

pay heed to the local heroes of our community. Recognizing Douglas Klepsch will allow us all to take stock in our actions and reflect on how we too can make a difference in our neighbor's lives. I wish Douglas Klepsch success in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING MICHIGAN REPRESENTATIVE BOB EMERSON: THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN'S 1997 INDIVIDUAL HEALTH ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR AND HURLEY MEDICAL CENTER: THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN'S 1997 CORPORATE HEALTH ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR

HON. DEBBIE STABENOW

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Ms. STABENOW. Ms. Speaker, I wish to recognize the American Lung Association of Michigan's 1997 Individual Health Advocate of the Year, Michigan Representative Bob Emerson and the 1997 Corporate Health Advocate of the Year, The Hurley Medical Center.

Bob Emerson was first elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 1980 and has a 100 percent voting record against tobacco. As past chairperson of the Public Health Subcommittee, he has been a strong advocate against the dangers of smoking and a leader in educating our children of its dangers. Representing the Flint area, Representative Emerson is also the founder and chairperson for the Greater Flint Health Coalition. I am proud to have served in the state legislature with Bob and I know first hand that he is a fighter and champion for our children. And as someone who fought side by side with him against tobacco companies. I am very pleased his work is being acknowledged through this award.

On the corporate level, the Hurley Medical Center has become a national leader in treating Asthma and related illnesses. By sponsoring a summer Asthma camp, children from around Michigan have had the opportunity to enjoy nature and the summer weather in a safe environment. The Medical Center is also responsible for an innovative education program that many other medical organizations across the country have used as an example in effectively treating the disease.

Both award winners overwhelmingly met the criteria set by the American Lung Association of Michigan. The work completed by Representative Emerson and the Hurley Medical Center are wonderful examples for our communities and are rooted in social responsibility, innovation, and activism.

The American Lung Association is one of our county's most important health organizations. Their commitment to our children, public health, and education is unbarrelled. I am very proud that our Michigan chapter is one of the strongest in the nation and I thank them for taking the time to recognize the individual and corporate advocates that make a true difference in our communities.

A TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM VON ALVEN

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a great American and resident of Northern Virginia, William H. von Alven, who has served the country faithfully and ably for twenty-six years at the Federal Communications Commission. Mr. von Alven will retire from the FCC on April 30, 1998, and I am pleased to join Congressman Frank Wolf, FCC Chairman William E. Kennard and the employees of the FCC in congratulating Mr. von Alven on this remarkable accomplishment. Mr. von Alven is seventy-eight years old and has worked right up to the present point.

Mr. von Alven received his B.S. from the University of Idaho where he was elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa. After pursuing graduate studies in engineering and management at Harvard and UCLA, he worked extensively in the private sector and edited the best selling book Reliability Engineering, which was in print for more than 30 years. Mr. von Alven served as president of many communications industry institutes and societies, and chaired several international conferences. He received the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Centennial Medal, and a Department of Defense award for his contributions to the Advisory Group on the Reliability of Electronic Equipment. In 1996, he was awarded the Telecommunications Industry Association's Certificate of Recognition and the FCC's Catherine Forester Public Service Award.

Mr. von Alven will retire as a Senior Public Utilities Specialist. He has managed the Part 68 terminal equipment registration program since its inception at the FCC in 1976 and has made many important contributions to the FCC. He will be greatly missed by his friends and colleagues at the Commission. Mr. von Alven is just one example of the many extraordinary federal employees residing in my district. Through his long years of service, he is certainly deserving of special recognition by the Congress.

FORT COLLINS HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE BOWL TEAM TO COMPETE IN THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOWL

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, the winners of the Rocky Mountain Regional Science Bowl will soon be in Washington, D.C. to compete in the National Science Bowl. Since the regional winners are from my congressional district—The Fourth Congressional District of Colorado—I am especially proud of the young people who worked so hard to come to represent the Rocky Mountain region, the State of Colorado, and their school.

Fort Collins High School truly fielded a Science Bowl team of great accomplishment this year, Mr. Speaker. Our community will be well represented in the competition.

As a member of the Education Committee, I am truly encouraged by these students. Indeed the success we have been working toward as a nation is embodied in the Fort Collins High School team. Despite national test results and international comparisons showing U.S. students lagging, Colorado's Science Bowl champions are proof that American students are capable of high achievement in the field of science.

All hailing from my hometown of Fort Collins, Colorado, the Regional Championship Team consists of the following contestants: Miss Kristin Bjornsen, Mr. Stephen DiVerdi, Mr. Andrew Fangman, Mr. Jeremiah Way, and Mr. Jeremy Zimmerman.

Of course, these students could not have come so far on their own. Behind every successful team is the backdrop of encouragement and leadership. In this case, the students are most fortunate to have the firm backing and guidance of their families.

Surely, the parents of the champions are most proud, and have sacrificed themselves to help their children achieve great victories. They have every right to be proud.

Mr. Speaker, as you and my colleagues know, I have spent the past 10 years in public service working to improve Colorado's education system. My efforts to deliver more resources directly to classrooms, and treat teachers like real professionals have been motivated by my desire to see students achieve their potential.

Within that context, the success of the Fort Collins High School Science Bowl team is a triumph for our entire community, and a real sign that our hard work is paying off by creating school environments where ordinary children can become extraordinary students.

But Mr. Speaker, this day really belongs to the students. Bjornson, DiVerdi, Fangman, Way and Zimmerman are champions all the way. I urge my colleagues to help me welcome these students to their Capital City and wish them well in their pursuit of the National title.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

HON. DAVE WELDON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, founded more than half a century ago, the Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program allows high school students a chance to compete in a broadcast script writing contest. The competition, sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the U.S. Ladies Auxiliary, conducts this annual speech competition and provides the winners with a scholarship. I am very pleased that this year Scott Wilson, 18, from Palm Bay High School was selected as the winner from the state of Florida.

I commend him for his hard work both in this competition and as demonstrated in his academic achievements. In recognition of his selection as the winner of this competition, I am hereby submitting his speech to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for printing.