

INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL
SCIENCE FOUNDATION SCHOLARS
PROGRAM ACT

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2006

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce the National Science Foundation Scholars Program Act to support students who wish to be scientists, technicians, engineers, and mathematicians.

Although not every student in America needs to become a scientist, technician, engineer, or a mathematician, those who are headed that way need our support for what they contribute to the long term economic health of our nation. This merit-based financial support gives consideration to financial need and to the goal of supporting underrepresented groups as defined in the Equality in Science and Engineering Act.

The United States needs to improve our technical and scientific workforce for the success of our nation in the unfolding global knowledge economy. Although we still educate many foreign students in our graduate science, technology, and engineering, and mathematics departments across the nation, we no longer keep these talented, well-trained individuals here; they want to return to their home.

We must create and retain our highly-skilled, well-trained scientific and technical work force here rather than be dependent on work abroad.

Increases in tuition at colleges and universities in the United States have outpaced inflation for the past two decades. The increases are especially large at public 4-year colleges. The NSF Scholars program would serve as a real inducement to students who would augment our highly-skilled, highly technical work force.

As we move to a global knowledge economy, Juan Enriquez gives us warning for the future of our nation: "In a borderless world . . . those who do not educate . . . and keep their citizens . . . will lose most intellectual wars."

I hope we choose instead to educate our citizens and maintain our strength and competitiveness through the NSF Scholars Program Act.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE CITY OF
COALINGA

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the city of Coalinga on the celebration of their 100th anniversary.

The birth of the city of Coalinga dates back to the late 1800s, when the mining industry was booming in developing communities across the country. Rich in oil and flourishing in production, the city established several major oil production supplies. With the expansion of the industry, Coalinga oil workers embarked on a campaign to enhance workers

rights, improve working conditions for oil producers and create a better community for fellow community members. A glorious and monumental day for Coalinga came on April 3, 1906, when the small town was incorporated into Fresno County.

Still, the city of Coalinga encountered other obstacles, such as a severe economic decline in 1909. After the economic setback, residents struggled to obtain rights to clean and reliable water supply. Due to the lack of flowing surface water and highly mineralized ground water, water in the city of Coalinga was deemed unsafe for drinking. It was not until 1972 that the State water system granted the city of Coalinga its first delivery of San Luis Canal water.

On May 2, 1983, a 6.7 magnitude earthquake struck the small community, which virtually destroyed what took almost a century to build. Fortunately, this catastrophe did not deter the strong community; residents and businesses locked arms and carried on to rebuild their city, to rebuild their home.

Despite the perils that the city of Coalinga experienced, there were many successes that ushered further advancement. At one point in time, Coalinga paid approximately one-fourth of the entire tax burdens for Fresno County. The city prides itself in being the birthplace for the award-winning A&W Root Beer formula, home of the first junior high school in Fresno County and West Hills Community College. Today, the city ranks as one of the most independent communities in the San Joaquin Valley and champions itself in providing residents with a competent municipal library system, recreation and parks system, water supply and hospital systems.

The history of this city further demonstrates that it is only by embracing the importance of community, cooperation and shared vision can such success be achieved. I am honored to stand and shine a spotlight on the city of Coalinga, as they celebrate a century of pride and progress.

IN HONOR OF ADRIENNE JONES

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 6, 2006

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Adrienne Jones, who was awarded the 2006 New Castle County Delaware Chamber of Commerce's William V. Roth, Jr. Citizenship Award. The late Senator Roth would have been extremely proud to see the award which bears his name go to such a deserving individual.

Adrienne has been described by her guidance counselor at A.I. DuPont High School in Wilmington, Delaware as "scholarly, mature, focused and friendly." Senator Roth conducted his business in a focused manner but always went about it in a friendly way. This is why he was able to do so much for so many people across our great nation.

Adrienne has exhibited an excellent academic record in her high school studies. She possesses an outstanding work ethic and selected a quite rigorous college-preparatory curriculum including three advanced placement courses and eleven honors level courses. She

also committed to the study of two foreign languages, Spanish and Latin. By the time she graduates, Adrienne will have completed seven years of foreign language study.

While maintaining a full study schedule, Adrienne finds significant time to contribute to her community. Senator Roth was well known in Delaware for his tireless work on behalf of his constituents. Adrienne has earned this award by dedicating herself to community organizations such as the A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children, the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine, and the Delaware Community Foundation's Youth Philanthropy Board.

I congratulate and thank Adrienne for all she has contributed to the State of Delaware. She is an exemplary citizen and a proud American. Senator Roth would have been extremely pleased with the work Adrienne has done to help her fellow Delawareans, just as I am today.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LILIAM
LUJAN HICKEY

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Liliam Lujan Hickey who through her extensive and diversified experiences, has established herself as a successful small business owner, effective motivator, and professional, specifically in the Hispanic-American community. Through her ardent desire to serve others, she has been personally and extensively involved in promoting educational programs in Las Vegas, as well as the entire state of Nevada. She will be honored on April 19th, at the formal dedication of Liliam Lujan Hickey Elementary School, which was named in her honor.

In the business world, Liliam has truly made a name for herself. She is owner and chief executive officer of Lujan development, a property management firm. In 1980, she formed L H System International, a business consulting and sales company with customized training for professionals.

Although born in Havana, Cuba, Liliam has resided in Las Vegas, Nevada for over thirty-six years. As a resident of Nevada, her list of achievements and volunteer service is impressive. Liliam established Career Day for high school students, which has awarded over \$300,000 in scholarships to hundreds of needy Hispanic students. She also served as cofounder and president of the Classroom on Wheels, a program which has facilitated educational, medical, and dental services to disadvantaged preschool children.

Liliam was director for the Congressional Award Council of Nevada and co-chaired the Southern Nevada BEST Coalition, a non-profit organization working towards a drug and alcohol-free lifestyle in Las Vegas schools and communities. She also served as chairperson of the Urban Emphasis Committee for the Boy Scouts of America.

She is co-founder, past president, and board member of the Latin Chamber of Commerce. She was one of only two professionals selected from Nevada to attend the White House Hispanic Leadership Reception held by