

give Arthur Johnson a great deal of credit for that accomplishment?

Arthur has served Maine and the nation in so many ways. He was a legendary professor; was an outstanding President of the University, and had the foresight to found the Maine Council on Economic Education and numerous other organizations that are contributing to the vibrant future of our state and nation.

Arthur Johnson is a man of integrity, intellect, and respect. I am proud to count him among my friends, and to offer my thanks to him for his many contributions both to my life, and to the lives of all Mainers.

MANDATES INFORMATION ACT OF
1998

SPEECH OF

HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 1998

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3534) to improve congressional deliberation on proposed Federal private sector mandates, and for other purposes:

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Chairman, for far too long the interests of America's consumers, workers, and small business owners have been lost in the shuffle of impassioned pleas for more federal laws and regulations. Because of this, Congress has not shied away from imposing expensive federal mandates on the private sector while neglecting the economic repercussions. As a result, this practice only perpetuates the distance between those inside the beltway and those on Main Street.

I supported the Unfunded Mandates Act of 1995 because it has helped to build bridges of understanding between our layers of governments by ending federal mandates on state and local governments. It is now time to apply that same logic to the private sector.

I fully support the Mandates Information Act because it aims to extend the same accountability, currently afforded to state and local governments, to the private sector. The Mandates Information Act will force Congress to take a good look at how the legislation we consider will impact those whom it affects most. No longer should Congress be able to pass on mandates whose financial implications aren't fully considered. If the citizens in the private sector must be held accountable for complying with Federal law, Congress should be held accountable to the people affected by those laws.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DEATH
TAX INFLATION ADJUSTMENT ACT

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 22, 1998

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to announce the introduction of "The Death Tax Inflation Adjustment Act," legislation which would provide an annual cost-of-living adjustment for the unified credit—a major estate tax reduction tool—beginning in 2007.

Despite a tax system that discourages savings, many American families work hard to set aside a portion of their earnings because they hope to be able to leave something to their children. Not only are these lifelong savings subject to the death tax, however, but the value of the unified credit—a major death tax reduction tool—had, until recently, been seriously eroded by inflation.

As a result of the historic "Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997," the unified credit will now be increased from an effective exemption of \$600,000 in 1998 to an effective exemption of \$1,000,000 in 2006. Regrettably, while both the House—and Senate-passed versions of that landmark tax reduction package indexed this \$1,000,000 exemption annually for inflation, this provision was dropped from the final conference report and was not enacted into law.

My Speaker, the legislation I am introducing today would simply provide for an annual cost-of-living adjustment to the unified credit beginning in 2007. While many of us in Congress would like to eliminate the death tax entirely, I hope we can all at least agree that the value of this important benefit should never again be eaten away by inflation. The time to act is now. I would urge all of my colleagues to co-sponsor "The Death Tax Inflation Adjustment Act."

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SCHOOL IS CENTRAL STATES
WINNER IN WE THE PEOPLE . . .
THE CITIZEN AND THE CON-
STITUTION NATIONAL FINALS
1998

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 22, 1998

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, Lawrence Central High School of Indianapolis competed in the 1998 National Finals of "We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution" contest in Washington, DC after winning the Indiana competition.

Lawrence Central students competed with more than 1,250 students representing 49 states and was the Central States winner. Their teacher was Drew Horvath and the list of students is as follows: Kari Amos, Robert Baker, Kari Buis, Julie Burton, Sheila Cardinal, Haley Carney, Mark Davis, Justin Gray, Amber Gross, Shawn Haislip, Kristen Halligan, Seth Higgins, Megan Iott, Les Jahnke, Kelly Khoury, Ted Kieffer, Justin Lane, Jolene McClusky, Joyce McCoy, Courtney Mills, Aaron Moberly, Galan Moore, Jon Owens, Chris Recktenwall, Eric Reissner, Kelly Richardson, Lisa Schubert, Tara Sheets, Jennifer Staesnick, and Shane White.

Congratulations to Mr. Horvath, who has sent previous Indiana winners to this competition, and to all of these outstanding students.

TRIBUTE TO HUGH AND MARY
HIGLEY

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 22, 1998

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great honor today to call the nation's attention to a married couple, Hugh and Mary Higley, who live in my home town of Menominee, Michigan, and whose commitment to family and to community has earned them love, respect, admiration, and now, special recognition by their city.

Hugh, the eldest of the five children of Harvey and Alice Clifford Higley, was born in Detroit on March 18, 1918. In 1920 the Higley family moved to Menominee's twin city, Marinette, Wisconsin, where Hugh's father joined a local company new to the refrigeration business, the American Sulfur Company, known later by the more familiar name Ansul.

Mary, the second of the three children of Dr. William and Edith Jackman Jones, was born in Clifton, Arizona, on January 7, 1920. Two years later the Jones family moved to Menominee, where Mary's father opened an "ear, eyes, nose and throat" practice.

Hugh played basketball and golf at Marinette High School and in his senior year was editor of the school annual. He attended the University of Wisconsin, graduating with bachelor's degree in chemical engineering. He joined Ansul as a salesman. Mary graduated from Menominee High School in 1938 and attended the University of Arizona.

Hugh and Mary were married on June 21, 1941. World War II saw Hugh in service to his country, first as a civilian working for the Army's Ordnance Department in Milwaukee, and later as a Navy lieutenant in Florida and California, finally working in China Lake, a small desert community associated with aviation ordnance testing.

After the war Hugh and Mary returned to Menominee, where Hugh resumed his Ansul career. Here they would raise three sons, David, Hugh Jr. and William. Here Hugh would rise from salesman in Ansul's Chemical Division to Director of Corporate Customer Relations, Corporate Secretary, Vice President and General Manager of the Fire Equipment Division, and then to President of Ansul International. He retired from Ansul in January 1969.

In October 1969 Hugh and Mary purchased Interstate Welding Sales Corporation, which at the time had 17 employees, two locations and sales of less than \$1 million. Hugh was eventually joined by his three sons in this new venture and new career, but continued to manage the day-to-day activities of the company through March 1988. Interstate now has facilities in eight northeastern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan cities, more than 200 employees and sales of nearly \$50 million.

Through all these endeavors the couple always found time to give to their community. Let me list, Mr. Speaker, some of Hugh's areas of service: the Menominee Public School Board, the Menominee County Board of Commissioners and the board of the local DAR Boys & Girls Club. He was president of both the Menominee and Marinette chambers of commerce and he was an Elder, Trustee and Deacon of the First Presbyterian Church