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HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 1996

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to congratulate Mr. Tony English on his 25th anniversary with the Catholic Youth Center in Wilkes-Barre, PA. The community will gather to honor Tony on October 20, 1996, and I am honored to have been asked to participate in this event.

Having attended local schools, Tony began with the CYC as a volunteer fundraiser in 1962. After starting with the CYC he also joined the membership committee and the capital improvement drive committee. In 1966, Tony was hired as assistant to the athletic director. Under his direction, the CYC basketball league was expanded and the diocesan boys basketball tournament was initiated. He held one of the first area karate tournaments and founded the Junior Basketball Officials Club and was its first advisor. This club trained young people in officiating basketball games.

In 1967, Tony left the CYC to become the program director of the Wilkes-Barre City Recreation Board for 1 year. He then became superintendent of recreation for the city, supervising 23 playgrounds and 4 swimming pools.

Tony found the position challenging as he supervised more than 300 students in leadership positions.

In 1971 Tony left the superintendent position to return to the CYC as its executive director. For the next 25 years, Tony worked to expand the center's many services. He helped acquire land from Wilkes-Barre to build outdoor basketball and tennis courts. The center obtained money through the National Park Service to open a health center. The center went on to develop a first-rate child care and senior citizen program. The center's programs now benefit everyone including infants to seniors. Under Tony's leadership, the center has also been a strong antidrug policy supporter and has numerous antidrug programs in operation today.

Mr. Speaker, Tony English is a valuable member of the Wyoming Valley community. His youth programs have set the standard for excellence in our area. The CYC has grown and prospered under his able leadership. I am pleased to congratulate Tony on this milestone in his career and send my best wishes for continued success.

RISE 'N' STRIDE WALKING CLUB
10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

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Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, it's a pleasure for me to congratulate the Richland Mall Rise 'n' Stride Walking Club on its 10th anniversary.

Americans are living longer, healthier, more active lives and much of it can be traced to these types of clubs. Gathering early each morning, the group, some of whose members are in their nineties, sets a brisk pace. The

club stresses the benefits of walking in reducing the risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, high cholesterol, and osteoporosis.

The Rise 'n' Stride Club also has started a Walker of the Month Program with plaques on display at the Richland Mall. I believe this kind of recognition of personal achievement will encourage more Americans to get out and walk for their health.

In addition, the club serves the community by organizing fund drives that have donated over \$3,000 in support of various community activities.

Maybe I feel so strongly about this club because my wife, Joyce, and I are regular walkers who have benefited from this low-stress form of exercise. It is clubs like Rise 'n' Stride that are helping to change attitudes toward fitness and provide incentive for people of all ages to get out and do something positive for their health.

I congratulate the Rise 'n' Stride Club on its 10th anniversary, its community involvement, and its dedication to improving its members' health and well-being.

GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY IS
OCTOBER 6, 1996

HON. MICHAEL PATRICK FLANAGAN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FLANAGAN. Mr. Speaker, the annual anniversary of German-American Day is on October 6, 1996. Due to the fact that this date falls on a Sunday this year, Chicago's National German-American Day will be celebrated on Friday, October 4, 1996, under the auspices of the Steuben Society of America, Chicago unit. This annual ceremony is held so that all German-Americans of the Chicago area can honor not only the illustrious General Von Steuben, but all German-Americans who have fought, served, and worked to make the United States the greatest country in the world. Today, more than 57 million Americans trace at least part of their ancestry to Germany and many of those are residents of the great city of Chicago, which has long had a most active and vibrant German-American community.

Since the arrival of the first German immigrants in Philadelphia, PA, on October 6, 1683, German-Americans have much distinguished themselves by their loyalty to their new homeland and their contributions to the cultural and economic life of the United States of America. German-Americans have faithfully supported and bolstered America's democratic principles. They have staunchly and steadfastly committed themselves to the advocacy of freedom for all people throughout the globe.

German-Americans have long been active participants in our society. They are part of the very foundation that has made the United States of America what it is today. Their example makes them most deserving of an annual German-American Day.

We in Congress honor and acknowledge all German-Americans and what they have done for our country and for the world. We in Congress call upon all citizens of the United States of America to acknowledge the exemplary services and contributions of our German-American citizens and to celebrate German-American Day on October 6.

TRIBUTE TO GREG MORRIS

HON. JULIAN C. DIXON

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, the entertainment world lost a gifted and beloved actor on August 27, 1996, with the passing of Greg Morris. Morris, who would have turned 62 on Friday, is best known to all of us as the electronics genius who helped his fellow agents thwart the activities of unscrupulous governments in the immensely popular 1960's television series, "Mission Impossible."

Greg Morris was born in Cleveland, OH on September 27, 1934. He entered the University of Iowa in 1958 to play basketball; however, his basketball career was short-lived. Greg studied communications and theater arts and it was from this curricula that his love for the theater and acting would grow. Although he did not complete his studies at the University of Iowa, Greg expanded his skills in the arts by writing a jazz column for the Daily Iowan and producing a radio program on WSUI, "Tea Time."

From Iowa, Greg moved northwest to Seattle, where he landed his first professional roles in a few minor stage productions. His appetite for acting further whetted, he decided in the early 1960's to try his luck in Hollywood. Those of us who remember Hollywood during that period, can appreciate how difficult it must have been for Greg to strike out for the entertainment capital of the world. Although there were many gifted African-American actors looking for work in the television and film industry, only a few, such as Morris, Bill Cosby, Brock Peters, and Diahann Carroll were lucky enough to land roles that did not mirror the stereotypical roles historically given to African-American actors.

Like his African-American acting peers, however, Greg was special and his superior acting talents landed him roles in such television classics as "The Dick Van Dyke Show," "Ben Casey," "The Twilight Zone," and "Dr. Kildare."

Greg Morris was a pioneer for African-Americans seeking serious roles in television. His 7-year portrayal of "electronics wizard" Barney Collier thrilled millions of viewers, and no doubt steered many a youngster to pursue an education in electrical engineering, or to follow his/her dream to an acting career in Hollywood. I understand that Mr. Morris was most fond of the 7 years spent on this wonderful series, which was created by famed television pioneer Bruce Geller, who also served as the series' executive producer.

In 1979, Greg moved to Las Vegas to co-star in the television series "Vega\$,," with Robert Ulrich. Each week, Greg's character, "Lt. David Nelson," joined forces with Ulrich's character, "Dan Tana," to track down that episode's scourge of the week. Greg fell in love with the city of Las Vegas and decided to make it his permanent home.

Greg Morris was married for 38 years to Leona Morris. The couple had three children, including the actor Phil Morris, and daughters, Linda and Iona.

Mr. Speaker, I confess to having been a huge fan of Greg Morris. He was an outstanding actor; a man who broke down barriers in Hollywood, and a man who carved out a rich