HONORING THE BERGER HEALTH SYSTEM IN CIRCLEVILLE, OHIO

HON. DAVID L. HOBSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2000

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I recognize the achievements of the Berger Health System in Circleville, Ohio, which is being honored this week by the American Hospital Association.

As Representative to Ohio's Seventh Congressional District, I am pleased to honor the volunteers of the Circle of Caring community service program for their devotion and generosity to the elderly and disabled community in Circleville.

The Circle of Caring program at Berger Health System is dedicated to providing basic daily care including housekeeping and transportation for the elderly and the disabled. Volunteers assist the elderly with domestic chores and contribute their time and services to improving the quality of life for those in need of medical attention or individual care. The volunteers of the Circle of Caring program are committed to providing the elderly with the sense of independence and dignity they have earned.

The Circle of Caring program was awarded the Hospital Award for Volunteer Excellence (HAVE) by the American Hospital Association which commends the volunteers' contributions to the local elderly community. A local volunteer effort such as Circle of Caring demonstrates to the rest of the nation the kind of care and empathy deserving of all elderly, and serves as a model for other community endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, I join the American Hospital Association in recognizing the efforts of the Circle of Caring at Berger Health Systems.

HONORING MAX A. BACON, A COMMUNITY LEADER IN THE SEVENTH DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I honor a community leader from the Seventh District of Georgia. Max Bacon is a true leader in our community.

After devoting 6 years to the city council of Smyrna, GA, Max was elected mayor of Smyrna in 1985, following in his father's footsteps. Arthur Bacon served as mayor of Smyrna from 1976 to 1977, and again from 1982 until his death on October 26, 1985. Max was appointed by the city council to complete his father's unexpired term, and was elected mayor in his own right in 1985.

Aside from his duties at city hall, Mayor Bacon serves as the postmaster of the Mableton Post Office. In fact, he has been an employee of the U.S. Postal Service for more than 30 years. Mableton, a community near Smyrna, has experienced tremendous growth and change in recent years, as have most communities within the Greater Atlanta Area, and Max has witnessed this growth throughout his service at the post office and at city hall.

Recently, Max Bacon was asked by the U.S. Postal Service to step into a vacancy in the post of postmaster in Rome, GA, located in the northern part of the Seventh Congressional District. Management of the U.S. Postal Service called on Max to assist in working through a very difficult situation in the Rome Post Office. Max commuted to Rome from Smyrna for several months. During this time, he was able to resolve many issues, and once again bring much needed harmony to the postal employees, management, and indeed, the postal patrons as well. His willingness to assume this responsibility was very much appreciated by the citizens of Rome and Floyd County, GA.

Max is a member and past president of the Cobb Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the Smyrna Downtown Development Authority. He is a member of the Brawner Hospital Board of Directors, the Smyrna Business Association, and the Georgia Municipal Association. He was the recipient of the 1993 Georgia Municipal Association Community Leadership Award, and was selected as the Cobb County 1997 Citizen of the Year by the Marietta Daily Journal in January 1998.

I know I speak for many thousands of citizens of Georgia's Seventh District, in honoring Max Bacon today for his many contributions to his community, to the U.S. Postal Service, and the people of the Seventh District.

IN RECOGNITION OF BILL AND HELEN WILLIAMS

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2000

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute to Bill and Helen Williams, friends and community leaders, who will be honored by St. Joseph Orphanage at the 2000 Scholar of Life Banquet, on May 19. They were selected for the Scholar of Life Award for their life-long charitable work assisting needy children and their families, their support to St. Joseph Orphanage, the significant and meaningful impact they have had on young people, and for their support to cultural institutions in Greater Cincinnati.

The contributions made by Bill and Helen go back a long way. Bill, who is currently chairman of the board of Western-Southern Life Insurance, says that when he first began selling insurance, he saw that some children did not always have the basic necessities. Bill said, ''I remember my father taking orphans to Coney Island, [and my family] helping to organize donations through the downtown churches.'' In the 1950's and '60's, Helen says that ''a group of women and I would take some of the children at Washington Park Elementary School to Old St. Mary's Church . . . adding a spiritual side to their lives they would not otherwise have had.''

The Williamses have improved the quality of life and education for the Cincinnati area's most needy in many ways. Over 10 years ago, Bill set out to improve the housing for the less fortunate in downtown Cincinnati. He has had tremendous success since then, improving the living standards for hundreds in Over-the-Rhine.

Believing a solid education to be one of the keys to living a meaningful life, the Williams family sponsors scholarships for children who need financial assistance at Xavier University, the University of Notre Dame, and Georgetown University. In addition, Bill supports the Catholic Inner City Schools Education [CISE] organization where he has served as chairman of its annual campaign. CISE is a nonprofit group that provides financial aid to inner city schools, and Bill helped to forge a working program between Hoffman Elementary in the Cincinnati Public School System and CISE. In addition, Bill has administered the O'Brien Fund through the Williams Foundation, which helps children in need. Last year, he was inducted into the Greater Cincinnati Business Hall of Fame. In 1995, he received the Great Living Cincinnatian Award.

Helen also has had a profound impact on our area, and she has been very active in many charitable causes, serving as a trustee of St. Margaret Hall, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Mercy Hospital Foundation, Wilberforce University, and Summit Country Day School. Helen formerly served on advisory boards at Mt. St. Joseph College and Christ Child Day Nursery. She also was a trustee and past president of the Beechwood Home for Incurables.

All of us in Cincinnati are most grateful to Bill and Helen Williams for their leadership, service, and commitment to our community.

HONORING DOROTHY HARBER

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2000

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize an outstanding citizen of the Fourth District of Texas, Dorothy Harber, Dorothy and her husband, Lacy, are among the most admired and appreciated—and, yes, loved—couple in Texas. Dorothy was recently awarded the Outstanding Hunting Achievement Award from the Dallas Safari Club—the club's most prestigious honor—for her outstanding success as a big game hunter. Begun in 1980, the Safari Club's award is not necessarily given every year, and it is given only for outstanding feats in the hunting world.

Dorothy and Lacy have been avid hunters for many years and also are strong advocates of hunter education, conservation, and humanitarian assistance. Dorothy has established exhibits at several local banks to educate children and adults about various wildlife throughout the world. During their many travels on safaris, they also have brought clothes and books to those in need in those countries. They have enriched all of the areas of the world they traveled and hunted in. No one can imagine the value of a gift of a jeep, equipment, tents, or one of the other numerous articles (coats, gloves, boots, hats, etc.) they take into the most remote—and the most poverty-stricken parts of the world. They leave them where they have hunted. Imagine leaving a jeep for a family in the poverty-stricken part of Russia—a family whose greatest income had been pennies per day—and the jeep worth thirty or forty thousand dollars. Dorothy and Lacy do not flaunt their generosity—but they certainly practice it wherever they are.

The Dallas Safari Club endorses ethical hunting practices. A fair chase and hunting ethics affidavit must be submitted to the club

along with an official score sheet compiled by an official measurer. Dorothy qualified for the award for having collected all of the nine spiral horned antelope of Africa, all record book animals, all the African major species and many subspecies, the African big five, and for taking a ladies' world record for Marco Polo sheep in Kirghizia. She has not been squeamish about her accommodations—nor has she shied away from bad weather, tough terrain, and/or dangerous spots in danger areas.

Mr. Speaker, as we adjourn today, let us recognize the achievements of Dorothy Harber—and her husband, Lacy—for their contributions to the world of big game hunting and for their commitment to fairness and hunting ethics. They bring meaning to the word ''international neighbor''—and bring lasting admiration and respect wherever they go.

HONORING STUDENTS FROM LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL IN PORTLAND, OR

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2000

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that last week I was able to spend time with some very talented students from Lincoln High School in Portland, Oregon. These students were in Washington, D.C. along with more than 1200 students from across the United States to compete in national finals of the We the People * * * The Citizen and the Constitution program. I am proud to announce that the class from Lincoln High School won an honorable mention a this national event. These young scholars have worked diligently to reach the national finals and through their experience have gained a deep knowledge and understanding of the fundamental principles and values of our constitutional democracy.

The names of the students are: Erika Acheson, Louis Baer, Victoria Demchak, Ann Denison, Timothy Fitzgerald, Sarah Hopkins, Lisa Humes-Schulz, Krista Ingebretson, Joey Katz, Ian Krajbich, Emily Lande, Sarah Larson, Teresa Lau, Devon McCurdy, Benjamin O'Glasser, Caleb Oken-Berg, Julie Ota, Tawny Paul, Mariruth Petzing, Shauna Puhl, Maximilian Pyko, Wayne Saxe, John Schaub, Elizabeth Sheets, Lindsay Simmons, Carrie Steeves, Brigitte Streckert, Thomas Wilson, Karen Wolfgantg, and Jenny Zou.

I would also like to recognize their teacher, Hal Hart, the district coordinator, Susie Marcus, and the state coordinator, Marilyn Cover, for their hard work and dedication to the students.

The We the People * * * The Citizen and the Constitution program is the most extensive educational program in the country developed specifically to educate young people about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The three-day national competition is modeled after hearings in the United States Congress. These hearings consist of oral presentations by high school students before a panel of adult judges. The students testify as constitutional experts before a panel of judges representing various regions of the country and a variety of appropriate professional fields. The students' testimony is followed by a period of questioning by the simulated congressional committee. The judges probe students for their depth of understanding and ability to apply their constitutional knowledge. Columnist David Broder described the national finals as ''the place to have your faith in the younger generation restored''.

Administered by the Center for Civic Education, the We the People * * * program has provided curricular materials at upper elementary, middle, and high school levels for more than 26.5 million students nationwide. The program provides students with a working knowledge of our Constitution, Bill of Rights, and the principles of democratic government. Members of Congress and their staff enhance the program by discussing current constitutional issues with students and teachers and by participating in other educational activities.

HONORING DR. MARILYN WHIRRY, NATIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. STEVEN T. KUYKENDALL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2000

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize an outstanding individual from my district, Dr. Marilyn Whirry. Dr. Whirry, an English teacher in Manhattan Beach, has been named National Teacher of the Year.

For over 33 years, Dr. Whirry has taught English literature to students in grades 9–12 at Mira Costa High School. She has touched the lives of thousands, spanning generations, instilling in her students the importance of education.

She currently teaches advanced placement English to Mira Costa seniors. When Dr. Whirry took over the program 9 years ago, only 26 students were in the class. The program has since developed under her direction and now enrollment is roughly 150 students. She expects a lot from her students, and implements a challenging curriculum focused upon rigorous learning and discovery.

Dr. Whirry's commitment to educational excellence extends beyond the Manhattan Beach Unified School District. She is also a professor at Loyola Marymount University and regularly conducts reading workshops throughout southern California. Dr. Whirry has been a consultant for several States including California, and she has also advised President Clinton. Last year she was selected as the chairperson of the National Assessments Governing Board's committee to develop a voluntary national reading test to assess fourth graders. Over her career, Dr. Whirry has become a national leader in education.

I congratulate Dr. Marilyn Whirry on being selected as National Teacher of the Year. The rigorous selection process revealed what the students of Mira Costa High School have known all along, that Dr. Whirry is a remarkable teacher. This tremendous honor is a testament of her commitment to her students as well as a reflection of the quality of education in the South Bay. The students and parents of Manhattan Beach are grateful to have her as an educator. I wish her continued success.

HONORING STANLEY M. SILVERMAN

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2000

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, some of the most lasting contributions to freedom throughout the world, and to the triumph of American values, have been made over the last four decades by the patriotic staff of the U.S. Information Agency [USIA] and its successor organizations within the U.S. Department of State.

The USIA legacy can be found around the globe, and most significantly in the former cold war states whose failed social structures gave way to principles and institutions promoted by American foreign policy, exposure to American commentary, and opportunities for cultural exchange.

The USIA has relied on many gifted servants over the last several decades, but perhaps no one has provided such sustained and influential service as Stanley M. Silverman, who retired in April of this year, after 45 years of government service. Stan has been a guiding presence within the agency, an institutional marvel, a key adviser to directors and colleagues alike, and most importantly, a man of integrity.

For many years, the USIA occupied an evolving and unique role within American government. Its job was to promote the understanding of the politics, culture, and enduring values of the United States to an outside world that often was hostile to our norms. Through its many programs, it told the American story and satisfied those in closed societies who hungered for our ideals and for the freedom of expression.

As the last comptroller of the USIA, Stan Silverman built a career around ensuring this agency had the resources necessary to carry out this enormously important and successful mission. He led the formulation and execution of the agency's budget, and faithfully advocated its importance year after year within the executive branch and before the Congress. All who worked with Stan benefited from his clear articulation of the agency's purpose and needs, his unfailing recall of facts and figures, and his wonderful sense of humor.

His work was instrumental in creating a constructive relationship between his agency and the legislative branch, in particular the members and staff of the House Appropriations Committee. To the agency he served and the Congress he respected, he provided consistent support and leadership at all times, including those critical times for the agency, when its well-accepted missions became the subject of critical evaluation once the cold war was won.

Stan Silverman will never put aside the trappings of modesty for which he is known. So we must acknowledge and celebrate his rare combination of intellect, wisdom, humor, and loyalty to a Nation that must ever hold those of such character in the highest possible regard.

Recalling words attributed to Plato, ''The penalty good men pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men.'' Today we honor the career and accomplishments of Stan Silverman, a good man who honored the practice of public affairs with his service, to