

and I insert the text of this legislation for printing in the RECORD.

H.R.—

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. CREDIT FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TRAINING PROGRAM EXPENSES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart D of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to business related credits) is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

"SEC. 45D. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TRAINING PROGRAM EXPENSES.

"(a) GENERAL RULE.—For purposes of section 38, in the case of an employer, the information technology training program credit determined under this section is an amount equal to 20 percent of information technology training program expenses paid or incurred by the taxpayer during the taxable year.

"(b) ADDITIONAL CREDIT PERCENTAGE FOR CERTAIN PROGRAMS.—The percentage under subsection (a) shall be increased by 5 percentage points for information technology training program expenses paid or incurred by the taxpayer with respect to a program operated in—

"(1) an empowerment zone or enterprise community designated under part I of subchapter U,

"(2) a school district in which at least 50 percent of the students attending schools in such district are eligible for free or reduced-cost lunches under the school lunch program established under the National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.), or

"(3) an area designated as a disaster area by the Secretary of Agriculture or by the President under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) in the taxable year or the 4 preceding taxable years.

"(c) LIMITATION.—The amount of information technology training program expenses with respect to an employee which may be taken into account under subsection (a) for the taxable year shall not exceed \$6,000.

"(d) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TRAINING PROGRAM EXPENSES.—For purposes of this section—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The term 'information technology training program expenses' means expenses paid or incurred by reason of the participation of the employer in any information technology training program.

"(2) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TRAINING PROGRAM.—The term 'information technology training program' means a program—

"(A) for the training of computer programmers, systems analysts, and computer scientists or engineers (as such occupations are defined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics),

"(B) involving a partnership of—

"(i) employers, and

"(ii) State training programs, school districts, or university systems, and

"(C) at least 50 percent of the costs of which is paid or incurred by the employers.

"(e) DENIAL OF DOUBLE BENEFIT.—No deduction or credit under any other provision of this chapter shall be allowed with respect to information technology training program expenses (determined without regard to the limitation under subsection (c)).

"(f) ALLOCATIONS.—For purposes of this section, rules similar to the rules of section 41(f)(2) shall apply."

(b) CREDIT TO BE PART OF GENERAL BUSINESS CREDIT.—Section 38(b) of such Code (relating to current year business credit) is amended by striking "plus" at the end of paragraph (11), by striking the period at the end of paragraph (12) and inserting ", plus",

and by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(13) the information technology training program credit determined under section 45D."

(c) NO CARRYBACKS.—Subsection (d) of section 39 of such Code (relating to carryback and carryforward of unused credits) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(9) NO CARRYBACK OF SECTION 45D CREDIT BEFORE EFFECTIVE DATE.—No portion of the unused business credit for any taxable year which is attributable to the information technology training program credit determined under section 45D may be carried back to a taxable year ending before the date of the enactment of section 45D."

(d) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for subpart D of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of such Code is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

"Sec. 45D. Information technology training program expenses."

(e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to amounts paid or incurred after the date of the enactment of this Act in taxable years ending after such date.

NATIONAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD NETWORK TO FREEDOM ACT OF 1998

SPEECH OF

HON. TED STRICKLAND

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 9, 1998

Mr. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to see the House of Representatives take up the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom bill. This legislation will allow the U.S. Park Service to initiate public-private partnerships in order to interpret and commemorate the many sites and stories that make up the Underground Railroad.

The spirit and history of the Underground Railroad cannot be confined in a single museum or monument or National Park. Underground Railroad sites are scattered across my district in Southern Ohio, where slaves escaped the states to the South by crossing the Ohio River into freedom. Ohio has the longest border with slave states of any other free state in the union. Many families in Southern Ohio took great risks in order to help their brothers and sisters from the South shed the shackles of slavery. Most of these people had never even met the fugitives they harbored, and never saw them again.

The Underground Railroad Network to Freedom bill will establish a national list of the sites and trails where these daring rescues took place, so that future generations can learn more about the courage and fortitude of the passengers and conductors on the Underground Railroad. I look forward to the implementation of this bill, and I would like to thank my colleagues from Ohio, Representative STOKES and Representative PORTMAN for their hard work on this important legislation.

HONORING THE WORK OF
CLIFFORD TURNER OF LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

HON. ANNE M. NORTHUP

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 1998

Mrs. NORTHUP. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize someone who has devoted his time and energy to making Louisville, Kentucky a better place to live. Pioneering one of the first high-tech multifamily developments in the United States, Clifford H. Turner has played an invaluable role for the City of Louisville. Nine years ago Clifford Turner's extraordinary vision enabled him to convert an old elementary school into forty-three apartment units. Listed as one of the top ten HUD insured multifamily housing development, this development is more than housing—it represents community living where neighbors share concerns and dreams.

Building on this success, Clifford Turner continued his vision, converting an old parking lot into an additional twenty-eight housing units. This vision will not only provide new housing opportunities, but will provide new jobs for the citizens of Louisville.

A sense of community spirit is what Clifford Turner has contributed to citizens in Louisville. Working together with local corporations, Turner is involved in a new tutorial program which will teach children, many in the African-American community, to learn how to use computers and to develop pen pals in Africa. Having friends in the community and throughout the world, Clifford Turner is truly an asset to Kentucky and the City of Louisville. His work and his dedication to children and families in Louisville is to be commended.

I hope you will join me in recognizing the great talents of Clifford H. Turner of Louisville, Kentucky.

THE SILICONE BREAST IMPLANT RESEARCH AND INFORMATION ACT

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 1998

Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, as a Member of the House Commerce Subcommittee on Health, I am committed to ensuring patients have complete and comprehensive access to information before they make a decision about a medical procedure.

I am rising today as the House sponsor of the Silicone Breast Implant Research and Information Act because I believe it is critical to the advancement of women's health and is the first step towards answering the many questions about the safety and efficacy of silicone breast implants.

By introducing this bill today, Senator BOXER and I hope to draw attention to an issue that has been either neglected or outright ignored for too long.

It is estimated that as many as two million women have received silicone breast implants over the last thirty years. Unfortunately, the information provided to these women before they elected to have silicone breast implants

has been both incomplete and even inaccurate.

Moreover, results from past studies have only raised more questions about possible negative effects that ruptured or leaking silicone breast implants may have on breast milk, connective tissue, autoimmune diseases and the accuracy of breast cancer screening tests.

Our legislation ultimately seeks to change this by focusing on three critical points—information, research, and communication.

First, and in my opinion most importantly, this bill will ensure that information sent to women about silicone breast implants contains the most up to date and accurate information available.

Current information packets sent to women do not accurately describe some of the potential risks of silicone breast implants. While recent studies by the Institute of Medicine indicate the rupture rate may be as high as 70 percent, information sent to women suggests the rupture rate is only 1 percent.

Second, this bill encourages the director of the National Institutes of Health to expand existing research projects and clinical trials. Doing so will compliment past and existing studies and will hopefully clear up much of the confusion surrounding the safety and efficacy of silicone breast implants.

Finally, this bill establishes an open line of communication between federal agencies, researchers, the public health community and patient and breast cancer advocates.

Women, especially breast cancer patients, want and deserve full and open access to silicone breast implants. Therefore, it is critical that these products are safe and effective, and that women are provided complete and frequently updated information about the health risks and benefits of silicone breast implants.

While I unequivocally support a woman's right to choose to use silicone breast implants, I believe we have a responsibility to support research efforts that will provide the maximum amount of information and understanding about these products. I hope each of you join me in support of this important legislation.

TRIBUTE TO FOOTHILL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 1998

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, one of the things that makes America great is the dedication and commitment of many individuals throughout our country who participate in organizations to promote the well being of their community. The Foothill Parent Teacher Association is one of those commendable organizations.

The Foothill PTA represents Foothill Elementary School located in Corona, California. In order to provide an environment of quality programs and a high level of parental involvement, the Home-School Communications project was implemented. One of the purposes of this program is to provide weekly communication between home and school. Once a week each student is sent home with a packet of information, which the parent signs off on when received, allowing continual communication between home and school. The Foothill

PTA also sends out a newsletter every month, which includes a calendar of upcoming events and encourages parents and students to participate. Finally, the program offers up-to-date information to all parents by providing a 24-hour PTA Information Hot Line and a PTA web page on the Internet. It is important to acknowledge that the Home-School Communications project would not be possible without the volunteers who actively participate in the PTA.

This outstanding program should be applauded for the positive results it has brought to Foothill Elementary School. Since the commencement of the Home-School Communications project there has been an overall increase in parental involvement in school activities. There has been 99 percent participation at parent-teacher conferences and an increase of 110 percent in PTA membership, and it has brought a sense of togetherness and satisfaction to the parents, teachers, and office staff. There also has been an increase in attendance at school events, including the Halloween Carnival and the First Annual Reflections Awards Night.

All this effort and dedication by the members of the PTA has not gone unrecognized. The Foothill PTA received the California State PTA Advocates for Children Award in 1995 and the Outstanding Unit for California and Creative Membership Awards in 1997. In 1998, the Foothill PTA won Outstanding Unit for California and National PTA Outstanding Unit. Also, the Foothill PTA has been recognized as an Outstanding Unit at the council level for the last 4 years.

I want to thank the Foothill PTA for all their hard work and dedication to the children in our community. I am proud to have an organization like the Foothill PTA in my district. I encourage Foothill PTA members to continue with their involvement and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO SISTER JOHN NORTON BARRETT, O.P.

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 1998

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great pleasure to honor Sister John Norton Barrett, who is celebrating her 50th anniversary as an Adrian Dominican sister.

Through her faith, dedication and service, Sister John Norton has become one of the pillars of South Florida. She is widely recognized in our community for her dedication to excellence and her achievements in education.

In 1948, when Sister John Norton entered the Adrian Dominican Congregation, she had a heartfelt passion to serve the Church and the community through education. She graduated from Siena Heights College and later continued her studies at Barry University where she received a Master's Degree in Administration and Supervision.

She began her teaching at St. Mary's Elementary School in 1949 and by 1957 was principal of St. Matthew's School in Jacksonville. In 1963, she moved down to Miami Beach as principal of St. Patrick's High School.

In 1966 Sister John Norton joined the faculty of St. Thomas Aquinas High School. She

served at St. Thomas for over thirty years as mathematics teacher, vice principal and principal. After her retirement, she continued her work for St. Thomas as director of the Development Office. Her tireless efforts and strong leadership have made St. Thomas Aquinas High School one of the top Catholic schools in the nation. The many awards and achievements for St. Thomas include the U.S. Department of Education Exemplary School Award as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence for both 1985 and 1996. This year, alone, the high school boasts 21 National Merit Semifinalists and 26 Commended Students.

One of Sister John's most significant contributions to our community was the establishment of a community service program for St. Thomas Aquinas' students. This program, with the enthusiastic support of the students, requires that students dedicate 20 hours of service to needs in our community. As a result of this program, tens of thousands of service hours are given to the Broward County community each year.

Personally, Sister John Norton has been awarded the Primus Regnum Dei Ward from the Archdiocese of Miami in honor of her devoted service to the Lord and his Church. She has also received the Silver Medallion Brotherhood Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews for her efforts in encouraging good human relations among all people.

Mr. Speaker, throughout the United States there are unfortunately too few individuals who dedicate their lives to education and community service. For fifty years, Sister John Norton has worked tirelessly for these causes, and we in South Florida are truly grateful. I am sure I speak for all my colleagues in congratulating Sister John Norton Barrett as she celebrates her golden jubilee as an Adrian Dominican sister.

INDEPENDENT COUNSEL STARR ADDRESSES THE MECKLENBERG COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 10, 1998

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I enter into the RECORD the following transcript of a speech made by Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr to the Mecklenberg County Bar Association in Charlotte, NC on June 1, 1998.

REMARKS BY WHITEWATER INDEPENDENT COUNSEL KENNETH STARR AT MECKLENBURG BAR FOUNDATION, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Mr. STARR: Thank you very much. Thank you, Bill. It is a great pleasure to be here among a number of friends and new friends, in this great and very dynamic city, building upon a rich tradition of wonderful lawyers, some of whom have graced the leading courts in the country, including the Supreme Court of the United States. So thank you for your very kind invitation.

And let me also say at the outset how grateful I am to the sponsors for directing the very generous gift to the Burger Library Project at the College of William and Mary. I was privileged to serve as a law clerk to the late chief justice, and this, as you might imagine, for those who have been privileged to serve as law clerks for federal judges, is a labor of love when one is given the opportunity to be supportive in some way or another of a project that one knows that—as