

they need only to talk to a few citizens in my congressional district. Mr. Kreinberg's peers describe him as a highly ethical and moral man. Mr. Kreinberg's character and integrity serves as a portrait of what a public servant should be. To celebrate Mr. Kreinberg's birthday and many contributions to his community, his family has graciously created an endowed scholarship at the Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University to assist students who desire a career in public service and urban development.

Mr. Speaker, I take a tremendous amount of pride and honor in saluting Joseph Kreinberg, whose entire life stands as a picture of achievement. Today, I along with his family, friends, and colleagues, would like to take this opportunity to applaud Mr. Kreinberg's strong leadership and desire to improve his community and our Nation.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 20, 1997

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I will be unavoidably absent from the House Chamber during today's proceedings. If I were present, I would vote "yea" on both H.R. 1122, the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 1997, and House Resolution 91, a resolution providing amounts for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the Congress.

#### SALUTING THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS PLAN

### HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 20, 1997

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, 20 years ago this month the Santa Monica Mountains Planning Commission produced its comprehensive plan. There are few dates more important in the history of the environmental movement in southern California.

The plan that commission produced had many valuable components, including calling for the establishment of a Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. As a member of the California Assembly, I carried the bill that implemented the plan and established the conservancy. In the past two decades the performance of the conservancy has exceeded even my high expectations. Anyone who cares about the environment and the need to maintain the natural beauty of southern California is in the organization's debt.

While I do not necessarily subscribe to the "Great Man" theory of history, it seems evident that the conservancy would not have come this far without the superb leadership of Executive Director Joe Edmiston. I have known Joe a long time, and count him as one of my close friends. Putting aside friendship, however, I can say without bias that Joe knows how to get things done and get them done right. His utter commitment, his boundless energy, his no-nonsense style and his clear sense of direction have provided guidance to the conservancy and are responsible in large measure for its success.

Indeed, the conservancy has many accomplishments in which its friends and supporters can take pride. For example, the organization administers programs designed to serve minority and disadvantaged groups and those who otherwise can never get to southern California's mountains. The quiet, cool and serene setting is a welcome contrast to the often grim realities of urban living. The conservancy has also acquired over 21,000 acres of parkland in 20 years, which has increased the opportunities for people of any background to enjoy nature.

The work of the conservancy to preserve the environment, especially in an area growing with the speed of southern California, is of monumental importance. I ask my colleagues to join me today in saluting the 20th anniversary of the Santa Monica Mountain comprehensive plan, which has proven to be a most effective weapon in the arsenal of environmentalists. I applaud the conservancy's efforts, and wish it the best of luck for all the decades to come.

#### HONORING ROCK GROUP LOS LOBOS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR YOUTH

### HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 20, 1997

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the internationally acclaimed rock group, "Los Lobos", for their commitment to the youth of our community. On April 11, 1997, Los Lobos will donate their time and talent to raise funds for the Broadoaks Children's School of Whittier College in Whittier, CA.

Los Lobos has received numerous distinctions for their innovative style of music, including two Grammy Awards, seven additional Grammy Award nominations, and was designated as having released the "Album of the Year" in 1992 by the Los Angeles Times, the Chicago Tribune, the Chicago Sun Times, and the Nashville Banner. Since 1978, Los Lobos has released over 48 film, television and commercial works. Their broad appeal has allowed them to perform for royalty in England, and for audience at Carnegie Hall.

What makes Los Lobos bandmembers truly exceptional, however, is their commitment to the education of our community's youth. In the last 4 years, Los Lobos has performed for three sold-out benefit concerts, each in the name of education. Proceeds from April's concert will enable Broadoaks to expand its services to children, families, teacher preparation, and professional development programs throughout the greater Los Angeles area.

To acknowledge the band's commitment and dedication to this endeavor, Broadoaks has named a building in the group's honor. The "Los Lobos Learning Center" includes two classrooms for fourth through sixth grade students, many of whom require special educational services. All students in the Los Lobos Learning Center are required to participate in volunteer service projects to instill the value of giving something back to our community. Los Lobos' generosity enables these young children to attend a school where volunteerism is part of the curriculum.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Los

Lobos bandmembers, Cesar Rosas, Louie Perez, David Hidalgo, Conrad Lozano, and Steven Berlin, for their generous spirit and contributions to our community. These truly exceptional musicians have become lifelong friends of our community through their commitment to promoting the welfare and education of our children.

#### IN MEMORY OF E.M. KNIGHT OF HOUSTON, TX

### HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 20, 1997

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of a valuable member of the Houston community, E.M. Knight, who passed away on Saturday, March 8, 1997.

E.M. Knight was among Houston's most prominent community leaders, acting as a beacon for social justice and equality. He was a man of great character and great action, who gave Houston his all. Whether as a local chapter president of the NAACP or as Sunday school superintendent, precinct judge, or deacon at East Macedonia BC, E.M. Knight made a difference in so many lives. His legacy of service to the Houston community will be felt far beyond his passing. He was truly one of a kind who will be greatly missed.

E.M. Knight treated everyone in Houston as if they were family, and now that family mourns his passing. I ask unanimous consent to insert in the RECORD at this point an article and obituary which appeared in the Houston Chronicle on March 13, 1997.

E.M. KNIGHT

Ellis M. Knight (E.M.) departed this life on March 8, 1997, at the age of 84 years, 9 months and 5 days. He was born in Odenburg Louisiana to Mary Smoot and Ellis M. Knight Sr. The family moved to Houston after devastating floods. He was preceded in death by his parents, 14 brothers and sisters, and his wife Elsie. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife Janet, sons Ellis III, Ronald and Alan Wayne Knight, sisters Mary Harris and Lois Davis Gatterson, daughter-in-law Edna, grandchildren Sharmene Stewart, Andre and Terrion Knight, great-grandson, Quentin Ellis Stewart, 4 stepdaughters, 9 stepgrandchildren, brother-in-law Cleve Gatterson, 6 sisters-in-law, a host of cousins, nieces & nephews and many, many friends.

He served in the United States Army. He retired from Southern Pacific Railroad after 37½ years of service, and since has been actively involved in community service, church activities and the political arena.

During his lifetime he served in many capacities: as NAACP local chapter president, president of HCCO, founding and life member of NCNW Elsie J. Knight section, chair of Gulf Coast Community Services Board of Directors, coordinator for Operation Big Vote, chair of Martin Luther King Health Center Council and chair of the Council-at-Large (HCHD), PTA president and VIPS at Fairchild Elementary, chairperson of the Keenage Klub, Sunday School Supt. and deacon at East Macedonia BC, and chair of deacon board, benevolence and building committees at South Park Baptist Church.

In spite of serious health problems, he remained active as Precinct Judge in Pct. 0240, a position he held faithfully since 1966; deacon at South Park BC, director for the Houston Food Bank Pantry at South Park BC,