

In addition to serving as President of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Crookston remained active both as President of the Santa Monica Jaycees and as a member of the Rotary Club of Santa Monica, confirming his commitment to community service and leadership.

During his tenure as president, Mr. Crookston maintained the delicate balance between addressing economic challenges while also providing the Chamber's membership and the community increased services, benefits, and programs.

Under Mr. Crookston's leadership, the partnership between the city of Santa Monica and the Chamber of Commerce was strengthened through a number of projects, including the school to work and career education program, the homeless assistance program, health and safety programs, and environmental programs.

Mr. Crookston approached his duties with a mixture of compassion and a strong business sense, encouraging cooperative efforts between the business community and community service agencies that serve Santa Monica's youth, families, seniors, and homeless populations. The members of the Chamber of Commerce and the residents of the city of Santa Monica owe Mr. Crookston a debt of gratitude for his devoted leadership.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Bill Crookston for his successful term as president of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce and in wishing him happiness and success in the future.

HONORING WILLIAM E. THOMSON,
JR. OF PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

HON. JAMES E. ROGAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 1997

Mr. ROGAN. Mr. Speaker, many community leaders do great public service; too few are recognized for their outstanding achievements. One who deserves our recognition is William E. Thomson Jr. of Pasadena, CA.

Bill is a graduate of Bucknell University and Georgetown University Law Center. He is a member of the bar in California, Virginia, and Ohio, as well as the U.S. District Court in California, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

A long-time resident of Pasadena, Bill has earned a reputation as a man of civic duty and responsibility. He was elected to the Pasadena City Council in 1981 and served continuously until this month, and was elected mayor and served in that capacity from 1988 until 1990.

Bill's leadership role carried him far beyond the council chambers. He has lobbied on behalf of the city before the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, California State Legislature, and U.S. Congress. For more than a decade he has served as lead negotiator for the Rose Bowl and its related events. He helped to bring the Olympics, two Super Bowls and World Cup Soccer to Los Angeles County. His professional successes have also given him the distinction of being recognized in Who's Who in American Law.

Bill has dedicated his career to his friends and neighbors in Pasadena, Los Angeles County and to the people of this Nation. His

work on behalf of our State has given us innumerable benefits and touched countless lives.

Our communities are built on the foundation of good people. As we look to make our neighborhoods better places in which to live and provide a better life for our children, we need only look to Bill to find inspiration, motivation and ideals. To this dedicated public servant, parent, and citizen, we owe our utmost gratitude and heartfelt thanks.

HONORING DR. EVA C. WANTON

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 1997

Mr. BOYD. Mr. Speaker, today we honor one of the academic worlds finest, Dr. Eva C. Wanton, founding dean of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University's School of General Studies. Through her 30-year career at Florida A & M University, her record of quality teaching, service, and research reflects a commitment to improved educational opportunities for all students and a commitment to a better quality of life for her north Florida community.

For all of Dr. Wanton's academic achievements, I'm sure nothing compares to the personal relationships she has developed with her students, her faculty, and her community. Dr. Wanton has put her words into action. She has not merely stood by on the sidelines giving instructions on how to achieve, but rather she has led through her actions. Every student who has walked through her doors has been enriched through the experience of knowing Dr. Wanton. How many of us have had that one teacher or professor that we can look back and say? "My life was changed or positively impacted by an educator who went that extra mile because he/she saw the potential in me." If our young people are to succeed in today's world, we must have more individuals like Eva Wanton.

Today I rise to personally thank Dr. Wanton for the extra effort she takes to make a difference in north Florida. She is a precious gift to our community. We should all set our goals so high, because when we do, there is no limit to what we can achieve.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday May 7, 1997

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, I regretfully missed rollcall vote No. 99, on May 1, 1997. If I had been present for that vote I would have voted "nay."

VOLUNTARISM

HON. LEE H. HAMILTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 7, 1997

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to insert my Washington Report for Wednesday, May 7, 1997 into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

THE SUMMIT ON VOLUNTARISM

Most observers of American life have noted a renewed interest in community, a response in part to the all too obvious social problems of homelessness, poverty, crime, and drug abuse. One of the underpinnings of our democracy, long noted by historians, is that Americans constantly form associations of all shapes and sizes to deal with the challenges of the day. Last week's high-profile summit on voluntarism in Philadelphia was designed to provide firepower to change the dynamics of voluntarism. It was clearly an impressive event, but my guess is that the overall effort is going to require a more involved strategy and considerable follow through.

OVERVIEW

The Summit For America's Future was quite an event. It had powerful rhetoric, a long list of good intentions, and impassioned calls for volunteers from Presidents Clinton, Bush, Carter, and Ford and from retired General Colin Powell. The summit's goal of improving the lives of 2 million children by the year 2000 is certainly a good one.

The summit seeks to mobilize volunteers and corporate money to help these children and make up for a scaled-back federal effort by providing children with mentors, safe places after school, health care and job skills, and an opportunity to perform community service themselves. All in all it was hard to escape the spirit of the summit and the spirit of voluntarism. The challenge to every group, business, and citizen is to give young people the support they need.

The benefits of volunteering are obvious. It not only raises the quality of life for a lot of people, it builds a sense of community, breaks down barriers between people, and develops leadership. I was greatly impressed during the floods that came to southern Indiana with the leadership that emerged in trying to see that food, services, and shelter were made available to the victims.

The extent to which corporate America is embracing volunteerism is also impressive. Hundreds of companies have donated time and money toward the summit's goals. They are pledging to mentor students, provide activities for children after school, offer health services, help students to develop marketable skills, and donate equipment and services to schools. The traditional view that companies are only responsible for earning a profit appears to be outdated.

ASSESSMENT

I am always impressed with how generous Hoosiers are with their own time, ideas, and resources. I think of countless groups I have visited—religious organizations, foundations, corporations, not-for-profits, even the volunteer firemen who risk their lives for us. Their work brightens our lives and our communities. They serve as a marvelous antidote to the constant stream of news reports of crime and violence.

I do not draw the conclusion from their good activities, however, that government needs to do nothing. Anyone who has worked deeply on our country's most intractable social problems knows that it will take both private and public efforts to get the job done. There are about 40 million poor people in America and they literally need everything—better education, better health care, more food, more clothing, more skills training.

The floods in Indiana showed us the virtues and the limits of voluntary action. Bagging the sand and providing meals and clothing were wonderful examples of volunteer achievement, but the money from the federal and state governments is necessary to rebuild the communities. Throughout American history, volunteerism and government