

Award from Governor Dolph Briscoe and received the Fannin County Farmer Award for Outstanding Conservation.

Millard was married to Evalyn Opal Doan, who preceded him in death. Surviving are his son, Dr. Millard Brent of Sherman; brothers, George Brent of Bonham and C.J. Brent of Lannius; sister, Madeline Veal of Dallas; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Speaker, Millard Brent devoted his life to the betterment of his community and to the noble cause of education. His influence was felt in every aspect of his community and county, and there is no way to measure the good that he accomplished. As we adjourn today, I join his family and many friends in paying our last respects to this outstanding individual.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN N. HOSTETTLER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 27, 1996

Mr. HOSTETTLER. Mr. Speaker, due to a snow emergency in my district that began early March 19, 1996, I was unable to return to Washington, DC, until late evening on March 20, 1996. As a result of this unforeseen delay, I missed passage of H.R. 2937. Had I been able to be here for these votes I would have voted "yea" on roll No. 69.

TRIBUTE TO MORTON CHARLESTEIN

HON. JON D. FOX

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 27, 1996

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, a chosen few among us have the privilege and strength to reach 80 years of productive life. Mr. Morton Charlestein, who marks his 80th birthday on this April 1, has been an inspiration to all who know him and a source of love and support to all who come in contact with his warm and gracious being. He is a husband of over 50 years, a father, and grandfather of five; a leader in the dental and medical products industry; and a giant of support in the philanthropic community of greater Philadelphia whose good works reach across the country and around the world.

As chairman emeritus of the Premier Dental Products Co. and former president of the Dental Manufacturers of America, Mr. Charlestein's professional life has seen the introduction to the U.S. market of many, many innovative and now commonly used essential products in the dental profession. His support for dental schools and dental education is well known.

He is also an active member on the board of Har Zion Temple in Penn Valley, PA and on the board of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. His support for programs fostering deeper religious understanding and commitment extend not only to his financial giving but to his personal involvement in communal prayer, and in family and institutional life on a daily basis.

Along with his wife, Malvina, and daughter, Ellyn, this man of vision has taken a personal

family tragedy—the death of a young son-in-law—and turned it into a commitment of eradicating the suffering caused by amyotrophic lateral sclerosis [ALS]—Lou Gehrig's disease and has helped in the formation of support groups for patients; clinics dedicated to the treatment of this disease; and research projects in leading medical institutions worldwide.

I hold up Mr. Morton Charlestein as an example of a great American, having served his country overseas in World War II, who, in his personal and business dealings knows no barrier of race, social status, religion, or gender; and whose generosity and cheerfulness bring blessing to us all. May such Americans be multiplied and granted long life and good health.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PRESIDENT LEE TENG-HUI

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 27, 1996

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to convey my congratulations to President Lee Teng-hui of the Republic of China. In the first direct Presidential election in Chinese history held on March 23, Lee Teng-hui won 54 percent of the vote, far outdistancing his three opponents. Democracy has finally arrived in the Republic of China and I have nothing but admiration and good wishes for President Lee.

I hope my colleagues will join me in wishing that God may continue to grant President Lee, and his Vice President-elect Lien Chan, all the wisdom in government their country in the years ahead, and that the people of the Republic of China will continue to enjoy prosperity and freedom.

GIVE IT BACK, GIVE IT ALL BACK

HON. PATRICIA SCHROEDER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 27, 1996

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, the minimum wage was last increased in 1991 by a lousy 65 cents an hour. That works out to a lousy \$1,300 a year.

Since 1991, Members of Congress have increased their salaries by a whopping \$37,000. That's 30 times the raise minimum wage workers have received.

In fact, that \$37,000 raise is more than quadruple what a minimum wage worker earns in total all year. The annual salary of a minimum wageworker is \$8,800.

If BOB DOLE and NEWT GINGRICH want to block the proposed 1996 minimum wage increase, I have a suggestion, give back the \$37,000.

A TRIBUTE TO MORTON GOULD

HON. JOHN BRYANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 27, 1996

Mr. BRYANT of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is with much sadness I recognize the death of

former ASCAP President Morton Gould on February 21. The current ASCAP president and chairman, Marilyn Bergman aptly stated that "America has lost one of its most distinguished composers and conductors, and the creative community has lost one of its great leaders."

The honors Mr. Gould received during his long and illustrious life are countless. Mr. Gould received the Kennedy Center Honor in 1994 and the Pulitzer Prize in Music in 1995. He was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters in 1986. In addition, Mr. Gould was an award winning recording artists, with 12 Grammy nominations and a Grammy award in 1966. Mr. Gould served on ASCAP's board of directors for over 36 years, and led the society as president from 1986 to 1994.

Mr. Gould's contributions spanned eight decades and included significant works for orchestra, chamber ensemble, band, chorus, and soloists, as well as scores composed for film, television, Broadway, and ballet. Throughout his career, his work was particularly American, making use of such roots music styles as jazz, blues, spirituals, and folk music.

His music has been performed by every major American orchestra under the direction of such eminent conductors as Fritz Mahler, Arturo Toscanini, Leopold Stokowski, Sir George Solti, Andre Previn, Leonard Slatkin, Eugene Ormandy, and Arthur Fiedler. As a conductor, Mr. Gould led countless orchestras throughout the world and recorded over 100 albums.

Mr. Gould was a tireless advocate for new American composers, and constantly sought opportunities to help expose their work. I was privileged to know him and work with him to further these goals. Morton Gould will be missed by millions worldwide who were touched by his talent and music.

COMMEMORATING RAY LANE'S 50 YEARS OF KIWANIS SERVICE

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 27, 1996

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, as we know, Kiwanis International has stood for outstanding community service with an emphasis on young children for decades. I rise today to honor Mr. Ray Lane, a member and leader of Kiwanis clubs in Toledo, Effingham, and Mattoon, IL for the past 50 years. Since joining Kiwanis in 1946, Ray has worked at it with the same energy and enthusiasm with which he has approached his entire life. I salute him today for his commitment to his fellow citizens.

It comes as no surprise that the leaders of clubs such as Kiwanis are also leaders in their jobs and other activities. This describes Ray Lane. He has always answered the call to duty, and would rather blaze a trail instead of waiting for a path to be carved. Ray received his bachelor's degree and special degree in education from Eastern Illinois University, and it was in the field of education that Ray made his greatest professional mark. Starting out as a teacher and coach while also serving his country for 11 months in the Philippines, he moved on to superintendent of the Toledo school district, despite his protests that he

wasn't qualified, when the school board told him, "But you're the only one we can find." Undaunted, Ray went on to excel, assuming his role in the newly formed Greenup and Toledo county school district, and later as superintendent of Effingham Unit No. 40 schools and the Mattoon schools. Ray was not only a gifted administrator, but an innovator in curriculum as well, developing new kindergarten and English rhetoric programs that were adopted by the State board of education. His first love has always been music, and he was instrumental in adding staff in this area and other programs that traditionally received less attention, like special education. Professional affiliations included the National Education Association, the American Association of School Administrators, the National Association of School Business Officials, the Illinois Education Association, the Illinois Association of School Administrators, and Phi Delta Kappa.

All the while, Ray has been active in other community endeavors, including the United Methodist Church, the Masonic Lodge, the Elks Club, American Legion, and the chamber of commerce. What makes his Kiwanis participation perhaps extra special is that it has paralleled all his other achievements and this tribute just scratches the surface of his voluminous contributions to central and eastern Illinois. He has served as president of all three of his Kiwanis clubs, and his service will not be forgotten. He and wife Pauline have accomplished a great deal while also raising two sons. Mr. Speaker, my respect for Ray Lane is momentous. He is an example of all that we can accomplish if we take on life eagerly and acceptingly. It is an honor to represent Ray in the U.S. Congress. I wish him health and happiness in the future, and thanks for his efforts.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PORT REVITALIZATION ACT OF 1996

HON. BOB FRANKS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 27, 1996

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to address the nationwide problem of disposing of contaminated sediments that accumulate in our ports. This bill is entitled "the Port Revitalization Act of 1996. I am pleased to have joining me as original cosponsors Representatives FRANK PALLONE, DICK ZIMMER, and RODNEY FRELINGHUYSEN.

Ports around the country must continually dredge their channels to ensure the safe passage of ships to their berths. If these channels are not dredged, oil tankers, container ships, and even passenger ships face the risk of running aground. While dredging has been a common practice for decades, the presence of contaminants in the mud at the bottom of our harbors now prevents the use of the ocean for disposal of a significant amount of dredged material.

This problem is especially acute in the Port of New York/New Jersey. Almost none of the 6 million cubic yards of required maintenance dredging will occur this year. Large container ships are now either scraping bottom or waiting for high tide to dock, and some shipping lines are already diverting their cargo to ports to Canada.

The Port Revitalization Act has several important features to address dredging crises at ports around the country. First, it expands the use of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, which currently has a \$500 million surplus, to allow it to be used for more than just the operation and maintenance expenses of Federal channels. This legislation allows the Fund to be used for the actual disposal of dredged material and for the construction of confined disposal facilities required for the safe disposal of dredged material, such as subaqueous pits, containment islands, and upland disposal options.

Second, under current law, the Federal Government can participate only in the ocean disposal of dredged sediment at a cost sharing ratio with a local sponsor of 65/35. This legislation offers a Federal cost sharing mechanism for the upland disposal of dredged material, as well as the construction of confined disposal facilities.

Third, this legislation reauthorizes, and increases funding for, the decontamination technology pilot study now underway by the Environmental Protection Agency. We must continue to invest in dredged sediment decontamination technology to make the material eligible either for beneficial upland use—golf courses, parking lots, etc., or ocean disposal.

Finally, this legislation authorizes a dredged material containment facility for the Port of New York/New Jersey, subject to the findings of the Army Corps of Engineers' Dredged Materials Management Plan for the Port of New York and New Jersey.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation has bipartisan support, as well as support from businesses, labor groups, State and local governments, and environmental groups. I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this legislation.

TRIBUTE TO TWO PROUD VETERANS

HON. GERRY E. STUDDS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 27, 1996

Mr. STUDDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to two courageous men whose personal triumphs over discrimination in the military helped hasten the day when all Americans will have the right to serve their country.

Today marks the retirement from active service of Petty Officer V. Keith Meinhold, an openly gay man who successfully challenged the military ban in court and has continued to serve with honor in the U.S. Navy.

The case of Meinhold versus Department of Defense began in 1992, when Petty Officer Meinhold affirmed on national television that he is gay. It ended more than 2 years later, when the Justice Department declined to appeal a decision in Meinhold's favor by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. The court ruled that Petty Officer Meinhold could not be discharged simply for stating that he was gay and ordered the Navy to reinstate him.

Since then, Meinhold has served with distinction as an aviation warfare systems operator first class at the Naval Air Station on Whidbey Island, WA. By all accounts, his performance as a sonar analyst and instructor has been exemplary. His latest evaluation de-

scribes him as "a top notch professional * * * with uncompromising standards. * * * highly respected and trusted by superiors and subordinates alike."

His commander notes that "his inspirational leadership has significantly contributed to the efficiency, training, and readiness of my squadron." That squadron has been called the most combat ready unit in the Pacific fleet. So much, Mr. Speaker, for "good order, discipline, and morale."

At 13:30 hours Pacific time today, Petty Officer Meinhold will say goodbye to his comrades in Patrol Squadron 46 and give his final salute—a proud gay veteran who has honored us all by his courage and dignity.

Sadly, Mr. Speaker, this past week also brought news of the death from AIDS of another pioneer in the fight against discrimination in the military. Sergeant First Class Perry J. Watkins was a true hero who challenged the ban years before it became a major national issue.

Sergeant Watkins was an outstanding soldier who served on active duty for 14 years, including tours in Korea and Vietnam. His commanding officer called him "one of our most respected and trusted soldiers," awarding him 85 out of a possible 85 points for performance and professionalism.

Watkins had been completely candid about this sexual orientation from the start of his Army career in 1968. He was permitted to reenlist three times before the Army adopted a more stringent policy on homosexuality and sought his discharge in 1981.

In 1989, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ordered the Army to allow Watkins to reenlist, citing the fact that it had done so repeatedly "with only positive results." In 1990, the Supreme Court refused to hear the Government's appeal.

Sergeant Watkins never returned to the Army. A year after the appeal was rejected, the Army settled the case, agreeing to let Watkins retire with full benefits, back pay, an honorable discharge, and a retroactive promotion to sergeant first class.

I wish that Perry Watkins, who did so much to end this cruel and senseless policy, could have lived to see his goal finally achieved. It is in large part because of what he did that it will be achieved, and for this he will always be remembered.

THE GROWING INCOME GAP IN AMERICA

HON. MARTIN OLAV SABO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 27, 1996

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my continued deep concern over the growing income gap in America. Last week, I stated that we must address this problem now, by enacting policies that encourage responsible corporate citizenship. Today, I would like to offer one example of how we can do so.

It is clear from our recent budget debates that all Members want the legislation we pass to expend Government resources wisely, getting the most value for our Federal dollars and granting the benefits of Federal policy to those who truly deserve them.

Americans from across the political spectrum have decried high CEO pay and perks,