

In Pennsylvania, for example, funds are used to publish posters and other materials related to the dietary guidelines and the food pyramid. In addition, these dollars are used by the State to purchase items they can't buy with their State administrative funds, to train school food service personnel, and for the development of healthy meal menus and recipe guides. All of their NET funds go to kids and teachers.

Organizations, including the American School Food Service Association, the Food Research and Action Center, the National School Boards Association, the National PTA, Public Voice for Food and Health Policy, and the Association of State and Territorial Public Health Nutrition Directors, have written to Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman requesting that he take whatever action is necessary to ensure local funding for NET. He cannot effectively respond to this request without our assistance.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in amending the law to provide funding to the Nutrition Education and Training Program. This program is too important to allow it go without funding in the upcoming fiscal year.

TRIBUTE TO ALABAMA'S OLDEST
FAMILY-OWNED NEWSPAPER,
THE SOUTHERN STAR OF OZARK

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay special tribute today to the accomplishments of a dear friend and fellow newspaper publisher in my congressional district, Mr. Joe Adams of Ozark, AL.

Joe Adams is the editor-publisher of the Southern Star, a weekly newspaper in Dale County which occupies a special place in Alabama history. This year the Southern Star turns 129 years old, and as such, is the oldest family-owned newspaper in the State of Alabama.

The Southern Star is widely known and respected in southeast Alabama having been created and shepherded by five generations of the Adams Family of Ozark: Joseph A. Adams, founder, 1867-87; Joseph H. Adams, 1887-1907; John Q. Adams Sr., 1907-25; Jesse B. Adams, 1925-52; John Q. Adams Jr., 1952-69; and Joseph H. Adams, 1969-present.

The Southern Star was recognized earlier this year for its unique statewide distinction by the Alabama Press Association, an organization of Alabama's newspaper publishers.

I have known Joe Adams for many years and am proud to call him a good friend, and I wish to congratulate him for his family's contributions to Alabama journalism.

ASSAULT ON TOBACCO FARMERS

HON. VAN HILLEARY

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HILLEARY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to talk about the Clinton administration's assault on

the livelihood and well-being of some 18,490 tobacco farmers in the Fourth District of Tennessee. The FDA's newly imposed jurisdiction over the regulation of tobacco products will put these hardworking tobacco farmers in jeopardy and have no effect on reducing youth smoking. The restrictions imposed by the Clinton administration are nothing more than an attempt to dismantle this country's oldest industry and cause 92,000 workers in 16 States to lose their jobs.

Nobody thinks that minors should smoke. However, giving the FDA regulatory powers over tobacco and tobacco advertising is a misguided approach to reducing youth smoking. I've talked to the tobacco farmers in my district and they support the already strict laws imposed by the State of Tennessee to combat youth access to tobacco.

The State of Tennessee outlaws the sale or distribution of tobacco products to persons under age 18. The law prohibits the purchase of tobacco products by minors, or by an adult on behalf of a minor. They require retailers to post signs stating that sales of tobacco products to minors are illegal and require that all tobacco products must be sold only in original, sealed packages bearing the required Federal health warnings. The Department of Agriculture enforces these laws with stiff fines and penalties.

In 1992, Congress directed the States to adopt and enforce laws to reduce youth access to tobacco. Congress passed the Synar amendment directing States to regulate the sale of tobacco products to minors or lose Federal substance abuse grants. In order to receive these grants States must: Have in effect a law prohibiting the sale or distribution of tobacco products to persons under age 18; enforce the law in a way that can reasonably be expected to reduce the availability of tobacco products to minors; conduct annual, random, unannounced inspections of retailers to ensure compliance with youth access laws; and Report activities and successes to the Secretary of HHS annually.

In addition, there's strong evidence that shows advertising bans and restrictions do not reduce youth smoking. While tobacco ads are restricted or banned in several countries, these controls have had little or no effect on youth smoking rates.

For example, Norway has a complete ban on tobacco advertising, but has a higher percentage of youth smokers than the United States. The University of Helsinki researchers discovered that smoking rates among juveniles in Finland increased after a complete ban on tobacco advertising was implemented in 1978. Smoking rates for this age group had been declining before the ban was implemented.

It's ironic that the FDA, under the leadership of President Clinton and Commissioner David Kessler, is waging a war on teenage smoking. They want to make sure that our kids don't get their hands on tobacco, but they don't want to make sure that our kids don't get their hands on illegal drugs.

The fact of the matter is that the drug policies of this administration for the last 4 years have not worked. Illegal drug use among teenagers has skyrocketed 78 percent. Marijuana use among teenagers has doubled over the last 4 years with nearly half the class of 1995 having tried drugs by graduation day.

There are no billboards, print ads, or event sponsorships provided by illegal drug purvey-

ors to entice juveniles to use illegal drugs. This misguided approach by the FDA is just not acceptable.

Furthermore, I am worried about any FDA regulations that would jeopardize the first amendment. By mandating a black and white text-only format for tobacco product advertisement, the FDA ignores the significant protection afforded commercial speech. The Supreme Court has consistently affirmed significant protection for commercial speech, specifically ruling that the use of pictures, illustrations and color in advertising is fully protected by the first amendment. The measures proposed by FDA go beyond what is reasonable, and would result in a virtual ban on tobacco advertising.

The tobacco industry is a valuable part of the U.S. economy. It directly and indirectly supports 1.8 million jobs worth \$54 billion in wages, in benefits, and contributes \$6 billion to the U.S. balance of trade, according to a study by the American Economics Group. In addition, sales of tobacco products generate approximately \$15 billion in excise and sales taxes each year for Federal, State, and local treasuries.

Mr. Chairman, these ill-advised regulations are a bad idea by an organization that is merely seeking out more power and authority. The Clinton administration and the FDA would rather hurt the mom and pop American farmer than lose an opportunity to increase the size of Government and its meddling bureaucracies.

It's time we realize that tobacco farmers aren't breaking the law so we should stop treating them like criminals.

It's time we leave the small tobacco farmer alone and let them get on with making a living. These newly imposed tobacco regulations are not going to stop one person from smoking, but they will hit rural communities across America with losses of thousands of jobs and dollars.

TRIBUTE TO ANDY JACOBS AND
JOHN MYERS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the long and illustrious careers of my distinguished colleagues and good friends, ANDY JACOBS and JOHN MYERS. I have had the honor of serving with JOHN and ANDY since I was first elected to join Indiana's congressional delegation in 1984. Before that, I got to know them when I worked on the staff of the late Adam Benjamin, Jr. ANDY and JOHN have always demonstrated that they are men of impeccable character, honesty, and integrity. Indeed, Indiana and the Nation are fortunate to have had these two honorable and capable individuals representing their interests in the U.S. Congress for the past three decades.

Since he was first elected to represent Indiana's Tenth Congressional District in 1964, ANDY JACOBS has been a tremendous legislator. As a new Member of Congress, he helped to write the 1965 Voting Rights Act and led the House debate to help get the United States out of Vietnam. A member of the Ways

and Means Committee, ANDY quickly developed an expertise in Medicare and Social Security, and he worked tirelessly to help improve the lives of millions of America's senior citizens. During his tenure in the House, he served as chairman of both the Health, Medicare, and Social Security Subcommittees. In this capacity, he was able to strengthen and enhance the Social Security Administration and the Medicare Program. Widely recognized as one of the most frugal Members of Congress, Andy put his money where his mouth is by being an early proponent of a balanced budget constitutional amendment.

the third most senior Republican in the House and the GOP Dean of Indiana's congressional delegation, JOHN MYERS has served in the House since 1966, when he was first elected to represent Indiana's Seventh Congressional District. Over the years, JOHN has earned the reputation as a staunch fiscal conservative, and he takes pride in the fact that he has never voted for a tax increase.

JOHN's leadership on the Appropriations Committee has been particularly distinguished. Since he began his service on the committee in 1970, JOHN has compiled a remarkable legislative record, punctuated by fairness and bipartisanship. Throughout his career, and, most recently, as chairman of the Energy and Water Subcommittee, he has used his experience to craft needed flood control projects for his farming-intensive district. However, JOHN's work on the subcommittee goes beyond helping out his constituents. He has been a long-time advocate for high-technology research, including progress in new cancer treatments, plant biodiversity, superconductivity, and general science at Purdue, Indiana State, and other Indiana universities.

ANDY JACOBS and JOHN MYERS will be sorely missed after they retire at the end of the 104th Congress. Indiana and the Nation will lose the invaluable experience of their combined 60 years in the U.S. Congress. I am happy, however, that ANDY and JOHN can look forward to spending plenty of time with their families. I would like to convey my best wishes to ANDY's wife, Kim, and their two boys, Andy and Steve. I would also like to tell JOHN and his wife, Carol, that they are lucky to have more time to spend with their two daughters, Carol Ann and Lori, and their two grandsons, Justin and Austin.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank ANDY JACOBS and JOHN MYERS for all they have done for me during my tenure in the Congress. In addition to being fonts of wisdom and experience, they were always there for me when I needed them—first and foremost as friends. JOHN and ANDY, I am a better person, a better legislator, and a better father, because I have known you. I wish both of you good and decent men every joy and happiness in life.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN
HAROLD FORD

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to recognize Congressman HAROLD FORD for his many years of service to our

Nation. Congressman FORD has served the people of the Ninth District of Tennessee for 22 years and prior to that time served 4 years in the Tennessee State Legislature.

It has been a privilege for me to work with him on behalf of the citizens of Tennessee. Our State has always had a congressional delegation which works in a bipartisan manner on matters of importance to Tennessee. Congressman FORD has spent his congressional career serving on the most important committee in the Congress, the Committee on Ways and Means. He is now fifth in seniority on that committee and has played a leading role in its work.

He is recognized as a national leader and expert on child welfare because of his past service as chairman and present service as ranking member of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Resources.

During his legislative career, Congressman FORD has achieved a well-deserved reputation for service to his constituents. His top priority has been to try to keep the Federal Government close and accessible to the people of his district.

He has helped thousands of people over the years, and I am sure he will continue to work hard for the citizens of Memphis in the years ahead. Although he has served in the House for 22 years now, he is still a young man, and I am sure that he has many good and active years ahead.

I would like to congratulate HAROLD FORD on the occasion of his retirement from Congress and wish him the very best.

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE
CARDISS COLLINS

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank our distinguished colleague from the District of Columbia, ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, for reserving this special order. I take pride in joining my colleagues as we pay tribute to CARDISS COLLINS, who is retiring at the end of this legislative session. For more than 22 years, CARDISS COLLINS has been the voice for residents of Chicago's Seventh Congressional District. She departs the U.S. Congress with a host of important achievements to her credit.

Some of us gathered in the Chamber today recall serving in the Congress with the late George W. Collins. Following his untimely death in an airplane crash, CARDISS was selected in a special election to fill the seat left vacant. She came to the U.S. Congress in 1973 and began a career that would include a number of important "firsts." In 1975, CARDISS became the first woman and the first African-American to hold the leadership position of Democratic whip-at-large. In 1979, she was named chairwoman of the Government Operations Subcommittee on Manpower and Housing, again the first woman and first African-American to serve in that capacity. Later CARDISS became the first woman and the first African-American to chair a subcommittee on the powerful Energy and Commerce Committee.

Mr. Speaker, CARDISS COLLINS serves as the ranking minority member of the Committee

on Government Reform and Oversight. She is also the former chair of the powerful Congressional Black Caucus. Throughout the years, CARDISS has used her political skill to develop legislative remedies to address some of the problems that plague our Nation.

CARDISS has been unrelenting in her effort to improve the quality of health care for women and minorities. She has authored and supported legislation to address issues including breast cancer and infant mortality. She also authored legislation which resulted in the creation of the Office of Minority Health at the National Institutes of Health. Further, CARDISS COLLINS authorized both the Child Abuse Prevention Act and the Child Safety Protection Act. These measures were aimed at providing greater protections for America's children.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to her legislative assignments, CARDISS COLLINS has played a key role in shaping the Congressional Black Caucus. A fearless and tireless champion for the African-American community, she has been with us in the struggle for civil rights, equality, and justice. She has earned the respect of her colleagues in the CBC, and the admiration of people throughout the United States who know her as a thoughtful and compassionate legislator.

As she prepares to depart this Chamber, I am proud to join in this salute to my good friend, CARDISS COLLINS. We commend her for outstanding service to the U.S. Congress, the State of Illinois, and the Nation.

TRIBUTE TO THE MONTGOMERY
COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ON THE DEDICATION OF ITS
POTTSTOWN, PA, CAMPUS

HON. JON D. FOX

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the board of trustees, president, faculty, Montgomery County Board of Commissioners Meel, Buckman, and Hoeffel and students on the occasion of the dedication of the Pottstown campus of the Montgomery County Community College.

The Montgomery County Community College has long been known as the finest institution of its kind in the United States. The outstanding reputation of the college reflects the brilliance of the student body, the inspiration of the faculty, the dedication of the administration, and the enthusiastic support of the community.

The Pottstown campus of the Montgomery County Community College will become the new hub of higher education, business expansion, cultural outreach, and job creation for the tricounty area.

U.S. Representative TIM HOLDEN joins me in this special salute to the Montgomery County Community College which is known as the crown jewel of the community college system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

By adding a western campus for the college, many students, part and full time, will have the opportunity to obtain their college degree. Without the creation of this Pottstown campus, local residents, many of whom are raising their families and holding down several jobs at once, would not have been able to attend such a fine institution of higher learning.