

to the working families of San Diego and Imperial Counties.

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE INDIANA OPTOMETRIC AS-  
SOCIATION

**HON. DAVID M. McINTOSH**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 16, 1997*

Mr. McINTOSH. Mr. Speaker, I want to join my Indiana Senate colleagues and echo their resolution congratulating the Indiana Optometric Association [IOA] on their 100 years of service to Indiana. The IOA has provided invaluable service to Hoosiers across the State. Therefore, may I add my blessing to Senate resolution included below and add my voice to the chorus of those thanking the IOA for the wonderful work they have provided for eye care in Indiana over the last century:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

A Concurrent Resolution celebrating the Centennial Anniversary of the Indiana Optometric Association

Whereas, the Indiana Optometric Association (IOA) was founded in 1897 and will be celebrating its Centennial Anniversary during the year 1997, and

Whereas, the IOA is marking 100 years of successful advocacy for the profession of optometry in Indiana, and

Whereas, the IOA has provided 100 years of service in the public interest on behalf of the eye care and eye health of Indiana's citizens, and

Whereas, the IOA was instrumental in the decision of the Indiana General Assembly that established the Indiana University School of Optometry in the early 1950s, and has forged an ongoing professional relationship with the School of Optometry that is a national model, and

Whereas, the IOA commends the Indiana General Assembly for its continuing support of the profession of optometry and the patients it serves, and

Whereas, the IOA has historically distinguished itself as an exemplary professional optometric association in the United States, and

Whereas, the IOA rededicates itself and the profession of optometry to serving the eye health and vision care needs of the citizens of the state of Indiana for the next 100 years,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

SECTION 1. That, on behalf of the people of the State of Indiana, we extend our sincere appreciation to IOA for its dedicated service to the people of the State of Indiana and the profession of optometry.

SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Indiana Optometric Association.

ONE CITIZEN CAN MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE

**HON. DUNCAN HUNTER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 16, 1997*

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to ask the House this question. Can an ordinary American citizen cause meaningful national legislation to be written and passed? Mr. Speaker, the answer is yes. Mr. Tony Snesko, a resident of San Diego County, has recently proved that this is possible, provided you possess the dedication and endurance necessary. Tony demonstrated a persistent effort which resulted in the passage of an amendment to section 505 of the Telecommunications Act regarding the scrambling of sexually explicit adult video programming.

While the cable television industry has done some moderate scrambling of sexually explicit video transmissions in the past, these acts could still be seen. Additionally, the audio was clear and described the sexually explicit nature of the video. Unfortunately, this programming of slightly scrambled pornographic material was on a channel that was only one click removed from the programming that children normally watch. It was not uncommon that in their attempt to reach their favorite cartoons, children would often accidentally see the pornographic material that was broadcast 24 hours a day on the adjacent channel.

Upon learning of this, Tony, the father of two children and a deacon in his local church, protested to the city council of his home town and the city attorney. He was told that there was nothing that could be done to eliminate this blight. The San Diego district attorney, the U.S. attorney, and the Federal Communications Commission had the same response to his concerns.

Taking action himself, Tony taped the explicit material, requested that the American Family Association pay for 535 copies, which they did, and brought these tapes to Washington, DC. Already having in mind the type of legislation needed to end the airing of this pornography on television, my office aided Tony in having this language written and introduced.

Over the next month, Tony visited the offices of all 435 U.S. Representatives, providing each Member's legislative staff with a copy of the video and the proposed bill. Tony even spoke with then chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee JOHN DINGELL. After witnessing Tony's dedication and persistence, Chairman DINGELL agreed to include the bill language as an amendment to a piece of telecommunications legislation that the committee was currently considering.

In 1994, legislation that required complete scrambling of pornographic material on television, both audio and visual, passed the U.S. House of Representatives. Tony then visited all 100 offices of the U.S. Senate, distributing his material and lobbying in favor of the legislation that had recently passed the House. As a result of this continued effort, Senator DIANE FEINSTEIN of California introduced a similar bill in the Senate where it successfully passed and was signed into public law by President Clinton in February 1996.

Following this action, Playboy magazine immediately sought legal action against the U.S.

Government in an effort to challenge this legislation. The Delaware district court dismissed this lawsuit and Playboy has until April 23, 1997, to file an appeal with the U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Speaker, as demonstrated by Tony Snesko, one citizen can make a difference.

HONORING BOB REED

**HON. HOWARD COBLE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 16, 1997*

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, April 19, a gentleman renowned for his warm and pleasant greeting and service for many years to thousands of Senators and Representatives, staff members, journalists, and others involved in and around Capitol Hill will observe a milestone in his life.

Bob Reed, the stately and congenial mixologist at The Monocle Restaurant, will celebrate his 70th birthday on Saturday.

In the more than a quarter century that Mr. Reed has served his customers, he has become a friend to many, regardless of party affiliation or ideology. I am sure that my colleagues join me in extending our most sincere congratulations to Bob on this special day in his life and wish him many, many more birthday anniversaries in the years ahead.

JEF EATCHEL: SAN DIEGO-IMPERIAL COUNTIES LABOR COUNCIL, AFL-CIO LEADERSHIP AWARD

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 16, 1997*

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jef Eatchel, secretary-treasurer of the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees Union [HERE] Local 30, as he is honored by the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO, for his leadership and contributions to the labor movement and to the San Diego community as a whole.

Under his leadership, Local 30 has grown to become a powerful union and has been a catalyst in San Diego for organized labor's renewed commitment to organizing. HERE has been at the forefront of focusing both employers and elected officials on the improvement of the lives of working people in San Diego County.

Jef has been active in the labor movement for almost two decades. He has dedicated himself to improving the wages, benefits, working conditions, and quality of life for union and nonunion workers in the hotel and restaurant industry.

Jef serves as a trustee of the HERE international union pension and trust fund, is first vice president of the Culinary Alliance, and has served as a trustee for the International Foundation of Employee Benefits for the last 5 years.

I have known Jef for many years, and I can attest to his dedication and commitment to the causes for which he labors. He is highly deserving of the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO Leadership Award.