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tiny American brothers and sisters, from this murderous scourge upon our Nation called abortion on demand.

This is a sunset memorial, Madam Speaker. It is January 28, 2008, in the land of free and the home of the brave.

CONGRATULATING JAMES LONG

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 28, 2008

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Mr. James Long of Littleton, Colorado. Mr. Long is a student of political science at the University of California, San Diego and is a recipient of the prestigious Fulbright Award. This grant is given to promising individuals to aid them in their academic and cultural pursuits abroad.

The Fulbright Program was established by Congress in 1946 and is sponsored by the U.S. State Department. This program was designed to help build mutual understanding between Americans and the global community. Individuals who are awarded this distinction have demonstrated outstanding academic or professional achievement and have proven themselves as leaders in their field.

Madam Speaker, please join me in paying tribute to Mr. Long and wishing him the best in his future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF THE CENTER FOR
HOMELAND DEFENSE AND SECURITY
AT THE NAVAL POSTGRADUATE
SCHOOL, MONTEREY,
CALIFORNIA

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 28, 2008

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to advise my colleagues of the 5th anniversary of the Center for Homeland Defense and Security, located at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. NPS has always been at the forefront of military graduate education for all the military Services and no more so than 5 years ago, when the School was selected by the Department of Homeland Security to fill a critical gap in graduate level education for our current and future leaders of homeland defense and security.

Since 2002, the Center has graduated nearly 200 students from the ranks of our Nation's first responders—public health, law enforcement, fire, emergency management and other disciplines that make up homeland security, and from almost every State in the country. The highly competitive application process and the rigorous academic excellence of the master's degree program ensures that Center graduates are having a significant impact on protecting the Nation. Moreover, the success of the Center in Monterey compelled the Department of Homeland Security in June 2007 to establish the DHS Homeland Security Academy in the National Capital Region. NPS was again called upon by DHS to replicate the Center's success by providing faculty and cur-

riculum for DHS employees at the second site in West Virginia. At that time, FEMA Administrator Paulson said the following, "The NPS master's program has a proven track record of building a national network of leaders who work across agency and jurisdictional lines to solve problems and protect the American people. We are very pleased to be able to leverage this successful program and offer more opportunity for DHS employees to learn in a setting that mirrors homeland security across the Nation."

Success has many fathers and I would like to pay special tribute to two former NPS leaders who were instrumental in bringing the Center to NPS—Provost Dick Elster and Associate Provost Paul Stockton. Their recognition that NPS offers a highly qualified, multi-disciplinary academic faculty, together with Dr. Stockton's willingness to do the hard work necessary to develop a Homeland Security master's degree curriculum—literally from scratch—coupled with the school's inherent relationships with the COCOMS—in this instance NORTHCOM—reinforced former Secretary Ridge's decision to select the Naval Postgraduate School for one of our Nation's most important homeland security education missions.

There are many other partners, stakeholders, and sponsors who have influenced the success of the Center and who deserve recognition, including current Center Director Glen Woodbury and David O'Keefe, who leads the DHS Homeland Security Academy in Shepherdstown, WV, along with the current president of NPS, Admiral Oliver and Provost Dr. Ferrari. All of these folks will continue to lead the Center into the future with the same success that has been achieved in these last 5 years.

HOPE VI IMPROVEMENT AND
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 17, 2008

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3524) to reauthorize the HOPE VI program for revitalization of severely distressed public housing, and for other purposes:

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Chairman, I rise in support of H.R. 3524, the "HOPE VI Improvement and Revitalization Act of 2007," which eradicates severely distressed public housing.

Ever since public housing was first created, there were many obstacles that hindered its success. As time progressed, many public housing units became nothing more than a highly concentrated community containing many of society's social problems such as poverty, high crime, and unemployment. Consequently, many units became deplorable and uninhabitable. But H.R. 3524 would help transform many severely distressed neighborhoods into the livable communities that public housing was originally intended to be for many low-income families.

The HOPE VI program was created in 1992 and has been credited with eliminating and replacing some of the most dangerous and dis-

tressed public housing in the country with new mixed income communities. It has been reported that mixed-income communities have resulted in increases in per capita incomes, decreases in unemployment rates, decreases in the number of households receiving public assistance, and declines in violent crime.

Therefore, one of the reasons why I support H.R. 3524 is because this bill would require public housing agencies to create more mixed-income housing on demolished low-income housing sites. Also, these mixed-income housing units developed to replace demolished public housing would have to be built in low-concentrated poverty areas to avoid concentrating public housing in low-income neighborhoods.

Other reasons why I support this bill is because it provides more replacement housing units; ensures residents have access to revitalized sites; provides residents with more involvement in the planning and redevelopment process; and establishes green development standards for HOPE VI revitalization activities.

Therefore, Madam Chairman, I urge my colleagues for strong bipartisan support of the HOPE VI Improvement and Revitalization Act of 2007, which will redefine public housing by transforming distressed communities into new, safe sustainable communities for many families who deserve it.

CONGRATULATING NATHANIEL
CAMPBELL

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 28, 2008

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Mr. Nathaniel Campbell of Bailey, Colorado. Mr. Campbell is a literature student at Boston College and is a recipient of the prestigious Fulbright Award. This grant is given to promising individuals to aid them in their academic and cultural pursuits abroad.

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Madam Speaker, please join me in paying tribute to Mr. Campbell and wishing him the best in his future endeavors.

IN TRIBUTE TO ALBERT NÁJERA
AND HIS 36 YEARS OF SERVICE
WITH THE SACRAMENTO POLICE
DEPARTMENT

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 28, 2008

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to Albert Nájera, Sacramento's outstanding police chief as he retires from the department he has spent the last 36 years serving. Chief