

brought lustre to the Toledo Botanical Gardens: the creation of a master plan, a successful \$2.2 million capital campaign, the construction of a pond system, shade and perennial gardens, a new maintenance facility, a greenhouse, the addition of 19-resident organizations, and the planting of the grand alley which leads to the doors of the future visitors center. Her dedicated perseverance and commitment to the growth of the Toledo Botanical Gardens has made it a premiere attraction of northwest Ohio.

Susan LeCron is a true community advocate and horticulturist. Her work and her vision are preserving a gift for our future. We thank her, wish her well, and know nature always will shower her legacy with splendor.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMEN ROBERT S. WALKER AND WILLIAM F. CLINGER, JR.

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, September 28, 1996*

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join with my colleagues to pay tribute to two of my very esteemed retiring colleagues from the other side of the Mason-Dixon line, Congressman ROBERT S. WALKER, chairman of the Science Committee, and Congressman WILLIAM F. CLINGER, JR., chairman of the Government Reform and Oversight Committee.

The extraordinary years of public service of these two men have strengthened the principles of democracy which governs our Nation. BOB WALKER has acted as our tireless parliamentary floor leader protecting our rights when we were in the minority and has been a leader in developing the U.S. science and technology policy. BILL CLINGER has served the role of the administration watchdog, providing vigilant oversight and preserving the system of checks and balances—so important to our system of Government.

These two distinguished careers have been capped with their chairmanships, in this Congress, of the Science and Government Reform and Oversight Committees. As a member of both of their committees, these two gentlemen from Pennsylvania have had a deep and profound impact during my years here in Congress.

I have always treasured their insightful wisdom, their deliberate guidance, their sage counsel, and their continual courtesies. I wish them much health and happiness in their future as they conclude their congressional careers.

Like BOB WALKER, I have served on the House Science Committee since my first year in office—except BOB began in 1976, 10 years before I did. This year, he became the first Republican chairman in the history of the Science Committee, which is one of the largest in the House. I am honored to serve with BOB as his chair of the Technology Subcommittee.

The Technology Subcommittee has jurisdiction over our Nation's technology and competitiveness policy. BOB has been a strong supporter of enhancing our Nation's ability to compete in the global marketplace and has endorsed efforts to create a better economic climate for the development of new tech-

nologies. BOB's support was crucial in the enactment into law of The National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1996, legislation which I authored.

During his tenure on the Science Committee, BOB has been a strong advocate of basic research. Through the years, he has been a consistent and principled advocate for his views on science and technology policy. As the chairman, BOB has focused on returning Federal research and development priorities to basic research.

As a former social studies teacher, BOB has been an avid promoter of math and science education. He has been a consistent and enthusiastic supporter of a manned space program and has led bipartisan whip teams to victory over many funding battles regarding the space station on the House floor.

BOB views space as an economic frontier that must be explored, and believes that the future of space and aeronautical research will rely on partnerships and relationships of the Federal research enterprise with entrepreneurs using risk capital to leverage Government capability. He is the author of a number of initiatives to promote space commercialization.

As chairman, BOB shepherded the Risk Assessment and Cost Benefit Analysis Act of 1995, which was part of the Contract With America, and the Hydrogen Future Act through the committee and the full House.

He also took the unprecedented step of securing House passage of all the committee's authorization bills in this Congress, thereby elevating science in the authorization process. Not only has this been unequalled in the committee, but BOB is also one of the few committee chairmen to have that distinction.

Additionally, I was very pleased to work closely with BOB to ensure environmental protection of Antarctica. Bob successfully pushed for House passage of the Antarctic Environmental Protection Act of 1996, which we expect the President to sign shortly.

This bill would provide the necessary legislative authority for the United States to implement the 1991 Environment Protocol to the Antarctic Treaty and preserve that fragile ecosystem for science and research.

In the committee, BOB has held a number of future-oriented hearings to discuss the importance of science and technology to our country.

There is a plaque hanging on the wall in our committee room which reminds us each time we enter that, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." (Proverbs 29:18) In his tenure on the committee, BOB has had a vision and he has, indeed, touched and influenced the future.

I am proud to have had the opportunity to serve with BOB on the Science Committee over the years. Good luck to you, BOB, and to Sue, as you return back to Lancaster.

It has also been an extreme pleasure to work with BILL CLINGER during the last 10 years that we have both served in the Congress, especially in the past 2 years on the Government Reform and Oversight Committee.

As chairman BILL has been an outstanding leader. His commitment to good Government has been unwavering.

While his recent oversight work has received much attention, I want to remind my colleagues of the unglamorous, detail-oriented

oversight work that he has spent the majority of his time pursuing—that is, ensuring that our tax dollars are well spent and our Government is operating as efficiently and cost-effectively as possible.

Under his leadership, the Government Reform and Oversight Committee has tackled a wide range of important issues, including Federal employee benefits, Medicare and Medicaid fraud, FDA oversight, the war on drugs, teenage pregnancy prevention, unfunded mandates, the year 2000 computer crisis, and Federal agency oversight.

If it were not for BILL's thorough work, we would have never known the extent of the mistreatment of the White House Travel Office employees or the improper White House requests for over 700 FBI files of former Bush and Reagan employees.

I have enjoyed working with BILL very much, and I especially want to commend him for his fairness. I appreciate his willingness to listen to the sometimes dissenting views of his colleagues.

The Fifth District of Pennsylvania has been extremely well served for the last 18 years, and the Government Reform and Oversight Committee is losing a great leader. I will miss BILL as a leader and a friend, and I wish him, and his wife, Judy, all the best as he leaves Capitol Hill.

NUTRITION EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM

HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, September 28, 1996*

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation which provide funds for the Nutrition Education and Training Program [NET].

Enactment of this legislation is necessary to remedy a glitch in the funding of this program resulting from the enactment of the welfare reform bill. Since the 103d Congress, NET has been a mandatory spending program. The Appropriations Committee funded it as such for fiscal year 1997. However, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act modified current law to once again categorize NET as a discretionary spending program. Since mandatory funds cannot be used to fund a discretionary program, NET is currently without a funding source for fiscal year 1997.

This legislation provides a total of \$7.5 million in funding for the Nutrition Education and Training Program, to be derived equally from the School Meals Initiative for Healthy Children and the Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Act. As my colleagues are probably aware, questions have arisen regarding the operation of the Team Nutrition Program by the Department of Agriculture. In addition, there are carryover funds which can be used for Team Nutrition activities for the upcoming fiscal year. As such, I feel it is more than appropriate to transfer \$3.75 million in funds from the Team Nutrition Program to the Nutrition Education Program.

Mr. Speaker, while the Nutrition Education and Training Program receives a minimal amount of funding, schools throughout the country use these dollars to promote healthy eating habits among our Nation's children.