

Mr. Speaker, Gloria Brown is an outstanding citizen and I salute her for her remarkable contributions and commitment to our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating her on being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

A TRIBUTE TO CHARLES HERBERT SEATON

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Charles Herbert Seaton. Herb, as we knew him, was a long time scoutmaster, role model and friend to hundreds of children and young men in North San Diego County, and a fine engineer and public servant.

He was born in Uniontown, Pennsylvania on September 13, 1928 to Charles Swan and Mary Elizabeth Kelley Seaton. He attended East Bethlehem Township High School and Pennsylvania State University, where he graduated in June 1949 with a degree in aeronautical engineering. During the summer of 1948 he worked for the U.S. Navy at the David Taylor Model Basin in Carderock, Maryland testing models of airplanes and missiles. After his graduation from Penn State, he was an instructor in the aeronautical engineering department and attended graduate school until 1951. On December 16, 1950 he married Jean Louise Harte, the daughter of Loyal Bert Harte and Sarah Eva Gray.

The young Seatons moved to San Diego, California in 1951 where Herb was employed at Convair as a senior aerodynamics engineer, working on the F-102 interceptor airplane, the Atlas rocket program, and other launch vehicles. In October 1961, Herb's work moved him to the Aeronautical Division of Ford Motor Company in Newport Beach, California, where he was employed as a principal engineer until January 1962, when he was appointed Assistant Director of Nuclear Flight Systems at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration headquarters in Washington, D.C. For several technical and other reasons, nuclear rocket propulsion did not catch on, and the Seatons returned to California in July 1963, where he applied his expertise in nuclear engineering and propulsion for a number of firms and as a consultant, eventually arriving in North San Diego County with five children in the fall of 1968.

Herb's most memorable role was in his local community. He served as President of the Parents and Teachers Association at Ocean Knoll Elementary School in Encinitas, California in 1972 when his two youngest children were enrolled there. As a leader in the Boy Scouts of America for more than 20 years, he served as Scoutmaster of Troop 777, San Diego County Council (now Desert-Pacific Council). This troop grew to be one of the largest troops in its district and produced many Eagle Scouts. For his devotion to scouting, he was awarded the Order of Merit and Silver Beaver by the Boy Scouts of America. He was also a very active member of International Rotary since 1969, most recently with the Kearny Mesa Club. Every Christmas sea-

son he donated his time to play Santa Claus for the Rotary Club and for the Children's Home Society.

His death came on February 12, 1998 at home in Cardiff-by-the-Sea, California. He leaves five children behind: Charles Bret Seaton of San Diego, California; Gary Bruce Seaton of Newport Beach, California; Carl Evan Seaton of Vista, California; LT Scott Montgomery Seaton, MC USNR of Chesapeake, Virginia; and Mrs. Lauren Louise Stills of Santa Monica, California. He also leaves five grandchildren.

Let the permanent RECORD of the Congress of the United States show that Herb's life exemplified the Scouting and Rotarian traditions of service to community, and that he leaves behind this legacy for his family, friends, and fellow Americans to emulate.

STATEMENT REGARDING THE HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY ACT

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in Title III of the Higher Education Act, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) will be adversely affected if HR 2495, the Higher Education for the 21st Century Act is passed. I requested, therefore, that my name be removed as a co-sponsor of this bill.

If this legislation were to pass with a new definition of Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) incorporated, every college with a 25% Hispanic enrollment would receive funding; thus, 160 colleges would be made eligible. Alternatively, if HBCUs were defined as every college with an African American enrollment of 25%, 356 colleges would be deemed HBCUs versus the current number of 104. Obviously, there is insufficient funding available to HSIs but their funding should not be appropriated at the risk of taking funds from HBCUs which currently receive a relatively small amount of funds.

I have received numerous calls and correspondence from the presidents and alumni of HBCUs who have expressed their concern about this issue. If we are going to give funds to institutions based on a set percentage of an ethnicity as stated in HR 2495, then I will support giving dollars to all of the 364 colleges that would become HBCUs and the 160 HSIs that would be eligible to receive resources under this bill.

Because I have made a commitment to balance the budget and no monies can be appropriated to additional institutions, I am unable to support HR 2495. Accordingly, I have requested that my name be removed as a co-sponsor of HR 2495, the Higher Education for the 21st Century Act.

A BILL TO ESTABLISH THE "PROTECT SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT"

HON. JIM BUNNING

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Mr. BUNNING. Mr. Speaker, The future of Social Security has finally taken center stage. In his State of the Union address, the President made a bold commitment to save Social Security—reserving 100% of future budget surpluses until necessary measures have been taken to strengthen the Social Security System.

Unfortunately, however, somewhere between the State of the Union and the drafting of the President's budget proposal, this commitment to Social Security got lost in the shuffle.

The President's budget did nothing to redirect budget surpluses to Social Security. It proposed nothing new.

It included no new Social Security Trust Fund investment strategies or any changes to Social Security taxes or spending.

That's why today, I will introduce legislation to create a new treasury account, "The Protect Social Security Account," into which each year's budget surpluses will be deposited.

In essence, my bill would "wall-off" budget surpluses so they could not be spent until a solution to Social Security is found.

We have a fantastic window of opportunity—right now—to do what we all know we need to do—to reform Social Security to make sure it remains solvent beyond the baby boomers—beyond the year 2029—well into the next century.

The fact that, today, we have balanced the budget—and now see the potential of significant budget surpluses for the next ten years—gives us a golden window of opportunity to strengthen Social Security.

We should not let that opportunity pass us by. I urge all my colleagues to join me in protecting the future of this country's most vital program.

RECOGNITION OF SARA DECOSTA OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST

HON. ROBERT A. WEYGAND

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Mr. WEYGAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sara DeCosta, a constituent from my district who, along with her teammates on the United States Women's Olympic Hockey Team, won the Gold Medal in the Olympic Games in Nagano, Japan.

Sara began playing hockey at the age of five in the all-male Warwick Junior Hockey Association. She loved the game, but kept hearing people tell her that there would be little opportunity for a female to play at the next level. At Toll Gate High School Sara again played on an all-male team. Sara was the first female ever to play in the Rhode Island Interscholastic League's Championship Division. With her in the net, Toll Gate became the first public school in a decade to play in the state hockey finals. As goalie, Sara shut out the defending