

GERALD FETCHER SPEAKS FOR
THE CHILDREN**HON. MARSHALL "MARK" SANFORD**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 1995

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, for the past few weeks a constituent of mine, Gerald Fletcher, has paid for an ad to appear in the Washington Times. The text of the ad follows:

"AN APPEAL TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES"

Please do not give in to the demands of President Clinton. We must balance the budget in seven years. America is already five trillion dollars in debt, which is over \$18,000 per person (including newborn babies). Kids don't have the right to vote, they can't vote on their own future.

It is very selfish for politicians to appeal to voters by giving them more benefits (to get votes), and destroy the future of America.

Please hang in there Congress and Senate, do not give in to the selfish demands of President Clinton.

I commend Mr. Fletcher for taking the initiative to make sure that his voice is heard. He speaks for most Americans. Balance the budget now.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH
WOMEN 100TH ANNIVERSARY**HON. MIKE WARD**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WARD. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to congratulate the National Council of Jewish Women, Louisville section on its 100th year of birth. Over those 100 years the council has been undaunted in its commitment to serve the community of Louisville.

The Louisville Chapter of NCJW has admirably fought for the protection of women, children, and the elderly. They have acted as a community foundation in the upgrading, safeguarding, and the protection of public education.

The basis for the success of the NCJW has been its hands-on volunteering. This volunteer experience is a phenomenon shared through a century by people bound together through religion, culture, and history.

Throughout their existence the National Council of Jewish Women have been a positive force for decency, dignity, and respect for the individual in the Louisville community. I salute them on their 100th anniversary.

LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP WILL BE
REMEMBERED**HON. JAMES A. BARCIA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, advocates for second amendment rights, the people of Michigan, and conservationists have lost a great friend. Tom Washington, President of the National Rifle Association [NRA], died of heart failure on December 5, 1995.

Probably one of the most important aspects of Tom's career was his leadership in the NRA. A member of the board of directors since 1985, Tom served as second and first vice president until he was elected to serve as president in 1994. He strengthened the NRA and acquired new state-of-the-art headquarters in Fairfax, VA. As president he improved many NRA programs including hunter services, and founded the NRA's Youth Hunter Education Challenge.

Michigan has been fortunate to be served by Tom Washington who played a key role in preserving land in Michigan. His commitment to this goal was demonstrated when he wrote the administrative rules for the cornerstone of Michigan's land use program—the Michigan Farmland and Open Space Preservation Act which has been the model for land preservation legislation in Michigan. He also assisted in drafting legislation to create and then served as a member of the board for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. The trust is used to purchase prime recreational lands for public use.

An avid hunter and outdoorsman, Tom understood the importance of a healthy environment and was dedicated to protecting our natural resources. Tom served on the board of directors of the National Wildlife Federation, the Safari Club International and received the Safari Club's International Chairman's Award. Tom was presented with the Miles D. Pirnie Award by the Michigan Duck Hunters Association for his leadership in preserving wetlands and wetlands wildlife.

Tom could not have achieved these great accomplishments without the support of his loving family and is survived by his wife, Joanne and their six children; Miriam, David, Heidi, Susan, Steven, and Christy.

Please join me in remembering and honoring Tom's legacy of combining environmental consciousness and second amendment rights. Tom realized that these goals are not mutually exclusive and spent his lifetime protecting the two.

TRIBUTE TO MS. BONNIE WARR

HON. CHARLES WILSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WILSON, Mr. Speaker, today I ask that you join me in recognizing the achievements of Ms. Bonnie Warr of Pineland, TX.

Bonnie is one of those truly good, kind, and dedicated people who at the midpoint of life suddenly rediscovers the joys of education. A friend of hers says that a stint working in my office started the process, and helped her discover that she was just as smart as everyone else. I take no real credit for Bonnie's hard-earned success, but I am happy to trumpet it as an example of the benefits of education at any age.

On December 16, 1995, Bonnie will receive her masters of business administration diploma from Stephen F. Austin State University. She made the decision to jump back into the academic fray in 1988, earning an associates degree in 1991 and a bachelor of business administration degree in 1992. In May 1994, she received a secondary education certification that will allow her to share the

wealth and teach English, mathematics, and business curriculums to high school students.

Bonnie started her new academic life with typical enthusiasm and with the happy encouragement and support of her husband Royce and daughters Angela Warr Lopez and Kendra Warr. Kendra will join her mother on the dais December 16 to receive her bachelor of arts degree.

Too many times people are guilty of saying "I would have liked to do this, but now it's too late" or "I'm too old." Bonnie is an inspiration to all of those who fall into this trap. I join her family and coworkers at Temple-Eastex in saluting her fortitude, perseverance, and persistence.

TRIBUTE TO SISTER RITA M.
MEANEY**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to acknowledge Sister Rita Meaney, a native New Yorker. She belongs to the Sisters of Charity, and began her career as a child care worker at St. Agatha's Home for Children in Nanuet, NY. She rose quickly to become director of child care, and eventually its assistant administrator.

Sister Rita attended the College of Mount St. Vincent, from which she received her undergraduate degree. She earned her master's degree in social work from Fordham University. Sister Rita is a certified social worker and licensed nursing home administrator.

Sister Rita is committed to volunteerism, especially as it relates to providing for the needs of troubled families and children. She currently serves as executive director of St. Joseph Services for Children and Families. Under her guidance, St. Joseph has not only grown but thrived under Sister Rita's direction. The Service offers community-based programs in the prevention of child abuse and neglect; and encourages independent living skills among adolescents. St. Joseph also targets the special needs of foster care children with AIDS; and provides vital services such as health care, psychological counseling, and educational and vocational guidance. I am pleased to acknowledge her unique contributions and selfless service to humanity.

DR. JULIUS C. DIX; AN EDUCATOR
FOR ALL AGES**HON. WILLIAM (BILL) CLAY**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, the retirement of Dr. Julius C. Dix from the St. Louis Public Schools on October 20, 1995, is a milestone in a brilliant and varied career of an extraordinary educator. For more than 41 years, Dr. Dix has provided service and leadership to the students and staff of the school district. Upon completion of undergraduate school at Lincoln University, Jefferson City, MI, Dr. Dix began his career as an elementary teacher. His talents were recognized very early in his career;