

minute—took 6 months to pass, delaying life sustaining aid for the people of Africa. And why was it delayed? Because members of the administration were intent upon talking about whether we were going to give military aid to the people of Central America, instead of addressing the pressing needs of the hungry.

Mr. Speaker, while we in the Congress and the administration argue about priorities, it is vital to the starving people of the world that we all focus on the issue of hunger. America is the most bountiful Nation on this Earth and its citizens have a responsibility to begin to obliterate the blight of hunger and malnutrition in our country and throughout the world forever.

Here in our Nation's Capital there exists an organization dedicated to the cause of alleviating hunger. The Capital Area Community Food Bank, founded just over 4 years ago, supports the efforts of 270 church pantries, soup kitchens, and local food distribution services as they attempt to help our Nation's hungry. Each month, Mr. Speaker, nearly 100,000 people are fed with the help of the food bank.

This year, the Capital Area Community Food Bank will mark World Food Day with a series of events and region-wide involvement unlike any they have attempted before. With the generous help from the supermarket chains, Giant and Safeway, Local 400 of the United Food & Commercial Workers, the D.C. National Guard, and Gray and Co., the food bank will be spearheading the effort to encourage supermarket shoppers to help feed the less fortunate.

Mr. Speaker, I commend these humanitarian efforts of the Capital Area Community Food Bank. Through their work perhaps we can turn the corner on hunger in this Nation and provide proper nourishment to our disadvantaged citizens.

I urge my colleagues and my constituents to join the Capital Area Community Food Banks efforts and not forget our obligation to our fellow Americans.●

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT CEASES MEDICAL TESTING ON DOGS AND CATS

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 1984

● Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, today the Washington Post reported that the Secretaries of the Army and the Air Force have decided to ban the use of dogs and cats in biomedical and clinical research under their control.

The wheels of Government do turn slowly, but this appears to be an occa-

sion when they have turned at least a little. Well over a year ago, I learned of the existence of the Department of Defense's wound laboratory at which animals were shot with high velocity bullets for research and training on wound treatment. Further inquiries convinced me that this shooting of animals was not necessary for defense purposes, and it was a shocking misuse of taxpayers money. Furthermore, the project was deliberately funded in such a way as to avoid congressional scrutiny.

After I and a number of my colleagues wrote to the Secretary of Defense about the wound laboratory, Secretary Weinberger ordered a moratorium on the opening of the laboratory facilities and ordered a departmental review of the use of animals. The decisions that have become public this week are apparently the first results of that review.

Mr. Speaker, those of us concerned with animal welfare welcome this step, but the fight is not yet over. The Surgeon General of the Air Force apparently plans to appeal the decision of the Secretary and others in the medical research community have indicated opposition to this latest move. We must continue to scrutinize the actions of the Department of Defense in this regard.

I applaud this latest action of the Secretaries of the Army and Air Force in not using dogs and cats for medical research. It falls short of solving the real problem, however. It ignores the use and potential abuse of a wider range of animals. Furthermore, it does not get to the root of the problem, which is the need for the Defense Department to adopt a responsible and comprehensive policy on the humane treatment of animals. Until such a policy is developed and promulgated, the Congress must maintain its role in identifying and objecting to the use of animals in experimentation and training.●

TRIBUTE TO MARK M. MILLIS

HON. ROBERT J. LAGOMARSINO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 1984

● Mr. LAGOMARSINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues the announced retirement in early December from the city council of Arroyo Grande, CA, of my friend and an outstanding public servant, Mark M. Millis.

Since 1972, Mark Millis has tirelessly and with personal dedication served the people of his community as a member of the city council, as mayor pro tem and as mayor. His leadership has benefited the people of the South County during a period of great

change. While the area has grown substantially during these past 12 years, such growth has not resulted in a deterioration of the quality of life for the people of Arroyo Grande. The policies of growth management and agricultural preservation espoused by Mark Millis significantly contributed to these improvements. His efforts on behalf of improved housing for senior citizens, better park and recreational services, and improved public safety and sanitation services are all worth noting.

But I believe Mark's most important contribution of all is his personal effort to encourage greater citizen participation in city government. As a professional educator and civics teacher at Arroyo Grande High School, Mark knows the importance of living up to the principles upon which our democratic and representative government is based. His demonstrated openness and responsiveness to his constituents has built confidence and a vital sense of participation by the electorate in their local government. This is the foundation of our community and it is, I believe, the hallmark of Mark Millis' public service.

From 1974 to 1982, it was my honor and privilege to serve as Representative in Congress for the people of southern San Luis Obispo County. During that time, I enjoyed working directly with Mark on behalf of matters of mutual concern for the people of his community. His enthusiasm and his energy in meeting those needs and addressing those concerns was always commendable. I can readily understand why the votes consistently returned Mark to office with strong expressions of support. While I am sure his presence on the city council will be missed, I am equally confident his sense of community interest and civic responsibility will assure his continued efforts to make Arroyo Grande the best place to live and work.●

TRIBUTE TO TIMOTHY WILLIAMS

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 4, 1984

● Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, it seems that in today's society, we are constantly hearing about the problems with the youth of our country: lack of leadership and motivation, or worse, crime and drugs. I am proud to say that in my district is an outstanding young man who proves that young people can be an inspiration.

His name is Tim Williams, a high school student from Fort Lauderdale, who recently participated in the Boys State Program in Tallahassee. Tim is the youngest of six children, and