

A typical day at Lexington High School for Mrs. Ensor included keeping attendance, monitoring student records, making arrangements for athletic teams, answering the phone, tracking down over 300 students, and making sure the students got their lunch tickets. Indeed, Karen's duties at Lexington High School have been multi-faceted. Her dedication and outstanding service to the school and the Lexington community are truly honorable.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Ensor will surely be missed by everyone at Lexington High School. I wish her and her husband, Dale, all the best in the days ahead. I am certain that the Members of the House will join me in paying tribute to this great Missourian.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL VICKI L. BEARD, UNITED STATES ARMY, ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 16, 1999*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lieutenant Colonel Vicki L. Beard as she prepares to culminate her active duty career in the United States Army. Vicki is the epitome of an outstanding officer and leader.

Lieutenant Colonel Beard began her career more than 24 years ago as an enlisted soldier. She then received her commission as a second lieutenant. A graduate of the University of Cincinnati, as well as the Command and General Staff College, Vicki Beard has met the many challenges of military service as an Army Officer, and has faithfully served her country in a variety of command and staff assignments in the Continental United States, Germany, and Korea.

Vicki was previously assigned to the Army Congressional Investigation Division as a Congressional Liaison Officer. During her tenure in the Army Legislative Liaison Office, Vicki served on several investigation panels, spearheading changes in current Army personnel policy.

She concludes her career as the Special Assistant for Personnel Policy in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs. Always thorough and precise in applying her personnel expertise, Vicki has been very generous with colleagues, both senior and subordinate, who sought out her advice on personnel and legislative matters. Senior Defense officials depended on Vicki for her studious approach to matters, and Congressional Members and staff looked to her for her honesty, candor, and professional assessment of any given situation.

Mr. Speaker, service and dedication to duty have been the hallmarks of Lieutenant Colonel Beard's career. She has served our nation and the Army well during her years of service, and we are indebted for her many contributions and sacrifices in the defense of the United States. I am sure that everyone who has worked with Vicki joins me in wishing her health, happiness, and success in the years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JIM McDERMOTT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 16, 1999*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I was absent and unable to vote due to my recovery from heart surgery, July 12, 1999—July 16, 1999.

On July 12, 1999: I would have voted against approving the journal (rollcall No. 277). I would have voted present on H. Con. Res. 107 (rollcall No. 278). I would have voted present on H. Con. Res. 117 (rollcall No. 279).

On July 13, 1999: I would have voted in favor of H.R. 2465 (rollcall No. 280). I would have voted in favor of H.R. 2465 (rollcall No. 280). I would have voted in favor of the McGovern amendment to H.R. 2466 (rollcall No. 281). I would have voted in favor of the Sanders amendment to H.R. 2466 (rollcall No. 282). I would have voted against the Coburn amendment to H.R. 2466 (rollcall No. 283).

On July 14, 1999: I would have voted in favor of the Sanders amendment to H.R. 2466 (rollcall No. 284). I would have voted in favor of the Sanders amendment to H.R. 2466 (rollcall No. 285). I would have voted in favor of the Slaughter amendment to H.R. 2466 (rollcall No. 286). I would have voted against the Stearns amendment to H.R. 2466 (rollcall No. 287). I would have voted in favor of the Inslee amendment to H.R. 2466 (rollcall No. 288). I would have voted against the Weldon amendment to H.R. 2466 (rollcall No. 289). I would have voted in favor of the Klink amendment to H.R. 2466 (rollcall No. 290). I would have voted in favor of the Farr amendment to H.R. 2466 (rollcall No. 291). I would have voted against the Tancredo amendment to H.R. 2466 (rollcall No. 292). I would have voted in favor of the Wu amendment to H.R. 2466 (rollcall No. 293). I would have voted in favor of the Klink amendment to H.R. 2466 (rollcall No. 294).

On July 15, 1999: I would have voted in favor of the motion to recommit H.R. 2466 (rollcall No. 295). I would have voted in favor of final passage of H.R. 2466 (rollcall No. 296). I would have voted in favor of approving the journal (rollcall No. 297). I would have voted in favor of the Nadler amendment to H.R. 1691 (rollcall No. 298). I would have voted against final passage of H.R. 1691 (rollcall No. 299). I would have voted in favor of ordering the previous question (rollcall No. 300). I would have voted in favor of H. Res. 246 (rollcall No. 301). I would have voted against the Sessions amendment to H.R. 2490 (rollcall No. 302). I would have voted in favor of the Lowey amendment to H.R. 2490 (rollcall No. 303). I would have voted against the Sanders amendment to H.R. 2490 (rollcall No. 304). I would have voted against H.R. 2490 (rollcall No. 305).

On July 16, 1999: I would have voted in favor of H. Res. 250 (rollcall No. 306). I would have voted in favor of final passage of H.R. 434 (rollcall No. 307).

HONORING THE LIFE OF CHARLES BUSSMANN

**HON. CURT WELDON**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 16, 1999*

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding American who recently passed away. Publisher Charles Bussmann, one of America's leading advocates for ocean research, died on June 28, 1999 at the age of 75. As the founder, president, and Chief Executive of Compass Publications Inc., an oceanographic publishing corporation, Mr. Bussmann was widely known as an outspoken proponent of the high value and critical significance of the ocean/marine manufacturing industries to the success of oceanic research and marine resources development.

Mr. Bussmann has had a long and distinguished career. He began his career with Texaco Inc. After a short time at Texaco he began working for Pit and Quarry Publication Incorporation where he stayed for seventeen years, eventually working his way up to executive vice president and director when he left to form his own company in 1963.

In 1963, Mr. Bussmann created Compass Publications Inc.; publishers of Sea Technology magazine, Washington Letter of Oceanography, Commercial Fisheries News, Marine Performance News and several other oceanographic publications.

Mr. Bussmann was a charter member of the Marine Technology Society and a charter member of the National Ocean Industries Association. He was the sponsor of three highly coveted professional and industry awards presented by the Marine Technology Society: Compass Distinguished Achievement Award, Compass Industrial Award, and Compass International Award. He was a former chairman of the government/business science and technology information committee of American Business Press Incorporation as well as a member of Board of Directors and Trustee, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution Inc., a major research organization of Fort Pierce, Florida. In October 1998 the Charles H. Bussmann Dormitory was named in his honor by the organization. Mr. Bussmann was also charter member of the National Ocean Industries Association where he sponsored the highly-coveted Safety In Seas Award, which is presented annually.

As the Vice President of The Advisory Commission on the Protection of the Sea (ACOPS), I have worked closely over the past several years with Mr. Bussmann and known personally of his dedication to improving the oceanographic industry through his vast knowledge of the environment. All who knew Mr. Bussmann are grateful that they had the chance to work with him and sincerely mourn his passing. I extend my deepest sympathies to his family.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Bussmann was a true champion of the ocean industry. The oceanographic/marine communities owe him a great debt of gratitude for his extraordinary work in joining research with industry to make our marine environment better for all mankind.