

record of providing health care to this population.

Although the bill had passed the major committee of jurisdiction and enjoyed bipartisan support in the Senate, it became a victim of time constraints and was not able to be scheduled for a vote in the House before Congress adjourned for the year. Nonetheless, we made important progress this year and I believe we are in solid position to pass this bill early next year when Congress reconvenes for the 105th Congress. I look forward to working with my colleagues on the committee and the House leadership to achieve this goal.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM CLINGER ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. G.V. (SONNY) MONTGOMERY
OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 1996

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to wish Representative BILL CLINGER well in his retirement. He has been extremely lucky in this life, with a lovely wife, Julia, four wonderful children, Eleanor, William III, James, and Julia, and two precious grandchildren, Sara and Charlotte. I feel sure that the future only holds more blessing for BILL CLINGER.

Congressman CLINGER was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives back in 1978, and he has been a fixture here in Congress ever since. He has worked hard as chairman of the Government Reform and Oversight Committee and vice chairman for the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

His work here in Washington has not gone unnoticed. He has earned the respect and admiration of all of his colleagues. I have enjoyed working with BILL for the last 20 years, and he will be missed in Congress after he retires.

THE MAN FROM MEMPHIS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 1996

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my distinguished colleague from Tennessee, the Honorable HAROLD FORD. During 11 consecutive terms of service in this body, HAROLD distinguished himself as a champion for meaningful welfare reform and an advocate for economic development for both urban and rural America. He will long be remembered as one who served his constituents with the same fervor that he dedicated to the crafting of legislation in the powerful Ways and Means Committee.

Because of his leadership, Central Station in downtown Memphis was revitalized; the Memphis Housing Authority was able to devote \$47 million toward its revitalization programs; and Memphis will now have a new Job Corps Center. His work as chairman and the ranking Democrat of the Ways and Means Sub-

committee on Human Resources in large measure enabled us to enact a welfare reform bill that strengthened the initiatives for work without hurting the Nation's vulnerable children. I personally enjoyed the ability to work with him on health care reform issues in the 102d and 103d Congresses.

The gentleman from Tennessee will be sorely missed. I am gratified, however, that his son Harold, Jr., is poised, to continue his legacy in the 105th Congress. I wish him the best in his retirement from this body and I am certain that he will continue to be a voice that speaks in the people's interest.

HONORING JOHN KABLER, A VOICE FOR PRESERVATION OF OUR WATERWAYS

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 1996

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to John Kabler, one of Maryland's most effective and respected environmental leaders; no one worked harder than John to protect the Chesapeake Bay. As regional director of Clean Water Action, John Kabler showed citizens of Maryland how to work together for a better environment.

John's quiet constructive approach to leadership is well described in a brief tribute published in the New Bay Times. Because we all have much to learn from the way John helped Maryland and the Nation, I would like to share this article with my colleagues and the public.

[From the New Bay Times, Aug. 8, 1996]

APPRECIATION: JOHN KABLER

(By Joe Browder)

John Kabler's life was about protecting water: assuring safe drinking water for all Americans; working to save the Chesapeake and his hometown rivers and streams that nourish the Bay, restoring the Everglades waters flowing to coastal south Florida's mangroves and corals and cities. The difference John made, in these and other issues that help shape our lives, actually came from his love of life and people. John loved his family most of all; few persons so accomplished in public service remain so deeply grounded in the love of family and friends.

My wife Louise Dunlap and I began working with John in the '70s and came to know him better through three paths. For Louise, the intensity of a political campaign during the 1984 presidential primaries and work on the Clean Water Fund's board. For me, the continuing struggle to protect the Everglades. For both of us, living in Anne Arundel County and treasuring every moment spent with John and Sandy.

John took joy from the absurdity and dignity of America's political process. He relished helping people realize that they can be powerful when working together. He believed that citizens, informing themselves and sharing their knowledge, can and should define the rules that everyone must play by.

John knew that both nature and neighborhoods are usually the losers when politicians make deals with polluters. But John remembered what was worth fighting for, so he understood that there is no more important struggle than against the impulse to let either conflict or compromise become ends

in themselves. When colleagues would form a circle and fire on each other, he was kind enough to help all the wounded.

John also believed that so long as the right things happen, it doesn't matter who appears to be responsible. That's why John's fundamental role in protecting the Bay was only recently given wide recognition, when the Governor of Maryland proclaimed John an Admiral of the Chesapeake.

In the Everglades, John's team demolished the myth about immigrants' indifference to the environment. Talking with thousands of households in south Florida, John's Clean Water surveyors repeatedly found Spanish-speaking families expressing the highest level of support for protecting the Everglades and making polluters pay.

When the Everglades was betrayed by the sugar industry's pet politicians and frustrated citizen leaders turned on each other or lashed out at government workers, John counseled better ways. Whether managing small armies or nurturing new leaders, John guided by teaching and learning.

John experienced what nature gives us, so his work was founded on understanding what is really to be won or lost. He believed in justice, for everyone, and saw the connection between social opportunity and the integrity of nature. He was awed by the majesty and intricacy of being while loving people—as a part of life and one person at a time.

John left us as gracefully as he lived with us. He is on his present journey filled, and filling us, with all the love a person could hope to give or get.

SOUTH DADE MOTORSPORTS EXHIBITION CENTER

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 30, 1996

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I strongly support efforts to create jobs for the people I represent. In this regard, I rise in support of the economic development project planned for the Homestead Motorsports Complex. The international motorsports exhibition facility will be a major, year-round economic development vehicle which will go a long way toward revitalizing the hurricane ravaged Homestead and south Dade communities. The exhibition facility is expected to bring in more than half a million tourists per year and generate more than 100 jobs in a wide variety of areas. The job creation will be even greater throughout the community. The project is also a public-private partnership, with the private sector committed to contributing one-third of the development costs, State and local governments another third, and the Federal Government the remaining third.

Mr. Speaker, in light of the economic distress which continues to plague Homestead and south Dade and the strong economic development potential of the proposed motorsports exhibition center, I strongly believe that this project deserves grant support from EDA in fiscal year 1997. I am hopeful that the Commerce-State-Justice Appropriations Subcommittee will join me and my south Florida colleagues in urging EDA to give expeditious and favorable consideration to this important project.