

Committee from 1987 to 1994. Mr. Williams' strong leadership has helped shape the National Capital region's development, especially through improved air transportation and increased access to world markets.

Mr. Williams received his undergraduate degree from Johns Hopkins University and earned his law degree at the University of Virginia. He is a former partner and current Of Counsel at the law firm of McGuire, Woods, Battle & Boothe, where he specializes as a tax attorney. During his career, Mr. Williams has held numerous public offices, particularly in the field of transportation. He is currently a member of the Environmental and Transportation Committee of the Greater Washington Board of Trade and is general counsel for the International Trade Association of Northern Virginia. Mr. Williams has also served Fairfax County as a five-term member of the Virginia House of Delegates and as a trustee of the George Mason University Foundation. presently, he is a fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel and a trustee of the Virginia Conference on Federal Taxation.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Williams for over two decades, and am proud of the integrity and expertise he has displayed in his professional career and his public service. Throughout his life, he has received many well-deserved awards and honors for his service and contributions to northern Virginia. In 1991, he was the recipient of the George Mason medal, which was awarded by the board of visitors at George Mason University. Mr. Williams was also the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce's 1994 turkey roast honoree for his service and commitment to northern Virginia.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in applauding Mr. Williams' significant and enduring role in shaping both our local community and the Commonwealth of Virginia over the past 30 years.

CAPT. JOHN MICHAEL CRYE TO  
RETIRE FROM COAST GUARD

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 1996

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an outstanding individual, Capt. John Michael Crye, who is due to retire later this year. Captain Crye has served our country for more than 20 years, most recently as Deputy Chief, Coast Guard Congressional and Governmental Affairs. He also served as Coast Guard Legislative Counsel in the Coast Guard Congressional and Governmental Affairs Office. It is a privilege for me to recognize his many outstanding achievements and commend him for his superb service to this legislative body and our great Nation as a whole.

A native of Knoxville, TN, Captain Crye received his commission from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT. He was commissioned as an ensign in May 1972, first assigned as a deck watch officer aboard the Cutter *Morgenthau*.

Following this tour, Captain Crye was assigned to the Greater Antilles Section in San Juan, PR, as an operations center and search and rescue coordinator. He participated in

several heroic search and rescue cases and law enforcement seizures.

Completing a successful tour at Greater Antilles Section, PR, Captain Crye returned to his alma mater, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, as the non-appropriated funds activities officer. His outstanding performance at the Coast Guard Academy led to his selection to the University of Miami School of Law.

Upon completing law school, Captain Crye was assigned to numerous legal staff positions throughout the Coast Guard. His most notable legal staff assignment was to the Coast Guard Maintenance and Logistics Command Atlantic, where he defended and prosecuted some of the most detailed and controversial Coast Guard Courts-Martial Cases in Coast Guard history.

Due to his continued outstanding performance, Captain Crye was handpicked for an assignment to the Coast Guard Congressional and Governmental Affairs Office. During his tour as legislative counsel, Captain Crye worked very closely with congressional staffs in drafting important maritime and safety legislation such as the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 and the passenger vessel *Safety Act*. As a result of his efforts, he was nominated for the "Justice Tom C. Clark Outstanding Lawyer Award."

Captain Crye was later promoted to his current position as Deputy Chief of the Coast Guard Congressional and Governmental Affairs Office. In this position, Captain Crye has provided the members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, our personal staffs as well as many of you standing here today, with superior support regarding Coast Guard plans and programs. His valuable contributions have enabled Congress and the Department of Transportation to work closely together to ensure the Coast Guard remains "Semper paratus"—always ready.

Mr. Speaker, Captain Crye, his wife, Sheila, and their two children, Marilena and John, have made many sacrifices throughout his career. Captain Crye will be retired on August 1, 1996, and I call upon my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to join me in wishing him much success, as well as fair winds and following seas.

LEAH McCANDLESS MEMORIAL

HON. BILL RICHARDSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 1996

Mr. RICHARDSON, Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I share with my colleagues the news of the recent passing of a highly respected and admired woman in the Southwest. Mrs. Leah McCandless of Hobart, OK, died on May 22, 1996, less than 1 month shy of her 96th birthday.

For a better part of this century, political candidates who wanted to represent Hobart, OK, in the Federal, State, and local legislative bodies stopped by the McCandless home in hopes of seeking her blessing. Over pie and coffee, candidate after candidate would give their best arguments as to why they would be best for Hobart and Oklahoma.

Mrs. McCandless won many battles in her long life. She was probably most proud of the five sons she raised who all became success-

ful in their chosen careers. She was married for more than 60 years to Cecil McCandless who operated a successful clothing store in Hobart. In addition to her political activity, she was a member of her Presbyterian Church for 70 years and became the first woman elder of her church.

At a memorial service for her at her church, Mrs. McCandless left the following words for those in attendance—words that are worth repeating here:

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one,  
I'd like to leave an after glow of smiles when  
life is done,

I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly  
down the ways,

Of happy times and laughing times and  
bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry  
before the sun of

Happy memories that I leave When my life is  
done.

The local newspaper in Mrs. McCandless' hometown said it best when the Hobart Democrat-Chief's Joe Hancock editorialized, "Leah McCandless Was A Legend in Our Time!" I want to share Mr. Hancock's comments as well as an obituary printed in the local paper. After reflecting on Mrs. McCandless wonderful life which spanned nearly the entire 20th century, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to this woman and join me as we express our condolences to her caring family and many friends.

[From the Hobart Democrat-Chief, May 30,  
1996]

LEAH McCANDLESS WAS A LEGEND IN OUR  
TIME!

Leah McCandless was a true lady. She was an inspiration and she was an institution. She left memories with those of us who knew her we'll not forget.

She was an amazing person. She studied events and was prepared to discuss them. Among her friends were many of our state's and nation's leaders. Many of them anxiously awaited her advice and opinions.

She loved the OU Sooners and the Dallas Cowboys. She was a rabid fan!

But none of that approached what I consider her greatest accomplishment. She melded a great family of five sons and a husband during rough depression times.

All five boys received higher educations after graduating from Hobart High School. All of them stayed close to their mother.

Her family was supported by a small family clothing business. As far as I know she never actually worked in the store but did make lunch to bring to town to her husband, Cecil. He ran the Man's Store alone during the early years.

The Presbyterian church was an integral part of the McCandless family life.

The great lady died last week but she lives on in the lives of her surviving family members and those of us who knew her.

LEAH McCANDLESS

Mrs. Leah McCandless, 95, a resident of Hobart for 70 years, died on Wednesday, May 22, 1996 in Elkview General Hospital after a serious illness for several months. She was born in Wichita, Kansas, at the turn of the century, June 17, 1900. She witnessed the many technological and scientific inventions (the automobile, airplane, television, radio, etc.) that we take for granted today.

Her father, W.S. Yeager, organized several banks in Oklahoma, including Verden and Cement where she lived as a child. The family settled in Mangum in 1910 where she met and married her husband, Cecil R. McCandless, in 1918.

They moved to Hobart in 1925 where Mr. McCandless opened the Army store which later became the Man's Shop. He was very active in the Hobart business and civic community until his death in 1982.

The McCandlesses had five sons, the oldest of whom, Bill, died in 1982. His widow, Betty of Oklahoma City, is a frequent Hobart visitor. The other four are Jack, a retired Gates Corporation executive, Denver, Colorado, and wife, Kay; Earl, musician and retired Army officer, Solana Beach, California; John, attorney, Oklahoma City, and wife, Anne; Bob, Lawyer-lobbyist, Washington, D.C.

Each of the sons was educated in the Hobart public school system and each graduated from Hobart High School.

In addition Mrs. McCandless had nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

Mrs. McCandless had always been very active in the civic, social and spiritual life of the Hobart community. She was a founding member of the Mothers' Club, a long time member of the Yamparika Club and the McDowell Club of Allied Arts.

She was member of the Presbyterian Church for 70 years, active in Circle #3, the Wednesday morning prayer group and was the first woman Elder of that church.

She supported and received much pleasure from the Shortgrass Playhouse and the Kiowa County Museum. Mrs. McCandless maintained an avid interest in political affairs (national, state and local) all her life and thoroughly enjoyed reading and discussing public policy issues.

Leah McCandless leaves a host of friends in Kiowa county, throughout the state of Oklahoma and the United States. On her 80th birthday, Governor George Nigh, proclaimed that day "Leah McCandless Day" in Oklahoma. On her 95th birthday this past June, she received congratulatory letters from President Bill Clinton, Vice-President Al Gore, O.U. President David Boren, former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Jim Wright, presidential candidate U.S. Senator Bob Dole, former U.S. Senator Fred Harris and nationally syndicated columnist Robert Novak, among many others. A tribute was read to her on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives and entered into the United States Congressional Record.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the Leah McCandless Memorial Fund at the Hobart Presbyterian Church.

Services were at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, 1996 at the First Presbyterian Church, Hobart, Oklahoma. Officiating were Rev. Jerry Hilton, pastor First Presbyterian Church, Midland, Texas and Rev. Ginger Allen, pastor First Presbyterian Church, Hobart, Oklahoma.

Burial was in Hobart Rose Cemetery under direction of Hackney Funeral Home, Hoabart.

Active casketbearers were Delmar Richard, Jack Calmes, Milton Krieger, Bruce Myers, Paul Hinds, John Montgomery, Marshall Harris and Dr. Ralph Phelan.

Honorary casketbearers were Norris Dame, James Brown, Everett Brazil, Walter Pfenning, Joe Hancock, Dr. Michael Krieger and Ralph Patchin.

#### HIGHLANDS, TX, OPENS ITS FIRST SHERIFF'S STATION

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 1996

Mr. BENTSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the community of Highlands, TX, in

my district, which on June 15 will celebrate the opening of its first sheriff's station. I am confident that this station, the result of a Federal-local partnership will help prevent crime and ensure that more criminals are apprehended and brought to justice. This is an example of community policing at its best.

This Highlands Sheriff's Station would not have been possible without the hard work and commitment of the Harris County Sheriff's Department, the sheriff's citizens advisory committee, the Highlands Rotary Club, and the U.S. Department of Justice through the community oriented policing services [COPS] program. The COPS program is providing the funding for the deputy who will be stationed in Highlands.

I want to personally recognize and thank Sheriff Tommy Thomas for all he has done to make this Highlands station a reality. He has demonstrated strong leadership in protecting not only the more populated areas of Harris County, but smaller, more remote communities such as Highlands as well. And I appreciate the close working relationship our offices have had in securing the Federal grant for additional sheriff's deputies.

I also want to recognize the efforts of the sheriff's citizens advisory committee and the Highlands Rotary Club. Concerned citizens groups are vital partners with law enforcement officers in fighting crime, and this station would not have been possible without their efforts.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the people of Highlands and the Harris County Sheriff's Department for their dedication and congratulate them for joining in this partnership that will benefit us all. This storefront station represents the beginning, not the end, of a partnership between the sheriff's department, the people of Highlands, and the Federal Government to ensure that residents and businesses enjoy the service and protection they deserve.

#### MAINTAIN STRONG PROTECTION MEASURES FOR PATIENTS

HON. PETER G. TORKILDSEN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 1996

Mr. TORKILDSEN. Mr. Speaker, as our country's health care system continues to evolve, it is essential to maintain strong protection measures for patients. As a cosponsor of the Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act, the Patient Right to Know Act, and the Senior Citizens' Access to Health Care Act, I recognize the need to protect new mothers, senior citizens, and all patients from restrictions that undermine a physician's ability to provide quality care to their patients.

To emphasize this point, I ask that this letter to the Honorable MICHAEL BILIRAKIS, chairman of the Health and Environmental Subcommittee, from Massachusetts State Representative Brian Cresta be submitted for the RECORD.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF  
MASSACHUSETTS,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Boston, MA, May 28, 1996.

Hon. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS,  
Chair, Health and Environment Subcommittee,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN BILIRAKIS: It has come to my attention that the Coalition for Health

Care Choice and Accountability has decided to act upon the proposal for national standards for accountable managed care. This is certainly an important step toward ensuring that all U.S. citizens are allowed the freedom to choose a health care provider when enrolled in a managed care plan.

As a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives and an active member of the Committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs, I have received much input from my constituency regarding issues such as this. Therefore, I am no stranger to the problems that many people are facing while accessing the best care within the restrictions of their health plan.

To ensure that residents of the Commonwealth are able to receive fair and adequate health services, the Massachusetts Legislature has passed landmark legislation to allow for the coverage of emergency room services, protect hospital stays for mothers who have given birth, and allow consumers the right to full information about the health plan, to name a few.

Although I am certain that we will continue to work to provide residents of Massachusetts with cost-effective care, I am also aware of the importance of the presence of federal laws to umbrella any laws passed at the state level. It is important not only for Massachusetts alone but the entire country to ensure that U.S. citizens who are managed care enrollees are provided the opportunity to receive the highest quality of care.

This measure is a win-win situation for the industry, which will have a consistent platform across the country rather than different regulations from state to state and for the consumer, by ensuring that high quality care is provided to all managed care enrollees. For this reason, I support this effort and appreciate your continuous work for better national consumer protection legislation.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions regarding the present situation in Massachusetts or if I may be of further assistance to ensure that this measure is passed.

Sincerely,

BRIAN M. CRESTA,  
State Representative, 22nd Middlesex District.

#### TRIBUTE TO TOP POLICE CHIEF

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 1996

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Police Chief Salvatore Rosano of Santa Rosa, CA, who retires this month after 22 years of impeccable public service, and as a hero to our community. I would like to share with my colleagues Chief Rosano's enumerable accomplishments over his 38 years of public service which have made him one of California's most highly praised guardians of safety.

Chief Rosano started his career in public safety at the age of 19. He was appointed police chief to the city of South San Francisco in 1970—the youngest police chief in the State of California, and served as president of the San Mateo County Law Enforcement Chiefs' Association. In 1974 he was selected as chief for the city of Santa Rosa where he proudly served 22 years. Throughout his career, Chief Rosano's natural leadership skills made him a major player in California law enforcement, and he served on many State law enforcement boards, commissions, and public safety organizations.