

into comfort; and isolation into community. Because Stork Medical and Community Blood Services are helping to provide hope to our military, it is my privilege to honor these patriotic companies with this resolution. Their forward thinking and generous program makes umbilical cord blood storage affordable to all who have ever served in our military, and are thus transforming this abstract word into a tangible commodity.

With the help of Stork Medical and Community Blood Services, the depressed soldier lying in bed, recovering from war injuries, will now have the hope that stored cord blood may one day repair his or her spinal cord injury, brain trauma, or even restore an amputated limb. Hope enables a smile to appear, a laugh to become audible, and allows healing to truly begin. To be sure, hope is potent medicine.

Families of our soldiers bravely live in a perpetual state of anxiety, constantly praying for the safe return of their beloved. These families, who reluctantly send their loved ones into battle, now have the hope that if a major injury occurs, it may one day be reversible through the use of this "liquid gold." With stem cells already being used to build new fingers, bladders, noses, heart valves, and cartilage, it is more than just a "wish."

Madam Speaker, it is indeed "hope." With their proven ability to treat many leukemias and cancers, these cells, which are harvested without any injury to the baby or mother, offer protection for soldiers exposed to chemical warfare and other toxic battlefield substances. Since these cells can be used for any close family member, they also offer added protection against many of the unspoken fears that young parents harbor.

This gift is a spectacular example of patriotism in its finest form. This program is offered by private enterprise without asking for a single tax dollar. It demonstrates that everyone can play a part in defending our freedom and liberty. As our military and their families sacrifice to defend all that we hold dear, Stork Medical and Community Blood Services have put hope into action.

IN RECOGNITION OF GERALD W. FOGELSON ON HIS 75TH BIRTHDAY

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Mr. EMANUEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to wish Gerald W. Fogelson a very happy 75th birthday today.

Mr. Fogelson is the founder and CEO of the Fogelson Group and has been involved in real estate since 1955. In 2003, he was inducted into the Chicago Association of Realtors Hall of Fame for his leadership in the industry and in the community.

Mr. Fogelson's long career has been filled with many accomplishments, including being an early pioneer of planned unit development in the United States, as well as other mixed-use developments. Furthermore, Mr. Fogelson's portfolio encompasses large, diverse, and high quality ventures in several states.

Throughout his career, Mr. Fogelson worked with municipal governments for more than just real estate interests; he was committed to

working to improve his community. Mr. Fogelson is an active member of numerous charitable and philanthropic organizations, and was a cofounder of the renowned Chicago School of Real Estate at Roosevelt University.

Madam Speaker, Gerald Fogelson has been a leader in real estate and a great Chicagoan. I am proud to recognize Mr. Fogelson for his accomplishments and wish him a very happy 75th birthday with many more to come.

HONORING ADA BUDRICK CHILD CARE AND LEARNING CENTER

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ada Budrick Child Care and Learning Center, a pre-school in Boonton, New Jersey, an exceptional organization I am proud to represent! On August 28, 2008 Ada Budrick celebrated 40 years of educating young children from low-income families.

Ada Budrick is a non-profit early childhood education center, accredited by the National Association for Education of Young Children.

Ada Budrick provides an opportunity for children of low-income families to enter school on an equal footing with their peers. Its primary goals are to provide a secure, stimulating and loving atmosphere for self-discovery, and to develop feelings of self-worth and accomplishment by stressing cooperation and involvement through interactive learning.

Ada Budrick Child Care and Learning Center was founded in 1968 in the Town of Boonton by Ada Budrick, a local welfare leader. The program primarily serves low-income and single parent families of multi-cultural and multi-lingual backgrounds in Morris County, New Jersey. It has grown and changed over the years to meet the needs of this community.

Madam Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the dedicated and talented trustees and staff of Ada Budrick Child Care and Learning Center on the celebration of 40 years of providing critical educational services to the Boonton community.

CONGRATULATING DR. SUSAN COLE

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Susan Cole for her 10th year of service as president of Montclair State University. Throughout her distinguished career, as an educator, advisor, and director, Dr. Susan Cole has been a tireless advocate for all New Jersey's residents.

Dr. Cole has a long and accomplished record of service in the field of higher education, having served as the vice president for university administration and personnel at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey from 1980 to 1991. Later, Dr. Cole became president of Metropolitan State University in Min-

neapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota serving from 1993 until 1998. Dr. Cole has also served as a visiting senior fellow at the City University of New York and an associate university dean Antioch College. Governor McGreevey appointed Dr. Susan Cole his co-chair of higher education transition team and she also held this post within his cabinet. Never failing to answer the call of service, Dr. Cole has also served within the cabinets of Governor DiFrancesco and Governor Whitman. Today, as the eighth president in the history of Montclair State University, Dr. Susan Cole oversees New Jersey's fastest growing university with the utmost commitment to its continued expansion.

When Dr. Cole finds time in between her 17,000 students at Montclair State University, she continues to devote her time to serving New Jersey residents. Realizing that education doesn't end outside of the classroom, Dr. Cole serves on the board of directors for the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Liberty Science Center, and the American Council on Education. While her already mentioned accomplishments speak for themselves, Dr. Cole has also served on the boards of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, Mountainside Hospital, and the Property Tax Convention Task Force.

Not only serving New Jersey, Dr. Cole has also served the State of Minnesota. Notably, Dr. Cole has served on the boards of Twin Cities Public Television, the Saint Paul Foundation, Western Bank, and as chair of the Saint Paul Riverfront Corporation.

I would like to personally thank Dr. Susan Cole for her contributions to the State of New Jersey, and to the educational welfare for thousands of students. Again, I would like to congratulate her on her 10th year of exceptional service at Montclair State University.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 6834, TO DESIGNATE THE FACILITY OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE LOCATED AT 4 SOUTH MAIN STREET IN WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT, AS THE "CWO RICHARD R. LEE POST OFFICE BUILDING"

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleagues from Connecticut to introduce a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4 South Main Street in Wallingford, Connecticut, as the "CWO Richard R. Lee Post Office Building."

Chief Warrant Officer Richard R. Lee was born July 28, 1954, and grew up in Wallingford, Connecticut, attending local elementary schools in the Yalesville section of town. In his younger years, Rich loved to fish with his friends and his father, Earl. One of his favorite places was the Black Pond in Meriden. Rich attended Lyman Hall High School until 1971 when the growing town built a new high school. Sheehan High opened and his fondness for the water led him to join the swim team. Rich won the Regional Championship for Diving at Sheehan. He played soccer as

well and helped Sheehan High to many victories before graduating with the class of 1972.

Rich also had a love for fast cars and flying, which sent him in the direction of the military. In 1973, he enlisted in the Army, and he eventually achieved the rank "Chief Warrant Officer". Rich learned to fly a helicopter in the Army, became "Civilian Rated"-Instrument Rated and planned to continue flying when he retired.

Sadly, Rich's dream was not to be realized. He was deployed to the Middle East to fight in Operation Desert Storm and paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country on February 7, 1991. His high school classmates, Robert J. Devaney and Debra Frost Markiewicz, first approached me about naming the Wallingford Post Office in Mr. Lee's honor. This tribute to our fallen hero is supported by many public servants in Wallingford including Mayor William Dickinson, Senator Len Fasano, Councilman Robert Parisi, Postmaster Michael Schrader, and Leigh Piscitelli of the Postal Service. The post office lies in Wallingford's parade ground directly across from the town hall and veterans' monuments. To date, there is no monument in Wallingford to remember Richard Lee's sacrifice. His parents, Earl and Helen Lee, who currently reside in North Carolina, would like nothing more than to see this tribute to their son. I hope you will join me and my colleagues from the State of Connecticut in enacting this tribute to Chief Warrant Officer Richard R. Lee.

**PREVENT ALL CIGARETTE
TRAFFICKING ACT OF 2008**

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking Act of 2007, referred to as the "PACT Act," introduced by my colleague from New York, Mr. WEINER.

As we approach the seventh anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the threat from radical Islamic terrorist groups remains very real. Supporters of Hamas, Hezbollah, and al Qaeda are constantly adapting and seeking new means to further and finance their cause.

As law enforcement officials make it more difficult to raise and move money through "traditional" terror financing avenues, criminal enterprise is increasingly the life-blood of terrorist groups. Smuggling illicit cigarettes is a perfect example. This illicit activity is more than just a matter of health concern and hundreds of millions of dollars in lost tax revenue—it is a matter of national security.

An April 2008 Committee on Homeland Security Republican staff report based on numerous interviews with Federal, State, and local law enforcement officials, estimated that millions of dollars in profits generated by tight-knit, Arab-based illicit cigarette smuggling operations are being remitted to the Middle East, where these funds directly or indirectly finance groups such as Hezbollah, Hamas, and al Qaeda. The report outlined how these criminal and terrorist organizations purchase tax free

cigarettes on Indian reservations or in lower tobacco tax States, transport them to New York City, affix counterfeit tax stamps, and sell them for full retail price. A well-organized network could generate up to \$50,000 on an average load of 1,500 cartons of contraband cigarettes.

The report further found that New York State's policy of forbearance, despite a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that upheld States' rights to tax all cigarettes sold on Indian reservations to nonmembers of the tribe, has resulted in an environment where cigarette smuggling rings operate with virtual impunity.

The PACT Act aims to attack part of the problem in States such as New York. It strengthens current Federal contraband cigarette laws through increased transparency in recordkeeping, enhanced existing penalties, and increased compliance standards for Internet sellers. In addition, it provides law enforcement more resources to help close critical gaps in enforcement that will make it more difficult for criminal and terrorist organizations to exploit disparities in tobacco tax rates among States.

Another way to restrict terrorist organizations from obtaining revenue by exploiting low-cost cigarettes is for States like New York to abandon their policies of forbearance and take action to fully enforce their tax laws. By refusing to collect taxes on cigarettes sold to non-residents of Indian reservations, the State of New York is fueling a boom in illicit cigarette smuggling and inflating the profit margins of criminal and terrorist smuggling networks. Enforcing the tax laws will generate up to \$800 million in lost tax revenue while cutting off a revenue stream to those who wish to do harm to our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, while H.R. 4081 is a good first step, I look forward to working with my colleagues to strengthen this bill as it moves through the legislative process to help keep terrorists from exploiting this revenue source.

I urge my colleagues to support passage of this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, I would like the record to show that on rollcall vote 575, H.R. 6630, I inadvertently voted "yea" when I intended to vote "nay."

HONORING YVONNE LEANDER

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, it is a privilege for me to rise today and honor Mrs. Yvonne Leander as she retires from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

As a young graduate from the University of Georgia with a degree in economics in hand, Yvonne Leander began her career in public service after accepting a position as an economist in HUD's Atlanta office. After taking that

first position, Yvonne would quickly rise within the agency and take on wide ranging managerial positions that include Chief of the Management Branch in HUD's Atlanta Property Disposition Center, Community Builder in HUD's Nashville office and Field Office Director of HUD's Memphis Office.

A dedicated public servant, Yvonne has touched countless lives as she has helped many proud Americans experience the joys of becoming a homeowner for the first time. With a reputation for being an innovative leader in the community, Yvonne coordinated a national award-winning project that successfully relocated 186 very low-income families from Lane Garden Apartments in Nashville with the help of business and community partners. Throughout her time with HUD, Yvonne has consistently provided wisdom, encouragement, and counsel to many families that have found themselves experiencing difficult times.

Madam, Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to join me today in thanking Yvonne Leander for her 38 years of Government service and wishing her the best in her well-deserved retirement.

**BARRING ACCESS OF LONG-HAUL
MEXICAN TRUCKERS**

SPEECH OF

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this legislation, which will put a definite end to this Mexican truck pilot program. Quite frankly, Mr. Speaker, this program never should have begun in the first place.

Before coming to Congress, I served for 8 years as the Michigan Secretary of State, with a principal responsibility as the chief motor vehicle administrator, and I was also the Chairman of the Traffic Safety Commission. I was responsible for all the licensing in the State, including of commercial drivers and hazardous material endorsements. Given my background I had immediate concerns about how the Department of Transportation's pilot program might compromise the safety of our roads.

In Mexico, licensing requirements are very poor and fraud in their system runs rampant. In fact, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee heard in testimony from the Department of Transportation's Inspector General that 1 in 5 Mexican driving records contained an error of some kind. If we had a 20 percent error rate in the United States, we would consider it a crisis.

There are also concerns, about the insurance provisions of this program. American trucks must carry expensive insurance policies in the event they are in an accident. What happens if a Mexican truck has an accident somewhere in the U.S.? Good luck to the victims of that accident who will try to collect on damages from a company down in Mexico.

Mexican drivers are allowed to work far longer hours than American workers, resulting in widespread drug use in the profession. Presently, there is no system under which secure testing could take place so to ensure that the drivers coming into our country are drug free.