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 the state of California.

John D’Amelio, a retired teacher, has been a board member of the Espcondido 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  
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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 of East Setauket, Long Island, for his many years of outstanding service and leadership, including his tenure as the chief of General Surgery at Mather Hospital.

On Friday evening, October 23, hundreds of friends, volunteers and staff will gather for Mather Hospital’s 33rd annual “One Enchanted Evening” fundraising dinner. At this year’s gala, Dr. Beatty will be honored with the “Theodore Roosevelt Award” for his dedicated volunteer service to Mather Hospital and the community it serves. This year, in recognition of October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the proceeds from Mather Hospital’s annual benefit will go to the Fortunato Breast Health Center and Breast Cancer Treatment.

For Dr. Beatty, winning Mather Hospital’s “Theodore Roosevelt Award” has become somewhat of a family affair. His father also won the award in 1965 for his own many years of service as a member of the Hospital’s Board of Trustees. Dr. Beatty received his medical degree from Georgetown University and completed his internship at Roosevelt Hospital in New York. Following a five-year surgical residency, Dr. Beatty served his country as a Major in the U.S. Army Medical Corps for two years in Stuttgart, West Germany.

A truly gifted surgeon, Dr. Beatty relishes his chosen field because of the genuine satisfaction he derives from being able to use his talents to cure a sick patient. “Surgery is the only branch of medicine where you can actually put your hands on the disease, take it out and see the good results in a relatively short period of time,” Dr. Beatty has said.

The only thing more important than surgery in Dr. Beatty’s life is his family, his wife, Linda, and their daughters Shannon, Allison and Devon. When not in surgery or spending time with his family, Dr. Beatty tends to his many rose bushes and is an avid tennis player and runner.

So, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join the entire John T. Mather Hospital community as we 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.

MARY MCAFEE WINS MILKEN AWARD  

HON. HEATHER WILSON  
OF NEW MEXICO  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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Mrs. WILSON. Mr. Speaker, during a time when the kids of this nation search for role models, Mary McAfee has become one to her students. Zuni Elementary School principal Mary McAfee was recently awarded $25,000 from the Milken Family Foundation. The Milken award is given to only 160 educators nationwide who display excellence in education.

During her six years as Zuni Elementary’s principal, Mary has improved curriculum, focusing on the enhancement of her school’s technology, and for adapted learning to “real world” situations. Teachers at Zuni think she is an exceptional and caring principal, and one of New Mexico’s best.

Mary McAfee is a role model for us all. She has put in countless hours and effort to improve our future by improving the schools our children attend. Mary was nominated by her co-workers to recognize the hard work she has done to improve our children’s education. And, she is just one of the great educators in New Mexico.

Mary McAfee is the Milken Foundation for recognizing one of New Mexico’s best, and thanks to Ms. McAfee for her dedication to her students and teachers.

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. A man called River, a 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 into 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 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, dangerous, or risky behaviors results in increased school attendance, improved academic performance, and decreased violent acts.
The program centers on four basic principles: praise people; give up put-downs; notice hurts and right wrongs; and, seek wise people. When PeaceBuilders praise people, they notice and express sincere appreciation when someone demonstrates acts of kindness or caring, giving attention to positive rather than negative acts. By giving up put-downs, program participants recognize and avoid what has become a mainstay of negative interaction in our culture. They also learn non-violent ways to respond when they are put-down. PeaceBuilders who notice hurts and right wrongs learn ways to make amends when they have caused another person pain, or merely to help another person in need. Finally, when they seek wise people as friends, mentors, and role models, PeaceBuilders surround themselves with the tools they need for continued success and an even brighter and more positive future.

Mr. Speaker, with so much attention today given to the negative, I want to shine the spotlight on the positive. I applaud the Paramount Unified School District not only for adopting this philosophy of leadership, but for fully embracing it. Paramount was declared the “Outstanding PeaceBuilders District of the World for 1997–1998” by Heartsprings, Inc., the home of PeaceBuilders. The proclamation states that they “have been instrumental in the design of a K through 8 model which will henceforth be known as the ‘Paramount Model.’ May you continue to be a Model for the World to follow.” Congratulations to paramount on this great accomplishment, and may you spread your positive message to all of our nation’s schools.

Mr. Speaker, it is my hope that my colleagues base their vote on the latter. We have a chance to send this proposal back to the judiciary committee and instruct them to develop a plan that is focused and fair.

However, the lines seem to be drawn and the Republican leadership has convinced their members to vote along party lines. The last chance for a pragmatic approach is lost.

Therefore, I encourage my colleagues of both parties to join together and defeat the Republican proposal. In the face of fairness, the Republican majority’s effort will move forward with an open-ended process designed not to follow the path of truth, but to simply embarrass the President one month before the congressional elections. All of us in Congress should be committed to searching for the truth, not political points. But if we choose to forego the search for truth, we do so with a blatant disregard for principles of fairness and justice.

Mr. Speaker, if we move with a process based on those ideas, then as a lawmaking body, we can get back to the important issues that have evaded us this session. In thewaning days of the legislative session, we still have a chance to save Social Security, pass a real patients’ bill of rights, improve the quality of education and protect our environment. I plan to fight and oppose this arbitrary measure, and support that process will put an end to this investigation in a timely fashion and gets the House of Representatives back on track to work on the issues that truly matter to this great nation.

Mr. Speaker, the question at hand is not merely whether sufficient grounds exist for the impeachment of William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States, but whether or not to proceed with a formal impeachment process.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition of the Republican impeachment inquiry. The way the House proceeds on an impeachment inquiry is very serious and must be considered in a deliberative manner. Unfortunately, the proposal before us does not create a focused inquiry with realistic time limits on the length and scope. Instead of offering a proposal that is sound and has reasonable standards on what impeachable offenses are, the Republican leadership is rejecting a focused inquiry and is forcing us to vote on a proposal that is endless and causes damage to a fair and just process.

Mr. Speaker, the question at hand is not whether or not to proceed with a formal impeachment inquiry. The question is how do we proceed? We considering such an important matter, will we place such a vote in the hands of election year politics or do we place this vote and process in the hands of fairness, the tenets of our Constitution and good judgment?