

planned FTE percentage reduction through FY2000 that is surpassed by KSC and MSFC.

During discussion in the space community, Lewis often makes the list of potential NASA centers that could be closed in the future. The reductions at Lewis over the past four years may have furthered the impression that the center is a candidate for closure. Based on the current strategic plan, however, the near-term closure of Lewis appears unlikely. Recent statements of NASA Administrator Dan Goldin support that supposition. In an April 24, 1997 hearing before the Senate Subcommittee on Science, Technology and Space, Mr. Goldin was asked if the agency had any future plans for the closure of some of its centers. He responded that NASA's future requires all of its centers and that there were no plans for closing any centers. He did assert that his response was predicated on the assumption that NASA's out-year budget plans would be met.

That caveat is important to note. NASA's strategic plan assumes that the agency will have stable budgets over the next few years. If NASA were to undergo significant reductions in its budget, the possibility of center closures might become more likely. The future of Lewis would then be tied to what priority the nation gives to NASA's Aeronautics and Space Transportation Technology enterprise versus the other three NASA enterprises. If budget constraints precipitated the decision to reduce or eliminate NASA's aeronautics mission, the future of Lewis would be in doubt. However, such a scenario appears unlikely in the near-term.

IN HONOR OF DEPUTY SHERIFF
JIMMIE HENRY

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 1, 1997

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Deputy Jimmie Henry of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. On August 4, 1997, the city of Avalon, CA, which is in my congressional district, will be holding a memorial ceremony honoring Deputy Henry who died in the line of duty. The California Peace Officer's Association will present a medal of valor to his wife, Sue, and their only son, David J. Henry.

In 1984, Deputy Jimmie Henry was assigned to police the unincorporated area of Santa Catalina Island when a U.S. Navy jet crashed in a remote part of the island. At the request of the Navy, Sheriff's Department personnel were immediately dispatched to the scene of the disaster to check for survivors and to secure the area until Navy investigators could respond and assume control of the investigation. Deputy Henry was assigned to check the wreckage for survivors at the bottom of a canyon, and sadly to say, there were none.

During Deputy Henry's investigation, he was exposed to toxic chemicals that were leaking from the aircraft. It was only when Navy personnel arrived the next day and approached the wreckage that there was any indication of the seriousness of his exposure to unknown substances.

Deputy Henry's state of health steadily declined following the accident, and on May 12, 1995, Deputy Henry died of his injuries heroically sustained in the line of duty.

I proudly join Mayor Pro Tem Tim Winslow, the city of Avalon, and Sheriff Sherman Block

in honoring the memory of this courageous fallen hero, and I offer my gratitude and support to his wife, Sue, and their son, David, on the occasion of this important memorial ceremony.

A TRIBUTE TO PAMELA SACKETT

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 1, 1997

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a great woman and a selfless advocate of children's welfare, Pamela Sackett, who has served as the executive director of the Task Force for Child Protection since 1985. Pamela Sackett will be recognized for her many accomplishments at a retirement dinner on Tuesday, August 12, 1997, in Poughkeepsie, NY, of my congressional district.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Sackett received her education in New York State first at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY, and later at Fordham University located in the Bronx, NY. Soon after her graduation from Fordham University where she received her masters of social work, Pamela began working as the coordinator of community services for the Task Force for Child Protection. Holding this post from 1981 to 1984, Pamela developed her skills as a social worker and a community leader. Indeed, Pamela recognized the truth in the old cliché that our children are our future. Throughout her career Ms. Sackett has worked with the one noble goal of helping others. Prior to her tenure as executive director, Pamela continually took on ever more duties. She was simply glad to do her part for our Nation's youth. Among her varied responsibilities during these years she gave of her time as a crisis counselor, a board member, and a supervising social worker. While many would be satisfied with this list of accolades Ms. Sackett continued to give of herself.

Mr. Speaker, her unflagging efforts for the welfare of children is what makes Pamela Sackett so special to those she has helped over the years. While the task force was under her supervision many programs were developed with the one aim of children's welfare. In 1987 the task force began the KIDS program which supervised visits for families involved in family court. Among her other achievements, too numerous to list here, the task force opened the first child advocacy center in New York State. That's why I have always admired people like Pamela Sackett who offer their services to those in need, especially to those that society tends to forget. This type of service does not involve much wealth or acclaim. But it often helps those forgotten children.

Actions like these are what make Pamela an asset to the Salt Point community of upstate New York, where she now resides. We would do well to emulate her brand of caring service for children. On that note, Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and all Members of the House rise and join me in this tribute to Pamela Sackett.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JAMES H.
HARGETT

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 1, 1997

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, and colleagues, I rise today to pay tribute to Rev. James H. Hargett, who is retiring after 42 years in the ministry, the last 10 years as Pastor of the Christian Fellowship Congregational United Church of Christ.

Dr. Hargett, as he is known by his parishioners, friends and colleagues alike, always makes it a point to blend African-American history with theology. In his sermons or during his numerous public speaking engagements, Dr. Hargett will always discuss the present conditions of African-Americans in the context of the history of almost 250 years of slavery. "A son of the South", Dr. Hargett was born in Greensboro, North Carolina 67 years ago. He grew up to march with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and participated in numerous civil rights demonstrations and causes. "It was at this time," noted Dr. Hargett, "that I got the chance to witness the system of separate but equal from a close up point of view."

He recognized that a system based on segregation and bigotry would weaken our society. From that moment on, Dr. Hargett dedicated his life to fighting prejudice and injustice wherever it exists.

Dr. Hargett married Louilyn Funderburke Hargett. Together, they have three adult children and five grandchildren. Since graduating from North Carolina A&T and the Yale Divinity School in the Mid-1950's, Dr. Hargett had ministries in Hawaii, North Carolina, Los Angeles, New York, and New Jersey before moving to San Diego a decade ago.

He was active in the effort against Proposition 209, the anti-affirmative action initiative that was approved by California voters in 1996. He still believes that through strong leadership and organization, equal opportunity will continue to be the cornerstone of this democracy.

Dr. Hargett has been a man of vision and dedication. He has been a minister and a teacher—a conscience for us all.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in paying tribute to Dr. James H. Hargett on this special occasion.

TRIBUTE TO ALBERT SCHERZ

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 1, 1997

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about a good friend and fellow Republican who was recently taken from us and sent to the Lord. I speak of Albert David Scherz of Loveland, CO. David was born November 24, 1932, in Timpson, TX, and passed away on July 19, 1997. His son, David wrote a eulogy in commemoration of his father that best expresses the kind of person he was, and I would like to submit it for the RECORD.

My father and I used to joke about who video taping the service for our own funerals.