

International aviation is governed by a series of bilateral civil aviation agreements between countries. Unlike other sectors of the economy that tend to be handled through multilateral agreements, such as the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, issues regarding international aviation are resolved through government-to-government negotiations. For example, if a U.S. air carrier wants to fly into and out of another country, the American government must first negotiate with the government of that country to determine the terms under which the carriers from both countries will operate. Terms of bilateral civil aviation agreements include, among other things, route assignments, capacity and frequency limitations, carrier designations, and pricing controls.

U.S. bilateral aviation agreements are executive agreements. They are negotiated and signed by representatives from the Department of State and the Department of Transportation. Unfortunately, Congress does not play any official role in the approval of bilateral aviation agreements.

As the Ranking Member of the House Subcommittee on Aviation, I strongly believe that Congress deserves to play a role in approving bilateral aviation agreements. As Members of Congress, we represent the businessperson, the leisure traveler, the consumer—the flying public in general. We should have the right to make sure that bilateral aviation agreements are negotiated to give U.S. consumers the most access to international aviation markets at the best price.

For this reason, I introduced the Aviation Bilateral Accountability Act, a bill to require Congressional approval of all U.S. aviation bilateral agreements. International aviation, which is based on bilateral aviation agreements, has a tremendous impact on the U.S. economy and U.S. citizens. Congress should not be excluded from agreements of such magnitude. As elected Representatives of the people, we owe it to the American consumer to look out for his or her best interests. My legislation will help Members of Congress better represent the flying public by giving Congress an integral role in the approval of U.S. bilateral aviation agreements.

The Aviation Bilateral Accountability Act will require implementing legislation for each U.S. bilateral aviation agreement, similar to the legislation required for trade agreements such as NAFTA. Under the bill, each bilateral agreement would be presented to Congress by the Secretaries involved in the negotiations. An approval resolution would then be introduced and referred for a limited number of days to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Senate Commerce Committee. After Committee review, a straight up-or-down vote would then be required in both chambers. Finally, once the approval resolution passes both the House and the Senate, and is signed into law, then the bilateral aviation agreement would be official.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to thank the gentleman from Oregon, Representative PETER DEFazio, for joining me as an original co-sponsor of this important legislation. In addition, I urge all my colleagues to co-sponsor the Aviation Bilateral Accountability Act.

IN HONOR OF BAYONNE YOUTH CENTER, INC.

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to rise today to thank and congratulate four citizens of Bayonne, New Jersey who have contributed immensely to the Bayonne Youth Center and the entire community. As it celebrates its 53rd anniversary at the HI Hat in Bayonne, The Bayonne Youth Center will honor Mrs. Susan Y. Davis, the recipient of the Sabra Jackson Award; Assemblyman Joseph V. Doria, Jr., recipient of the Humanitarian Award; Curtis Nelson, the winner of the Service Award; and Wilhemina Wilson, who is receiving the Volunteer Service Award. Also being recognized at the dinner will be the Youth of the Month and the Art and Essay contests winners.

I would like to take a moment to tell you about these four remarkable constituents. Susan Y. Davis is continually active in community service. She has served on the Bayonne Community Day Nursery Board, Midtown Community School Advisory Council, and is a member of the Bayonne Youth Center's Board of Directors. She is also active in St. Patrick's Church of Jersey City. Susan received the 1995 NAACP Community Service award.

Assembly Democratic Leader Joseph V. Doria, Jr., recipient of the Humanitarian Award, has a distinguished career in public and community service. He serves as a member of the Board of Directors of Liberty Health Care Systems, and has served as a board member of St. Ann's Home for the Aged. Assemblyman Doria has received more than 110 awards and citations from both public and private groups, including the Deborah Hospital Foundation's Children of the World Award and the Liberty Science Center's Legislator's Award.

Wilhemina Wilson, winner of the Volunteer Service Award, lives her life exemplifying the philosophy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by promoting peace and goodwill towards all people. She is a faithful member of the Wallace Temple A.M.E. Zion Church and has received numerous awards for her outstanding church service. Wilson is a member of the Bayonne branch of the NAACP and has been a long-standing member and supporter of the Bayonne Youth Center.

Curtis Nelson, who was awarded the Service Award, has always made sure to give back to his community. During his work for New Jersey Transit, he received many Service Star Awards for his exemplary service. Nelson has been leader of the Neighborhood Block Association for 25 years and was the first black Commander of the F.A. Mackenzie Post of Bayonne where he raised money for many charities. He is also a member of the Pride of Bayonne Lodge No. 461.

These four extraordinary citizens who have given so much back to their community and the Bayonne Youth Center deserve our respect and admiration.

HONORING THE WEEK OF APRIL 26-MAY 2, 1998 AS NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WEEK

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to say a few words in honor of the 14th annual National Science and Technology Week.

During this week the National Science Foundation performs its most important public outreach activities of the year; getting children excited about science and technology. This year's theme for National Science and Technology Week is "Polar Connections." It draws attention to the scientific research being performed in the Arctic and in the Antarctic.

The North and South Poles are truly unlike any place on the planet. As Chairman of the Science Committee, I've had the opportunity to travel to Antarctica to visit NSF's South Pole Station, and I can tell you that it is a remarkable place. The men and women who perform research at the South Pole work under conditions that make the winters in Wisconsin look comparatively easy. For example, in 1989 researchers from the University of Wisconsin measured temperature variations at the South Pole ranging from -7°F to -117°F . The South Pole receives less than a foot of snow per year, yet it is covered by an ice-sheet that is nearly two-miles thick. Geographically it is 1.5 times the size of the continental United States and a year's worth of supplies must be fit onto the one supply ship that ventures to Antarctica once a year. When the sun goes down on March 21st, it doesn't come up again until September 21st.

This week's activities were not designed simply to draw attention to the Poles, but rather to the work being performed there. The North and South Poles are unique, natural laboratories and offer matchless opportunities to study our environment.

Highlighting the combination of the important and unique research being performed at the Poles and the harsh and dangerous living conditions there is, in my opinion, a great way to make children curious about science and technology. When children are introduced to the conditions at the Poles, they may wonder: How can anything survive in such cold conditions? How do you study geology when the ground's under two miles of ice? How do you get everything you need to the South Pole? How do you fit a year's supply of goods on one ship? Getting kids to ask these questions is the goal of National Science and Technology Week. I think that "Polar Connections" is a terrific theme for National Science and Technology Week, and I am confident that this year's activities will be a great success.

I must add that just as they did last year, the National Science Foundation has once again set up its "Ask a Scientist or Engineer" phone-bank at 1-888-718-3026. The phone-bank will be open on Wednesday, April 29th, from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm. This year's e-mail address is nstw@nsf.gov. More information about National Science and Technology Week can be found at NSF's web-page at www.nsf.gov.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my fellow Members to strongly support this program, and join

with me in celebrating National Science and Technology Week.

A TRIBUTE TO PHYLLIS NEWMAN

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention today the fine work and outstanding contributions of Phyllis Newman. Congregation Emanu El of San Bernardino, California will honor Phyllis on June 6th as this year's recipient of the Rabbi Norman F. Feldheim Award for distinguished service to the congregation and community. She will be recognized at a dinner dance which will also commemorate the 107th anniversary of the chartering of the congregation.

The Norman F. Feldheim Award was established to pay tribute to those members of Congregation Emanu El who have, in their own lives, reflected Rabbi Feldheim's qualities of love for and loyalty to the synagogue, service of the community, as well as evidencing personal traits of humility, loving kindness, care and love. Phyllis Newman has been a particularly devoted leader of Congregation Emanu El through her service as president of its sisterhood and a member of the Board of Directors of the congregation. She has also edited and produced over 15 commemorative journals which have been efforts to raise funds for the congregation. During this time, she has been an inspiring example of generosity and commitment.

Phyllis has also been a very active participant in numerous community organizations including the Assistance League and the San Bernardino Area Mental Health Association. She is also very widely known for her deep devotion to her faith and her family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues and the many dear friends of Phyllis Newman in recognizing this remarkable woman as she is presented with the Rabbi Norman F. Feldheim Award. It is especially appropriate that this honor is being bestowed at a ceremony also marking the 107th anniversary of the founding of Congregation Emanu El.

MILDRED KIEFER WURF—A VIGOROUS ADVOCATE FOR GIRLS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mildred Kiefer Wurf, the distinguished and high respected Director of Public Policy of Girls Incorporated who has been a powerful voice for girls for nearly three decades.

Mrs. Wurf began her career as a senior staff member on the President's Council on Youth Opportunity and established contacts with

more than 175 voluntary and professional organizations for this White House agency, promoting programs for disadvantaged youth within the nonprofit sector and among federal agencies. She has served as an appointee to the U.S. Department of Labor, Citizen Review Commission, Comprehensive Youth Employment Commission, US Travel Service Advisory Committee, U.S. Department of Commerce, and the National Commission on Youth, Kettering Foundation and the Government Relations Committee of the Independent Sector. Mildred Kiefer Wurf served as the founding coordinator of the National Collaboration for Youth, where she brought together directors of 13 national organizations, developed management and funding symposiums, drafted statements on youth issues, wrote testimony and briefed principals and facilitated large youth employment and delinquency prevention grants.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Wurf was the first director of the Washington Office of Girls Clubs of America. She monitored hearings and legislation, testified before Congressional Committees, was responsible for staffing the Expansion, Development and Advocacy Committees of the National Board and originated and wrote a Washington newsletter for affiliates and Board. She has persuasively applied her passion for words both as a spokesperson and as coauthor of Girls, Inc. Advocacy publications that were used to remove barriers, provide gender equity and fight for equitable allocations of resources—"Today's Girls, Tomorrow's Women," "An Action Agenda for Equalizing Girls' Options," "Service Through Advocacy" and "Leadership Through Advocacy."

She has initiated successful collaborations with national women's organizations including the American Association of University Women, National Council of Jewish Women, The Committee of 100 Black Women and the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs Inc., among others, that resulted in noteworthy initiatives such as the "Women Helping Girls With Choices" Project. She has been an active volunteer serving on the Board of the National Committee for Citizens in Education, Business and Professional Women's Foundation, National Child Research Center, Fund for an OPEN Society, as Board Chair of the Center for Youth Services in Washington, D.C. and on the Advisory Committee of the Center for Early Adolescence at the University of North Carolina. As Director of Public Policy of Girls Incorporated, she continues to monitor issues affecting girls and young women, informs the National Board, staff and affiliates of relevant legislation and public education events, recommends and drafts public policy positions and serves as a strong, smart, bold and "vigorous advocate for girls."

She is the proud and loving mother of a son, Nicholas Wurf of London, England and, a daughter, Abigail Wurf of St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this August body join me in applauding Mildred Kiefer Wurf for her dedicated service and exemplary record of highly effective advocacy on behalf of Girls Incorporated and the millions of girls of this nation and extend to her our best wishes for every success in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS DuBYNE, DR. VINCENT MASSEY, AND OLD KENT BANK—IMPRESSION 5 SCIENCE CENTER AWARD WINNERS

HON. DEBBIE STABENOW

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Impression 5 as one of the premier science centers in education today. Each year Lansing's Impression 5 announces a series of awards that highlight leadership in the area of science.

As in previous years, this year's recipients have shown a true commitment to science, our students, and education. Science is one of the most challenging important subjects to master. This year's recipients have used their knowledge, leadership and financial means to make science a focus on and outside the classroom and have found innovative ways to help the community appreciate and understand the importance of science.

I am very proud to recognize the following recipients of the 1998 Impression 5 Tribute to Science and Technology winners for Educator of the Year, Scientist of the Year, and Community Service Award.

SCIENCE EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR: THOMAS DuBYNE

As a science teacher at Haslett High School for over 35 years, Mr. DuByne has gained multiple state and national recognitions. He is best known in the community as a teacher committed to his students and the study of science. Whether it is the assistance he provides our elementary teachers, or the countless science fairs and demonstrations he has organized, Mr. DuByne has worked tirelessly on the local not only as a high school teacher, but as a leader in advocating science to young learners.

SCIENTIST OF THE YEAR: DR. VINCENT MASSEY

Dr. Massey is the J. Lawrence Oncley Distinguished University Professor in the Department of Biological Chemistry at the University of Michigan. He is a pioneering biochemist who is known internationally for his studies in the field of flavins and flavoproteins.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD OLD KENT BANK

Lansing's Old Kent Bank has been recognized for working closely with the Impression 5 Science Center for over twelve years. Through their continuous commitment to the science center and the nonprofit community, Old Kent has played a vital role in the operation of many education activities throughout the Lansing community.

As we continue to head toward the 21st Century, the areas of science and technology are more important. As a member of the House Science and Technology Committee, I am proud to recognize these efforts and offer congratulations and thanks for their continued leadership and excellence in science.