Agency's Texas Academic Achievement Scores (TAAS) test. These tests in Texas gauge our children's progress in learning, as well as the progress by school boards to incorporate various teaching techniques into the curriculum.

The first year I went there, I urged them to do well on their TAAS tests, telling them if they did well, I would come back to urge them on for the next year. They did well, and I went back the next year. It has become a matter of habit for us now, Villareal Elementary scoring high on their TAAS, and their local congressman coming back to shout bravo for their efforts.

Perhaps it will be helpful to explain why this school district does so well academically. This is a school district with a creative and energetic leader, Dr. Eliseo Ruiz, the superintendent of LFCISD, who attributes the high academic achievements to "purposely setting some very high goals."

Dr. Ruiz was named one of 10 "exemplary superintendents" in Texas, and the school district itself ranked fourth in the state in the education of Hispanics, according to research by Texas A&M University. According to Dr. Ruiz, the stars began to line up for the school district about four years ago when they began aligning curriculum, establishing timelines and monitoring benchmarks.

He insists that a greater parental involvement was the key to the schools' collective success. Each school requires a parents' fair at the beginning of the year, followed by various keynote speakers to parents about how to work with children in learning responsibility. Once again, we have an example of what really works in our nation's schools . . . parental involvement from the beginning to the end.

While Congress labors mightily today to complete our work for the year, be aware of the fact that there is a school which very much wanted their congressman to see them today. For the RECORD, their congressman wants very much to see them today; they never fail to move me and inspire me.

AUTOMOBILE NATIONAL HERITAGE ACT OF 1998

SPEECH OF HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, October 10, 1998

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Representative HANSEN for bringing this legislation before the House for consideration. I am deeply grateful for his support and the work he has done on H.R. 3910.

The industrial, cultural, and natural heritage legacies of Michigan's automobile industry are nationally significant; they have made this a greater country. In cities across Michigan, such as Detroit, Dearborn, Flint, Kalamazoo, Lansing, and Saginaw, the automobile was designed and manufactured and in turn helped establish and expand the United States as an industrial power. The industrial strength of automobile manufacturing was vital to defending freedom and democracy in two world wars and fueled our economic growth in the modern era.

Automobile heritage is more than the assembly lines and engineering rooms where cars were created and built. Turning a vision into a reality, the story of the automobile is a tale of hard work and growth. It is the shared history of millions of Americans who fought, during the labor movement, for good wages and benefits. This industry shaped 20th Century America like no other; it is the quintessential American story. It is a story worth celebrating and sharing.

The end product of all this hard work and cooperation, the Automobile National Heritage Area. creates something special and lasting both for Michigan and America. Again, I thank my colleague from Utah, Representative HAN-SEN, along with Chairman DON YOUNG. The gentleman from Utah has done a superb job, and I salute him. I say to my colleagues from both sides of the aisle, and from all regions of America, that the Automobile National Heritage Area will enormously benefit the people of the 16th District in the State of Michigan and those who work in and are dependent upon the auto industry. This area is very, very important to us in Michigan in terms of remembering our history, who we are, and what we have done to build America.

But all these efforts in Washington would not have come about if not for the years of planning by educators, local officials, and business leaders to bring together-in one package-a way to preserve this story. These local, grassroots efforts have been supported by many organizations in Michigan, including our major automobile manufacturers. labor organizations, businesses, towns and cities, chambers of commerce, and elected officials from both parties. There are too many individuals to thank today. But I would like to extend my gratitude to Ed Bagale of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, Steve Hamp of the Henry Ford Museum, Sandra Clark of the State of Michigan, Maud Lyon of the Detroit Historical Museum, Bill Chapin, and Barbara Nelson-Jameson of the National Parks Service.

I urge my colleagues to support the rich history and tradition of the automobile. Support this unique American story. Support H.R. 3910.

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SPEECH OF

HON. TOM BLILEY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 12, 1998***SHD***Clarification of Provisions of H.R. 2281 Relating to Stock Market Data

Mr. BLILEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to correct a clerical error that resulted in the omission of an important portion of my statement of August 4, 1998 in support of H.R. 2281.

In my statement, I had included clarification of certain portions of the legislation that provide for the protection of electronic databases, specifically with respect to entities that collect and disseminate information about our stock markets.

I supported this legislation because my good friend, Chairman HYDE of the Judiciary Committee, agreed to my request to include provisions that ensure that the protections provided in the Act in no way undermine or affect the provisions of the Federal securities laws relating to the collection and dissemination of information about the stock market.

Section 11A of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, and the rules promulgated thereunder, charge the Securities and Exchange Commission with the duty to assure the prompt, accurate, reliable and fair collection, processing, distribution, and publication of information about stock quotes and transactions. The ability and extent to which self-regulatory organizations such as stock exchanges may collect fees for the dissemination of this information is subject to the approval of the Commission. Pursuant to this authority, the Commission has, in the past, approved of fees charged for stock market quotations by selfregulatory organizations such as stock exchanges, which have used these fees to fund the collection and distribution of market data pursuant to the requirements of the Exchange Act, among other activities.

Similarly, pursuant to the authority granted it under Section 11A of the Exchange Act, the Commission may, in the future, reexamine the fee structure associated with the dissemination of market data to better serve the public interest, protect investors, and promote efficiency, competition, and capital formation. The legislation explicitly preserves the ability of the Commission to take such action, with respect to both real-time and delayed data. In this regard, I wish to emphasize that this legislation does not create a property right in either realtime or delayed market data for self regulatory organizations, and preserves the full and complete authority of the Commission over the ways in which stock market data is collected and disseminated.

This is critical because some experts have described stock quotation information as being "as necessary as oxygen" to investors, especially as investors turn more and more frequently to their computers to invest on-line.

As the Internet and electronic communication make it increasingly easier for investors to seek out information about the marketplace and participate in our stock markets, we must ensure that these technological advances provide maximum access to information for investors, consistent with the competitive and efficient functioning of our marketplace.

In this regard, I intend to continue the Committee's vigorous oversight of this important area to ensure that the Commission is using its authority under the Exchange Act to ensure that fees that are charged for market data neither hamper the development of the most efficient means for investors, especially retail investors, to obtain this information nor undermine the ability of the stock markets to fulfill their obligation to provide it.

CELEBRATION OF POLISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 13, 1998

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark Polish-American Heritage Month which is being celebrated throughout our nation during the entire month of October. For seventeen consecutive years, the more than one million Polish-Americans in New Jersey have participated in events that honor and recognize the remarkable accomplishments of the Polish-American community. The Polish values we celebrate during the month of October are universal values, embraced by millions of Americans. On behalf of the active and growing Polish-American community that I am proud to represent in northern New Jersey, I urge all my colleagues to reaffirm our nation's warm relations with Poland during Polish-American Heritage Month.

To be sure, Polish-Americans are rightly proud of the high level of cultural, social, economic and political involvement they have established in America. By assisting Poland's current transition to democratic governance and a market economy, the Polish-American community is continuing a long tradition of aiding their homeland. Following World War II, it was the Polish-American community that initiated legislation that enabled the resettlement to America of over 200,000 members of the Polish Armed Forces who had fought for the cause of freedom. These efforts, coupled with the unbridled patriotism and ingenuity of millions of Polish-Americans, have made our country a better place to live.

Mr. Speaker, I want to praise the dedicated work of the Polish-American Heritage Month Committee and the hard work of the Polish-American Congress in sponsoring this worthwhile month-long celebration of the Polish experience in America. I salute the efforts of all those who have endeavored to highlight the tremendous contribution Polish-Americans have made to our nation.

CALLING ON THE PRESIDENT TO RESPOND TO INCREASE OF STEEL IMPORTS AS A RESULT OF FINANCIAL CRISES IN ASIA AND RUSSIA

SPEECH OF

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 12, 1998

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to H. Con. Res. 350.

This resolution, while drafted with the best intentions, falls far too short. It completely misses the mark. Foreign nations are illegally dumping their cheap steel in our market, and with this resolution, what is the U.S. going to do? With this non-binding resolution, we're only asking the Administration to go and consult. We're not even telling them. We're asking if they could please go and consult with Japan, Taiwan, South Korea, Russia, Europe, and so forth. Consult? Under this Administration, under the Republican controlled Congress, we've been consulting for years. How much longer do we have to consult? How many more reports do we have to look at? How much longer should workers in Illinois and across this nation suffer? How many more good-paying jobs in the steel industry do we have to lose? How long do we have to wait?

With this resolution, we might as well wait. Let us continue to wait as American workers see their paychecks shrink. Let us continue to wait as the U.S. steel industry closes more plants and factories. Let us continue to wait for more consultations and more reports that tell us what we already know. Let us continue to wait as American workers wind up on the unemployment lines. Let us continue to wait as more and more families file for bankruptcies.

Mr. Speaker, we can talk all we want, but if our talk isn't backed up with action, foreign nations will see all the talk as hot air, and unfortunately, that is what has happened. Instead of hot air, let's back up our words with trade sanctions. Instead of a non-binding resolution, why not pass a law that directs the President to take a stronger stand against cheap imports and unfair competition?

Since I've been a Member of this body, I have always advocated a simple philosophy. If vou don't let us sell American products in your market, we won't let you sell your products in ours. But instead of fighting for American workers and American industry, this Administration and free trade advocates continue to bend over backwards to let foreign competitors flood our markets with cheap products while putting up protectionist barriers around their markets. How is that free trade? Let us not kid ourselves any longer. We do no live in a world of free trade. We live in a global economy of special interests. Our special interests should be American workers, but our trade policies don't reflect that.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to vote against this empty resolution. This resolution is watered-down, toothless, and ineffective. A yes vote for this is pure political posturing and does nothing for the U.S. steel industry. We don't need more talk. We need the force of law, and this toothless resolution isn't it

SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING FORMER SOVIET UNION'S RE-PRESSIVE POLICIES TOWARD UKRAINIAN PEOPLE

SPEECH OF

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Saturday, October 10, 1998

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, this fall marks the 65th anniversary of the Ukrainian famine, or more precisely, of the world's recognition of the famine that had been developing in Ukraine for two years. We have seen many horrors in this century of civilization. The holocaust in Germany and Central Europe in World War II was the most shocking and has justifiably attracted the most recognition. But it was by no means the only incident of diabolic mass slaughter. We have seen the slaughter of Armenians in the early years of the century, the massacre of Cambodians by their own leaders, and most recently the horrors in Rwanda and Bosnia.

We should not allow the abundance of horrors to dull our senses or to allow us to forget any of these terrible incidents. We must remember that the instruments and techniques we have developed in this century can be used against any people in any country, no matter how advanced or supposedly civilized.

As a Ukrainian-American I wish to call the attention of the House and the American people to the crimes against my family's people. Ukraine is the most fertile farmland of Europe, long called the breadbasket of the continent. Yet millions of Ukrainians—perhaps as many as 10 million, we will never have an exact figure—starved to death in the midst of plenty in the early 1930's. They starved because Stalin decided that traditional farming in the Ukraine

would stop, and with the power of the Soviet state, he was able to make it stop. If people did not conform to his will, he would see to it that they had no food to eat, no seeds to plant. The wheat that was harvested was sold at cheap prices on world markets. Protests around the world did not stop the famine; instead, the markets found ways to profit from it and conduct business as usual.

In this respect and others, the Ukrainian famine resembled the great Irish famine of the nineteenth century, when the British government allowed people to starve by the millions rather than interfere with grain markets. I am an Irish-American too, and many of us in this chamber are descended from the people who fled that famine.

The Ukrainian famine did not end until Stalin had gotten his way and subjugated the Ukrainian people. They still suffer today from the consequences of his actions: they have never been able to fully rebuild the agricultural economy that had once made Ukraine the envy of the region. I believe they will rebuild it, hopefully with our help.

But let us learn from the horrors they endured. Let us commit ourselves to the principle that people should always come first, that no one should be allowed to starve. Let us apply that lesson at home, and pledge that no one should go hungry in our prosperous country because of the strictures of ideology or because of the discipline of the market. Let us commit ourselves to opposing oppression around the world, when oppression leads to genocide and death, whether the tools of that oppression are overly violent, or whether they are the subtler but no less cruel tools of deliberate starvation, deliberate hunger, deliberate poverty. Let us remember that all people are our brothers and sisters.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Tuesday, October 13, 1998

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, due to a death in my family, I was unable to record my vote on several measures. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on final passage of H. Res. 494, Commending the Loyalty of the U.S. Citizens of Guam; "aye" on final passage of S. 1364, Federal Reports Elimination Act; "aye" on final passage of H.R. 4756, Ensuring that the U.S. is Prepared for the Year 2000 Computer Problem; and "aye" on final passage of S. 1754, Health Professions Education Partnerships Act. I appreciate being granted a leave of absence, and thank the Speaker for having my remarks appear at the appropriate place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND LYNN HAGEMAN

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Tuesday, October 13, 1998

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an extraordinary human being and a man who made an enormous contribution to the lives of the people of East Harlem,