aware of the hazards,'' Earhart said. ''I want to do it because I want to do it. Women must try to do things as men have tried. When they fail their failure must be but a challenge to others.''

Today, Pamela Brown's memory lives on at the Actor's Theater of Louisville, whose main stage was named the Pamela Brown Auditorium to honor her. Her memory and her spirit also lives on in the hearts and minds of many of us—friends, family, and fellow Kentuckians, for whom Pamela Brown still is an inspiration.

## RECOGNIZING ''BRAVO SAN DIEGO''

### HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 1999*

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to bring to the attention of the Congress an event that symbolizes the synergy between the very best of human nature and the very best of human ability.

Too often, Members come to the floor to speak of tragedy, mishap, or malady; so much so, that when future generations look back upon us, it will appear as if our moment in history was consumed solely by the various tempests of our time. It is with this in mind that I bring news of an event to be held in my district of San Diego, California which celebrates the merger between the business community and the arts community, and highlights the philanthropic and community oriented nature of my constituency.

On November 20th, 1999 ''Bravo San Diego'' will being together over 800 arts, business and civic leaders for an evening of arts, food and entertainment. The goal of this event is to raise awareness and funds for the Business Volunteers for the Arts (BVA), a not-for-profit program administered by the Performing Arts League. The BVA provides volunteers from the business community to act as private, voluntary consultants to arts organizations so they may better abide by business protocol and practices, and exact the most efficient use of their resources.

''Bravo San Diego'' will be hosted by Mr. Earl Holding, the owner of the Westgate Hotel, and supported by major sponsorships from Qualcomm, Gateway, Sempra and many other philanthropic-minded San Diego businesses. Additionally, the program will be coordinated by Mr. Georg Hochfilzer of the Westgate and Mr. Rod Appel, producer for the Performing Arts League. Representing the largest gathering of arts and culture ever in San Diego, ''Bravo San Diego'' will showcase the accomplishments and programs of over fifty performing arts organizations and seven museums.

Mr. Speaker, as we pay tribute this month to the impact that arts and culture have on each of our lives, it is important that we also recognize those persons and organizations who will ensure that these vital community needs survive the changing times. Therefore, I extend my most sincere congratulations to the BVA, for their good work, and my most sincere thank you to the men and women who will make ''Bravo San Diego'' a success and example from which the rest of America may learn to support their arts and culture.

## INTRODUCTION OF THE MILITARY EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION ACT

### HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 1999*

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, currently, there are instances where American civilians have committed crimes outside the United States but have not been prosecuted because foreign governments decline to take any action and U.S. military or civilian law enforcement agencies lack the appropriate authority to prosecute these criminals. Consequently, only minor administrative sanctions are available to punish serious crimes.

Today, my colleague, Congressman BILL MCCOLLUM, and I are introducing legislation that will close a legal loophole that currently allows civilians accompanying the military outside the United States to avoid prosecution from crimes.

For example, a Department of Defense teacher raped a minor and videotaped the event. The host country chose not to prosecute, and the United States did not have the jurisdiction to prosecute the teacher.

The son of a contractor employee in Italy committed various crimes including rape, arson, assault, and drug trafficking. Because of a lack of jurisdiction to prosecute, the son was simply barred from the base.

A civilian spouse living overseas attacked her active duty husband with a kitchen knife and stabbed him in the shoulder. Although the spouse confessed to aggravated assault, the local national law enforcement agencies declined to prosecute.

A 13-year-old living on an Army base in Germany, sexually molested and raped several other children under the age of ten. German authorities decided not to prosecute. The only punishment for the offender was to be expelled from Germany.

An Air Force employee molested 24 children, ages 9 to 14. Because the host country refused to prosecute, the only recourse was to bar him from the base.

An Overseas Jurisdiction Advisory Committee has recommended to the Secretary of Defense and the Attorney General that this kind of ''legislation is needed to address misconduct by civilians accompanying the force overseas in peacetime settings.'' Both the Department of Justice and the Department of Defense support legislation that will help to maintain order and discipline among our armed forces.

It is time that we close the loophole that allows civilian criminals to escape prosecution of their crimes. The Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act we are introducing today, similar to S. 768 introduced by Senator JEFF SESSIONS and Senator MICHAEL DEWINE, will provide the federal government much greater ability to hold criminals responsible for crimes which they commit and will finally tighten our laws so that criminals do not go unpunished.

## TRIBUTE TO SHARON BECK

### HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 1999*

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a woman who is nearing the end of her tenure as president of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association. Sharon Beck is a remarkable woman who deserves the appreciation of all of those whose livelihoods depend on their ability to till the soil and raise cattle. She is a woman who has devoted a significant portion of her life to defending the farmers and ranchers of both Oregon and the United States and preserving their rural way of life.

Sharon's election by her peers as president of the OCA is merely one reflection of the respect and admiration she has garnered throughout her years of tireless devotion on behalf of the agricultural community. In 1984 the Beck family was named producers of the year by the Beef Improvement Federation. Sharon and her husband appeared on the cover of Beef Today in 1995. This year her family's farm received the high honor of being named the Oregon Wheat Growers League ''State Conservation Farm of the Year.'' Sharon Beck has received awards from the Oregon Cattlewomen, has twice received the President's award from the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, and was named Union County's ''Agricultural Woman of the Year.'' These awards represent not only Sharon's dedication to agriculture, but also that of her family and especially her husband Bob, who deserves a recognition of his own.

Sharon's son Rob summed up her life of achievement perfectly by noting that her commitment and dedication have allowed her to excel at any endeavor she undertakes, and that no matter what the odds, she is never overwhelmed. That's why farmers and ranchers turn to Sharon in times of trouble. And Mr. Speaker, that's why I rise today to recognize Sharon Beck—a true American rancher and a true friend of mine.

## IN PRAISE OF UNCONVENTIONAL GIVING

### HON. BILL McCOLLUM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 1999*

Mr. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw attention to the excellent and unconventional work accomplished at America's Community Bankers' Annual Convention in Orlando. I say ''unconventional'' because not many of the nation's millions of convention-goers do what America's Community Bankers does.

Each year, ACB and its spouses' organization, Housing Partners, select a charity in their convention city, raise funds for it, and present the group with a check during the convention. On November 2 in Orlando, Housing Partners presented their 1999 charity, Orlando's Edgewood Children's Ranch, with a record donation of $170,000. Over the past 8 years, ACB's Housing Partners has donated more than $700,000 to charities around the country. The money is raised in a variety of ways, including