

year. The National Sleep Foundation's recent poll found that 57% of Americans have driven when drowsy during the past year. 23% of adults have actually fallen asleep at the wheel in the past year. Obviously, sleep deprivation is a major concern in our homes, our work places and on our highways.

To address these serious concerns, the National Sleep Foundation, a variety of organizations, federal agencies and companies have initiated a program called National Sleep Awareness Week during March 30–April 5 to raise awareness of the importance of good sleep and the consequences of insufficient sleep in the home, workplace and on the highway. I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting their efforts and to work toward ensuring that proper attention is given to chronic sleep deprivation and fatigue by policy makers, medical care practitioners, researchers, and educators.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DARLENE HOOLEY

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

Ms. HOOLEY. Mr. Speaker, yesterday evening when the House was voting I missed rollcall votes number 64, 65, 66 and 67 because my flight to Washington from Oregon was cancelled. I respectfully request that the record reflect that had I been present, I would have voted yes on 64, yes on 65, yes on 66 and yes on 67.

RECOGNITION OF DR. HUGH O. LABOUNTY

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize an outstanding volunteer and citizen from the 48th Congressional District. Dr. Hugh O. LaBounty came to my district in his retirement as President of the California State Polytechnic University, Pomona—an institution he led with distinction for 13 years. However, Dr. LaBounty, who is an historian by training, and has served as a consultant to the Government of South Korea, to the United Arab Emirates, to the Tanzanian National Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Education of Athens, Greece, does not understand the word “retirement.”

Since Dr. LaBounty “retired” to Oceanside in 1991, he has served the brand new California State University established in our backyard of San Marcos. His appointment as Senior University Consultant was established by Founding CSUSM President Bill W. Stacy with “compensation of one dollar per year and other valuable considerations.” Dr. LaBounty proceeded to earn his compensation and, more importantly, the gratitude of a struggling new campus. Of note was his service in assisting the campus prepared for its first accreditation by establishing an external assessment team visit, thus paving the way for a successful review. Subsequently, Dr. LaBounty lent his expertise toward the estab-

lishment of its Foundation. Not content to merely help manage the funds of the Foundation, Dr. LaBounty then assisted the campus in planning a professional fundraising program, and continued by raising funds himself.

Lest you think his contributions were primarily academic or business in their focus, I will also mention that Dr. LaBounty used his personnel connections with actor Raymond Burr and the powers of his persuasion to bring a collection of Hans Erni's artwork to the campus for permanent display. It is the first art collection housed at the campus. For the sake of the residents of the 48th District, we hope it is not the last.

Mr. Speaker, as you can see, Dr. LaBounty has not yet understood retirement as “withdrawing from the business or public life” as my dictionary defines it. For this the educational community of CSU San Marcos and the civic community of the 48th District are grateful.

A GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY IN RECOGNITION OF GOLDEN EFFORTS

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt as to the value of our many fine veterans organizations. The work that these groups do for their members and their communities is very often supplemented by auxiliaries. I am proud to tell our colleagues that on April 2, Amvets Ladies Auxiliary #22 of Bay City, Michigan, will be celebrating its 50th anniversary.

They began with 10 members and have grown to nearly 75, who carry on a half century of dedication and service in honor of their motto: “We waited together. Now let's work together.” Members of the auxiliary have certainly waited together over the years. Whether it was during the time of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, or any other military activity, the members of the Amvets Ladies Auxiliary #22 were always ready to lend a hand.

The members of the Auxiliary worked from the very beginning to raise funds to support community service, child welfare, servicemen, Americanism, hospital and scholarship projects. They held Tupperware and Stanley parties, made and sold candy, and sold white clovers for the benefit of others.

Whether it was food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas, or gifts for servicemen during Vietnam, or the need for volunteers and resources for the Saginaw VA Hospital, or yellow house ribbons during Desert Storm, the auxiliary was there. The Lutheran Orphanage, the Women's Crisis Center, and school children who have participated in the Americanism contest, have all benefited from the generous efforts of the Auxiliary. And the Amvets Ladies Auxiliary #22 is rightly proud of the fact that they have been a working partner with Amvets Post #22 in hosting state conventions, a state bowling tournament, a fall conference, and a driver's excellence program.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and all our colleagues to join me in congratulating all of the members of the Amvets Ladies Auxiliary #22, and its officers, Patricia Michalski, President; Kathy Hair, 1st Vice President; Diane Woods,

2nd Vice President; Linda Marshall, Secretary; Karen Kelly-Jamrog, Treasurer; Katherine Avery, Chaplain; Patricia Jane, Sergeant at Arms; Phyllis Frenze, Americanism Chairperson; Linda Marshall, Scholarship Chairperson; Marcella Schmidt, Hospital Chairperson; and Anne Schmidt, Parliamentarian. May they be granted their wish of reaching joyous 75th and 100th anniversaries in the years ahead.

HONORING MARSHALL V. MILLER

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to rise and salute a recipient of Vice President GORE's Hammer Award, Mr. Marshall V. Miller, Esquire, of Miller and Company in Missouri's 5th Congressional District for his outstanding contributions to improving the trade compliance process on international trade issues. The reforms which Mr. Miller has achieved in the U.S. Custom Services trade compliance process has resulted in the Department's improvement in service to American businesses and their customers.

Miller and Company is receiving special recognition as a team that has significantly contributed in supporting the President's National Performance Review Principles. This emphasis on client services directly reflects the performance principles. Through the reinventing government process, Marshall Miller has participated as a member of the Partnership and Compliance Assessment Team which has identified, prioritized, and created action plans for removing barriers, enhancing maximum compliance, and reducing costs to the trade industry and the customs service.

Receiving the Hammer Award is a special recognition and honor which Miller and Company and its primary principal, Marshall Miller, have earned. Those that are fortunate enough to know Mr. Miller are aware of his energy and quest for efficiency. Mr. Speaker, I applaud my constituent, Marshall V. Miller, on receiving the Vice President's 1998 Hammer Award.

A TRIBUTE TO HELEN HILTON RAISER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Helen Hilton Raiser who is being honored by the Volunteer Center of San Mateo County, California at the Eleventh Annual Very Important Volunteer Dinner.

Helen Raiser is an active community volunteer who gives generously of her time and talents to a wide variety of organizations and causes. She has been a trailblazer in the handgun control movement so that we will have safer communities. She has worked extensively with young people, especially as an enthusiastic volunteer in Scouting. She has been a tenacious champion of accessible housing. She has been a leader in providing high quality retirement housing and care for

our community's seniors through the construction, development, and property management business she and her late husband John Raiser built during their 37 year marriage. She has been a dedicated board member of numerous non-profit organizations, and a talented chair of many fund-raising events. This year Helen Raiser chairs the Very Important Volunteer Dinner for the Volunteer Center of San Mateo County and has chosen "The Love of Reading" as the theme. She understands the critical role reading plays in people's lives, especially in the lives of children.

Since coming to the San Francisco Bay Area in 1960 from British Columbia, Helen Raiser has dedicated herself to bettering her community for everyone. Mr. Speaker, Helen Hilton Raiser is an outstanding citizen and I salute her for her remarkable contributions and commitment to our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating her on being honored as the Volunteer Center of San Mateo County's Very Important Volunteer.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

HON. BILL ARCHER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

Mr. ARCHER. Mr. Speaker, Social Security represents the single most commitment to the elderly and the disabled that has been made by our society. It is a great testament to our nation's dedication to assuring a floor of security for workers and their dependents.

Yet, due in part to the aging of baby boomers, this vital program will be unable to fully honor its benefit commitments as of the year 2029. Forecasts of future Social Security insolvency, and suggested remedies, are being discussed more and more in the media and at kitchen tables all across the country. Americans want to learn more and share their views with their elected officials.

We need to take a long, hard, thorough look at Social Security, and the sooner we do so, the sooner we will be able to make decisions that will not be precipitous—but that can be developed in prudent and constructive ways. We must take advantage of a timely and rare opportunity, this era of budget surpluses, to find a solution which treats causes, not symptoms. We must be open to fully explore structural changes which may be critical to the long-term stability of the system, as well as to our economy.

We are obligated to protect Social Security and to stabilize it, not just for the near-term, but for the long run. This complex program, which affects the lives of so many Americans in unique and different ways, needs to be closely scrutinized by an independent panel of experts, like the one on which I served under Ronald Reagan in 1982.

Along with Mr. Kasich—Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Mr. Bunning—Chairman of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Social Security, I am introducing legislation which includes the creation of a Bipartisan Panel to Design Long-Range Social Security Reform.

One thing for certain in our life is change. I used to think, growing up, that you ought to be able to have everything in one little niche and

you could come back year after year and it would always be there. I have found that isn't the way life is. Social Security has evolved and adapted to change over the years since it was created in 1935. We need to take the time starting now, to carefully deliberate on proposed solutions. We must not leave any stone unturned. And no matter what we do, we have got to ensure that the solutions are inter-generationally fair. I urge my colleagues to join me as cosponsors of this legislation.

IN MEMORY OF JEAN KLETZKY

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the late Jewish community leader, Jean Kletzky. Jean Kletzky was known throughout the community as a woman who truly loved her community and made a lifelong commitment to community service. When she retired to Florida in 1979 from New Jersey, she became immediately active in supporting humanitarian causes in South Florida.

Jean Kletzky will be remembered as a listener, a teacher, and a person whose understanding of people and things is admired. Her companion of 18 years, Daniel D. Cantor, regarded her as an intelligent, alert, and strong woman who was responsible for helping fulfill his aspirations and dreams. Together they built the Daniel D. Cantor Senior Center in Sunrise, Florida. The center provides senior citizens more than 65 daily functions including a food service, an Alzheimer division, an elderly division, a wandering garden, support networks, and myriad cultural activities. The belief behind the center is that life begins at 65 and people who participate at the center realize that being elderly does not make them old. The Daniel D. Cantor Senior Center offers people a place that gives them life, happiness, and more hope than they would normally have outside the center.

Among her many philanthropic accomplishments, Jean Kletzky served as an administrative assistant to the director of the Retired Teacher's Union of Florida for ten years. She also shared her wonderful sense of style and interior decorating with her friends and family to help them create beautiful homes. And, she was responsible for successfully directing the fund-raising campaign for the construction of the Daniel D. Cantor Senior Center.

Jean Kletzky was a member of the National Women's League for Israel, Jewish Adoption and Foster Care Options (JAFCO), City of Hope, National Council of Jewish Women, Women's Division of the Jewish Federation of Broward County, and was an Endowed Lion through the Jewish Community Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Broward County.

The people of Broward County will sorely miss Jean Kletzky. Throughout her life those who knew her regarded her as a driven leader, a humanitarian, a friend, a wonderful bridge player, a mother, and a wife. Now, she is remembered as a heroine to the residents of South Florida.

OPPOSING H.R. 3310 IN ITS CURRENT FORM

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I understand that under House rules it is too late to withdraw as a cosponsor of H.R. 3310, the Small Business Paperwork Reduction Act Amendments of 1998, which is to be considered by the House tomorrow. However, new information has come to light about H.R. 3310, which compels me to declare that I can no longer support the legislation as it is drafted.

I share with many of my colleagues the desire to streamline unnecessary and onerous regulatory requirements. Small businesses should not be overburdened by government regulations in this highly competitive economy. It is with this goal that I signed onto H.R. 3310. Unfortunately, I have learned that this bill will have unintended consequences that go far beyond paperwork reduction.

H.R. 3310 throws out the wheat and the chaff. Besides addressing technical violations of reporting requirements, it also creates disincentives to report information vital to public health, workers safety, the environment, and to the smooth running of our economic markets. To cite just one example, this bill creates disincentives for businesses to file reports with the Food and Drug Administration about the adverse affects of new drugs and products.

I join the Administration, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and numerous labor and environmental groups in opposing H.R. 3310 in its current form.

TROPICAL FOREST CONSERVATION ACT OF 1998

SPEECH OF

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 19, 1998

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2870) to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to facilitate protection of tropical forests through debt reduction with developing countries with tropical forests:

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Chairman, today the House passed H.R. 2870, the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998. Building on President Bush's Enterprise for the Americas Initiative, this legislation will help protect globally outstanding tropical forests around the world in a fiscally responsible manner. This legislation is the result of a lot of hard work by many organizations and people. I would like to take a minute to thank them.

I have already talked about the committee leadership—in particular, Chairman GILMAN, Mr. HAMILTON and Mr. BEREUTER. I would also like to thank committee staff, particularly Mark Kirk, Elana Broitman, Maria Pica and Dan Parks.

The environmental community has spent many hours helping us to develop this legislation over the past two years and to generate