TRIBUTE TO JOHN D’AMELIO

HON. RANDY “DUKE” CUNNINGHAM
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in honor of John D’Amelio, the president of the California School Boards Association of 1998 of his continuous efforts on behalf of children and education throughout his community and throughout the state of California.

John D’Amelio, a retired teacher, has been a board member of the Escondido Union High School District in San Diego County for eight years. In 1996 he was appointed by Governor Pete Wilson to serve on the Commission for the Establishment of Academic Content and Performance Standards. D’Amelio has been an active contributor to CSBA, and has served as a member of the association’s Delegate Assembly since 1990 and as a regional director since 1992. In addition he has served on a number of CSBA committees, including the Legislative Network, Education Legal Alliance Committee, Nominating Committee, Annual Conference Committee and Assessment Task Force.

Throughout his many years of serving the community as a teacher and board member, D’Amelio also found time to volunteer outside of these roles. He founded a community organization for at-risk minorities, served as a director on a preschool board, and became a classroom “grandpa.”

Mr. Speaker, I wish to publicly thank John D’Amelio for his dedication to the youth of California. He is one who understands the value of education and has had the generosity to sacrifice much of his life to such a noble cause.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. CHRISTOPHER BEATTY 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 my voice with the John T. Mather Hospital community as they honor Dr. Christopher Beatty, a very deserving recipient of the “Theodore Roosevelt Award” for his dedicated service to the hospital and our entire Long Island community.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK “HYLO” BROWN

HON. HAROLD ROGERS
OF KENTUCKY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, on the evening of Tuesday, October 13, the people of Johnson County, Kentucky, are coming together to pay tribute to Frank “Hylo” Brown, an old-time bluegrass singer and songwriter from River, Kentucky, in Johnson County, who has inspired bluegrass and country music lovers for decades.

A talented inspiring musician, young Frank Brown was born in River in 1922. He earned the nickname of “Hylo” because of his incredible vocal range, but it was his compassion and insight as a human being and a musician that have earned him the respect and admiration of those who know him and his music.

Despite being a success on the bluegrass music circuit, he has always remembered where he came from. Mr. Brown was born in River, one-room school house, and a coal miner’s heritage. Even today, fans still come by the old home place where Hylo currently lives to see his collection of memorabilia from over 50 years of writing and performing.

Hylo once said, “I never set the world on fire, but I made a living.” To the people who know him, he did a lot more than that. That is why the people of Paintsville and Johnson County are paying tribute to Hylo, commending him for over 50 years of bringing music into our homes and our hearts; being a Legendary Bluegrass Balladeer; the loyalty he has shown to Johnson County and the people of eastern Kentucky; and the kindness and consideration he has shown his fellow performers.

Hylo Brown has not only earned the right to have his name forever placed alongside the U.S. 23 Country Music Highway, in eastern Kentucky, but he has earned our respect and admiration—not just because of the joy of his music has brought us over the years, but because of the good, decent man he has been to all those he has known throughout his life. I commend Hylo Brown, and I commend the people of Paintsville and Johnson County for recognizing his accomplishments.

HONORING PARAMOUNT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THEIR PEACEBUILDERS PROGRAM

HON. STEPHEN HORN
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, October 9, 1998

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to an excellent program at work among students in the Paramount Unified School District in my Congressional District. It is called PeaceBuilders, and its mission is simple: to focus on the positive. It has been proven, both through academic studies and through the individual experiences of PeaceBuilders’ participants, that a focus on positive social relations rather than negative, disturbing, or risky behaviors results in increased school attendance, improved academic performance, and decreased violent acts.