

Essie Henderson, substance abuse administrator for Solano County, agreed with Callahan's assessment that the Fighting Back program is working.

"Early prevention has been the key," Henderson said.

The Fighting Back program includes several programs designed to keep students from trying alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs or to help them stop.

The report also includes crime statistics from the Vallejo Police Department which indicate that Fighting Back's training program for liquor store owners, managers and employees has worked as intended.

Among stores that participated in the training program, incidents reported to the police dropped 6.5 percent between fiscal year 1993-94 and fiscal year 1995-96. Among stores that didn't receive training, the number of incidents rose 27 percent.

The difference in the number of hours police spent responding to problems at the two groups of liquor stores was even more profound; down 20 percent for stores that had the training and up 26 percent for those that didn't.

More than half of the liquor store personnel in the city have participated in Fighting Back's program.

Since the late 1980s, when planning efforts for the Fighting Back program began, it has received wide community support. However, the majority of the funding has come from the Robert Woods Johnson Foundation in the form of a five-year, \$3 million grant.

Cash and in-kind contributions from a variety of other sources, including free office space from the city of Vallejo, have bumped Fighting Back's annual budget up to about \$1 million per year.

The foundation, which is sponsoring 14 Fighting Back programs across the nation, has hired an independent research organization to conduct detailed studies to determine how effective the programs were.

The results of that study won't be fully available until 1999.

Unfortunately, Vallejo's Fighting Back program can't wait that long. Its Robert Woods Johnson grant will expire March 1.

If the organization hopes to continue to exist, it must find some new revenue sources.

TRIBUTE TO ZION-GRACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 1996

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, this coming Sunday, September 29, 1996, the Zion-Grace United Church of Christ, in my home State of Michigan, is celebrating its 100th anniversary.

The present congregation is the product of a 1972 merger of two churches, Zion Church of Fraser and Grace Church of Detroit. Coincidentally, both of the churches trace their foundings to the same year—1896. Zion Evangelical Congregation in Fraser was organized in February 1896, while Grace Church was organized in September 1896 in Hamtramck. From its original location in Hamtramck, Grace Church moved to Detroit in 1918. It remained at that location until the 1970's when declining membership forced it to seek a home elsewhere. A special celebration consecrated the union in 1972 as they became one church family, the Zion-Grace United Church of Christ.

The founders of this united church were committed to seeing the emotional, edu-

cational, and spiritual needs of their community fulfilled. Continuing in that tradition, the Reverend Joseph A. Lachcik, pastor of Zion-Grace UCC and the dedicated members of the congregation reach out to serve in many ways. The Women's Fellowship group, through the Samaritan Workshop is very active in service projects, mission involvement, and hospital donations. Through their ministry to others they have provided a home for the Homestead Adult Day Care, Boy Scouts, and Alcoholics Anonymous as well as participating actively in the support of area health and welfare programs.

The centennial celebration of the church is a proud milestone. As the community prepares to commemorate this event, I applaud the church for its contributions to the rich tapestry that makes up American life in Michigan. I urge my colleagues to join with me in wishing congratulations to all the members of the Zion-Grace United Church of Christ. May the next 100 years be a continued fruitful ministry.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FOREST FOUNDATION CONSERVATION ACT

HON. RICHARD H. BAKER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 1996

Mr. BAKER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, today, I have introduced the Forest Foundation Conservation Act.

The Forest Foundation Conservation Act will amend the National Forest Foundation Act to extend and increase the matching funds authorized for the National Forest Foundation and to permit the National Forest Foundation to license the use of trademarks, tradenames, and other such devices to identify that a person is an official sponsor or supporter of the U.S. Forest Service or the National Forest System.

Our Nation has been blessed with a national treasure—America's national forest lands. A growing population, increasing demands on forests and related resources, and more competition for uses and benefits are placing great stress on our forest lands and the U.S. Forest Service.

Now more than ever, America's forest lands and the individuals who work so diligently to manage these forest lands need support from people who care. The National Forest Foundation, a citizen-directed, non-profit organization, was created to coordinate the needed support. The National Forest Foundation Amendment Act of 1996 will allow the National Forest Foundation to develop innovative public/private partnerships so that America's pristine forest land and its resources will be conserved for future generations.

I believe that it is the responsibility of each citizen to help conserve our Nation's resources and provide organizations like the National Forest Foundation with the resources it needs to help maintain America's forest lands for generations to come. I hope that my colleagues will join me in supporting this legislation which will help us improve the quality and infrastructure of our national forests.

CONGRATULATING AMERICAN CREDIT UNIONS FOR SERVING THE UNDERSERVED

HON. JESSE L. JACKSON, JR.

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 1996

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the National Credit Union Administration, the Credit Union National Association, the CUNA Mutual Group, the National Association of Federal Credit Unions, and the National Federation of Community Development Credit Unions for holding their very successful Serving the Underserved conference in Chicago from August 9 through 11, 1996.

Credit unions have throughout their history made great strides in providing financial services to those previously locked-out—to members of low-income communities and communities of color, a reality highlighted by conference speakers including our former colleague and conference keynote speaker, the esteemed NAACP president Kweisi Mfume.

It is with great appreciation for America's credit unions that today I introduce for the RECORD President Bill Clinton's statement of greetings and commendation to the credit union community for their evidenced commitment to serving distressed communities.

THE WHITE HOUSE,

Washington, August 6, 1996.

Warm greetings to everyone gathered in Chicago for the "Serving the Underserved" credit union conference.

The continued prosperity of our nation depends on our ability to foster economic opportunity for all of our people. Credit unions have continually distinguished themselves by working tirelessly to provide fair loans, sound fiscal advice, and high-quality consumer service to hardworking individuals and families. Your dedication has helped to make the American Dream more accessible to our people, strengthening the potential for innovation, growth, and prosperity for our entire nation.

I commend you for your ongoing efforts to reach out to traditionally disadvantaged groups in our society. As you gather to explore ways to fill the unmet financial needs of isolated rural and distressed inner-city areas, I am confident that your continued commitment to high-quality service will help to create a brighter future for us all.

Best wishes for a productive and enjoyable conference.

BILL CLINTON.

DRUGS AND THE CIA: WE MUST INVESTIGATE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 1996

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I urge an immediate and comprehensive congressional investigation of recent allegations of a connection between the Central Intelligence Agency and the introduction of crack cocaine in the United States.

The San Jose Mercury News has published a series of articles providing considerable evidence that crack cocaine was introduced in the United States in order to fund the operations of the Nicaraguan Contras. Because