

is in honor of Calvin and Marjorie's tireless efforts of putting others before themselves and working for the betterment of our community.

Not only are these people pioneers in local housing, they have given back to the community time and time again. Perhaps Community Housing and Shelter Services Executive Director Diana Olsen summed it up the best when she said, "I can't think of anyone else that deserves this award more."

Calvin and Marjorie were volunteering their time and efforts before voluntarism became popular. I'd like to take a moment to focus on some of their achievements. Not only did they establish the Bright Family Foundation which includes the Marjorie H. Bright Scholarship Program for students at California State University Stanislaus, Modesto Junior College, University of the Pacific and San Jose State University and other universities in Utah and Oklahoma; they also sponsor a medical fellowship at the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine.

Particularly poignant to me is the fact that despite their success, they have never forgotten their roots in helping provide scholarships for students from their high school alma mater, Beggs High School, in Beggs, Oklahoma. I am honored to call Calvin and Marjorie my friends. The Bright Foundation also actively supports the Children's Crisis Center and the Boy Scouts of America.

Calvin formed Bright Development in 1971 in Modesto. The firm has built approximately 3,000 single-family homes, in addition to townhouses, apartments and commercial office buildings. He founded Bright Foods in Turlock in 1956, one of the first frozen prepared food processing plants on the West Coast. Bright Foods and FM Stamper of St. Louis were merged and renamed Banquet Foods in 1966. Banquet was later sold to RCA Victor in 1969.

Marjorie Bright worked actively in the couple's food processing and building businesses. She was the personnel and labor relations manager of Bright Foods and now serves as the general manager of Woodside Management Group. Woodside has more than 100 employees and manages approximately 3,000 apartments.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I stand before the House of Representatives and ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Calvin and Marjorie Bright for their outstanding service to our community.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MINDY
BACCUS, VFW VOICE OF DEMOC-
RACY SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 1998

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Mindy Baccus from Ada, Kansas on being named a National winner in the 1998 Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary.

Ms. Baccus is a senior at Minneapolis High School and hopes to pursue a career in communications or Law. She has been honored for her scholastic and extracurricular activities and exhibits outstanding leadership qualities. She has again distinguished herself by writing

and orating the best patriotic script in Kansas entitled "My Voice in Our Democracy" for this nationwide competition. Her insight into the importance of each individual's role in our democracy and the eloquence with which she states her ideas, exemplifies the principles this country was founded upon. I am proud to announce that as a result of her hard work, Ms. Baccus has been awarded \$3,500.

The men and women of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary deserve recognition for their generous sponsorship of this scholarship program. I especially commend VFW Post 3201 and its Ladies Auxiliary in Minneapolis, Kansas for their local sponsorship. This year fifty-six young leaders from across the nation received scholarships totaling \$128,500.

I am proud that the VFW have honored Ms. Mindy Baccus with this year's award. I wish Ms. Baccus all the best in her chosen career path and in her studies at William Jewell College.

"MY VOICE IN OUR DEMOCRACY"

Ballots! Ballots! Get'em while they're hot! Here sir, have a ballot! What? You don't want one! You're a US citizen 18 or over, aren't you? Well, then take a ballot. Oh, you think one person can't make a difference? What about you ma'am. You want one, right? After all, women fought for the right to vote for over a century. You'll take advantage of that privilege, won't you? What, you think your opinion doesn't matter. Well, you're wrong. You need to sit down and let me tell you about my voice in our democracy. In fact, all of you need to listen because anyone can have a voice in our democracy as long as they remember what voice truly stands for. My voice is vibrant, overcoming, insightful, confident, and educated.

Never half-hearted, my voice is pulsing with life, energy, and vigor. No one can resist being drawn to my enthusiasm. Whether writing letters to public officials, discussing policy decisions with those around me, or encouraging my peers to become more active in government; I always convey my beliefs with energy and vitality. By doing so, I set an example that others are compelled to follow because everyone can see that I truly believe in what I'm saying. However, regardless of how vibrant my voice is, someone is usually waiting to stifle it.

For that reason, my voice must be overcoming. I know that I must never let others make me compromise what I truly believe. Because so many policies in our society today are controversial, viewpoints often encounter strong opposition, but in order to be as close to a democracy as possible, many diverse opinions must be heard. Obviously, without a voice that's overcoming, having any voice in our democracy would be extremely difficult. Often, fully understanding a situation will help me overcome obstacles.

As a result, I must be insightful. By looking deeply into a situation, I can find details which support my opinion and by pointing out aspects of an argument that others may have missed, I can gain more support for my view. Additionally, thoroughly exploring a policy helps me to make the right decision from the beginning. Soon, others will recognize me as a strong analyst and will gain more respect for my views, even if they don't agree with them. Although my peers may not agree with me, I will never stop believing in myself.

That's why my voice must be confident. If I don't believe in myself, no one else will believe in me either. Regardless of the opposition I face or whether I feel like I'm alone in my views, I can never let myself feel de-

feated. As long as I know I am right and tenaciously defend my opinions, I will never be conquered. Even if I have to write a letter daily for years, make thousands of signs, or vote year after year for the same proposal, I will eventually make a difference as long as I believe in myself. Still, it's hard to be confident if I don't know about the issue.

In order to have a strong voice in our democracy, I must be educated. First, without being informed, I cannot know enough about issues to find the position I want to fight for, and without fully understanding my views, I cannot adequately defend them. Finally, since affairs in a democracy are constantly changing, education can never stop; it must be ongoing. Overall, knowledge is power especially when it comes to democracy.

Vibrant, overcoming, insightful, confident, and educated. Although the use of the acronym V.O.I.C.E. is clever, this actually is what voice truly stands for. I know my voice in our democracy embodies all of these traits and will as I continue to enter adulthood. Everyone has a voice in our democracy; they must simply learn to use it. One person can truly make a difference, and that one person could be me * * * or you. Ballots! Ballots! Get'em while they're hot. Here, would you like a ballot? Of course you would.

AIR FORCE SCIENCE AND TECH-
NOLOGY REINVIGORATION ACT

HON. TONY P. HALL

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 1998

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I join my colleague Mr. Boehlert in introducing the Air Force Science and Technology Reinvigoration Act, a bill to restore the role of scientific research as a driving force in the decision-making of the United States Air Force. The bill establishes the new positions of Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Science and Technology and Deputy Chief of Staff for Science and Technology. The bill will require minimal expense. The two new positions are similar to positions which once existed in the Air Force. These changes could help reinvigorate Air Force science and technology and help return the Air Force to the spirit of its founding mission—a mission that established and maintained the world's supreme air fighting force.***HD***Background

Scientific investigation, accompanied by the new knowledge it generates and the foundation it lays for development of new technologies, is the cornerstone of air and space superiority. The Air Force as no other military service should recognize the singular importance of science to its beginning and survival. Technology has been an engine that drives the Air Force as an institution. More than the other services, the Air Force is where scientists and engineers must do their work years before the battle begins.

As critical as it is to military aviation, support for science and technology has been feast or famine throughout Air Force history. In times of war or national emergency, science and technology are almost always fully funded and encouraged. However, as soon as the crisis is over, science and technology are de-emphasized until the next crisis. As a result, in the past the United States has found itself technologically behind enemies and allies, and has