

and Welfare Transition Planning Group for the Ford-Carter Transition. As a scholar of all facets of economic justice, you served as a consultant to President Carter in several upper level positions which provided economic assistance to many Americans.

Your belief that "Loving pastoral care and efficient management of the business of the church is extremely important if greater emphasis is to be placed on the spiritual development of the congregation" is a phrase which embodies your caring and intelligent concern for your fellow man.

I feel that the lives of the parishioners of the Nazarene Congregational United Church of Christ will be greatly enriched by your spiritual leadership. It is my most sincere hope that you will continue to enjoy good health for many years to come and that you will be able to fulfill all your plans for the future.

TO ESTABLISH A SELECT COMMITTEE ON POW AND MIA AFFAIRS

HON. JIM RAMSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 1998

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, over 2,100 Americans are still unaccounted for from the war in Vietnam, over 8,100 from the Korean Conflict, and nearly 78,800 from World War II. It is imperative that the accounting of each and every one of our POWs and MIAs be given the highest priority by our government and by this Congress.

Because I feel so strongly about finding new information on American POWs and MIAs, and as a result of the hundreds of thousands of family members who want to find the truth about their loved ones, I am asking my colleagues to cosponsor H. Res. 16—a resolution establishing a Select Committee on POW and MIA Affairs.

As many of you know, the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs released its final report several years ago. But as Members of Congress, we need to keep asking the tough questions and demanding hard answers on this issue.

This proposed Select Committee on POW and MIA Affairs will conduct a full investigation of all unresolved matters relating to any United States personnel unaccounted for from the Vietnam era, the Korean conflict, or World War II, including MIAs and POWs.

This temporary select committee will present its final report by January 5, 1999, setting forth its findings and recommendations as a result of its investigation, and then terminate.

We must continue with vigilance the work by our government to achieve a full accounting of every American POW/MIA. We have a moral obligation to give this issue our immediate and undivided attention. Please join me in this effort and cosponsor H. Res. 16.

IN HONOR OF LUCIE J. DUVALL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lucie J. Duvall, Lieutenant of the Cleve-

land Police Department, on her retirement after twenty-five years of public service. Her outstanding service to the city of Cleveland will not be forgotten.

Lt. Duvall entered the Cleveland Police Department on February 20, 1973 and soon after became one of the first females assigned to basic patrol. During her tenure in the Fourth District of the department, Lt. Duvall worked as a Scientific Investigative Unit and was instrumental in combating the prostitution problem in Downtown Cleveland. Lt. Duvall achieved the rank of Sergeant in 1981 and became a supervisor of the Hostage Negotiation Team. Lt. Duvall continued her work in the department as a member of the Child Pornography Task Force and was an original member of the Ohio Children's Trust Fund.

Lt. Duvall achieved a hallmark in her career in 1982 when she became the first female police officer to head a vice unit in America. Lt. Duvall was promoted to her current rank of Lieutenant in 1982 and continued her fight for the protection of children. Lt. Duvall graduated from the F.B.I. National Academy in 1984 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Dyke College in 1993. Lt. Duvall was recently named Detective Bureau Coordinator in the Bureau of Special Investigation in Cleveland in 1995.

My fellow colleagues, join me in saluting a model police officer, a woman who has pioneered numerous fields within the Cleveland police department, Lieutenant Lucie J. Duvall.

IN RECOGNITION OF PEACE CORPS DAY '98

HON. TONY P. HALL

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 1998

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today educators and former Peace Corps volunteers came together across the country to take part in Peace Corps Day '98. By speaking in classrooms throughout America, returned Peace Corps volunteers shared their experiences with a new generation of Americans to enhance cross-cultural understanding, and strengthen global education. The events of Peace Corps Day '98 teach young people the value of service to those who are in need.

Since 1961, when the Peace Corps was established by President John F. Kennedy, over 150,000 men and women have volunteered in over 132 countries around the world. I am proud to say that I am one of the 6,500 Ohioans among that number.

For 37 years, the Peace Corps has brought together bright, energetic people who are committed to service, and has equipped them with the tools to serve in foreign countries as representatives of peace. Today, over 6,500 Americans serve as Peace Corps volunteers in over 84 countries. These individuals are helping to create a better future for the local people with whom they work. Peace Corps volunteers are laboring to help communities improve sanitation, cultivate food, and gain access to clean water. These volunteers are teaching English, math, and science; and helping local entrepreneurs start new businesses. Most importantly, however, Peace Corps volunteers are America's diplomats of peace and friendship around the world.

But, it is not easy. I know first-hand the challenges and difficulties faced by Peace Corps volunteers. I also know the tremendous rewards from my own Peace Corps experience. Simply put, it changed my life. When I graduated from college in 1964, my dreams were to play pro-football, make big money, and drive fast cars. Instead, I found myself teaching English and riding a bicycle through the jungles of Thailand.

I remember my first night in Thailand. While sitting in a restaurant, I watched a cat chase a rat across the floor and devour it. I thought, "what am I doing here?" But as my experience progressed, and I got to know the villagers, my entire outlook on life changed. I came home to America with a better understanding and appreciation of the world, with my priorities in order, and prepared for a life of public service.

Peace Corps Day '98 continues the proud legacy of the Peace Corps to instill within young people an understanding of the importance of service and to foster a better appreciation for the world. Today, more than 350,000 students in all 50 states learned about life in developing countries by talking with former Peace Corps volunteers who served overseas. Some students were able to learn about the experiences of volunteers currently serving in countries like Panama through video conferencing and speaker phone.

After 37 years, Peace Corps volunteers continue to work against hunger, illiteracy, and poverty to provide more opportunities to people around the world. Their years of service has improved the lives of millions. The success of Peace Corps volunteers and the continuing needs of the developing world has prompted President Clinton to request more funding for the Peace Corps in order to increase the number of volunteers. At the same time, interest in the program has increased within the American public. In 1997, there was a 40% increase of individuals interested in serving as a volunteer since 1994.

Today, on Peace Corps Day '98, the Peace Corps deserves our appreciation and highest recognition as they continue to instill the value of service and volunteerism to young people throughout our nation.

TRIBUTE TO THE DOMINICAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION COMMITTEE OF HOSTOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE ON ITS CELEBRATION OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 1998

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Dominican Heritage Celebration Committee of Hostos Community College in my South Bronx Congressional District on its celebration of the independence of the Dominican Republic during the week of February 27–March 5, 1998.

On Friday, thousands of members and friends of the Dominican community gathered at the Hostos Center for the Arts & Culture Small Theater to open Dominican Heritage Celebration Week.

The week-long celebration will feature a wide variety of entertainment for all age groups. A series of concerts, art exhibits, lectures and cultural performances will take place to commemorate the contributions of Dominicans to our community and our nation.

Now numbering more than 600,000, Dominicans are the fastest growing Hispanic immigrant community in New York City. With the election of the first Dominican to the City Council, the Honorable Guillermo Linares, and that of New York State Assemblyman, the Honorable Adriano Espaillat, we are witnessing a new generation of Politicians with Dominican roots. That is an encouraging advance.

Although the celebration is in the Bronx, the events bring people from all over New York City to celebrate. Organizations have encouraged different cultural and social organizations to take part in the festivities.

The week-long celebration will have numerous activities for the community to enjoy. Folkloric bands will entertain the crowds and there will also be foods and crafts typical to the Dominican Republic.

Mr. Speaker, it is with enthusiasm that I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this wonderful celebration of Dominican culture, which has brought much pride to the Bronx community.

A SALUTE TO EUGENE P. RUEHLMANN: 1998 GREAT LIVING CINCINNATIAN

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 1998

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize a prominent Cincinnatian and a friend, Eugene P. Ruehlmann, who was recently honored by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce as a Great Living Cincinnatian. I thank him for the vision and service that he has so generously given to our area, and for the model he provides today.

Mr. Ruehlmann, a native Cincinnatian, graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1948 and Harvard Law School in 1950. He served in the Marine Corps and then began a long career in public service. The major transformation of Cincinnati's innovative downtown began under Mr. Ruehlmann's leadership. As a member of the Cincinnati City Council and as Mayor of Cincinnati, he led the effort to keep the Reds in Cincinnati, attract a National Football League franchise to the city, build Riverfront Stadium (now Cinergy Field) and construct the Albert B. Sabin Convention Center.

Following the race riots in 1967, Mr. Ruehlmann worked to heal the city. He reformulated the city's Human Relations Commission, and founded the Mayor's Housing Coordinating Committee and the city's Project Commitment.

He has given his time to numerous charitable and community organizations, such as Children's Hospital, Children's Hospital Medical Center, Greater Cincinnati Foundation, the Work and Rehabilitation Center, March of Dimes and the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Along the way, he has built a successful law practice with Vorys, Sater, Sey-

mour and Pease in Cincinnati, and served on the Board of Directors of the Center for Resolution of Disputes. In all these years, and with all these accomplishments, he has remained a devoted family man. He and his wife, Virginia, have raised eight children and now have twenty-three grandchildren.

All of us in Greater Cincinnati congratulate Gene Ruehlmann on his deserved selection as a Great Living Cincinnatian, and thank him for his many years of distinguished service to our community.

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL SPORTSMANSHIP DAY

HON. ROBERT A. WEYGAND

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 1998

Mr. WEYGAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor today's eighth annual celebration of National Sportsmanship Day. The objective of National Sportsmanship Day is to promote the critical role of ethics, honesty, and fair play in athletics and society in general.

Today, at more than 10,000 schools in all 50 states and over 100 countries, children will be taught the skills of good sportsmanship and the importance of playing fair in sports and in life through programs, contests, and other activities. The skills these children learn will guide them through a lifetime of choices both on the court and off the field.

This program began at the Institute for International Sport, located in my district at my alma mater, the University of Rhode Island. Since its inception in 1990, this program has touched the lives of hundreds of thousands of young people across the world. The institute provides information and materials to participating schools on sports ethics, healthy competition, and fair and equitable play.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding those participating in this worthwhile program, and in extending my congratulations to the Institute for International Sport for being recognized by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

I would also like to include in the RECORD the letter received by the Institute for International Sport from the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY AND MANDATES ARE NOT BENEFICIAL TO ECONOMY COMPETITION

HON. JOHN LINDER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 1998

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, I do not believe that government authority and mandates are beneficial to economic competition. In fact, nations that have achieved the most impressive growth in the past have not been those with rigid government controls. Our telecommunications bill last Congress was an example of our putting trust in the power and potential of the marketplace.

For the past two years, however, I have watched and read about the latest regulatory

battle or industry court battle. First, the telecom industries need to honor the intent of the act. Second, I am concerned that the FCC continues to advance in its own direction on many issues—a direction this Congress did not authorize. Somehow, we have to demand that the FCC and the regulators commit to implement this act the way we intended.

And for clarification—we intended less regulatory constraints and more competition in the marketplace. The competition we envisioned between the various telecommunications industries would secure lower prices for consumers, improve service to the American consumer, and accelerate the development of new technological breakthroughs in the telecommunications market. I hope we see the competition we envisioned as soon as possible.

A TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE ERNEST THOMPSON, MAYOR OF ARTESIA, NM

HON. JOE SKEEN

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 1998

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Ernest Thompson, who has served the last quarter-century as Mayor of the City of Artesia, which is located in my congressional district in southeastern New Mexico.

Mayor Thompson was first elected in 1972. Today, the voters of Artesia will go to the polls to select a new mayor, and they will find his shoes hard to fill. Mayor Thompson has been active in the New Mexico Municipal League, having served as President and as a member of the board of directors. In the National League of Cities, the Mayor served as President of the Small Cities Advisory Council and is a current member of the Finance, Administration and Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

In 1939, almost 60 years ago, Mr. Thompson moved to Artesia from central Texas. He worked at the local Navajo Refining Company until his retirement. They Mayor is a member of the First United Methodist Church, and has spent the last 46 years as an active supporter of the Boy Scouts of America; having served as cub master, scout master, explorer leader, area executive board member and district chairman. He is a recipient of the Boy Scouts of America's Silver Beaver Award.

During Mayor Thompson's administration he initiated and completed almost \$30 million of important and necessary local construction projects including a law enforcement center, two fire stations, the Artesia center, a new warehouse, an airport terminal, a wastewater treatment plant, the remodeling and expansion of the Artesia Senior Citizens Center, the remodeling of City Hall, the expansion and remodeling of Artesia Library, and several street and water/wastewater infrastructure projects. Many of these projects were assisted with federal funding through Urban Renewal, Neighborhood Development and Community Development Block Grants which were also matched by the State of New Mexico.

Mr. Thompson has been active in Artesia's important local civic groups including the