

weeks, I did not know that it would be about me. I was surprised."

Sheivel Johnson, publicity and program director for the church, said faith explains why Cockerham is still pastor after 30 years.

Cockerham said the congregation's love and compassion for the community makes his job more pleasurable.

"A love affair between the people and myself began, almost," when he came to Zion, he said.

The 68-year-old pastor, a native of McComb, Miss., was pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Chicago when he was asked to join Zion in 1969.

"I came to Louisville to preach at a foreign-mission rally. At the time, Zion did not have a pastor," he said. "Their candidate could not speak at their service because he became ill. When the pulpit committee discovered that I was in town, they asked me to speak and I accepted."

Impressed by his sermon, the church body asked him to become their pastor, but he declined initially.

"I did not want to change churches because I was their (Calvary's) first full-time pastor. I had dedicated myself to building that congregation."

But shortly afterward, Cockerham changed his mind, believing that coming to Zion was his fate. "It occurred to me that Zion did not have to ask me to be their pastor simply because they needed one. I believed that the Lord was moving me in a different direction."

In 1969, Cockerham received a unanimous vote by Zion's governing body.

Under Cockerham's leadership, the church has greatly expanded youth activities and made improvements to the building including a new annex and a new organ and piano.

Over the years, he has received many awards, including being named an Adult Black Achiever this year by the YMCA.

For Bell, Cockerham's many accomplishments and recognition come as no surprise.

"If there was ever a pastor that was loved unconditionally by his church family, it is him," he said. "He is the father to the fatherless."

Zion Missionary Baptist has been celebrating Cockerham's anniversary with services all week. The grand finale will begin at 11 a.m. tomorrow, with dinner served after morning worship.●

SANTA CLARA COUNTY HOUSING TRUST FUND

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of a remarkable public/private partnership in California's Silicon Valley that is moving aggressively to address a problem which plagues many communities: the shortage of available and affordable housing.

In Silicon Valley, the fast-growing home to some of the Nation's most dynamic and innovative high technology firms, housing costs have risen as dramatically as the supply of available housing has diminished. Since 1992, Santa Clara County has created some 250,000 new jobs; however, only 50,000 new homes and apartments have been constructed. This combination of rapid growth and scarce housing has created a volatile situation in which renters and potential home buyers alike must compete mercilessly for the few units that are to be found. To address this challenge, a coalition of concerned

businesses, nonprofit groups and local governments formed the Santa Clara County Housing Trust Fund.

The Santa Clara County Housing Trust Fund is a broad-based working group consisting of the Community Foundation of Silicon Valley, the Silicon Valley Manufacturing Group, the Santa Clara County Collaborative on Housing and Homelessness, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, the Housing Action Coalition and the Housing Leadership Council. Through donations from nonprofit organizations, commitments from local governments and financial backing from the business community, the trust fund hopes to raise \$20 million. With this money, the trust fund plans to house more than 1,000 homeless individuals and families, assist in building up to 3,000 new apartments and help nearly 800 first-time home buyers.

I pay special tribute to five companies that recently pledged a remarkable \$1 million to the trust fund, hopefully paving the way for other Silicon Valley businesses to follow suit. On June 10, Adobe Systems, Applied Materials, Cisco Systems, Kaufman & Broad, and the Solecron Corporation each stepped up to the plate with contributions sure to improve the quality of life in their communities. This is responsible corporate citizenship at its best. I hope that these five companies represent only the first wave of firms that will rise to the challenge of tackling the housing problems in Silicon Valley.●

TRIBUTE TO CELEBRATE NEW HAMPSHIRE CULTURE

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Celebrate New Hampshire Culture, a nonprofit organization formed by the New Hampshire Commission on the Smithsonian Folklife Festival that works in partnership with the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts and the Department of Cultural Resources.

I commend the many dedicated volunteers and participants from my State for their hard work in planning, organizing, and demonstrating our New Hampshire culture through the exhibits for this year's Smithsonian Folklife Festival.

Since being elected to Congress 15 years ago, I have had the pleasure of sharing with my fellow Members of Congress why I believe New Hampshire is such a special place in which to live. I am extremely proud that they, and countless others, will now have the opportunity to experience firsthand all the wonderful things New Hampshire has to offer.

In 1994, Mervin Stevens of Walpole began working towards New Hampshire's participation after attending the festival over the years. Curators Lynn Martin and Betty Beland have made Mervin's dream a reality. These two women, along with many volunteers, have worked tirelessly for

months to make sure that the more than 1 million visitors to the Folklife Festival on the Mall this week will have a meaningful and memorable experience.

New Hampshire's diversity, vibrancy, and entrepreneurship will be portrayed through several themes: Music of New Hampshire; Town and Community; Ingenuity and Enterprise; Seasons of Work and Recreation; and Farm, Forests, Mountains, and Sea. The themes and displays will be enhanced through several hands-on examples of living traditions. These exhibits include a 35-foot-long by 15-foot-high covered bridge, a timber-framed barn, a wrought-iron archway, and granite walls.

There will also be two music stages set up. One will be a replica of a town hall and the other of a New England front porch with rocking chairs and benches. These fascinating displays of New Hampshire culture will be celebrated in three ways: First, at this summer's Smithsonian festival. Next, a reenactment will take place next summer during Festival New Hampshire at the Hopkinton State Fairgrounds in Contoocook. Finally, an educational program for schools and communities will be based on the extensive research of culture needed to launch the festival.

Mr. President, I wish to offer my most sincere congratulations to Celebrate New Hampshire Culture and the countless volunteers. Their hard work and dedication will now help show the world what makes New Hampshire the greatest State in America. It is an honor to represent Celebrate New Hampshire Culture and all the people of New Hampshire in the Senate.●

HONORING DOUG AURAND

● Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to my longtime friend, Douglas R. Aurand of Rockford, IL. Doug has served as Winnebago County Treasurer for 28 years and Rockford Township Trustee for 2 years. He retired earlier this month as treasurer.

Doug has been an Illinois resident his entire life, born in Dixon and raised in Pecatonica. He married the former Julie Moore and they have two children, David and Christine. Retirement will give Doug more time to spend with his grandchildren, Billy and Tommy Schwengels.

After graduating from Pecatonica High School, Doug served in the U.S. Air Force for four years. He was first elected to public office as Winnebago County Treasurer in 1970, at the age of 29. He held his office for six consecutive terms, becoming the longest serving elected official in the same office in northern Illinois.

Doug has worked tirelessly for more than 28 years as a public servant and for the taxpayers of Winnebago County. During this time, he has reduced his staff by 60 percent.