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INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO SIMPLIFY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR RECIPIENTS OF AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN

HON. JIM SLATTERY

OF KANSAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, October 5, 1992

Mr. SLATTERY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer very simple legislation to simplify eligibility requirements for recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC).

I was criticized last year by Ms. Donna Whitman, majority of the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, who advised me that Federal regulations require every adult member of a family to attest personally to their U.S. citizenship. The regulations also require the adult to formally declare that any newborn child is a U.S. citizen, even if the infant is born in the United States. These two requirements delay unnecessarily benefits to eligible individuals. According to Secretary Whitman, the regulations create a tremendous potential for purely technical errors. The problem is particularly acute in rural areas, where families may have to travel a considerable distance to reach the nearest Social Security office.

Congress recognized this problem in the 1990 farm bill, when we amended the Food Stamp Program, with support from the administration, to allow a single household member to attest to the citizenship status of all members of the household.

I contacted the Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families, whose official informed me they would support a similar revision to the AFDC program.

Mr. Speaker, this is a very minor change. It does not increase welfare rolls. This simply allows people who are eligible for AFDC, among the poorest citizens of our country, to obtain benefits more quickly. I urge its adoption.

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF BEACON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. DENNIS M. HERTZEL

OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, October 5, 1992

Mr. HERTZEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Beacon Elementary School in Harper Woods, MI.

When Beacon Elementary first opened in September of 1942, it was located in what was then known as Oriskany Township. World War II was being fought and although the emphasis was on learning, much of the school's activities focused on supporting the war effort. One of the first construction of the school was to be a Jeckel building for an emergency hospital in case of a major disaster. Luckily, it was never called into service for that purpose.

The City of Harper Woods we know today was incorporated as a city in 1951. With an area of 2.63 square miles, it is known as the City of Schools and Beacon Elementary is the oldest of the 10 schools in the city.

When it opened, parents and students alike were excited with the 10-room school. Prin-

cipal Beth Sheridan and her staff welcomed 400 pupils in grades three through eight.

Many of the early students who attended Beacon have also sent their children to this wonderful school. In a country where transience is the norm, there is comforting stability through the generations at Beacon.

It is with great pride that the present principal, Elenore Yelensky, a former Beacon student herself, the staff of Beacon, the Beacon Parent Organization and the community of Harper Woods join in honoring Beacon's half century of excellence in education.

TRIBUTE TO RILEY AND MYRTLE RENTROE'S 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. RICHARD RAY

OF GEORGIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, October 5, 1992

Mr. RAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a wonderful couple who will soon celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, Riley and Myrtle Rentroe.

The Rentroes were married on November 29, 1942, in Kingsland, GA. Riley was originally from Outman while Myrtle was from Ludowici. They have since led a full life and have two wonderful children, Emily and Jack.

Both Riley and Myrtle Rentroe are extremely patriotic and moral, and have been tremendous public servants. Riley served in England during World War II, and Myrtle played the organ in the First Baptist Church for 40 years. Riley has served as Republican chairman of Charlton County for several years and Myrtle taught school for 36 years.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure that all of my colleagues will join me in wishing the very best to Riley and Myrtle Rentroe on their happy anniversary.

IN HONOR OF BRUCE BAUMGARTNER 1992 OLYMPIC GOLD—AGAIN

HON. THOMAS J. RIDGE

OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, October 5, 1992

Mr. RIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today before the conclusion of the 1992 Congress to pay tribute to a distinguished American, an exceptional athlete, and one of the most widely recognized and respected residents of Pennsylvania's 21st Congressional District—Bruce Baumgartner.

In a Washington Post article, dateline, Barcelona, August 6, 1992, the writer provided one of the most succinct and vivid descriptions of the man we recognize today. He wrote:

Think of it: the fastest heavyweight wrestler in U.S. history, all 6 feet 2, 277 pounds of him charging across a mat with the grace of a dancer and the power of a front-end loader. Almost on one step, Bruce Baumgartner when he's in high gear, and he was in some sort of overdrive tonight in his quest for gold.***

Bruce won the gold in Barcelona and became the first U.S. wrestler to win three Olympic medals—Gold in Los Angeles; Silver in

Seoul; Gold in Barcelona. His accomplishments for more than a decade resonant with one word—champion. He is the five-time World Cup champion, the 1988 Goodwill Games and world champion, the two-time Pan American Games champion and the 14-time U.S. National Freestyle champion.

Mr. Speaker, Bruce, his family and his friends can certainly be proud of these athletic achievements, for they reflect the hard work and dedication of a very unique individual. Long hours and countless sacrifices were required to accumulate such an unprecedented record.

But, it is equally impressive that Bruce's academic and civic resumes reveal the same type of dedication and commitment to excellence. Attending Indiana State University, Bruce achieved a 3.77 undergraduate grade point average, winning one of the NCAA's top five academic athletic awards, as well as an NCAA post-graduate scholarship to Oklahoma State University.

At home in western Pennsylvania, Bruce's message to young people has won him community-wide praise. Emphasizing that academics come before athletics, he has inspired the code in hundreds of young people he has coached at Edinboro University since 1984. He has taken his message of discipline, sacrifice, commitment, integrity and self-worth to thousands of young people in primary and secondary schools.

On a more personal note, it has been my pleasure to be with Bruce, his wife Linda and their son, Bryan, on several occasions. There is nothing that generates a quicker smile or look of greater personal satisfaction than mention of his family. He is as gentle as he is powerful, as thoughtful as he is dedicated, as decent as he is strong.

It is with great pride and honor that we salute Bruce Baumgartner—Olympic champion.

BELL CO. TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURING SHOULD BEGIN NOW

HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT

OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, October 5, 1992

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, as a cosponsor of H.R. 1523, a bill introduced by our colleague from Ohio, Mr. OXLEY, which would permit the Bell companies to manufacture telecommunications equipment and customer premises equipment, I do not believe that H.R. 5096, the Antitrust Reform Act of 1992, is conducive to this needed relief in any respect.

In this regard, I recently read the additional views in the committee report on H.R. 5096 submitted by our colleague from Illinois, Mr. HYDE, on manufacturing relief. I wholeheartedly agree with his comments on the manufacturing issue and least them in the RECORD at this point:

ADDITIONAL VIEWS OF CONGRESSMAN HYDE
I firmly believe that the National Bell Operating Companies (NBOC Companies) should be allowed entry without delay into the telecommunications equipment and customer premises equipment manufacturing industries. I made clear this position in March of 1991 when I co-sponsored H.R. 1523, Representative Oxley's legislation allowing the Bell Companies immediate, regulated,

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