

her actions. She is the type of person that doesn't demand respect, but people respect her. She is one smart cookie. She has a bright mind and a deep faith.

"Rosalie is the type of person who believes you can do anything you want to do if you want to do it badly enough. You know she is always there if you need her. She gives back to the community what she takes out."

Kuntz was the first female president in the 59 year history of the Texas Association of Life Underwriters that has a membership of 8,300.

She served in that capacity for the 1984-1985 term. During that term, Kuntz received national honors at the National Life Underwriters Conventions for Public Service and Membership achievements for the State of Texas and Pasadena Association of Life Underwriters.

Prior to her presidency in the organization, Kuntz served as T.A.L.U. Vice-Chairman of Public Service and Public Service Chairman.

She is a life member of the Texas Leaders Round Table and a charter member of its Lone Star Leaders. Kuntz has served in all offices of the Pasadena Association of Life Underwriters, including president.

One of Kuntz's most memorable experiences was in 1983. As past president of Women Life Underwriters Conference, Kuntz was one of 50 women invited to be a luncheon guest of President Reagan in the White House.

Kuntz was born in Houston. After she and Jerry moved to Pasadena in 1948, Rosalie assumed the position of assistant manager at the Pasadena Bowling Center working for Charles (Monty) Manoshagen.

"Monty left the bowling center to go into the insurance business, and was also responsible for getting me into it. He and his wife came over to the house one night in 1956 with a bunch of books. He threw the books on the coffee table and said, 'Rosalie, you're going into the insurance business.' I told him I didn't know a thing about insurance. He said, 'I'll teach you.' And, he did. I will finish my 41st year in the business today, Jan. 8, 1997," Kuntz said.

"When I went into the business, there weren't many women in the insurance business. It was very difficult at first because women were not accepted in the insurance field, just like the real estate business.

"Now, women are building up in the real estate business and also in the insurance business," Kuntz said.

"I had some good friends and good teachers to teach me the business, and I went on from there. One doesn't do anything by themselves. They always have someone that will help them.

"I was very fortunate in having Mr. Manoshagen to be around to help me along. He kept up with me as long as he lived. (He died about four or five years ago.) He would always call me each year and say, 'What is your goal for next year?' And every goal I told him I had set, I made throughout the years.

"It is a great profession for women. And, it is the greatest career anyone could ever get into, any type of insurance business really, but specifically life and health," Kuntz said.

Jerry and Rosalie's secretary, Jannie Pugh, get much of the credit from Kuntz.

"Jerry helps me an awful lot. So does my secretary, Jannie, who has been with me almost 20 years. She is just like a member of the family. They are behind the scenes, but they sure do help a lot," said Kuntz.

"We have worked together so long, we are more like friends," said Pugh.

For her services to the community, Kuntz was chosen Pasadena Citizen of the Year in

1968. She was elected to the Pasadena Hall of Fame in 1988 for the same reason.

According to Stella Walters, owner of Bruco, Inc., "Rosalie and I have been involved with a lot of the same organizations for 30 years. We also are good personal friends. We have worked together on everything, including the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, Optimists, Red Cross, YMCA, American Heart Association, to name a few.

"She has more energy in her, for her age, than anyone else I know. She and Jerry have been married 48 years. She is a good mother. I doubt there is anyone in business in Pasadena who does not know her. She is just amazing."

As a member of the San Jacinto Day Foundation, Kuntz chaired the first Strawberry Festival in Pasadena in 1974. She served as an advisory board member in 1986.

She was presented the 1992 Lone Star Award for volunteer service in the community. She was a director of the South Houston Chamber of Commerce from 1978 until 1980.

Kuntz has been Director and Membership Chairman of the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce since 1991 and is the immediate past president of the organization.

Kuntz was the first woman to be elected president of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, and currently serves as a member of the organization's Cultural Affairs, Voice of the Chamber and Governmental Affairs Committees.

She also was chairman of the Pasadena Chamber's New Member Orientation Committee during the 1990-1991 and 1992-1993 years.

From 1968 to 1996, Kuntz has been a director of the American Heart Association, Pasadena Unit. She served as chairman of the Heart Business Drive for 12 years, and was chosen Volunteer of the Year in 1987, with a grant named in her honor.

She was appointed to serve on the Advisory Board of the Battleship Texas from 1983 to 1989, by Texas Governor Mark White.

Kuntz is past president of the Soroptomist International of Pasadena, and has served on the advisory board of The Rose, a Texas-based, non-profit organization dedicated to breast cancer screening since 1987. She also has served as a member of the Rehabilitation Foundation since 1984.

Additionally, Kuntz has been a director of the former Barbour's Cut Seaman's Center since 1991. The facility is now the Lou Lawler Seaman's Center.

She is past director of the Texas Society of the Prevention of Blindness; the recipient of the 1975 Distinguished Service Award from the Pasadena Jaycees; 1969 chairman of the Pasadena Drug Abuse Committee; vice-chairman of the Committee for the National Olympic Girls Volleyball Team and past vice-chairman and member of the Pasadena City Beautification Commission.

As a longtime member of St. Pius V Catholic Church, Kuntz is a past secretary of the Diocese of Galveston-Houston Board of Education; the St. Pius Finance Committee and past member of the St. Pius V Church Parish Council.

For 25 years, Kuntz also served as a volunteer coach for the St. Pius V Catholic girls softball and volleyball teams.

According to Bud Osborne, former owner of Osborne-Apple Ford, "Rosalie is a vibrant get-up-and-go person. She always bought cars from us and insures our whole family. We like to kid her and tell her we sent all her kids to college. She comes by at least once a month to talk to us. She is just a wonderful person. We think a lot of Jerry, too."

"Rosalie is my dear friend," Nina Osborne said. "When she was inducted as president of the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce, she arranged to have us seated with her family. She is just like family to us, too."

Billie Fife, former Civil Defense Director for the City of Pasadena and administrative assistant to past Pasadena Mayor Clyde Doyle, said of her friend, "Her interest in you continues long after you take out a policy. There is no monetary reward.

"She is just there for her clients. She is there for your needs no matter when she last saw you—a couple of days ago or 15 years ago. She is just like that little rabbit with the battery. I believe her joy is in the journey. She will never retire."

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BELLEVIEW

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 21, 1997

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, one of the great privileges of serving from the 10th Congressional District of Florida is to represent one of our Nation's landmark hotels, the Belleview of Belleair, FL, which celebrates its 100th anniversary later this month. Not only is it world renowned as a tourist destination, but it is listed on our National Registry of Historic Places.

Henry B. Plant, the railroad magnate who became known as one of Florida's greatest developers, opened the doors to his elegant hotel named the Belleview on January 15, 1897. Built on a bluff that overlooks Clearwater Harbor, the original 145-room hotel quickly became recognized as a favored winter retreat.

Later, as golf courses and swimming pools were added, the hotel became uniquely modern for its time. In addition to serving its guests, the hotel was also the location for the Belleair post office and fire station. While the hotel ownership changed and the railroad cars left the siding, the importance of the Belleview to the area did not wane. In fact, during World War II, the hotel was leased to the U.S. Army Air Corps to serve as the auxiliary barracks for MacDill and Drew Fields in Tampa.

Several years later, the hotel, now with more than 500 rooms, reopened as a resort and began a new chapter that led to its being qualified for a listing in the National Register of Historic Places on March 7, 1980. I was privileged to have been a part of that program, and it is a special honor for me to be able to salute the Belleview Hotel—now the Belleview Mido—on this its 100th anniversary.

The Belleview has always been known for its hospitality and its graciousness. It has hosted countless numbers of dignitaries, conventioners, and others who wish to enjoy its golf course, its pools and sunshine, its cuisine, and its spa and fitness center. Today its guests are no less important than those who were greeted by Henry B. Plant, and as we look to the new year and the 21st century, I congratulate the Belleview Mido on its 100th anniversary and I thank the management and staff for their work in preserving this magnificent structure, its history, and contributions to the Town of Belleair and to Pinellas County.