

TRIBUTE TO THE HENIKA PUBLIC LIBRARY

• Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to commemorate the Henika Public Library on its historic one hundredth anniversary.

Recently named a district library, Henika library has served Allegan county since 1899 when Ms. Julia Robinson Henika bequeathed two thousand dollars to the Wayland Ladies Library Association for construction of a library building. At that time there were only 500 volumes of literature, none of which could be checked out. Since then, the library has grown to over 35,000 volumes.

In 1916, Fannie Hoyt was hired as the first librarian and, for the first time, books could be checked out of the library. Between 1916 and 1986 only four librarians have managed the Henika Public Library. This stability helps explain the unique environment that has allowed this library to prosper for one hundred years.

In the mid 1990's the library underwent a series of renovations. The final result of this remodeling is an historic building, complete with Victorian charm, that can accommodate the most recent information technology. After serving Allegan county for almost the entire 20th century, Henika Public Library is now ready to take on the 21st century.

This library is truly one of the great educational tools in our country with a value matched by few others. We owe a great deal of thanks to the women of the Ladies Library Club as well as to all of the people who have worked at this great institution for the last one hundred years. I know I speak for all of Michigan when I commend those who have supported this fine institution for its 100 years of service.●

CARLY FIORINA

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise to salute Carleton (Carly) Fiorina of California, who was recently named president and chief executive officer of Hewlett-Packard Company. I wish to congratulate Ms. Fiorina and express my best wishes for success in her new position.

Founded by technology pioneers William Hewlett and David Packard, Hewlett-Packard (HP) is the world's second-largest computer company. Based in Palo Alto, California, HP employs more than 120,000 people worldwide and had a total revenue of \$47.1 billion in its fiscal year 1998, including \$39.5 in computer-related revenue. The company is a leader in the industry and a cornerstone of California's economy.

In succeeding Lewis Platt, Ms. Fiorina has some big shoes to fill. In Lew Platt's seven years as CEO, HP raised its revenues 187 percent and its earnings 436 percent.

But Carly Fiorina is prepared to build on HP's success and guide the company into new territory. She comes

to HP with nearly 20 years of experience in technology and telecommunications at AT&T and Lucent Technologies. As president of Lucent's Global Service Provider Business, she led the division to dramatic increases in its growth rate, revenues, and market share. She has a well-earned reputation for developing clear corporate strategies, building strong leadership teams, and accelerating growth in large technology businesses.

Carly Fiorina's move to the top of Hewlett-Packard has implications beyond the company, the industry, and our state. That is because she is the first woman to be named CEO of a Fortune 50 company or a company listed in the Dow-Jones Industrial Average. So this important accomplishment for her as an individual is also an important milestone for American women. It is only fitting that a pioneering company in such a forward-looking industry would break this critical barrier.

HP chose Ms. Fiorina to lead the company because of her merits, not her gender. That is clear. However, her selection is important for every American woman. In July 1999, the same month that the U.S. women's soccer team inspired millions of American girls, Carly Fiorina inspired American women to raise the bar and reach for the top.●

TRIBUTE TO THE SANDERS-CUNNINGHAM FAMILY

• Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I rise today to salute the Sanders/Cunningham family as they celebrate their fifth annual reunion. This extended family of more than 100 members has traced its roots back to a Georgia plantation in 1750, and before that to Ghana and Sierra Leone.

As descendants of Wiley and Annie Cunningham Sanders of Aberdeen, Mississippi, they will gather together this weekend, July 30th through August 1st, in Springfield, Illinois, to celebrate their history, their common bonds, and their future.

The Sanders/Cunningham family considers their reunion to be an Empowerment Summit, an opportunity to dispel false stereotypes, reject negative images, and celebrate who they are. They have noted Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s statement that "when the history books are written they will tell of a Great People, a Proud People, a Black People." They know they are part of that people and that their heritage is a cause for joy. With an extended family that includes doctors and lawyers, business owners and farmers, educators and blue collar workers, they come together to celebrate their unity.

This 6th generation family is diverse, unique, and special. The Sanders/Cunningham family's unity and strength is an example of what an American family should represent. Additionally, this family is full of rich history. The family matriarch is 94 years young, Edna Sanders Brandon.

She is a mother of five, a grandmother of 12, a great-grandmother of 16, an aunt, and a great aunt to many. Edna has witnessed events spanning the invention of the automobile to man's walking on the moon, to the birth of the Internet.

All of us can benefit from an appreciation of our roots and our place in history. Knowing where we came from can be a helpful step in knowing where we are going. I applaud the Sanders/Cunningham family for their sense of heritage, their oneness, and their sense of empowerment. I wish them all the best as they gather in Springfield to celebrate who they are, where they have come from, and what they have become, and as they look forward to what they are yet to be.

In closing, I would like to pay special recognition to Steven E. Richie, a 4th generation member of this family who has spent countless hours researching and preparing for this grand family event.●

TRIBUTE TO MR. FRANCIS WILSON

• Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Francis M. Wilson and his wonderful and admirable life.

Mr. Wilson served as a tech-sergeant during World War II in Germany when he was only 18 years old. He was a teacher in the Detroit Public School District, a devoted family man, and an active citizen. The challenges he successfully faced in these capacities have distinguished him within his family, his town, his state, and his country.

As a very young boy, he sold "Liberty" magazines to supplement his family's income during the Great Depression. Growing up during a time of financial strife led him to find solace in nature. Mr. Wilson was exposed to nature during his experience in the military and developed a love and knowledge of it. As a young adult he was able to identify a variety of birds, insects, trees, and flowers. He then went on to form and preside over a group of citizens that forced new construction to adhere to guidelines designed to protect nearby lakes.

Once he reached adulthood, Mr. Wilson found his real love, Dolores. Together they found great joy in their children and grandchildren. Mr. Wilson wanted to ensure that they received all the advantages that he did not have. He inspired his children to put themselves through college. He provided them with the opportunity to grow up in a safe environment, allowing them to mature at a more deliberate pace than the one that was forced upon him. His wife, Dolores, expresses the best tribute to Mr. Wilson when she writes "this brave, honest, dedicated, ordinary man was to his family and America 'the staff of life' that fuels generations to come."

Mr. Wilson expressed his passion for education through his involvement with children as a teacher of thirty