

workshops, praise and worship services, and other ongoing activities to pronounce their joy in being blessed with such a long and rich history.

Together with the Greater Cooper A.M.E. Zion Church, I salute the great multitude of lay persons, those great men and women of Zion whose faith, prayers, and courage have sustained the church through economic struggles, and have helped to secure a permanent place of worship for its posterity.

It is significant that our community recognizes an important stable partner in our society that provides for the betterment and improvement in the quality of life, not only for its members, but the community and neighborhood they are situated. The Greater Cooper A.M.E. Zion Church has been that stable pillar and encouraged by its leadership and members, and it will continue to be a relevant contributor in the 21st century.

MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO
AMEND TITLE TEN, UNITED
STATES CODE RELATIVE TO THE
COMPENSATION OF RETIRED
MILITARY

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 1998

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following for printing in the RECORD:

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND SENATE RESOLUTION
98-2995

Whereas, American servicemen and women have dedicated their careers to protect the rights we all enjoy; and

Whereas, Career military personnel endured hardships, privation, the threat of death, disability and long separations from their families in service to our country; and

Whereas, Integral to the success of our military forces are those soldiers and sailors who have made a career of defending our great nation in peace and war from the revolutionary war to present day; and

Whereas, There exists a gross inequity in the federal statutes that denies disabled career military equal rights to receive Veterans Administration disability compensation concurrent with receipt of earned military retired pay; and

Whereas, Legislation has been introduced in the United States Congress to remedy this inequity applicable to career military dating back to the nineteenth century; and

Whereas, The injustice concerns those veterans who are both retired with a minimum of 20 years, are denied concurrent receipt of hard earned military longevity retirement pay and Veterans Administration awards for service connected with disability; and

Whereas, Career military earn retirement benefits based on longevity of twenty years for honorable and faithful service and rank at time of retirement; and

Whereas, Veterans administered compensations serve a different purpose from longevity retired pay and are intended to compensate for pain, suffering, disfigurement, chemicals, wound injuries and a loss of earning ability and have a minimum requirement of 90 days of active duty; and

Whereas, The prevailing idea that military retirement pay is "free" is false. There is a contribution to retirement pay, which is calculated to reduce military base pay and re-

tirement pay by approximately seven percent when pay and allowances are computed and approved by Congress; and

Whereas, Traditionally, a career military person receives a lower pay and retirement than his or her civilian counterpart and has invested a life of hardships and long hours without the benefit of overtime pay and lack of freedom of expression through the unions; and

Whereas, The Veterans Administration awards dependents allowances to disabled veterans with a thirty percent (30%) disability or more for each dependent, which allowances are increased with the amount of disability; and

Whereas, The Department of Defense deducts the entire amounts of dependents allowance, essentially leaving the disabled military retiree with no dependents allowance and that extends the discrimination to the families of military longevity retirees; and

Whereas, It is unfair to require disabled military retirees to fund their own Veterans Administration compensation by deductions on a dollar for dollar basis in the Department of Defense; and

Whereas, No such deduction applies to similarly situated federal civil service or Congressional retirement benefits to receive Veterans Administration compensation; and

Whereas, A statutory change is necessary to correct this injustice and discrimination in order to insure that America's commitment to national and international goals be matched by the same allegiance to those who sacrificed on behalf of those goals; now therefore be it

Resolved, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations hereby urges the United States Congress to amend title ten, United States Code relating to the compensation of retired military, permitting concurrent receipt of military retired pay and Veterans Administration compensation, including dependents allowances; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, Secretary of Defense, Senate Majority and Minority Leaders of the U.S. Congress, Speaker of the House, Committee Chairman of the Senate Armed Forces Committee and Veterans Affairs Committee, House Committee Chairman, National Security and Veterans Affairs Committee, and each member of the Rhode Island Delegation to Congress.

TRIBUTE TO MARY LOU AND
MORT ZIEVE

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 1998

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, July 22, the Institute of Human Relations of the American Jewish Committee will present its Distinguished Community Service Award to two indeed distinguished citizens of Michigan, Mary Lou Simons Zieve and Mort Zieve.

Each has followed their own very busy and highly successful careers in the world of communication. No matter how intensive those challenges, they always have found time to participate in a diverse range of community activities. In quite a few of these, I have been privileged to participate with one or both of them or to see them in action. The result of

their efforts have always been impressive and have benefitted thousands of fellow or sister citizens.

Mary Lou Zieve's broad community activities have included: President of the Detroit Historical Society (since 1994); honorary Life Member of the Karmanos Cancer Institute Board of Trustees; Chair of the Advisory Board of Wayne State University Press; a member of the Boards of the Greater Detroit Interfaith Round Table, the Michigan Historical Center Foundation in Lansing, Eton Academy and many others. She was producer of the Detroit area Jerry Lewis Telethon for five years, president of the Detroit chapter of American Federation of Television and Radio Artists; and founder and president of the Jewish Ensemble Theatre.

Mort Zieve's public endeavors have included: key publicity undertakings for the Michigan Opera Theatre and board member for 25 years; director of two productions at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre; Co-Chair of Detroit's Official Annual Birthday Party; and on the Mayor's Committee to structure the 300th birthday of the City in 2001. Mort Zieve has also received the Humanity in Arts Award for Musical at Wayne State University.

Mary Lou and Mort Zieve have been honored by the Karmanos Cancer Institute. In addition, Mary Lou has received the Leonard N. Simons History award from the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan and the Distinguished Alumna Award from Kingswood School Cranbrook.

It is my privilege to salute my distinguished fellow Michiganders and good friends on the receipt of a recognition so well deserved.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH MARINI

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 1998

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a confectioner, Joseph Marini, Senior, who delighted our towns-people and provided fond memories to generations of beach goers. Mr. Marini passed away this past spring.

The mouth-watering treats in his sweet shops included traditional salt water taffy, spun on a vintage machine that has mesmerized young visitors since 1922. Mr. Marini devised candy dipped fruit, with cinnamon or cherry coatings, as well as chocolate flavors. Cotton candy was another popular item especially with the trick or treaters who visited Mr. Marini at his home on Halloween. Eventually, when the throngs of children numbered over 1200, the giveaway was discontinued. Many a vacation will be remembered by the aroma of caramel corn that wafted along the Beach Boardwalk.

As central as his business was to the life of the Santa Cruz community, Joseph Marini made another contribution. He imbued countless young high school students with life-long values, by employing them, instructing them with clear guidance, and providing a living example with his own matchless work ethic. This training came from a man who was known for mischief and pranks when a youngster himself. His conversion came when his father, who started the business, brought his 10-year old son into the shop to help. It took a special

ledge to boost the boy high enough to wrap taffy kisses.

The candy business became so central to his life that he continued to diligently appear at his store long after younger members of his family were charged with daily operations. The candy business became so central to the life of the community, that Santa Cruz without Marini's is unimaginable.

Joseph Marini, Senior gave this locale its own special flavor. He will be greatly missed and long remembered.

HONORING DR. JAMES G. LAWS

HON. TONY P. HALL

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 1998

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. James G. Laws, a man with a sincere passion for improving the lives of the people who suffer in remote areas of the world. He sets an example that we all should strive to follow and I am proud to have such a man in my district. Dr. Laws is the president of Knightsbridge International, a humanitarian relief organization. As such, he works on relief missions which bring much needed medicines to remote areas of the world. Dr. Laws often finances them himself and personally delivers the supplies. His commitment regularly brings Dr. Laws into the midst of armed conflicts, but he persists. For his dedication, his bravery, and his generosity, Dr. Laws deserves our thanks.

Dr. Laws is a cardiologist from Germantown, Ohio and a member of the Knights of Malta, an order dating back to the Crusades. Together with Dr. Edward Artis, a friend and fellow Knight, Dr. Laws cofounded the humanitarian relief group, Knightsbridge International.

In 1994, Dr. Laws, Dr. Artis, and Knightsbridge were active in Rwanda. One of their successful missions is a remarkable story. A boy was lost in a sea of refugees after having watched his mother and sister murdered by soldiers. His father, who was studying in New Orleans, somehow spotted him on a newscast from Africa. The man appealed to Knightsbridge for help in finding the beloved son he had believed to be dead. Dr. Laws and his organization tracked down the terrified boy and brought him back to his grateful father.

That same year, Dr. Laws also helped to deliver 25,000 doses of antibiotics to needy clinics in Rwanda, and helped facilitate a contribution of a quarter of a million dollars to an orphanage built with Mother Teresa's help.

In 1996, Dr. Laws and Dr. Artis traveled to Nicaragua to investigate the possibility of constructing a new clinic on Corn Island. They envisioned a small, multipurpose medical center and dental facility which would be accessible to the impoverished islanders. Today, the clinic is fully functional. It provides the people of Corn Island with much needed health care and works together with the local clinic.

In 1997, Dr. Laws secured the donation of a cardiac unit from the Grandview Hospital of Dayton and transported it to Bishek, the capital of Kyrgyzstan. The donation upgraded the hospital's heart facility and enabled it to provide better medical care. Dr. Laws also was active in Azerbaijan, Daghestan, and

Chechnya, helping deliver hundreds of thousand of dollars worth of medical supplies to them.

Most recently, Dr. Laws, Dr. Artis, and Knightsbridge International have been working to relieve the suffering in Afghanistan. Their first humanitarian mission took them to Kabul, where they provided local hospitals with \$250,000 in medicines and medical supplies. Subsequent trips were to Bamiyan, the capital city of the Northern region, where some 400,000 people were on the verge of dying from hunger and disease. Dr. Laws defied death threats and braved a civil war zone to personally help bring more than a million dollars worth of critical medicines to the suffering people of Hazaristan.

Mr. Speaker, it is with pleasure that I ask you and my colleagues to join me in acknowledging the lifesaving work that Dr. James Laws does. He is a hometown hero whose activities I observe with pride. He has proven himself to be a true humanitarian who is dedicated to easing all suffering. His missions have brought relief and improved medical resources to countless communities, and, I hope, to many more to come. Dr. James Laws deserves our respect and thanks for the compassion he has shown, and continues to show, to the needy people of the world.

A TRIBUTE TO GENE BELLISARIO

HON. VIC FAZIO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 1998

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Gene Bellisario, a longtime supporter of education. Gene, president of the Yuba College Board of Trustees, is retiring from the Yuba College Board after five terms.

Gene Bellisario, a graduate of Yuba College, credits his success in the world of business to retired Yuba College instructor Harry Clinton, who first encouraged him to apply for a position at the Credit Bureau of Sutter County. That first position eventually led him to open a credit bureau of his own, and recently Gene sold his business, the Credit Bureau of Placer County, and retired.

For close to 40 years, Gene Bellisario has been an outstanding member of the community, both in business and in education. He is currently serving in his fourteenth year as a trustee of the Yuba College Board. Previously, he was a member of the Lake Tahoe Community College Board for six years. A popular figure at Yuba College, Gene was the top vote getter four of the five times that he ran for election as a trustee. During his tenure on the Yuba College board, he served in several capacities, including president, vice president, and clerk. The students, faculty, and administrators will sorely miss his presence at the college when his term ends and he retires at the end of 1998.

Gene Bellisario has continually striven to improve the quality of college trustees throughout the state. He has represented the Yuba College district at community college trustee workshops in Washington D.C., and he has served as a "mentor trustee" for other community college trustees in California. These efforts to learn and promote responsible trustee-

ship are a reflection of Gene's commitment to higher education.

Still active members of the community, Gene and his wife Peggy now concentrate on philanthropy. As a demonstration of their continuing belief in education, the Bellisarios have funded the Bellisario Family Trust which benefits both the Yuba College and Lake Tahoe Community College Foundations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Gene Bellisario, and I personally extend my sincere appreciation for all he has done for the Yuba community during his many years of dedicated service.

TRIBUTE TO MARY MULLIGAN

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 1998

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Mary Mulligan on the occasion of her retirement from the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute after 45 years of untiring and devoted service in cancer-related institutions.

Mrs. Mulligan's career began in 1953 when she helped establish an office in Mt. Clemens for the Macomb County Unit of the American Cancer Society. The office provided support, guidance and medical care to cancer patients—free of charge.

Her success in recruiting volunteers and aiding patients in this office, led to her involvement in the creation of 13 additional offices in Macomb County which ultimately served as the blueprint for offices that later opened in Wayne Oakland and Monroe Counties.

Over time, the American Cancer Society evolved into the Michigan Cancer Foundation and eventually became known as the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Mrs. Mulligan continued her involvement in recruitment and education awareness and is retiring now as the Director of Volunteer Administration for the entire Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mrs. Mary Mulligan for the caring, good will and effort she has devoted to help cancer patients over the many years. I wish her continued good health and happiness in the future.

ENDING THE MARRIAGE TAX PENALTY

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 14, 1998

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, I highly commend to my colleagues this July 2, 1998, editorial from the South Sioux City Star supporting the end to the marriage tax penalty.

TIME TO END MARRIAGE TAX PENALTY

Of all the external challenges to marital bliss, the least expected and the most unforgivable is the one posed by your own government.

Married couples are subjected to what is described as the "marriage tax."