

concept of the indentured servant rather than professionals. As the educator and lawyers Robert Maynard Hutchins once put it very well, "There are some things that a professional will not do for money."

The result is this: We cannot, whether in public life or in private practice, look solely to our clients for leadership. Lawyers too have a right, but they also have a responsibility, to exercise independent judgment. And at times, that means saying no to the client. You can't do it. We can't argue it. It means sticking up for the right thing, as our (lights?) lead us to believe what is right.

And in that process, we are, when we are at our best, guided not simply by the client's interest, but by that other pillar, the search for the truth. And that, it seems to me, is the path away from the seedy underworld of Grisham's loser and a rediscovery of the inspiring path that Atticus Finch urged us and urges us today, to walk upon.

Thank you very much.

THOMAS JEFFERSON  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 1998*

Ms. JACKSON-LEE. Mr. Speaker, I Congresswoman JACKSON-LEE, submit the following document concerning the Thomas Jefferson Elementary School.

THOMAS JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Whereas, Thomas Jefferson Elementary School has been selected one of three national first place award winners in the 12th Annual "Set a Good Example Contest" sponsored by the Concerned Businessmen's Association of America;

Whereas, Thomas Jefferson Elementary School under the guidance of their teachers and parents has exhibited hard work, dedication and perseverance combating the war on drugs, violence, crime and delinquency;

Whereas, Thomas Jefferson Elementary School will continue to aid in the war on drugs, delinquency, crime and violence in our schools;

Whereas, the need for strong young men and women and community activism is becoming more necessary and vital for the future of our Country;

Now therefore, be it resolved that Thomas Jefferson Elementary School has demonstrated a collective promise to aid in the fight against drug abuse, delinquency, crime and violence invading our nations schools. From this joining of purpose, Thomas Jefferson Elementary School has found effective ways and means to combat these increasing problems and are spreading the message, through the use of the book, "The Way to Happiness, a Common Sense Moral Guide," written by noted author and humanitarian L. Ron Hubbard, to those who have ears to hear. I will never turn from the example set forth by the remarkable work done by Thomas Jefferson Elementary School.

MANOLO DEL CANAL, MIAMI  
PROMOTER

**HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 1998*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Manolo del Canal, an entertainment promoter

in my Congressional district, has had many successes in his field.

Mr. del Canal has had experience as a new director for the radio show "Cuba al Dia" which aired on WFAB in Miami. He was also a pioneer in establishing the idea of listeners calling directly to the shows they were hearing with their comments, otherwise known as radio call-in shows. He was one of the first to use this idea in his show called "Opinion Publica".

Another facet of Mr. del Canal's talents was his experience as a journalist, for he managed and operated a local newspaper called La Prensa. Mr. del Canal is currently in the business of promoting Latin American singers and actors. His goal is to make these Hispanic talents a household name in our great country.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Manolo del Canal works hard on his craft every day.

TWO PHILANTHROPISTS TO EXPAND PRIVATE SCHOOL GRANTS IN CITIES

**HON. NEWT GINGRICH**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 1998*

Mr. GINGRICH. Mr. Speaker, the attached article from The Washington Post illustrates the frustration across the country over the performance of public schools. Theodore J. Forstmann and John Walton are two of the latest in a series of philanthropists to put up their own money in an effort to send low-income students to private schools. I submit the article to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

[From the Washington Post]

TWO PHILANTHROPISTS TO EXPAND PRIVATE SCHOOL GRANTS TO CITIES

(By Linda Perlstein)

Two wealthy industrialists announced plans yesterday to give 50,000 needy children scholarships that would allow them to abandon public schools in favor of private ones. The \$200 million initiative, which would be the largest of its kind, is the latest in a series of efforts by private philanthropists frustrated with the performance of public education.

Wall Street financier Theodore J. Forstmann and Wal-Mart heir John Walton will put up \$100 million of the money and will raise the rest from other philanthropists and community groups around the country. The two men say they have lined up \$19.4 million in pledges in five cities, including Washington, and are seeking \$80 million more by summer's end.

Public schools are a monopoly, Forstmann said, "monopolies produce bad products at high prices. Eventually, if there's no competition, nothing works very well."

Attempts to use taxpayer dollars to send children to private schools have hit roadblocks both in Congress and in the courts. Last month, President Clinton, who opposes publicly funded vouchers, vetoed a bill that would have given District students \$7 million to attend private schools.

As a result, donors are moving forward with projects. Last year, philanthropist Virginia Gilder offered \$2,000 each for students at an Albany, N.Y., primary school to attend private school. In April, a group of San Antonio business leaders put up \$50 million to send 13,000 low-income students to private schools.

The plans announced yesterday by Forstmann and Walton would expand a scholarship initiative the two contributed to last year in Washington and New York. Already, 1,000 District students are offered scholarships through the program. The new initiative, called the Children's Scholarship Fund, will finance 400 more.

In Washington and other cities where the two hope to start the program, \$1,000 scholarships will be offered to elementary and high school students whose family income falls below a certain level—typically \$18,000. They estimate that the money will cover about half of the annual tuition costs in most cities, with the children's parents committing to make up the balance. Students will be selected by lotteries in 1999.

In addition to Washington, the fund has lined up partners in Los Angeles, New York, Chicago and Jersey City, where Mayor Bret Schundler has chipped in \$25,000 of his own money.

Forstmann's supporters include many who oppose publicly funded vouchers. A White House spokesman, Barry Toiv, said that President Clinton supports the effort but still firmly opposes using public money for school voucher programs.

"They are in a position to help kids, and the president thinks that's great," Toiv said. "But the question of how we invest our public resources is an entirely different one. The president thinks that money has to remain in public education."

Even the heads of the two largest teachers unions said they do not object to private citizens giving scholarships. "I have no problem with what is basically a private act of philanthropy," said Sandra Feldman, president of the American Federation of Teachers. But "if the idea is that public schools don't work and children must escape, I would oppose that," she said.

HONORING MAJOR GENERAL  
JAMES C. PENNINGTON, JR., U.S.  
ARMY (RET)

**HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 1998*

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration but a heavy heart that I rise to pay tribute to an outstanding American and patriot, retired Major General James C. Pennington who passed away on June 5, 1998. General Pennington was the long-time president of the National Association for Uniformed Services. He died while carrying on the crusade which he had devoted much of his life—the crusade to save military health care benefits that were promised and dutifully earned by this country's veterans and military retirees.

The military and veteran community has lost a great leader. His insightful, frank comments and tenacious determination to convince the country's leaders to honor the promises made to those who put their lives on the line were a rallying point and an inspiration to all.

I got to know General Pennington well during the years we fought together to restore the full Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) to our nation's military retirees. A tireless advocate, he traveled all across the country meeting with veterans and their families, senior government officials, the powerful and the disenfranchised in an unwavering effort to advance the cause. He paid particular attention to the "old warriors," the group of veterans who fought and