

MARKING THE DEDICATION OF
THE BAKERSFIELD POLICE ME-
MORIAL

HON. WILLIAM M. THOMAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 5, 1998

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, last month we observed Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Week, seven days set aside to honor the courageous men and women who gave their lives protecting us and upholding the law. Last month, I was proud to vote for House Resolution 422 which states that law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty should be honored, recognized, and remembered for their great sacrifice. Today I rise to help pay tribute to the law enforcement officers who died while serving Bakersfield, California.

With all of the advances that have been made in the field of American law enforcement this century, one sad and sobering fact remains the same: police officers are often killed in the line of duty. On May 15, the Bakersfield Police Department dedicated a monument to honor the law enforcement officers who sacrificed their lives for the safety and well-being of the people of Bakersfield over the past century.

Of great men, Ralph Waldo Emerson once said "brave men who work while others sleep, who dare while others fly . . . they build a nation's pillars deep and lift them to the sky." The names which have been etched on this memorial will be an eternal reminder of the seven brave men who lost their lives daring to protect the people of Bakersfield.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I pay tribute to the law enforcement officials in Bakersfield who died in the line of duty: T.J. Packard, Frank Sparks, Aaron A. Trent, Floyd B.D.W. Cummings, William L. Rucker, Patrick D. Vegas, and William L. Sikola. The somber black granite monument will be a lasting tribute to these individuals who put the safety of the community ahead of their own. I am proud to live in a town which has chosen to honor its fallen police officers in such a fitting and lasting manner.

A TRIBUTE TO LOUISVILLE MALE
HIGH SCHOOL WE THE PEOPLE
. . . THE CITIZEN AND THE CON-
STITUTION

HON. ANNE M. NORTHUP

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 5, 1998

Mrs. NORTHUP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a talented and motivated group of young people, who competed in the national finals of the We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution program in early May.

I am pleased to recognize the class from Male High School in Louisville, which represented the state of Kentucky in this national event. These young scholars worked diligently to reach the national finals by winning competitions in their home state and did a wonderful job at the national event.

The We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution program is the most extensive educational program in the country, developed

specifically to educate young people about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The three-day national competition simulates a Congressional hearing in which students demonstrate their knowledge as they defend positions on historical and contemporary constitutional issues.

Administered by the Center for Civic Education, the We the People . . . program has provided curricular materials at upper elementary, middle and high school levels for more than 75,000 teachers and 24 million students nationwide.

In a time when the public is often disenfranchised with the political system, when public cynicism and apathy are fueled by media that love nothing more than a story of sin and corruption, this program is instilling in young people a sense of understanding and civic duty.

It is an honor for me to recognize this group of shining, young Kentuckians: Angela Adams, Perry Bacon, Katherine Breeding, Will Carle, Eric Coatley, Courtney Coffee, Brian Davis, Mary Fleming, Matt Gilbert, Amanda Holloway, Holly Jessie, Heath Lambert, Gwen Malone, Kristy Martin, Brian Palmer, Lauren Reynolds, Shane Skoner, LaVonda Willis, Bryan Wilson, Darreshia Wilson, Beth Wilson, Janelle Winfree, Treva Winlock and Jodie Zeller.

I am thrilled Male High School once again represented my home state of Kentucky in national competition. The student team worked diligently and demonstrated a remarkable understanding of the ideals of our government during the national competition in Washington, DC. I am proud of the students and their teacher, Sandy Hoover, and would like to extend my sincere congratulations for their success.

SIGNS DESIGNATING RONALD
REAGAN NATIONAL AIRPORT

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 5, 1998

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a simple bill—a bill to protect the good name of one of America's greatest Presidents, Ronald Reagan.

On February 4 of this year, Mr. Speaker, this body and the other body both overwhelmingly passed legislation renaming National Airport after Ronald Reagan. President Clinton signed the bill into law on February 6, President Reagan's 87th birthday.

Nevertheless, the National Park Service has announced that it intends to thumb its nose at the will of Congress and the President by erecting signs on the George Washington Memorial Parkway that omit President Reagan's name.

This bill prohibits such a move, and requires new signs that use the correct name of the airport. And, if the Park Service decides to go ahead with its plan to thwart the will of Congress, then we will require the signs to be replaced, with the funds coming out of the budget of the director of the National Park Service.

Ronald Reagan is an American hero. Mr. Speaker, the Park Service must not be allowed to rob him of any part of his tremendous legacy.

Mr. Speaker, I insert a copy of the bill for the RECORD:

H.R. —

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Ronald Reagan National Airport Preservation and Protection Act of 1998".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds that—

(a) Ronald Reagan is an American hero deserving of recognition;

(b) the will of the Congress to honor President Reagan was clearly expressed when both Houses overwhelmingly passed legislation changing the name of "Washington National Airport" to "Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport" on February 4, 1998;

(c) the will of President Clinton to honor President Reagan was clearly expressed when he signed such legislation into law on February 6, 1998, the 87th birthday of President Reagan;

(d) notwithstanding the fact that the will of the Congress and the President had been clearly expressed through passage of such legislation and signing such legislation into law, the National Park Service (NPS) has recently announced that it intends to erect new signs on the George Washington Memorial Parkway directing motorists to Ronald Reagan National Airport that omit Ronald Reagan's name.

SEC. 3. PROHIBITION OF SIGNS OMITTING RONALD REAGAN'S NAME.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Director of the National Park Service—

(1) shall not erect any new signs on, near, or adjacent to the George Washington Memorial Parkway in Northern Virginia, Maryland, the District of Columbia, or elsewhere, displaying the name "National Airport", but omitting the name "Ronald Reagan.";

(2) shall, on or before August 5, 1998, replace all signs on, near, or adjacent to the George Washington Memorial Parkway in Northern Virginia, Maryland, the District of Columbia, or elsewhere, displaying the name "National Airport" with signs prominently displaying the name "Ronald Reagan National Airport."

(3) shall fund the replacement pursuant to subsection (2) of any signs that had been erected after February 4, 1998, entirely out of the budget of the Director of the National Park Service.

TRIBUTE TO RANCE LEADERS OF
BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 5, 1998

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take a moment today to point out to my colleagues someone in my district who epitomizes the dedication and commonsense leadership we all should value in our local government officials. On Friday, June 12, 1998, Rance Leaders will retire as City Manager of Battle Creek, Michigan, after serving with distinction for 10 years. Today, our community will salute Mr. Leaders with a gala retirement celebration for his years of service to Battle Creek.

Mr. Leaders has served the people of Battle Creek, Michigan, for 18 years, first starting as Assistant City Manager in 1980. When Gordon Jaeger retired in 1988, the City Commission,