who showed her compassion and love in many ways. Despite a battle of many years, her disease ravaged body finally surrendered, though Vicki's mind fought the good fight until the end. Memories of Vicki will remain solidified in the minds of many, many people for years to come. Vicki will be deeply missed by those of us who were fortunate enough to know her.

FLOYD D. SPENCE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001

SPEECH OF

**HON. SILVESTRE REYES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 17, 2000*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4205) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

Mr. REYES. Mr. Chairman, I insert the following materials for the RECORD.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE,  
*Washington, DC, May 17, 2000.*

Hon. FLOYD D. SPENCE,  
*Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to Section 1027(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2000 (Public Law 106-65, Oct. 5, 1999), please find the enclosed report on the use of military personnel to support civilian law enforcement. The report addresses:

1. The plan described in Section 1027(a);
2. A discussion of the risks and benefits associated with using military personnel to support civilian law enforcement;
3. Recommendations; and
4. The total number of active and reserve members, and members of the National Guard whose activities were supported using funds provided under section 112 of Title 32,