outlived its predecessors which were all destroyed by fire.

And over the past century, it has seen many fine men and women elected by their fellow citizens to honorably serve Butts County. It is good to see so many of those who have served here today for this celebration. I myself had the privilege to have served as Chairman of the County Commission.

It was 22 years ago Julie, my family and I began our public service. But I had public service running through my veins long before I ran for office. As most of you know, I was born here in Jackson at the O.B. Howell Clinic. In fact, I was spanked to life by three-term Commissioner O.B. Howell himself. I was raised by a mother who was a Flovilla City Councilwoman and a father who always said he wanted to serve on the County Commission. I was destined to be in politics.

But my career in public service would never have occurred without the support, hard work and endurance of my wife, Julie, and my children. I began that career right here at home as Chairman of the Butts County Commission. I then moved to the Georgia State Senate where I served two terms.

Today, I have the honor of serving as a United States Representative in the peoples' house in our nation's capital. I would not have been able to persevere unless my family had been at my side through all of those years and all those campaigns. I also owe the people of Butts County a debt of gratitude for the support you have given me. I regret that state politics prevented me from representing you in the United States Congress.

I have been asked, "Was it worth the time, the effort and the money?" My answer is always, "Yes."

I have always had a strong desire to give something back to the community, the state and the country that have been so good to me. And, at each step of the way, I have grown a little more.

In many respects, the most challenging and rewarding office I have held is County Commissioner. I was young, energetic and a know-it-all. Serving as a Commissioner taught me the right thing to do, and I learned humility. During my first month in office, January of 1977, a winter storm with freezing rain brought the rural roads of our county to a standstill. Many fine citizens volunteered to help the county meet the challenge of getting our roads open and people moving again.

I have laughed and joked that we broke up DUIs in Butts County by bargaining with Probate Judge Gene Blue to sentence all of those convicted of DUI to 30 days on the County Commission. DUI arrested declined dramatically.

The accomplishment for which I am most proud was negotiating the contract to install water lines connecting Jackson with Flovilla and Jenkinsburg.

The saddest experience I had as Commissioner was my defeat for reelection in 1980. I had many goals I still wanted to accomplish for the people of Butts County. My good friend and fellow Commissioner, Mr. Everett Brisco, and I knew we would be defeated. I told him during one of our many rides around the County that "a loss in this election may lead to a more menacing future."

And the people of Butts County were good to me. You elected me to represent you in the Georgia State Senate.

During my four years there, I had the opportunity to participate in shaping the laws on issues of great importance to us all—education, taxes, crime, the economy and many others.

In 1983, I took on a new challenge—United States Representative for Third Congressional District of Georgia. I have found that many of the issues and concerns in which I was involved as a Butts County Commissioner and as a Georgia State Senator are also issues that concern the Congress—only on a national scale. But while we in Congress engage in great debates over our national defense, the direction of our government, the fate of the President and the future of our children, I am always reminded from where I come.

Shortly after my election to Congress in 1982, I received a letter from my childhood friend, Frank Duke. In that letter Frank wrote, "It is a long way from Flovilla, Georgia to Washington, D.C." He also enclosed a photograph of the town of Flovilla. We are now grown and gone our separate ways. But Frank's letter and photograph remind me of the hopes and ambitions we had.

And it reminds me of the values and principles we were taught by our parents, our teachers, and the wonderful people of a small town. I have kept that letter and photograph to remind me of the lessons learned with Frank and the others so many years ago.

As I conclude, I would like to read to you the quote by the great poet Longfellow which always reminded from where I come.

"Frank's letter and photograph remind me of the quote by the great poet Longfellow which always reminded me of my home and the lessons I learned in school. His influence on my life is by far the most meaningful."

Thank you and God Bless You.

AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER SUFFICIENT GROUNDS EXIST FOR THE IMPEACHMENT OF WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF HON. JERRY LEWIS OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 8, 1998

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, the House of Representatives will today make one of the most solemn decisions it can make. The President's actions have threatened our nation's integrity, the independence of our government, and the future of our children and our nation. The time to act is now.

Mr. Speaker, the American people have supported the President time and again. But our nation has witnessed events over the past few years which have eroded the President's credibility and the integrity of our government. The President's actions have threatened our nation's integrity, the independence of our government, and the future of our children and our nation.

The historical significance of today's action is profound. The time to act is now.

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Thank you and God Bless You.

TRIBUTE TO HENRY A. SCHMITT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 1998

Ms. ESHEOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Henry A. Schmitt, a widely-known and
respected leader of the transportation industry for over 35 years, on the occasion of his retirement from CNF Transportation Inc. at the end of this year. He began his CNF career with a background as a trucking security analyst, working for several Wall Street financial firms in New York City for more than 15 years.

As Vice President of Corporate Relations, Mr. Schmitt manages CNF’s communications with the Wall Street financial investment community. His other responsibilities include CNF’s government and corporate relations, including oversight of the company’s extensive scholarship and charitable contributions activities.

Mr. Schmitt joined CNF from Wall Street in 1978 as Assistant Vice President of Investor Relations. He later became Assistant Vice President and Director of Corporate Relations, and was subsequently named Assistant Vice President and Director of Corporate and Financial Relations. Mr. Schmitt was elected a Vice President in 1988. He is a member of the company’s Executive Administrative Committee and Chairman of the CNF Transportation Inc. Political Action Committee.

Throughout his career, Mr. Schmitt has been active in a number of industry and professional associations. In addition to participating on many special industry task forces and committees, he served on the Executive Committee and was a member of the Policy and Finance Committee of the American Trucking Associations. The Western Highway Institute elected him as President in 1994 and Chairman in 1995. He also served as both President and Chairman of the Cargo Airline Association (when it was the Air Freight Association).

Mr. Schmitt has long been an active member and rose to become chairman of the Public Affairs Council of the Conference Board. He is a past director of the U.S. National Investor Relations Institute, and the founder/chairman of the NIRA’s Silicon Valley Chapter as well as an active member of both the New York and San Francisco Securities Analyst Societies, affiliates of the Financial Analysts Federation.

A past member of the Advisory Board of the California Institute, he also served as CNF’s deputizer throughout both the California Business Roundtable and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce from 1985–1996, and was a member of the California Chamber of Commerce Public Affairs Council. When on Wall Street, he served as chairman of the Motor Carrier Analyst Group, the association of senior security analysts with responsibility for trucking industry securities.

The Citizens Scholarship Foundation of America elected him to serve on its National Advisory Board of Trustees for the period 1995–2001. In 1996, he was appointed a trustee of the Charles Armstrong School, an elementary school in Belmont, California that educates children with problems of dyslexia. He assumed the additional post of school treasurer in 1998. A native of Rochester, New York, Mr. Schmitt attended Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, earning a bachelor’s degree in finance in 1963.

I’m very proud to have the Schmitt family as constituents. I’m grateful for the countless contributions Mr. Schmitt has made throughout his career. Few have contributed as much to their industry and by doing so California’s 14th Congressional District has been enhanced as well.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this exceptional individual who has given so much to his industry, his community, and his country. We wish Henry Schmitt and his wife a happy, healthy and rewarding retirement.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. VINCENT BOVE OF JOHN T. MATHER HOSPITAL

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in the House of Representatives to join with the John T. Mather Hospital community as they pay special honor to Vincent Bove of Belle Terre, Long Island, for his 25 years of outstanding leadership in the Hospital’s Board of Directors.

On Friday evening, October 23, hundreds of friends, volunteers and staff will gather for the hospital’s 33rd annual “One Enchanted Evening” fundraising gala. This year, in recognition of October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the proceeds from the annual benefit will go to the Fortunato Breast Health Center and Breast Cancer Treatment. At the gala, Vinny Bove will receive the inaugural “Mather Special Recognition Award” for his tireless efforts to create the hospital’s Ambulatory & Inpatient Surgical Pavilion.

As the owner of Laurel Hill Nurseries, Vinny Bove brought an entrepreneurial spirit and energy to Mather Hospital 25 years ago when he joined the Board of Directors. He has focused that energy on expanding Mather’s medical services while nurturing its financial health. As the Chairman of the Hospital’s Board of Directors, Vinny Bove was instrumental in the successful campaign to raise funds for hospital expansions in 1973 and 1983, as well as separate efforts to finance a new Emergency Room and the Ambulatory & Inpatient Surgical Pavilion.

His efforts to make Mather Hospital the best it can be would make its namesake proud. As Vincent Bove has said, if John T. Mather were to visit his hospital today, “we could show how we’ve cared for this hospital, and how it’s grown over the years. We’ve really done it right.”

Vincent Bove’s efforts to grow John T. Mather Hospital into one of Long Island’s leading health care providers seem almost Herculean to his friends and admirers. But for him, it was truly a labor of love. Mather grew on him over the years, Vinny has said, “It plays a very important part of my life because it’s so important to the community, and I’m a very community-minded person.”

Vincent Bove’s love and selfless dedication to the community is also evident in this public service as the Mayor of the Village of Belle Terre.

So, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join the entire John T. Mather Hospital community in honoring Vincent Bove, a very deserving recipient of the inaugural “Mather Special Recognition Award” for his 25 years of service to the hospital.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE GERALD SOLOMON

SPEECH OF HON. MICHAEL R. McNULTY
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, October 6, 1998

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague from Massachusetts for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, when I get up in the morning, the first two things I do are to thank God for my life and thank veterans for my way of life. Because if it had not been for the sacrifices of the men and women who wore the uniform of the United States military through the years, I would not have the privilege—as a citizen of the United States—of going around bragging about how we live in the freest and most open democracy on the face of the earth. Freedom is not free. We have paid a tremendous price for it.

I shall always be grateful to those who, like my brother Bill, made the supreme sacrifice. And to people like that man right there, JERRY SOLOMON, who served with distinction in the United States military and then came back to our home region in upstate New York, because a successful businessman, and—more importantly in my eyes—entered a career in public service. From his local government roles to his national leadership role today, he has rendered such outstanding service to us all.

I have been in the United States Congress for half of JERRY SOLOMON’s tenure. And what a privilege it has been, JERRY, over these past 10 years, to serve with you, as a team. Together we have accomplished a great deal for the Capital Region of the State of New York, but I will not go into those items right now.

One day on the House steps, I think I was in my first or second term, we were having pictures taken with our respective constituents. JERRY grabbed me and asked the photographer to take a picture of the two of us. He later inscribed that photo and sent it over to my office and it is on my office wall today—and it will stay there. It says, “Mike—thanks for being part of the one-two-punch for the Capital District.” Let me acknowledge, there was never any doubt about who was number 1 and who was number 2.

But I want to say to my friend, JERRY, what a great honor it has been to be number 2 on that team with you. And today I want to look you in the eye and say thank you for your service to our country, for the tremendous service you gave to your constituents throughout your long and distinguished career, and most importantly, to thank you for what you gave to me. You have been a true and loyal friend. And while you are leaving here—and I regret that deeply—the one thing I take comfort in knowing is that our wonderful friendship will continue.