

RECOGNIZING BISHOP CHARLES
BUSWELL

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 1999

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize a man whose dedication to his faith and community is unparalleled. Bishop Charles Buswell served selflessly as a priest for 60 years and this year marks 40 years since he was ordained bishop.

Bishop Buswell was born in Kingfisher, Oklahoma in July 1939. There, he served in a variety of positions in the diocese and also founded a parish, Christ the King. In September 1959, he was ordained Bishop of Pueblo. It was at this point in time he was elected to the Second Vatican Council in Rome, which he called the most significant event of his lifetime. There, during his service from 1962 to 1965, he was one of 2,500 Catholic bishops who discussed possible liturgical changes with Pope John XXIII. For Bishop Buswell it was an exciting time in which he felt he could truly make a difference. He is now one of only thirty living American bishops who attended the Council.

Bishop Buswell took on tough issues of the time. He led the way on issues such as antiwar, racism, just wages, and women's causes both in and out of the Church. Today, long after his 1979 resignation, he is regarded as a prominent clerical figure in the peace movement.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I say thank you to a man who had a truly remarkable career of giving his time to help others. I would also like to recognize the 40th anniversary of his consecration as a bishop. The people of Colorado and every corner of the United States owe a debt of gratitude to this man who has fought so hard to make a difference.

TRIBUTE TO LEWIS E. PLATT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lewis E. Platt, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of Hewlett-Packard who is retiring after 33 years of service to the Company.

Hewlett-Packard has flourished under Lew Platt's leadership. The Company, based in the heart of Silicon Valley, Palo Alto, has increased its revenues every year since Mr. Platt was elected President and Chief Executive Officer.

But Lew Platt's success cannot be measured by sales figures only. Lew Platt took it upon himself to create a workplace second-to-none in its acceptance of women and minorities. Because of his passion and commitment to create a level playing field for all his employees, he built upon the established "HP Way," to the much-celebrated corporate values instituted by the Company's founders Bill Hewlett and David Packard. And because of Lew Platt's leadership, Hewlett-Packard is consistently among the top ten of Fortune's Best Companies to Work For in America.

Mr. Platt has focused Hewlett Packard's corporate giving on three objectives: significantly

improving K-12 science and math achievement, increasing the number of women and minorities studying and teaching science and mathematics, and ensuring that all children are ready to learn when they begin school. Under Mr. Platt's guidance, the Company has donated approximately \$55 million each year to education.

Lew Platt's leadership has extended well beyond Hewlett-Packard. In 1995, he was appointed by President Clinton to the Advisory Committee on Trade Policy Negotiations. He has served as Chairman of one of its three task forces, the World Trade Organization Task Force. He also serves on the Cornell University Council and the Wharton School Board of Overseers.

Lew Platt has also exemplified the best in leadership in his own community—Silicon Valley. In 1996, he was elected Co-Chair of the Board of Directors of Joint Venture: Silicon Valley, an organization formed to strengthen our local economy and help make our region a better place to live for everyone. Under his leadership, Joint Venture: Silicon Valley has launched a number of initiatives that bring people together from business, government, and education to identify and act on regional issues affecting our economic vitality and our quality of life. He has also served as a member of the California Business Roundtable.

Mr. Platt's leadership in California's 14th Congressional District and Silicon Valley which I'm so privileged to represent is a model for all to follow. Through his extraordinary leadership of H-P and the industry, Lew Platt has contributed mightily to our community and our country.

I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Lew Platt for who he is and all he has done. We are indeed a better country and a better people because of this man.

CONGRATULATING MR. LEWIS E.
PLATT

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to congratulate Mr. Lewis E. Platt, Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer of the Hewlett-Packard Company, who is retiring after six years as Chairman of the Board and 33 years of service to the Hewlett-Packard Company. A friend and a neighbor in Silicon Valley from the beginning of his tenure with HP, Lew Platt has understood the importance both of giving back to the community that has given so much to his company and of improving the cities in which he lives and does business. In 1996 Mr. Platt was elected Co-chair, along with San Jose Mayor Ron Gonzales, of the Joint Venture Silicon Valley (Calif.) Network, an organization formed in 1991 to strengthen the local economy and make the area a better place in which to live.

Yet by far, Mr. Platt's greatest contributions to my constituents in Silicon Valley and to the nation as a whole have come through the educational programs he has established and sponsored through Hewlett-Packard, aiding students at all levels of school. Lewis Platt has focused HP's national efforts around three stated company goals: significantly improving

K-12 science and math achievements, increasing the number of women and minorities studying and teaching science and mathematics, and ensuring that all children are ready to learn when they begin school.

These platitudes might ring hollow were they not backed by substantive action, but under Mr. Platt's guidance Hewlett-Packard has established a tremendous philanthropy program in order to truly provide help to students of all ages. Because of Lew Platt's efforts and commitment, HP currently donates approximately \$55 million each year to education, with \$8 million going towards K-12 education. In my district, for instance, Hewlett-Packard has helped sponsor the San Jose Diversity in Education Partnership with San Jose State University, East Side Union High School District and Alum Rock Elementary School District. This initiative aims to increase the number of students who are prepared for college and interested in careers in engineering, and has worked with HP's Email Mentor Program, another initiative begun under Lew Platt, encouraging 5th through 12th graders to remain interested in math and science.

Mr. Platt has also helped establish a partnership between Hewlett-Packard and Independence, Silver Creek, and Overfelt High Schools in San Jose to encourage students to stay in school and continue their education after graduation from high school. The benefits of Lew Platt's belief in education, however, stretch far beyond the neighborhood of Hewlett-Packard's corporate headquarters in California. Under the guidance of Mr. Platt, Hewlett-Packard has undertaken and funded similar educational initiatives in Washington, Oregon, Colorado, Idaho, Georgia, Maryland, Delaware, and Massachusetts.

These broad educational efforts, which have meant so much to my constituents and to students across the country, have in many ways been a direct result of Lew Platt's vision, and for this all people who care about the education of our children owe him a debt of gratitude. Wrote Mr. Platt in an open company letter, "At HP, we recognize that supporting education is one of the most important things we can do to realize success for future generations, for our company, and for society as a whole." Lew Platt's corporate achievements at the Hewlett-Packard Company will be long remembered, the successes of the children he helped educate through HP will remain as an even stronger living reminder of the fine work he has done.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL CATANEO

HON. ROBERT L. EHRlich, JR.

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 1999

Mr. EHRlich. Mr. Speaker, recently the City of Baltimore lost a beloved and respected gentleman, Mr. Michael Cataneo. "Big Mike" as he was widely known throughout his long career on the docks of Baltimore owned Cataneo Line Service, truly an example of the American Dream. His family immigrated from Italy, built the business from scratch and became a leading force in the development of the Port of Baltimore.

Those who knew "Big Mike" often referred to him as the walking encyclopedia of the Baltimore waterfront—not only could he relate every facet about every ship that had ever been in the port of Baltimore, but he could provide one with all of his information, be it good or bad, about every person who worked on the waterfront, and all the politicians downtown, as well!

"Big Mike" will be remembered for his hard work, compassion, and sense of humor; for being a respected business leader; and for his contributions on behalf of the working men and women of the Port of Baltimore. The priest who presided at his funeral characterized Mike as a person who related to the little guy. His treated everyone with the same respect others showed him. Mike would help a needy person because he wanted that person to then be able to help others.

He and his lovely wife, Annie, were residents of Lutherville, Maryland and the Second Congressional District of Maryland for 38 years, and it has been my honor to represent them in Congress.

HONORING IRENE HANSON

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 1999

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of a woman, who, for nearly 40 years, has worked to improve the quality of life for our citizens. On Tuesday, October 12, members of Flint's International Institute will gather to present to Mrs. Irene Hanson, its prestigious Golden Door Award, given annually to an individual who has made a positive impact on the greater Flint community and the Institute itself.

Born in December of 1920, in Breslau, Germany, what is now Wroclaw, Poland, Irene spent her early years as an apprentice in a wholesale paper company, and upon completing her apprenticeship, remained with the company as its bookkeeper.

After the war, Irene and her family, including her mother and two daughters lived in Hanover, West Germany, until the Displaced Persons Act brought them to Flint in 1952, under the sponsorship of Calvary Lutheran Church. Soon after, a third child, a son, was born.

After settling in Flint, Irene sought out and forged a relationship with the International Institute, a relationship that has continued to this day. She has served a great number of roles, including teacher, presenter, activities chair, and board member. It is in each of these positions that she has excelled in her efforts to enhance the lives of those she comes into contact with. Other positions followed, such as in 1962, where she worked as a receptionist, bookkeeper, and fitter at Flint Limb and Brace Company. In 1964, Irene began teaching German for Mott Adult Education, which she still continued to do.

In addition to her work with the International Institute, Irene has also been involved and remains active with the German American National Congress, the American Association of Teachers of German, and the St. Cecilia Society. She has also been an avid supporter of the Flint Institute of Music, Flint Institute of Arts, and the Sloan Museum.

Mr. Speaker, I am always fascinated by stories such as Irene Hanson's. Through tremendous adversity, she was able to fulfill the true American Dream, and find success in her new homeland. She is truly an inspiration to all who come into contact with her. I ask my colleagues in the 106th Congress to please join me to congratulate and wish Irene the very best.

HONORING BISHOP VERNON RANDOLPH BYRD, 105TH BISHOP OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 1999

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the newly elected and consecrated Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, the Right Reverend Vernon Randolph Byrd. He joins Rev. Dr. W. Bartalette Finney, Sr., Presiding Elder, Rev. Ralph J. Crabbe, and leaders in our community who contribute to the spiritual needs of our greater metropolitan area.

Bishop Byrd's spiritual education began at the age of twelve when he received his call to preach. By the time he was a teenager, he was ordained to preach by the late Bishop Frank Madison Reed, Sr. Bishop Byrd was a success in school and graduated from the public schools of South Carolina, and earned degrees at Allen University, and Boston University.

Prior to his tenure at the Northwest Missouri Conference Fifth District AME Church in Kansas City, Bishop Byrd served as a Pastor and Presiding Elder at several churches. His ministry served congregations including the Macedonia AME Church in Delaware, the St. Paul AME Church in Bermuda, the Newark District-New Jersey Conference, the Macedonia AME Church in New Jersey, the Morris Brown AME Church in Pennsylvania, and the St. James AME Church in New Jersey.

In 1984, Bishop Byrd was elevated to the episcopacy at the seat of the Forty-Second Quadrennial Session of the General Conference. A recipient of numerous awards, he has been honored with the Trumizun Award for outstanding work with retarded children in Delaware. He was recognized as an Honorary Member of the British Empire Medal by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, who bestowed the award to him for helping bring order to the Bermuda Isles during a period of civil unrest in 1964. Byrd was also named the 1966 Outstanding Young Man of the Year by the Bermuda Chamber of Commerce and given an Honorary Doctorate Degree from the Payne Theological Seminary in 1994.

Always involved with his community, he is an active member of civil and fraternal organizations, the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, the Royal Masonic Lodge of Scotland, and the NAACP. Bishop Byrd is married to retired school teacher, Theora Lindsey Byrd who serves the Church as the Women's Missionary Society Supervisor where they teach to others that "Unless Souls Are Saved * * * Nothing Is Saved!" They are the parents of two daughters and two sons and grandparents to six grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to acknowledge and congratulate Bishop Vernon Randolph Byrd as the 105th Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

RECOGNIZING RILEY HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN'S 75TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 7, 1999

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of pleasure that I rise today to celebrate Riley Hospital for Children's 75th birthday.

Founded in 1924, Riley Hospital is named after the famous Hoosier poet, James Whitcomb Riley. Upon his death in 1916, Mr. Riley's heartfelt love for children inspired his friends to decide that a children's hospital would be a perfect memorial for Mr. Riley. More than 40,000 Hoosiers gave over 1.2 million dollars to build the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for children.

As the New York Times observed on October 10, 1924, "Indiana has made her monument [to Riley] one of ministry rather than of mourning . . . The institution which bears his name will do much to make the children of Indiana what he imagined them to be. Indiana has made, as human monuments go, the perfect memorial to her poet."

Since opening its doors on October 7, 1924, Riley Hospital for Children has cared for thousands of children from the City of Indianapolis, the State of Indiana, and indeed across the country. Annually, there are more than 135,000 patient visits, including 7,100 admissions and more than 128,000 outpatient visits. Riley Hospital cares for children from each of Indiana's 92 counties. In 75 years, no Hoosier child has been turned away because of an inability to pay.

To continue to meet the needs of children and families, Riley Hospital has grown as it spanned the decades of the 20th century. Today, Riley Hospital is one of the ten largest children's hospitals in the nation, and is Indiana's only children's hospital located on a university campus. It is also one of the two most care-bedded children's hospitals in the United States.

As it has grown, Riley Hospital has endeavored to maintain a standard of excellence respecting patient care. In 1971, Indiana's only pediatric burn unit opened at Riley Hospital. In 1989, Riley Hospital performed Indiana's first newborn and infant heart transplants. Eighty to Ninety percent of Indiana's children with cancer are treated at Riley Hospital's—and Indiana's only—Children's Cancer Center. In addition, Riley Hospital houses the only pediatric dialysis center and pediatric stem cell transplant unit in the State of Indiana.

Though the medical technology at Riley Hospital is remarkable, it is the caring staff that the children and their families depend on to see them through difficult circumstances and turbulent times. Whether it be a doctor, nurse, therapist, social worker, teacher, administrative staff or maintenance worker, their professionalism is unparalleled.

Mr. Speaker, the children, families, and communities of Indiana have been enriched by the life-saving work of Riley Hospital for Children. As we approach the threshold of the