

Goldbranch, Vickery Creek and Allen Shoals units of the Chattahoochee National Park. This park will be operated in cooperation with Fulton County and the Chattahoochee Nature Center, and the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area. The State of Georgia, The Trust for Public Lands and the City of Roswell are already committed to raising a portion of the property purchase price. We hope that the Federal Government will also contribute toward acquisition funds for the parkland.

Once established, this new park would become one of the most heavily used parks within the Atlanta Metropolitan area. It would serve as an excellent example of Federal, State, County and Municipal cooperation in park development. We hope that the Federal Greenways Project will be adopted, so that the Federal Government may participate in this park. Your support of this project will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

JERE WOOD,
Mayor.

CITY OF DULUTH,
Duluth, GA, May 26, 1998.

Re Chattahoochee River National Park Boundary Change.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Rayburn House Office Building,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN GINGRICH: The City of Duluth has previously expressed its support for land acquisition funding for the National Park Service to purchase lands along the Chattahoochee River. The City is very interested in protecting the river corridor and making additional open space and greenways available for public use. The City has worked to obtain conservation easements for walking trails and greenways along the river corridor to help link existing National Park Property.

It has become evident that many critical parcels along the river corridor are not included in the boundaries previously designated for the National Park Service on future land acquisition. There is an urgent need for legislation to modify the National Park Boundaries by deleting some parcels which have already been developed and include those critical parcels still available for the protection of the river and efficient use of existing National Park property.

The City strongly supports legislation that would adjust the designated National Park Boundaries identified for future land acquisition to include those critical parcels necessary to link existing National Park Properties as well as protect the river from further intense development. The City applauds your efforts in supporting funding for National Park Service land acquisition along this vital river water resource and asks that you also support some adjustments in the designated boundaries of the National Park so that key vacant parcels can be included.

Thank you for your efforts and involvement with our national resources. If we can assist in any way please let us know.

Sincerely,

SHIRLEY FANNING-LASSETER,
Mayor.

CITY OF DULUTH,
Duluth, GA, April 8, 1998.

Re Chattahoochee River Greenway.

Hon. RALPH REGULA,
Chairman, House Interior Committee,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN REGULA: The City of Duluth would like to thank you for your efforts in securing funding for the National Park Service for lands along the Chattahoo-

chee River. House Speaker Newt Gingrich has informed us of the tremendous work you have been doing to see that the National Park Service obtains funds to protect the Chattahoochee River from excessive development through Park Service land acquisition. In our November correspondence to you the City had mentioned that a greenway plan to link two existing National Park properties together was underway. Please find enclosed a copy of this proposed walkway. We currently have approximately 50% of this provided through easements.

We hope that the next trip you make by helicopter over this area that you will see some results which come from local government and federal government working together on a project. If we can ever be of service please don't hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,

SHIRLEY FANNING-LASSETER,
Mayor.

CITY OF ATLANTA,
Atlanta, GA, June 24, 1998.

Hon. JOHN LEWIS,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN LEWIS: I am writing to encourage your support for a \$25 million appropriation (\$15 million FY '99 and \$10 million in the supplemental budget for FY '99) from the Land and Water Conservation Fund which is now before the House Appropriations Committee. These funds will allow for the protection of land along the banks of the Chattahoochee in an attempt to sustain the drinking water supply for the City of Atlanta and its neighbors. The initiative to protect land along the Chattahoochee River is a bipartisan effort which was developed out of Governor Miller's RiverCare 2000 program. The City of Atlanta has partnered with the Trust for Public Land to negotiate donations and acquisitions along the Chattahoochee River in an effort to protect a natural greenway within City limits. By working in cooperation with our neighbors upstream, we hope to sustain this river for future generations.

Over half of all Georgians drink from the Chattahoochee River every day and this funding would help insure the quality of our drinking water for generations to come. I encourage you to actively support this \$25 million appropriation once it comes up for a vote by the House Appropriations Committee.

Thank you for your continued care for the environment and the work you do for the people of Atlanta.

Sincerely,

BILL CAMPBELL.

HONORING ROY A. HAUBERT

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 1998

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge a very special and exceptional man, Mr. Roy A. Haubert.

In this day and age when family values are on the decline, it is comforting to know that there are people like Roy Haubert, who are passing a legacy of service, loyalty, and love on to their family. Mr. Haubert is a proud father of four children, all of whom he helped put through college.

As a fellow Navy veteran, I hold Roy Haubert in the highest regard. He serves as a

shining example through his commitment to his beliefs and his country. At the young age of 17 he left his home to protect freedom and to serve his fellow Americans. He served our country in World War II on a Destroyer off the East Coast of the United States and in the South Pacific. He received two purple hearts for his service, and after WW II, Mr. Haubert enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. Through his additional time in the service, Roy Haubert received training at the Massachusetts Institute for Technology in electronics and missile technology.

Mr. Haubert utilized his training and worked in the aerospace industry in California after leaving the service, where his interest in technology grew. He then worked on projects such as the Atlas missile program and the F-111 fighter bomber.

Roy Haubert has devoted his life to service, loyalty and family values. His sacrifice and accomplishments are admirable and worthy of recognition.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to say thank you to Roy Haubert and acknowledge his contribution to his family, his community and to our nation. May his example continue to shine on in the hearts and minds of those privileged enough to have known him.

TRIBUTE TO THE EIGHTH GREAT
DOMINICAN PARADE AND CAR-
NIVAL OF THE BRONX

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 1998

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, once again it is an honor for me to recognize the Great Dominican Parade and Festival of the Bronx on its eighth year of celebrating Dominican culture in my South Bronx Congressional District.

Under its Founder and President, Felipe Febles, the parade has grown in size and splendor. It now brings together an increasing number of participants from all five New York City boroughs and beyond.

On Sunday, July 19, thousands of members and friends of the Dominican community will march from Mt. Eden and 172nd Street to East 161st Street and the Grand Concourse in honor of Juan Pablo Duarte, the father of the independence of the Dominican Republic.

As one who has participated in the parade in the past, I can attest that the excitement it generates brings the entire City together. It is a celebration and an affirmation of life. It feels wonderful to enable so many people to have this experience—one that will change the lives of many of them. It is an honor for me to join once again the hundreds of joyful people who will march from Mt. Eden and 172nd Street to East 161st Street, and to savor the variety of their celebrations. There's no better way to see our Bronx community.

The event will feature a wide variety of entertainment for all age groups. This year's festival includes the performance of Merengue and Salsa bands, crafts exhibitions, and food typical of the Dominican Republic.

In addition to the parade, President Febles and many organizers have provided the community with nearly two weeks of activities to commemorate the contributions of the Dominican community, its culture and history.

Mr. Speaker, it is with enthusiasm that I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this wonderful celebration of Dominican culture, which has brought much pride to the Bronx community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HERBERT H. BATEMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 1998

Mr. BATEMAN. Mr. Speaker, due to continued convalescence from a recent surgery, I missed 2 votes on June 4, 1998. I wish to ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD my statement as to how I would have voted had I been present.

On rollcall vote No. 204, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 205, I would have voted "aye."

THE HEAD START ACT OF 1998

HON. FRANK RIGGS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 1998

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill to extend the Head Start program. This legislation strengthens the quality and accountability of Head Start while supporting those receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, the goals of welfare reform, collaborations at the local, State, and national levels, and Head Start staff. For the first time ever, Head Start will be judged on its outcomes for children and families.

The Education and the Workforce Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families that I chair has heard testimony in four hearings from respected academicians, researchers, educators, parents, and practitioners. These witnesses and the many experts with whom committee staff spoke consistently called for an increased focus on outcomes and for higher Head Start staff qualifications. Great care has been taken to craft a bill that addresses these issues by emphasizing quality, accountability, flexibility and collaboration.

We have proposed a simple and effective update of the formula allotting Head Start funds to states: 1998 would become the "hold harmless" year for funding. Future expansion and quality appropriations would be allotted based solely on child poverty statistics, thus avoiding possible negative impacts on States successful in moving recipients of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families into jobs. No State would lose Head Start funding under this proposal.

We have redefined the primary purpose of Head Start in this bill to be school readiness. The bill adds new education performance standards and measures that strengthen the cognitive development of children, and requires that the majority of Head Start teachers must have at least an associate degree in early childhood education by the end of the reauthorization period in 2003.

To support the need for increased teacher training and greater attention to school readi-

ness, emphasis has been shifted for a limited period of time from expansion to quality. This will give programs an opportunity to address teacher salaries and program quality. Teachers are specifically targeted in the bill for needed salary increases based upon their education and credentials.

The professional development of teachers and other Head Start staff is enhanced under this legislation by explicitly allowing the use of funds for training in language, literacy, English acquisition, and child disabilities, and by the provision of special collaboration grants that encourage Head Start participation in State, regional, and local early childhood professional development systems.

These special collaboration grants also can be used for similar collaborative efforts to develop more full-day, full-year child care/Head Start services. Similarly, waivers of income eligibility rules would be allowed through joint agreement of the Governor, the State Head Start Association, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services. Up to 25 percent of a program's enrollment could be "over income," but families could not exceed 140 percent of the poverty level. In cases where Child Care Development Block Grant or other child care funds are blended to offer combined Head Start/child care services, copayments by Head Start parents would be explicitly allowed to meet the requirements of the cofunding agency.

Funding priority for any increased appropriations is given by this bill to expansion of full-day, full-year services to meet the child care needs of working poor. Additionally, Early Head Start funding would grow to 10 percent of Head Start funding by the year 2003 to serve more children in the critical years before age three.

To help prepare Head Start children for success in kindergarten, a new section in the bill defines in greater detail transition activities and goals. The needs of Head Start parents are addressed with start-up funding for up to 100 family literacy demonstrations. Training and technical assistance will be available to all Head Start family literacy programs. The best of these programs would be designated as mentor programs; they would assist other agencies with the implementation and improvement of family literacy. Progress towards quality also would be achieved by allowing for-profit entities to participate with public and non-profit entities in any open grant competitions for Head Start funding.

Accountability is the other key issue emphasized in this bill. As mentioned earlier, school readiness has been reestablished as the goal of Head Start, and new transition goals and educational performance standards and measures will be implemented. Head Start agencies are also required to ensure that parents receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families who are enrolled in the program meet paternity requirements. Other single Head Start parents shall receive information about resources for establishing paternity. In addition, the bill directs that local performance measures be established for child and family outcomes at the individual grantee level by January 1, 1999.

The biggest accountability question is whether Head Start truly makes a difference for children and families; a large-scale impact study has never been conducted. For this reason, a national study on the impact of Head

Start services is commissioned in this bill to provide the kind of information that policy makers so sorely need.

Head Start is a program that benefits America's most vulnerable children. It is our solemn duty as policy and law makers to ensure that these at-risk children and their families receive the quality developmental and educational services that they need to be successful in school and become productive members of society. I urge all of my colleagues on a bipartisan basis to support this measure.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
WOMEN IN SKILLED TRADES
PROGRAM

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 1998

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the Women In Skilled Trades (WIST) program, which is based in Oakland, California, on the occasion of its 10th Anniversary. Since its inception, this outstanding program has trained over 300 women for well-paying jobs in the construction industry.

WIST was established in 1988 by the Oakland Private Industry Council in order to provide economically disadvantaged women, displaced homemakers, and dislocated workers with high quality pre-apprenticeship training. The program offers an excellent solution for women seeking to achieve economic self-sufficiency and to serve as role models for their children. The pool of well-trained, motivated workers that graduate from the program is a benefit both to area employers as well to our community.

The WIST program is a nationally acclaimed model for nontraditional training programs, with a comprehensive training curriculum and dedicated instructors and staff. It is also an outstanding example of how a partnership of public, private, and non-profit entities can work together to affect positive change in the lives of women and their families.

On Monday, July 20, 1998, the Women in Skilled Trades program will be celebrating its anniversary in Oakland, California. I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing the achievements of this organization. I would also like to commend the many women who have graduated from the WIST program. I look forward to ten more years of progress!

RECOGNIZING RUSSELL
PATTERSON

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 1998

Ms. McCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Russell Patterson, a major contributor to the arts community in Missouri and a friend of mine who is retiring after 40 years as founder and Artistic Leader of the Lyric Opera of Kansas City. He also organized The Kansas City Symphony and has served as its Artistic Director.