

passed provision is both illconceived and contrary to the spirit of promoting home ownership.

Under current law, Ginnie Mae guarantees payments to investors if mortgage servicers are unable to make the scheduled payments. In turn, the mortgage servicers are charged a present guaranty fee of six basis points.

This Member is opposed to a three basis point increase in the Ginnie Mae guaranty fee for the following two reasons.

No. 1. The cost of a three basis point increase will likely be passed in part to the homebuyer.

This provision in the H.R. 6 Conference Report will increase the costs of a mortgage servicer to lend. While some of this increase in basis points will likely be borne by the mortgage servicer, it is inevitable that some of this increase will be passed to the homebuyer as an unnecessary tax for buying a home. This Member is opposed to passing on such avoidable costs to the homebuyer.

No. 2. The Senate had earlier rejected an increase in basis points for the Ginnie Mae guaranty fee.

On July 17, 1998, the Senate in considering the fiscal year 1999 VA/HUD appropriations bill, tabled the Nickles Amendment by a 69–27 vote. The Nickles Amendment would have increased the Ginnie Mae guaranty fee by six basis points. The VA/HUD appropriations bill appears to be a more suitable forum for debate and consideration of such a guaranty fee increase than in H.R. 6 Conference Report.

In closing, this Member opposes the provision in the H.R. 6 Conference Report which increases the Ginnie Mae guaranty fee by three basis points.

HONORING SAINT THOMAS EPISCOPAL SCHOOL'S PIPE BAND

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 1998

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Saint Thomas Episcopal School's Pipe Band in Houston, Texas, winners this summer of the World Championship Bagpipe competition in Glasgow, Scotland.

St. Thomas's Episcopal School is a private parochial school located in Houston. Founded in 1955, it has an enrollment of more than 675 students in grades K–12. St. Thomas' Pipe Band is just one example of the school's commitment to producing world class students and citizens.

In August, Saint Thomas Episcopal School's Pipe Band won five championships in Canada and Scotland: the North American Championship, the North Berwick Championship, the World Juvenile Championship, the Rothesay Championship, and the Cowal Pipe Band Championship. No American pipe band has won so many international championships in such a short time. That a group of 30 schoolboys from Texas achieved this feat is remarkable. This is the third time that Saint Thomas' Pipe Band has won a world championship, the most for any American band.

Band director Michael Cusack had band members practicing three times a week for several months before the trip. By the time they got to Scotland they were playing so well

that they decided to compete against semi-professional bands in Grade II at the Rothesay Highland games after winning the juvenile division. They placed second overall and first in drumming.

At the World Pipe Band Championships, the band dedicated its performance to retiring headmaster Henry L. Walters, Jr. Mr. Walters has been headmaster since 1964 and was instrumental in promoting this program. For a short time, he even taught drumming.

Mr. Speaker, against overwhelming odds these young men distinguished themselves not only by their outstanding performance, but by their example to others in their school and community. Every day, we fight the battle to keep music and the arts viable and funding for our schools at a level which permits such achievements. These young people are an example of what can be accomplished when the necessary support is present. It is up to many of us in this body to ensure that all our children have the opportunity to achieve their dreams.

To the students I say congratulations for an outstanding tour. To their families, teachers, friends and classmates, I say thank you for supporting these young men with your love, guidance and, friendship. We all make a difference.

THE ANDREI SAKHAROV MUSEUM

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 1998

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, we have heard a lot of discouraging news from Russia of late. We are told that the Russian economy is at a dead end, the currency is collapsing, political reform is stalled, and the military is deteriorating to a dangerous point. Moreover, it appears that a good deal of the money that the U.S. Government has extended to Russia through grants or loans has been—at best—ineffective.

Nevertheless, I would like to point out one small project where I believe U.S. contributions have been wisely used and appreciated in Russia. I am referring to the Andrei Sakharov Museum and Public Center in Moscow, named in memory of the distinguished human rights activist of the Soviet era. The museum was established through the efforts of the late Dr. Sakharov's wife and fellow human rights activist, Dr. Elena Bonner, along with many other friends of freedom. The museum director is Yuri Samodurov.

The U.S. Government, through the Agency for International Development, has been providing financial assistance to this worthwhile project. Naturally, the museum management has been seeking domestic funding and would like to be self-sufficient in the future.

When I visited the museum in January of this year, Mr. Chairman, I was very impressed by the layout and the thoughtfulness of the exhibits. There are permanent sections dedicated to the Bolshevik Revolution, political prisoners, and "perestroika," as well as temporary exhibits devoted to human rights issues currently facing Russia. The library contains a wide collection of human rights publications, dissident literature, and of course, the works of Dr. Sakharov himself. The museum has

also become a major venue for important conferences on human rights and the humanitarian dimension.

This is one area where I believe our foreign assistance has played, and I trust will continue to play, an important role in assisting our friends in Russia to promote and further the cause of rule of law and civil society.

IN HONOR OF THE ORCHARD CIVIC ASSOCIATION

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my best wishes to the Orchard Civic Association of Cleveland, Ohio, as they celebrate their 40th anniversary in the 71st Harvard area. Throughout the years, this organization has been dedicated to diligent community service in their neighborhood.

The mission of the Orchard Civic Association consists of informing residents about neighborhood issues and new information concerning the 71st Harvard area, working with the Councilman to resolve neighborhood concerns, as well as learning and becoming well-informed about the City of Cleveland. The Association has been gathering at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church to hold interesting and newsworthy meetings, often highlighted by a speech from Councilman Edward Rybka.

The Association's hard work and determination clearly shows through their numerous accomplishments. The group has ensured that the United Parcel Service expansions were compatible with the surrounding neighborhood, addressed concerns about truck traffic, pushed for poorly maintained housing to be brought up to code, as well as worked with the Councilman to renovate homes and build new ones. They have also worked to reduce crime and increase the number of police officers in the neighborhood and joined with the Warner Turney neighborhood to get the Harvard Refuse Landfill closed for all dumping, except building debris.

With all their success, the future of this organization looks promising. Their future goals will focus on plans to tackle absentee landlords, get housing code enforcement, and continue to address local issues.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring Cleveland's Orchard Civic Association on 40 years of exceptional service in their neighborhood. Their dedication has brought substantial changes to the 71st Harvard area and its residents. I would like to extend them my best wishes for their future work.

A TRIBUTE TO STANLEY J. DAILY

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 1998

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a native son of my district, a man who kept true to his roots and served his country and community with distinction.

Stanley J. Daily will step down soon from the Camarillo City Council, a post he has held

since the city's founding in 1964. He holds the record as the longest-serving member of the City Council. He served six years as mayor and eight years as vice mayor during his distinguished tenure. As impressive as this is, it is only a small part of the unselfish service that the son of Frank and Frances Daily and the grandson of Ventura County pioneer W.P. Daily has shown to his community.

Mr. Daily has served as a commissioner of the Local Agency Formation Commission and as a director of the Ventura Regional Sanitation District. He was an elected commissioner for 18 years of the Port Hueneme, Oxnard Harbor District. He also served as president of the international body, the Pacific Coast Association of Port Authorities, which is composed of all the west coast ports of Canada and the United States, including Hawaii and Guam. He also served as a member of the executive committee on the Ventura County Association of Governments and has been a member and chair of the Camarillo Sanitary District.

In addition, Mr. Daily is a founding member and past chairman of the Ventura County Council of Governments, chaired the Cities Select Committee and served on the Regional Council of Southern California Association of Governments.

And, that's not all. In his spare time, Mr. Daily is an active member of the Pleasant Valley Lions Club and the Noontime Optimist Club of Camarillo, both of which are active in assisting our youth. He served as a board member on the Ventura County Council of the Navy League of the United States and is a charter member and parliamentarian of the Pleasant Valley Historical Society and Museum. He was also a longtime board member of the Port Hueneme Boys & Girls Club.

The former U.S. Army officer graduated cum laude from the University of California, Santa Barbara, where he also earned his General Secondary Credential for graduate work in history. In 1960, he became a teacher in the Oxnard Union High School District, where he served as department chairman of the Social Science Department and Director of Activities for about 35 years.

Mr. Daily also found time to be a family man. He and Liz have been married for more than four decades and has raised four sons, all of whom are now married as well. Stan and Liz are blessed as well with seven grandchildren.

As one might expect, Mr. Daily has won numerous local and statewide awards and recognitions for his service to his community and his profession. I add my voice to those who have praised Mr. Daily over the years, thank him for his enormous service, and wish him godspeed in this retirement years.

THE DEL RIO FLOOD HEROES

HON. HENRY BONILLA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 1998

Mr. BONILLA. Mr. Speaker, on August 23, 1998, the residents of Del Rio and other Texas border communities were hit with a devastating flood caused by Tropical Storm Charley. Nine people lost their lives. Five people are still missing. Over 600 families lost their homes and all their worldly possessions.

The entire area lost a notion of security that can never be recovered. The town will never be the same. Perhaps the only good to come from this tragic situation is the story of a ravaged community coming together to rebuild lives.

In this story four true heroes took the lead to restore peace and harmony in the grief-stricken town. Department of Public Safety Troopers, Joe Frank Martinez, Jimmy Granato and Robert "Cinco" Clark and Judge Dorothy Weddle emerged as heroes that set an example for us all. From the moment the realization of disaster hit, these four took the lead in the search for the missing persons. They went above and beyond the call of duty, working days and nights for two weeks straight—all for the unselfish purpose of helping families reunite with lost ones.

Officers Martinez, Granato and Clark started with a list of approximately 267 missing persons and used every resource available to track down these people. After poring over phone books utility bills, social security and drivers' license records, these dedicated officers went from door to door in their diligent search for the missing. Through their tireless efforts, these men were able to reduce the missing people list from 267 to five. Had it not been for their initiative, the missing list would not be down to what it is today.

Unfortunately, the search did not always end with a joyous reunion. All too often, the hunt ended with yet another casualty added to the death toll. Judge Dorothy Weddle notified and comforted families of the deceased so they could focus on more important things than bureaucratic procedures. She provided support to families when they needed it most.

I would like to commend these four people for their leadership, their dedication, and most of all, their tireless efforts to help others. Their endeavors will always be remembered by those whose lives they touched and by those families they helped to reunite. They helped to restore harmony to a town wracked by disaster.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF CONGREGATION AHAVATH ACHIM

HON. SAM GEJDENSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 1998

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an extraordinary community in my district. This year the Congregation Ahavath Achim celebrates its Centennial Anniversary.

As a motto for the Centennial celebration, the Congregation chose the phrase "Rooted in the past, reaching for the future." Nothing could better capture the spirit of what this anniversary is about more than that. An anniversary ceremony is not only about remembering the past, but about taking the lessons of the past and looking toward the future.

In a century that has been marred by Eastern European pogroms, two world wars, the occupation of the land of Israel, intolerance and a continuous struggle to exercise a basic human right—the freedom of worship—this community has endured and grown stronger. Congregation Ahavath Achim has provided Jews in eastern Connecticut with a home and

a center to celebrate their cultural and historic traditions.

The Congregation and its Synagogue have a storied history. The first meetings in 1898 were held in the home of Mr. Hirsch Cohen with High Holiday Services taking place in Colchester's Grange Hall. Four years later, in 1902, the Congregation bought a house on Windham Avenue and converted it into its first Synagogue. A new Synagogue was built on Lebanon Avenue in 1913. The Ahavath Achim Synagogue was rebuilt in 1960, just next to the 1913 site.

As I stated in a recent letter to the Congregation, much has changed over the past 100 years. The Synagogue has been rebuilt. The community is much larger and men and women now sit together during services. The state of Israel has gone from being a dream to a reality. However, much has stayed the same, as bar and bat mitzvahs, weddings and holidays still bring the community together. People continue to join together in faith to celebrate the great milestones of life.

And so, Mr. Speaker, I offer my most sincere congratulations to Congregation Ahavath Achim. One hundred years together as a community is an important milestone. I join the community in looking forward to the next 100 years.

CITY OF MANITOWOC HONORS SLAIN POLICE OFFICER

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 1998

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, this past Monday, September 28th, more than 700 law enforcement officers from throughout Wisconsin and the Midwest gathered at First Reformed Church in Oostburg, Wisconsin to pay their respects to police officer Dale Ten Haken.

Officer Ten Haken, a member of the Manitowoc, Wisconsin police force, was shot to death on the evening of September 23rd during a seemingly routine traffic investigation. A five-year veteran of the Manitowoc Police Department, Dale was a dedicated public servant who loved police work, the career he had chosen as had his father and two brothers before him. Dale was 27 years old, and was engaged to be married in a few months.

The sorrow shown by the officers who came together to honor Dale as one of their own is shared by the people of Wisconsin and especially by the citizens of Manitowoc whom he served. Because Dale's death was the result of a senseless, unprovoked and unnecessary attack, the people's grief is compounded by a sense of anger and bewilderment.

Officer Ten Haken had stopped four teenagers to investigate why the car they were driving had no license plates and the headlights were not turned on. As he called for another officer to assist him, he was shot three times in the back. Although formal charges will not be filed until next week, it appears the two 17-year old suspects feared a return to the local judicial system. Both have prior police records and were currently wanted for bail and probation violations.

In Manitowoc, an official period of mourning continues until Saturday morning, October 3rd, when a public memorial service for Dale Ten