

and compliance with international trade agreements. These monies were authorized as part of a bipartisan agreement that this House passed along with PNTR with China just a few weeks ago. While approval of PNTR was in our national interest, this bipartisan proposal was offered to address congressional concerns about Chinese compliance with their WTO obligations, human rights practices in China, and Taiwan's entry into the WTO. I am disappointed that the leadership reneged on its commitment to provide funding for this important monitoring and compliance agreement.

Mr. Chairman, because of these and other funding shortfalls, and because the bill contains objectionable riders, such as preventing the use of funds to move forward on implementing the Kyoto Protocol, I will be voting "no" on H.R. 4690 and urge my colleagues to do so as well.

DOCTOR MAKES POSITIVE IMPACT
IN CARVILLE, LA, COMMUNITY

HON. RICHARD H. BAKER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 29, 2000

Mr. BAKER. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to congratulate Dr. Robert Jacobsen upon his retirement as Director of the National Hansen's Disease Programs and the Gillis W. Long Hansen's Disease Center in Carville, Louisiana. During his distinguished 33-year career at the center, Dr. Jacobsen played an important role in helping to define the evolving leprosy chemotherapeutic regimens that are the key features of the world elimination program for this disease.

Dr. Robert Jacobsen, a native of Austin, Minnesota, received his B.A. in Chemistry and Math from the University of Minnesota in 1954, his Ph.D. in Organic and Physical Chemistry from the University of Wisconsin in 1958 and his M.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1962. Jacobsen started his career with the Public Health Service as Chief of Medicine at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital, Carville, LA, which later became the Gillis W. Long Hansen's Disease Center; a position that he held until 1992. In addition, Dr. Jacobsen also served as Chief of Clinical Branch from 1978 to 1992.

His numerous awards and recognitions include the Public Health Service's Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and Distinguished Service Medal, as well as the Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service. Dr. Jacobsen has also served on numerous international advisory boards including the Tuberculosis Task Force of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization's Working Group on Leprosy Control, the International Leprosy Association, and the World Health Organization's Special Action Projects for the Elimination of Leprosy.

In addition to Dr. Jacobsen's lifelong commitment to leprosy research, treatment and eradication, I would also like to recognize and thank him for his help in making the transition from the Gillis W. Long Hansen's Disease Center to the Carville Academy a smooth one. He can take great pride in knowing that his efforts at the center have not only helped his patients, but will also help thousands of youth for years to come. Again, it is an honor to

have this opportunity and I wish Dr. Jacobsen all the best.

IN HONOR OF THE SHAOLIN
PERFORMING GROUP

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 29, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Shaolin Performing Group, a group of young children ages 6–18 from China who will be visiting Cleveland to participate in the Wushu Kungfu Extravaganza Weekend on July 8 and 9, 2000. This weekend event is a special cultural, sporting and educational exchange between the East and the West. The Shaolin Performing Group, along with their coach Grandmaster Zhu, will be visiting the United States for the first time.

This impressive group of young athletes train for years under the Shaolin monks in China and demonstrate incredible feats of martial art skills. These children, who attend the Zhengzhou Martial Arts Major Institute, represent China in promoting cultural and educational exchange. Their teacher, Grandmaster Tianxi Zhu, is the director of this institute, and is a Chinese Wushu Degree 7. He earned the international outstanding Wushu achievement gold medal and was the first place winner of Shaolin Kungfu in the 7th World Cup Wushu Championships. The children under his tutelage demonstrate amazing speed, discipline, and skill.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in paying tribute to this exceptional group of athletes, the Shaolin Performing Group, and welcoming them to the United States for their performing tour.

HONORING AUDREY LEE JACOBS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 29, 2000

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to honor Audrey Lee Jacobs. She is president and chief executive officer of Lyndon Baines Johnson Health Complex. After years of working throughout the United States for several of the world's largest corporation, Ms. Jacobs is pleased to be returning to serve the Brooklyn community in which she was born. She is a great product of the New York City Public school system, graduating from Andrew Jackson High School as one of the top students in her class. Audrey attended Vassar College on a full scholarship and majored in psychology.

Ms. Jacobs developed a keen interest in business as she watched her entrepreneurial parents establish and run their own small businesses. She began her career in marketing, working for several multi-national corporations, including Mobil Oil Corporation and AT&T. She wanted to broaden her base of skills and knowledge in business, so in 1985, she entered the University of Texas at Austin. In 1988, she was awarded her Masters in Business Administration degree and realized how important education was and went on to law

school. She attended Columbia Law School, majoring in corporate law. Afterwards, she joined Mayor N. Dinkins' administration as an assistant to the President of the NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation. That provided an introduction to the field of health care administration for Ms. Jacobs, and she realized from that experience. ". . . how many people in New York were not receiving medical care and how important it was to provide all New Yorkers, regardless of ethnicity, race, or social class, or access to high quality health care." After the Dinkins administration she returned to the practice of law. Throughout the years, Ms. Jacobs has been active in the alumni associations of her college and law school, and she has helped to raise funds for many community and political organizations.

Recently, William F. Green, the Chairman of LBJ's Board of Directors talked with Ms. Jacobs about the changing health care landscape and LBJ's developing role in it. After the meeting Ms. Jacobs reflected on taking the reins of this proud clinic which, for 32 years, has been integral to the health and well being of Bedford-Stuyvesant. She quickly realized that it was the opportunity of a lifetime. And, we are grateful for her ability to seize this opportunity.

Mr. Speaker I ask you and my colleagues to join me in honoring the contributions of Audrey Lee Jacobs. Our community, state, and nation are grateful for her dedicated service.

RIO GRANDE CITY, TX, STUDENTS
WIN THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
TITLE IN THE ODYSSEY OF THE
MIND CONTEST

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 29, 2000

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the Odyssey of the Mind world-champion team members, coaches, and parents of Ringgold Elementary School in Rio Grande City, TX. At the Odyssey of the Mind world championship competition for pre-teens, this select group of 5th graders captured the world title. This banner accomplishment reflects the competitors' academic commitment, keen imagination, creativity, and countless hours of preparation.

Odyssey of the Mind, a worldwide creative problem-solving, engages students in exercises that challenge their critical thinking skills. More than 1 million participants in 50 states and 20 countries around the world compete in various age and subject categories. The world-champion Odyssey of the Mind team members, Jessica Chapa, Ashley Escobar, Justin Guzman, Karah Hiles, Leonel Lopez III, Armando R. Vela, and Valerie Villarreal, demonstrated world-class dedication to earn this international recognition.

I join the people of Rio Grande City, TX, and the United States, to commend the trophy winners for capturing the world championship title of the Odyssey of the Mind competition.