

5th Congressional District. On June 22, 1995, the Maumee Valley Guidance Center will celebrate their 35th anniversary.

The guidance center is a community mental health center serving residents of Defiance, Fulton, Henry, and Williams Counties in OH. Under the leadership of executive director, William Bierie, and the center's dedicated staff of professionals, it has steadfastly served northwest Ohio for 35 years.

The Maumee Valley Guidance Center believes in the principles associated with continuous quality improvement as supported by various health care accrediting agencies and consistent with organizations committed to excellence.

The purpose of continuous quality improvement is to provide a mechanism whereby ongoing and systematic monitoring and evaluation of the quality of client services can be accomplished. Continuous quality improvement activities provide direction for the development and implementation of change toward improved quality of care and client outcome.

Mr. Speaker, anniversaries are a time to reflect on past accomplishments, they are also a time to look toward new horizons. The staff of the guidance center has made it their responsibility to serve those in need by keeping pace with the ever increasing challenges facing mankind. I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the achievements of the Maumee Valley Guidance Center and encourage them to continue to uphold what has become the standard for service in Ohio.

IN HONOR OF RITA GERBER

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 1995

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring a constituent of mine and longtime Westchester resident, Rita Gerber. Rita is concluding a 1-year term as president of the Westchester/LAX Chamber of Commerce, and is being honored by her colleagues at the chamber's annual dinner on June 27.

Under Rita's leadership the Westchester Chamber experienced a significant increase in membership, and received its first ever ranking in the Los Angeles Business Journal's listing of the largest Chambers of Commerce in Los Angeles County. The chamber now boasts over 375 members.

Rita oversaw a year of firsts at the Westchester/LAX Chamber. The chamber held its first business recognition dinner and also launched the flight path, a walking tour that commemorates pioneers in aviation and aerospace history. The flight path dedication was attended by retired Brig. Gen. Chuck Yeager. Another first was the chamber's protectors' breakfast held to honor men and women in law enforcement. These events would not have been possible without Rita's ability to turn ideas into action. Rita lent the enthusiasm and the consensus building skills she possesses to see these projects through.

During Rita's tenure the chamber took a lead role in the formulation of the Los Angeles City general plan, the blueprint for future progress and growth in Los Angeles. In addition, the chamber was instrumental in building

a coalition between business leaders and educators in Westchester, ensuring that the area's most valuable asset, its children, are given as many opportunities as possible to learn.

Rita is truly a modern woman. Along with all her responsibilities as president of the Westchester/LAX Chamber, she still finds time to spend with her husband Greg, and daughter Christine, 12, their proudest accomplishment. Her friends appreciate her infectious laugh, and her great sense of humor. Please join me in honoring a very special person, Rita Gerber.

TRIBUTE TO THE DESCENDANTS OF JACK SPANN OF SUMTER

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 1995

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the descendants of Jack Spann of Sumter, SC as they celebrate their family reunion.

Jack Spann was born May 16, 1844, in Middleton Township in my hometown of Sumter County, SC. Jack was the son of Milton and Lettie Spann, who had one other son, Dave.

Born into slavery, Jack received his freedom around 1854, prior to the 1863 Emancipation Proclamation. After receiving his freedom, Jack lived on Scriven Moore's place as a tenant farmer in a community known as Scuffletown.

Jack Spann was also a minister and was assistant to the pastor of St. Luke AME Church for many years. He could quote the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. It was said of him, "If Christianity was ever demonstrated, Jack Spann was an excellent example." When a member of the community died, families called on Jack Spann to pray with them.

In 1876, Jack Spann married Sophie Bradford, with whom he had 11 children, 6 of whom died in infancy and early childhood. Those who lived to adulthood were: Harriet, Annette, Jack, Joseph, and Henry. Sophia Bradford Spann died in 1889 and is believed to be buried in the old St. Luke AME Church cemetery.

In 1891, Jack married Alice Jackson Singleton, a young widow, who had a child from her first marriage, Sipio, who was known as "Fisher." Jack and Alice had nine children of their own: James, Richard, Albert, Samuel, Mary Alice, Eliza, Willa, and Sarah—twins, and Lummie. After a long and fruitful life, Jack Spann died in Sumter County at 7:35 a.m. on June 11, 1925, at the age of 81. Alice Spann died in Kershaw County on July 29, 1948, at the age of 76.

Mr. Speaker, on June 23, 1995, Jack Spann's descendants, including his only surviving child, Eliza Spann Missouri Pickett, 92 years of age, will gather in New York to celebrate their family reunion and to honor the memory of Jack Spann and all of their long-gone relatives. Please join me in congratulating this fine family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE E. BROWN, JR.

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 1995

Mr. BROWN of California. Mr. Speaker, On June 8, 1995, I was unable to vote on rollcall vote No. 366, final passage for the fiscal year 1996-97 Foreign Aid and State Department Authorization Act, because of the need to return home to my congressional district in California for officials and family business. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE INSTITUTE IN BASIC LIFE PRINCIPLES

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 1995

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in a day when crime and juvenile delinquency are growing concerns internationally, I would like to commend a group of outstanding young people who are striving to set a new standard of strong moral character and social good works in our Nation and around the world. Among these young people are the 130 individuals below who recently traveled to Taiwan, and the Republic of China, to represent positive qualities before government leaders, in public meetings, and most importantly of all, in presentations to and personal conversations with over 14,000 Chinese students. The youth named below traveled to the Republic of China on April 1, 1995 and visited the cities of Taichung, Taipei, and Kaoshiung before departing on April 17, 1995. The leaders with whom they met included Dr. Ma Ying-Jeou, the Minister of Justice, R.O.C.; Dr. Yung Chao-Hsiang, Political Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Education R.O.C.; Dr. Hwang Jen-Tai, Administrative Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Education, R.O.C.; Mr. Wu Den-Yih, Mayor of Kaohsiung; Mr. Wu Ying-Jang, Commissioner of the Bureau of Education of Taipei; Dr. Wu Chung-Lih, Deputy Director of the Government Information Office, R.O.C.; Dr. Li Tchong-Koei and Dr. Jeng Sen-Shyong, President and Vice President of the China Youth Corps with the directors of their cabinet; Dr. Chen Chien-Chin, Speaker of the House for the Taipei City Council; and various other educational leaders of all three cities. In the course of these contacts, invitations were extended for additional groups of these young people to come to Taiwan, The Republic of China and initiate long-term projects with Chinese youth and families.

Steve Alexander (TX), Julie Allen (TX), Dominique Bakash (IN), Kimberly Barber (GA), Matthew Barnes (IN), Jamie Becker (CO), Mary Bolin (NE), Bethany Bowman (MI), Matthew Bowman (MI), Tom Boyle (CT), Bud Bramblett (GA), Billy Briscoe (OK), Joshua Brock (GA), Bert Bunn (NC), Gracie Butler (AL), Mike Canciglia (WA), Jonathan Carlisle (MO), Mary Carpenter (SC), Pamela Chamberlin (IN), Faith Chen (NY), Karen Chen (NY), and Stephen Chen (NY).

Timothy Chen (NY), You-Lan Chen (NY), Amanda Collyer (MI), Bridget Conklin (CT), April Cooney (OR), Jill Cooney (OR), Abby