

two of them will recognize the scent and pull out their own little bundles, letting their own magic flow over them again. The others will smell and know of the wonderful things that are out there. For some, it may be the signal to go out and find that essence of life for themselves. For others it will be enough simply to breathe deeply and understand. If I don't keep the leaves moist, they will dry out and crack and I will lose more sand. But some will always be with me and the medicine will always be there.

The desert has given me a package, but what can I give to the desert? I can give only sweat and blood, perhaps tears, and my love and gratitude, my commitment to walk softly and protect this land as best I can. The desert asks only this in return: that I let it live and share its magic with others, that they, also, may learn to love the land.

TRIBUTE TO DR. AND MRS.  
ZERZAN ON THEIR 50TH WED-  
DING ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ROBERT SMITH**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 4, 1998*

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding achievement of two of my fellow Oregonians, Dr. Charles and Mrs. Joan Zerzan of Milwaukie, Dr. and Mrs. Zerzan will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on February 7, 1998, and I believe this body would be remiss in not taking note of this accomplishment.

Dr. and Mrs. Zerzan met while attending college at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon. Dr. Zerzan was a veteran of the United States Army, having fought for our country in the China-Burma-India campaign in an effort to free those nations from the Imperial Army of Japan. Mrs. Zerzan, known at that time as Joanie Kathan, was an outstanding violinist from Rogue River, Oregon. Her talents as a violinist won her a scholarship to Willamette. The two met when Dr. Zerzan was running for President of his class, and Mrs. Zerzan was running for Secretary. Although both lost their respective races, they won something more important: each other's hearts. The two were married in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where Dr. Zerzan was attending medical school at Marquette University.

Upon graduating from medical school, Dr. Zerzan re-enlisted in the Army. The Zerzans were stationed all over America, including here in Washington at Walter Reed Army Hospital. Somehow they found the time to have 12 children, four daughters and eight sons, who in turn have given Dr. and Mrs. Zerzan 29 healthy, happy grandchildren. Dr. Zerzan retired from the Army with the rank of Lt. Colonel in 1968, and the entire family moved back home to Oregon.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. and Mrs. Zerzan's accomplishment would be notable enough for its longevity. But, for the reasons I have outlined above, and for countless others that time will not permit me here to mention, their accomplishment serves as an example to future generations of the awe-inspiring power of love. Strong families are truly the bulwark of this nation, and it is individuals like Dr. and Mrs. Zerzan whose dedication to one another, and to America, give this nation its greatest strength. Mr. Speaker, I know that you and

this entire body join me in saying to Dr. and Mrs. Zerzan, congratulations on your 50 years together, and thank you for the example you have set. St. Paul said long ago, "in the end there abideth faith, hope and love, these three; and the greatest of these is love." Dr. and Mrs. Zerzan, long driven by these words, have once again proven their enduring wisdom.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE  
RONALD V. DELLUMS

**HON. NICK J. RAHALL II**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 4, 1998*

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of the most respected members of the House of Representatives, the ranking Member of the House National Security Committee, RON DELLUMS. I know that I safely speak for all of my Colleagues when I say that the House will not be the same without his thoughtful leadership when he leaves this body on Friday.

Chairman DELLUMS has served in the House of Representatives for over twenty seven years, arriving in 1971 as an intense young man, committed to his principles of justice, education and health care for all. His legislative goals including cutting back on defense spending and using that money to help local communities, and to ending apartheid in South Africa.

In the 27 years since arriving in Washington, Mr. DELLUMS may have gotten a little bit more gray hair, but one thing hasn't changed: His intensity and commitment to the people of California's Bay Area and to the United States.

RON DELLUMS has taken stands on issues that sometimes have been at odds with many other Members. For example, when most members fought to join the House Armed Services Committee to increase defense spending, Mr. DELLUMS joined for another reason. He said at the time, "I did not join the Armed Services Committee to learn about missiles, planes and ships; I joined because I knew I would need to become an expert in this field in order to argue successfully for military spending reductions that would free up resources for the desperate human needs that I see every day in my community."

His stands on other issues have been just as principled. In 1971, the Freshman from California introduced legislation to impose economic sanctions on the apartheid regime of South Africa. It would be fifteen years before this legislation was enacted into law, enacted over the veto of President Ronald Reagan. Lesser members may have given up the cause, but not RON DELLUMS.

It will be this that I will always remember RON DELLUMS. For his hard work and commitment to his ideals and his willingness to always seek an alternative. RON DELLUMS always could be counted on to develop alternatives that reflected his beliefs, so that he would never have to sacrifice his principles.

RON DELLUMS will be missed by the House of Representatives and by me. I wish him the best of luck in all of his future endeavors.

HONORING RIVERDALE HIGH  
SCHOOL STATE FOOTBALL  
CHAMPIONS FOR AN OUTSTAND-  
ING SEASON

**HON. BART GORDON**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 4, 1998*

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the accomplishments of a dedicated group of young men who worked together in the true spirit of sportsmanship to achieve yet another milestone.

The group is the Riverdale High School Warriors football team of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and that goal was winning the state 5-A championship game. Their hard-fought victory, and the hard work and dedication they demonstrated throughout the year will not go unnoticed.

After all, they were honored as 5-A State Champions and fought to a 14-1 record for the season.

I congratulate each member of the team, their Head Coach, Gary Rankin, and all the assistant coaches, managers, school administrators and all other support staff. I know they won't soon forget this milestone, and those that are still to come.

The players are true champions: Ron Akins, Carmoski Mitchell, Quentez Mitchell, Shawn Sanford, Kyle Jones, Eric Locke, Jason Hill, Deran Martin, Conner Barnett, Marvin Smith, Guy Freeman, Brad Garrett, Chance Dittfurth, Donnie Ayers, Jessie Chesterfield, Vincent Watkins, Dejuan Duke, Aundrell Cummings, Dario Hodge, Craig Garrison, Todd Howard, Jeremy L. Davis, Donte Bell, Chad Mackens, Keane McDonald, Larry Verge, Marcus Limbaugh, Rashad Watkins, Jeremy R. Davis, Tarrus Davis, Aaron Macedo, Billy Arrasmith, Troy Broughton, Gene Thorpe, Matt Sawyer, Michael Smallwood, Jonathon Davis, Jon Kelly, Brian Travis, Ryan Gjertson, Gabriel Besleaga, Bill Massaquoi, Justin Prince, Wes Denney, Scott Lowman, Harrison Mullins, Malachi Hernandez, Donald Morris, Chris Brown, Walker Thomas, Darnell Gresham, Rashawn Ray, Justin Waller, Rusty Stephens, Kolas Hughes, Terry Daniels, Josh Stewart, Kevin Bane, Joe Moos, Rhett Bass, Nick Patterson, Corneice Hoke, Andy Davis, Matthew Young, and Eric Greer.

TRIBUTE TO CAPT. ROBERT E.  
ANDERSON

**HON. JULIAN C. DIXON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 4, 1998*

Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with great pleasure to honor and acknowledge Robert E. Anderson for his distinguished career and his contributions to family, community, and nation. On February 1, 1998, Captain Anderson retired from his position as Delta Air Lines Chief Pilot based in Los Angeles, culminating an illustrious career. I thank you Mr. Speaker and esteemed colleagues for joining me in commemorating this occasion.

Robert Anderson embarked on his path of lifetime achievement in 1955, graduating as valedictorian from Roosevelt High School in

Gary, Indiana. He earned both academic and Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps scholarships to the University of California, Los Angeles (U.C.L.A.). Upon graduation from U.C.L.A. in 1960 with a bachelor of science degree in Electrical Engineering, Captain Anderson was commissioned an Ensign in the United States Navy.

Captain Anderson served his country in the Navy for five years. After flight training in Pensacola, Florida, and Corpus Cristi, Texas, he was deployed to Vietnam where he patrolled the coast at the controls of a P2V airplane. Following his 1965 Honorable Discharge from active duty in the Navy, Captain Anderson returned to Los Angeles and continued military service until 1972 as a member of the United States Naval Reserve. During this time he was employed by I.B.M. as a systems engineer.

In 1968, Captain Anderson began his career as a commercial aviator with Western Air Lines. He was the second African-American pilot hired by the airline and began with the rank of Second Officer flying 737s. At Western, Anderson steadily progressed through the ranks. He was promoted to First Officer in 1972 and earned his Captain's wings in 1979. In June of 1980 he made the transition to DC-10s as a First Officer. Also a member of the Air Line Pilot's Association (ALPA) since 1968, Capt. Anderson's colleagues expressed their esteem for him by selecting him to serve as Chairman of ALPA's Grievance Committee for five years.

Captain Anderson flew 737 and DC-10 jet aircraft for Western until its acquisition by Delta Airlines in 1987. He retained his rank of Captain, flying 727 jets for the carrier. In 1989, Captain Anderson took on additional responsibilities as Line Check Airman; and in 1991 he became an Assistant Chief Pilot based in Los Angeles and in 1996 was promoted to become Delta's first African-American Chief Pilot, a position he held until retirement.

In addition to his distinguished aviation career, Captain Anderson has been a devoted family man. Robert and Yolanda Anderson are the proud parents of four: Roderick Eldon, Kimberly Mauriere, Staci Larelle, and Roslynn Elise; and the grandparents of young Tyrone Pierce Hinderson, Jr.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Captain Robert Anderson on his service to our nation and on a stellar career in aviation. I ask that you join me in commending and extending our best wishes to him and Yolanda for many years of good health and prosperity.

KEEP GUNS OUT OF THE HANDS  
OF CRIMINALS

**HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 4, 1998*

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation intended to keep firearms out of the hands of those convicted of misdemeanor drug offenses. Current federal law prohibits a person convicted of a felony crime involving drugs and firearms from owning a firearm. However, those convicted of lesser drug offenses can legally own a gun. My legislation would impose strict penalties and fines for misdemeanors during crimes such as use or possession of an illegal sub-

stance when a firearm is present. Similar to legislation I have introduced in the past, my bill has had the endorsement of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police and the National Association of Chiefs of Police.

Quite simply, this bill would expand current law to treat individuals who commit less-serious drug offenses in the same manner as people involved in other drug crimes, such as drug trafficking. Those found guilty of simple possession of a controlled substance, and who possesses a firearm at the same time of the offense, will face mandatory jail time and/or substantial fines in addition to any penalty imposed for the drug offense. Mandatory jail time and fines would be required for second and subsequent offenses.

The guilty party would be prohibited from owning a firearm for 5 years. Exceptions could be granted depending upon the circumstances surrounding each individual's case. Current law states that a person convicted of a drug crime can petition to the Secretary of the Treasury for an exemption to the firearms prohibition provided it would not threaten public safety. This legislation will not affect a law-abiding citizen's right to own a firearm.

By imposing stiff penalties on people convicted of lesser drug offenses where a firearm is present, we will send a serious message that the cost of engaging in this activity far outweighs the benefit. If my bill becomes law, individuals owning firearms for legitimate purposes (hunting, target-shooting, collecting, or personal protection) and who also engage in the use of illicit drugs, will think twice before participating in their drug-related endeavors, facing the prospect of enhanced penalties and the loss of their firearms.

Mr. Speaker, the 104th Congress passed legislation that will prevent the early release of drug traffickers and provide increased enforcement on our borders to reduce drug trafficking. Last year, the House passed legislation to establish a program to support and encourage local communities who demonstrate a comprehensive, long-term commitment to reduce substance abuse among youth. I urge my colleagues to continue to focus its efforts on the drug war by passing this legislation in an effort to crack down on this criminal behavior. Drugs and guns are a lethal combination that must not be tolerated by a civilized nation.

TRIBUTE TO ELLEN STRAUS

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 4, 1998*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, last week, I had the privilege of taking part in a ceremony to honor a true American hero. Ellen Straus, and her family, were named the recipients of the 1998 Steward of the Land award by American Farmland Trust. Ellen was selected because of her tireless efforts in promoting responsible land stewardship, farmland conservation policy and the use of environmentally and economically sustainable farming practices. This national award could not have gone to a more deserving person.

Born in Amsterdam, Holland, Ellen came to the United States in 1940. She met and married Bill Straus in 1950 and moved to his dairy on the Tomales Bay, in Marin County, where

they have been farming ever since. In 1993, the family converted their traditional dairy to an organic operation. The Straus Family Creamery, the first organic dairy and creamery west of the Mississippi, now sells over one million bottles of organic milk per year, in addition to cheese, butter and yogurt.

Their commitment to environmentally sound practices dominates their operation. Their cows are fed 100 percent organically grown feed and are not treated with hormones or antibiotics. Their milk is sold in reusable glass bottles. A windmill pumps water to cows pastured uphill to reduce land erosion. Their bottle washing equipment has been redesigned to use 90% less water than originally designed, and the reclaimed water is used to wash floors. Wastewater generated at the creamery is treated in containment ponds and is later used to irrigate pasture lands. And, they are the first ranch in the area to use a no-till drill for seeding crops. The Straus family's farming practices have been a model to ranchers throughout Marin County and serve as a standard for organic farming nationwide.

One of Ellen's greatest legacies is the organization she co-founded in 1980, the Marin Agricultural Land Trust (MALT). MALT was the first land trust in the country to focus exclusively on the protection of farm and ranch lands. Through her efforts, Ellen was able to build a consensus among the agricultural, environmental and political communities to protect the farmland which is such an important part of the heritage of Marin County. Currently, MALT holds easements on over 25,000 acres of land, protecting 38 Marin County farms from development. Ellen's vision has served as a model for other land trusts which have been developed across the country.

As a Member of the House of Representatives, I have the good fortune to represent some of the greatest constituents in the country, and Ellen Straus is one of these people. She and Bill have advocated for a lifestyle in which they truly live and believe. Ellen has been an inspiration to me for her vision, her dedication, and her desire to protect the environment and agriculture as a way of life. Without her efforts, the agricultural heritage of West Marin County would have disappeared to development and urban sprawl many years ago. Instead, Ellen Straus has protected the peace and beauty of the West Marin hills for generations to come.

INTRODUCTION OF SEN. ROBERT C.  
BYRD

**HON. ROBERT E. WISE, JR.**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 4, 1998*

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, I recently had the opportunity to be at an event with Congressman NICK RAHALL and Senator ROBERT C. BYRD in Beckley, West Virginia. That day Congressman RAHALL gave a wonderful introduction of Senator BYRD. I would like to submit a copy of his remarks for the RECORD.

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Thank you, Dr. Polk.  
"I cannot live without books." Declared Thomas Jefferson at age 72.