

country has faced. She has seen this country through its greatest triumphs and the most arduous of times. Ms. Verhoeven is a shining image of what American dreams are built upon. Her wisdom has helped shape the future of many people in her community.

Ms. Verhoeven has played an integral role in her community by possessing simple human compassion and kindness, along with a culmination of determination and drive.

I commend Ms. Verhoeven on a lifetime of the many contributions she has given both her family and community. My most since wishes for more happiness and memories to come. Best wishes for a memorable celebration.

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN JIM
MUNNINGHOFF

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 1995

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, as the Congressman for Florida's 20th Congressional District which includes Key West, I have had the privilege of working closely with Captain J.M. Munninghoff, the commanding officer of Naval Air Station, Key West. I am always impressed by Captain Munninghoff's professional manner and personable nature, but never surprised. He has shown relentless dedication to his job, and I am very sorry to see him leave his post.

Captain Munninghoff's entire career reflects his fine qualities and distinct attributes. His warfare specialty has taken him all across the globe. His 4,400 flight hours and 774 carrier landings stretch from the South Pacific to the Indian Ocean. During his tour as commanding officer of VA-81, the squadron received the distinguished Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet Battle Efficiency Award in 1987. In addition to his accomplishments with in his warfare specialty, Captain Munninghoff has held many prestigious positions including the aviation readiness training branch head, and later deputy director to the Chief of Naval Operations, as well as the assistant strike operations officer and the air operations officer of the U.S.S. *Forrestal* and the U.S.S. *Dwight D. Eisenhower*.

Reflecting his many achievements, Captain Munninghoff has also been awarded various personal awards, including the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, and Navy Achievement Award.

I have had the personal pleasure of working with Captain Munninghoff in his current position of commanding officer at Naval Air Station Key West. I feel that he has done an exemplary job of dealing with the civilian community of the Florida Keys on important issues such as the Peary Court housing controversy, the base realignment and closure process, as well as the more recent proposals for joint use of military property.

It is rare to meet a person of such fine character, and I am honored to have had the opportunity to work with such a man. Needless to say, I am very sorry to see him move on. I only hope that the Navy recognizes the tremendous asset they have in Captain Munninghoff.

TED LEIPPRANDT: LEADER,
ENTREPRENEUR, ROLE MODEL

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 1995

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, one of the special privileges of being a representative of the people is meeting so many outstanding individuals. For several years, I have had the good fortune to know Ted Leipprandt of Pigeon, MI. He is a man who has been a leader in his community and in agribusiness. He has been an entrepreneur who has always worked to maximize the benefit that the free market would offer to him. He also has been a role model with his community service, his religious devotion, and his ability to maintain a clear perspective in an often demanding and conflicting world.

Ted Leipprandt formally retired from his 36-year career with the Cooperative Elevator Co. of Pigeon, MI, on May 31st. This weekend, he is being honored for his accomplishments by his friends and colleagues in the Michigan Bean Shippers Association and the Michigan Bean Commission. I am honored to join in this tribute to a man who has made such an impact on the agricultural economy of the most productive portion of Michigan's agricultural bounty—the Thumb.

Virtually a lifelong resident of Pigeon, Ted earned his degree from Michigan State University in animal husbandry before serving in the Army and returning to Michigan to work as a member of the Cooperative Extension Service. He began his affiliation with the Cooperative Elevator Co. of Pigeon, where over the years he worked in several capacities, including general manager. He planned and implemented several expansion and construction projects to make his facility into a state of the art leader in the grain business. He also undertook action to expand the elevator's capability to store and process multiple varieties of dry beans to respond to the demands of international market opportunities. He also was involved in several mergers and company formulations which again concentrated on both domestic and international marketing opportunities.

Throughout all of his career, Ted has had the active support of his wife, Peg, who is also a major contributor to her community. They emphasized the importance of work and Christian values to their four children, and continue to help guide their eight grandchildren. They also learned the value of community service as they saw Ted actively work as a member of the Salem United Methodist Church, a trustee and later president of the Michigan 4-H Foundation, and a board member of the Blue Water Youth for Christ. He has been very involved with the Rotary Club.

His other business affiliations include his membership in the Michigan Bean Shippers Association, the Michigan Grain and Agri Dealers Association, and his current service as a board member/director of Detroit Edison and the East Central Farm Credit System.

Ted's devotion and constant effort to live according to his code of values has made him a true role model. I can think of no one who can better exemplify what it means to be an upstanding citizen, a concerned individual, and a successful businessman.

Mr. Speaker, even though we are recognizing Ted Leipprandt's retirement, all of us who know him understand that he is only moving on to new opportunities and challenges in the same value-laden way that he has conducted his entire life. I urge you and all of our colleagues to join me in wishing Ted, Peg, and their entire family the very best as we look forward to continuing our relationship with a man we are proud to know.

HONORING JOAN SALTZEN

HON. VIC FAZIO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 1995

Mr. FAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the selfless community leader and constituent, Joan Saltzen. She retired earlier this year as superintendent of schools of Colusa County.

From 1983 to 1995 she transformed the Office of Education into a place where children were allowed to grow as individuals. Mrs. Saltzen wasn't afraid to bring new programs to the classroom in order to let the students explore their own individuality.

Her career spanned nearly 30 years. Mrs. Saltzen's exuberance and motivation was as strong on her last day in education as it was on the first.

Mrs. Saltzen got her start in education in 1965, when she was hired as a classroom teacher at McCloud Elementary School. From 1969 to 1971, she was the school's Miller-Unruh reading teacher, for children in first, second, and third grades.

She served as a research intern from 1977 to 1979 for the Department of Research, Development and Evaluation at the Eugene 4J School District in Oregon.

Mrs. Saltzen came to Colusa County in 1979 and until 1982 was the special education teacher for the Office of Education. The following year she began her tenure as superintendent of schools.

Mrs. Saltzen has a Ph.D and M.S. in educational psychology from the University of Oregon. Her B.A. in liberal arts was from the University of Chicago. Mrs. Saltzen also completed the educational administration program at California State University, Chico.

She has numerous credentials and affiliations with professional organizations.

Perhaps her greatest attributes are an open mind for learning and an ability to excite others about education. Since leaving office last January, countless parents and educators throughout Colusa County have told me how much Mrs. Saltzen is missed as schools chief. I share their sentiment about her departure.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Mrs. Saltzen for her many years of service to the Colusa County Office of Education. I wish her happiness and continued success in all her future endeavors.

RECOGNITION OF MR. AND MRS.
MORTON O. HEINRICH

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 1995

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Mr. and Mrs. Morton