

appropriate, modify existing regulations or prescribe new regulations for purposes of preventing money laundering and related financial crimes. On June 25, 1998, the distinguished Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Mr. Billey, wrote me to express the concern that "such a broad mandate could be interpreted to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to review enforcement actions under the Federal securities laws or to modify regulations promulgated pursuant to the Federal securities laws, or to grant the Secretary of the Treasury new or additional authority to prescribe regulations applicable to entities that are regulated pursuant to the Federal securities laws."

In response, I hereby affirm that it is not the Banking Committee's intent for the language in Section 2 to grant the Secretary of the Treasury any new or additional authority over entities that are regulated pursuant to the Federal securities laws, or to require or encourage the Secretary of the Treasury to review enforcement actions under the Federal securities laws or to modify, or recommend the modification of, regulations promulgated under the Federal securities laws.

#### TRIBUTE TO MARK BERRY

#### HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, October 10, 1998*

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great American. Mark Berry is the kind of man that has made this country the great Nation it is today. He works hard, plays by the rules, and asks only to be given a chance.

Mark is a man who started literally from scratch, with little more than the great heritage we share, and built a nice farm and agribusiness. He is a leader in his Church, community, and his profession that he loves so. His accomplishments also include bringing three wonderful children into the world and raising them to be successful adults and productive citizens. Their heritage will be his good name.

He is the kind of man that always does much more than his share when there is a need. He never asks, "Do I owe it to them?" only "Do they need my help?" His generosity knows no bounds.

He follows the tradition of his father in teaching generations of young people how to hunt and fish and is much beloved because of this. His skills in this area are considerable partly because he assigns a high priority to pursuing this avocation. He is the kind of man that a mother and father will look upon and say "He is my son and I am so proud of him." Lloyd and Eleanor Berry, I am sure, absolutely burst with pride today.

His community of Bayou Meto has benefited from his service for all of his years and this world is a better place because he is here.

Mark and I have been associated in business for all our adult lives and have never had a cross word.

It is my good fortune for him to be my brother whom I love dearly.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE GERALD SOLOMON (R-NY)

SPEECH OF

#### HON. FLOYD SPENCE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 6, 1998*

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great sense of personal pleasure that I join in this tribute to a truly exceptional Member of Congress, United States Marine, and American patriot, the gentleman from New York, JERRY SOLOMON. After 20 years of dedicated service in Congress, JERRY has chosen to retire for a truly honorable and understandable cause—to spend more time with his beloved family.

As a friend, colleague and longtime fan, I find it difficult to find the words to properly express the many contributions JERRY has made to his country, the military and this institution. JERRY served as a United States Marine during the Korean War. His military service marked the beginning of a lifetime of service and commitment to a strong national defense and to the welfare of our armed forces. Whenever and wherever there was a debate or a reason for this House to act to protect or advance the cause of American national security, you could always count on finding JERRY SOLOMON in the thick of it, fiercely determined and dedicated to ensuring we not sacrifice or place in danger our most precious commodities—our freedom and liberty in a dangerous world.

I can state without equivocation that there has been no greater advocate for the brave men and women in uniform who stand at the ready to protect the freedoms that we enjoy. Whether fighting to protect veterans benefits, the integrity of the selective service or adequate resources for our military, JERRY has always worked to ensure that the Congress fulfills its greatest Constitutional duty—to provide for the defense of this nation.

As the Chairman of the House National Security Committee, I have been particularly blessed to be able to turn to Chairman JERRY SOLOMON for the past four years for help and guidance in bringing the annual national defense authorization bills before the Rules Committee and the House floor. Our Committee's record of success on the House floor can be largely attributed to JERRY's tireless commitment to a fair and open process coupled with an unmatched devotion to our American men and women in uniform and commitment to maintain a strong defense.

These efforts have been particularly important in a time when most Americans take today's economic prosperity and relative global peace for granted. JERRY has always recognized the important role that a strong U.S. military plays in maintaining America's global leadership. He truly understands that the end of the Cold War was not the end of a dangerous world. Indeed, the end of the Soviet Union meant only that the many threats to U.S. national security, including regional unrest, terrorism, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and ethnic violence, would no longer be contained by the Cold War.

JERRY's departure from this House will be a loss to this nation. He will leave behind a huge and difficult gap to fill in the contingent of members dedicated to the honorable but increasingly frustrating cause to halt the further erosion of U.S. military capability. However,

his leadership, his dedication and his tireless efforts toward this cause will continue to serve as an inspiration to those of us left behind.

I wish to offer my very best wishes to JERRY and his wife, Frieda, and their family as he pursues what I am sure will be another distinguished career in the years ahead. I personally will miss his friendship and guidance, but I know that this fighting spirit will remain in this chamber long after his departure. As a fellow former member of the maritime services, I offer JERRY the traditional navy fond farewell—"Fair Winds and Following Seas!"

#### CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 2206, COATS HUMAN SERVICES REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1998

SPEECH OF

#### HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 8, 1998*

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for the Conference Report on Coats Human Services Reauthorization Act because its good for our working families and good for our children.

The Conference Report reauthorizes the Head Start, Community Services Block Grant, and Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program through Fiscal Year 2003.

The purpose of this legislation is to promote school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of low-income children, to low-income children and their families, of health, educational, nutritional, social, and other services based on a families needs.

The Conference Report will provide assistance to States and local communities, working through a network of community action agencies and other neighborhood-based organizations, for the reduction of poverty, the revitalization of low-income communities, an the empowerment of low-income families and individuals in rural and urban areas to become fully self-sufficient. In addition, this legislation will strengthen a community ability for planning and coordinating the use of a broad range of Federal, State, local, and other assistance related to the elimination of poverty, so that this assistance provided for in this report can be used in a manner responsive to local needs.

The development and implementation of these programs designated to serve low-income communities and groups with the maximum feasible participation of residents of the communities and members of the groups served, so as to best stimulate and take full advantage of capabilities for self-advancement and assure that the programs are otherwise meaningful to the intended beneficiaries of the programs.

#### IN MEMORY OF VENTURA AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S FALLEN OFFICERS

#### HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, October 10, 1998*

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to seven law enforcement officers

who have fallen in the line of duty over the past twenty-two months.

Police officers undertake a solemn oath to protect and serve their fellow citizens and, if necessary, sacrifice their lives to fulfill this duty. The following seven brave individuals—Officer Charles Andrew Lazzaretto, Officer Van Derrick Johnson, Deputy Sheriff Shayne Daniel York, Deputy Sheriff Michael Lee Hoenig, Police Officer Steven Gerald Gajda, Officer Filbert Cuesta, and Ventura County Senior Deputy Lisa D. Whitney—have paid the ultimate price for the preservation of public safety and civility in the cities of my district.

Selflessly, they dedicated their lives to protecting others and serving our communities. Like their colleagues across the country, they carried out their duties each day with courage and honor. Without trepidation, they confronted the dangers inherent in their line of work and ultimately gave their lives in the service of our community. To these brave souls we extend our gratitude. To their families, we extend our most heartfelt sympathies and appreciation. Their memories will linger in our hearts. Their sacrifices have not been in vain.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join me in remembering these seven members of the law enforcement community who, like so many others before them, have given their lives to protect others, doing so with unrivaled courage, valor, and honor.

#### COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF PEAPACK REFORMED CHURCH

#### HON. MICHAEL PAPPAS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, October 10, 1998*

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the congregation of Peapack Reformed Church as they celebrate their 150th anniversary.

The church is part of the Dutch Reformed Church in the U.S.A., the oldest Protestant denomination in this country founded when the Dutch settled in New Amsterdam. Peapack Reformed Church originally met in meeting houses throughout the Peapack-Gladstone area until they built and moved into their present church building.

The congregation is a small, close-knit community, dedicated to each other as well as to those in their surrounding area. They have an annual, "Community Day," a day when the honor the people of the Peapack-Gladstone community-at-large. The day features historical tours, a barbeque and events for the children of the community. The church also hosts two events every year in order to raise money for the Central New Jersey Visiting Nurses Association.

I wish to congratulate the congregation of Peapack Reformed Church for 150 years of serving the cause of Christ in central New Jersey. It is my honor to have this church within the borders of the twelfth congressional district and I wish them well in their desire to continue for another 150 years.

#### AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER SUFFICIENT GROUNDS EXIST FOR THE IMPEACHMENT OF WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

#### HON. DEBBIE STABENOW

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 8, 1998*

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, today, Members of the United States House of Representatives will make a critical decision affecting the lives of the people we represent. Men and women, young and old, who work hard every day and care about their families want us to deal with President Clinton's irresponsible behavior and lack of truthfulness in a fair and responsible manner. And, they want us to do so as quickly as possible so that we can return to the important issues affecting their families. They also want us to rise above partisan self-interest and do what's best for the country—not as Democrats and Republicans, but as Americans.

I am deeply concerned that this Congress will not meet that test today. We have two proposals before us. The question is not whether or not to proceed, but how to proceed. One proposal gives us the opportunity to come together in a bipartisan way and vote to begin an inquiry into impeachment on the issues raised in the Starr Report, and to bring this inquiry to conclusion by the end of this year.

The Republican alternative is an open-ended, unchecked process that could continue throughout the next Congress with no requirement to limit its focus on the issues formally presented by the Special Prosecutor. In all good conscience, I cannot endorse this process since I sincerely do not believe it is in our nation's best interest. It is not in the interests of the families I represent to put our country in suspended animation for months and months when we have the ability to bring this to a responsible conclusion this year.

I, therefore, intend to support the proposal to proceed with an impeachment inquiry with a deadline of December 31, 1998. This motions allows an extension of the deadline if an extension is supported by the evidence. But, most importantly, the proposal I support does not allow millions of dollars and hours to be spent without any accountability for timely results.

I believe the American people deserve no less from us. We must address this crisis fairly and responsibly and get back to the people's business. I implore my Republican colleagues to join us and to join America in a process of which we can all be proud.

#### AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER SUFFICIENT GROUNDS EXIST FOR THE IMPEACHMENT OF WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

#### HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 8, 1998*

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, throughout this whole unseemly matter, I have tried desperately to cling to the dignity of the instruction of the Constitution to guide my actions. I have carefully weighed the evidence we have seen so far: the Referral from the Office of Independent Counsel (OIC), the President's taped testimony, and the reams of evidence in support of the OIC Referral. As a grand juror in this process, evaluating the evidence carefully, and privately, is consistent with my constitutional role.

Today, the House allows the Judiciary Committee to move forward on the investigatory phase of the impeachment process. We are not voting on impeachment; that is the duty of the Senate. We are not quite yet to the actual grand jury phase of this process; we are at the point where Congress' prosecutors and investigators are asking to complete that part of the Constitutional obligation. My vote today is based on only what the OIC has referred to us.

It is important to complete the process. We should be fair. We have yet to see witnesses deposed or cross-examined, nor weighed additional evidence. Today the House has a choice, to investigate only what the OIC referred to us and be finished by the end of the year, or to continue the steady drumbeat of those things already investigated by the FBI, the OIC and the Congress. There is no need for such a shotgun approach.

Today's vote is in deference to the Constitution. No one will report this, but that Constitutional deference should be the single most important point made in analyzing Democratic votes on either plan to continue the investigation. The House vote to analyze, for those who wish to do that, is the next full House vote; that will speak to the actual question of impeachment.

My votes today, for democratic alternative and in opposition to the Republican plan, are an indication that what we have received from OIC may be sufficient for the inquiry. Again, remember, this was not a vote on the question of impeachment, it is a vote for the HJC to proceed with the inquiry. The next possible action by the House will be any action we may take on actually referring articles of impeachment to the Senate. The final question of impeachment rests with the Senate.

#### MEDICAL OPTICAL SIGNAL PROCESSOR

#### HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, October 10, 1998*

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to a new technology called the