

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO THE RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE OCCASION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSOCIATION'S CONGRESSIONAL CHARTER

HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mr. BUYER. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of professional pleasure and personal pride that I rise today to honor an organization that I have long admired and respected. The organization of which I speak is our neighbor just across First Street, the Reserve Officers Association of the United States, though it is perhaps best known simply by its initials—ROA.

The association was organized in 1922, at the instigation of General of the Armies John J. Pershing, who was then serving as the Army's Chief of Staff. Like many others who served in uniform in World War I, General Pershing was convinced that the war could have been significantly shortened or avoided altogether if an adequate pool of trained officers had existed at the time. Taking his sentiments to heart, 140 Reserve Officers met at Washington's Willard Hotel and organized the Reserve Officers Association. It was largely through the dedicated efforts of that voluntary organization and its members that the United States established its Officer Reserve Corps, which was to supply the great majority of America's trained officers in the days leading up to World War II.

It is appropriate and salutary for all of us here to recall that these first ROA members were citizen-soldiers who clearly saw the approaching storm clouds. They pushed the nation toward an unprecedented level of pre-war preparedness that arguably saved lives and formed the very foundations of the great victories of democracy that were to follow.

With the end of the war, ROA resumed its normal operations, raising and maintaining the nation's awareness of the role and contributions of its military forces in the uneasy post-war world. It was in these tense days, in June 1950, that the Congress granted ROA the formal charter that established the association's object and purpose. That formulation was clear and direct, unambiguous and unequivocal: ROA was "to support a military policy for the United States that will provide adequate national security and to promote the development and execution thereof."

For 50 years, ROA has followed that guidance, and taken the lead in rigorously advocating a strong and viable national defense posture for our nation. ROA has worked to support concepts that have strengthened our ability to preserve our freedom and to advance our national interests across the world. It worked to revitalize and fund the Selective Service System, support our Cold War allies, and focus the weight of public opinion in favor

of our national commitment during the Gulf War, and expanding NATO. It has played a major role in persuading the Congress to provide more than \$15 billion in critically needed equipment for our nation's Reserve components.

In addition, ROA has also clearly understood that not all ideas are good ideas. It successfully opposed efforts to combine the Army Reserve and National Guard, and to disestablish the Coast Guard, and Air Force Reserves, as well as the Selective Service System and the commissioned officer corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Mr. Speaker, ROA has, for the past 78 years, proven itself to be a strong and articulate voice in the Halls of Congress and the corridors of government for all our service members. It has lived up to its charter and supported the cause of national defense in seasons when it has not been popular to do so. It has established an enviable reputation for nonpartisan expertise and even-handed advocacy, a reputation that has grown and flourished as defense issues have become ever more complex in these days of the Total Force Policy.

ROA enjoys the confidence of the Congress and of the Department of Defense. Its successful legislative efforts have made it a valued partner in the formulation and development of the annual defense bills and in building broad, bipartisan support for our men and women in uniform. Over the years I have learned that serious debate on any issue dealing with our Reserve forces is not complete until we have heard from ROA. As the number of members of Congress with personal military experience has declined, the importance of ROA's contribution to developing our military policy has increased exponentially. ROA has played and will continue to play a crucial role in shaping the debate over the appropriate roles and missions of our Armed Forces.

The nation is most fortunate to have such an asset to call upon. We should all be grateful. Congratulations to the Reserve Officers Association of the United States on the fiftieth anniversary of the granting of its congressional charter.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JONATHAN ANDERSON ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. ASA HUTCHINSON

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Arkansas' Third Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Jonathan Anderson of Bentonville, Arkansas, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, Jonathan's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming cadet class of 2004. Attending one of our nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer. Truly, it is one of the most challenging and rewarding undertakings of their lives.

Jonathan is an outstanding student who brings a special mix of leadership, service and dedication to the incoming class of Air Force cadets. While attending Bentonville High School, Jonathan has maintained a grade point average of 3.7, which has placed him on the honor roll for four years. Jonathan is a member of the National Honor Society and has been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Outside of the classroom, Jonathan has distinguished himself as an excellent student leader. He has repeatedly lettered in the Bentonville High School Band and was the 1999 Marching Band Field Commander. He is a member of the Jazz Band, Chamber Choir, A Cappella Choir and the cross country team. In addition, Jonathan is a member of the Civil Air Force Patrol and with great pride he has advanced quickly through the ranks. He has received countless awards and honors through his involvement with the Civil Air Patrol.

Jonathan's grandfather served our country greatly in World War II, and his service inspired Jonathan to follow in his foot steps. It has been Jonathan's childhood dream to attend the United States Air Force Academy and become an Air Force pilot. It is with great pleasure that I congratulate him on completing the first step in his long journey.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to stand and join me in paying special tribute to Jonathan Anderson. Our service academies offer the finest education and military training available anywhere in the world. I am sure that Jonathan will do very well during his career at the Air Force Academy, and I wish him the very best in all of his future endeavors.

A CALL TO PASS THE HATE
CRIMES PROTECTION ACT

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, two years ago today the conscience of the nation was shaken by the cruel and brutal murder of a black man, James Byrd, by white racists, and there were renewed calls for Congress to pass the Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

The murder four months later of Matthew Shepard because of his sexual orientation had a similar impact on the public. Since then, Jews, Asians, blacks, women and homosexuals have been attacked in well-publicized, widely condemned acts in Illinois, California,

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Pennsylvania, and even my own state of Maryland, and in a number of other jurisdictions around the country, solely because of who they are.

Those who argue that the apprehension and prosecution of the perpetrators in the high profile cases of Byrd and Shepard obviates the need for HCPA have failed to appreciate the assistance which HCPA would provide to local law enforcement. For example, because of the federal jurisdiction granted in the race-based Byrd case, Jasper authorities were able to access nearly \$300,000 of federal grant money to help bring those killers to justice. In contrast, while the authorities in Laramie, Wyoming, faced similar challenges in the investigation and prosecution in the murder of Matthew Shepard, they were unable to access any federal money. Unfortunately, because sexual orientation is not currently covered under federal law, the Laramie law enforcement officials were forced to furlough five law enforcement employees to help cover the cost of bringing those killers to justice.

While murder is the most prominent example of hate violence, other Americans continue to be brutalized, beaten, harassed, hazed, and vandalized simply because of who they are. No one in our great land should have to be concerned for their safety solely because of their race, gender, sexual orientation, or religious belief. HCPA will strengthen law enforcement efforts to ensure that hate-motivated crimes are investigated and prosecuted. We should pass it this year.

HONORING MR. DAVID ASHDOWN,
RECIPIENT OF THE TIME WARNER
CABLE NATIONAL TEACHER
AWARD

HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. David Ashdown, an outstanding young teacher and recipient of this year's Time Warner Cable National Teacher Award. Mr. Ashdown teaches fourth grade at Cambridge Elementary School in Upstate New York. His award-winning entry, entitled *Save the Coelacanth*, engaged his fourth grade students' creative abilities through a multimedia presentation on oceans and ocean life.

David Ashdown has dedicated the last three years to upholding the hopes and dreams of hundreds of children in his classroom. He is known as the "technical and computer expert" throughout his school district. Mr. Ashdown used Time Warner's Road Runner high speed modem and service to create *Save the Coelacanth*. Each student in Mr. Ashdown's class wrote and illustrated one web-page of the story about the endangered coelacanth fish. The pages were all linked together to form an exciting underwater adventure with multiple outcomes.

I commend Mr. Ashdown's innovative approach to teaching. He has made learning fun and exciting in his classroom. His students learn through hands on experience in a technologically sophisticated, yet relaxed and friendly atmosphere. I salute Mr. Ashdown's efforts to provide a rich, intellectually stimulating environment in which children learn the

vital skills required to be successful in our society.

I also recognize the valuable work Mr. Ashdown does for his school district and for other teachers around this nation. He has dedicated himself to teaching professional development courses to other educators in an attempt to integrate advanced technology into more New York classrooms. His upcoming book, *HyperStudio Made Very Easy*, is designed to help teachers incorporate multimedia into their everyday teaching plans. His dedication is admirable, as is his desire to see students succeed.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating David Ashdown on his receipt of the Time Warner Cable National Teacher Award. Also, please join me in wishing him and his students the very best of luck in all their future endeavors.

WELL DESERVED RECOGNITION
FOR NANCY KAUFMAN

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I was very pleased—but not at all surprised—to learn that on June 7, the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston will be honoring Nancy Kaufman, who has for ten years now been the Executive Director of that important and well run organization. Nancy Kaufman personifies the best in the Jewish tradition, and she is also an outstanding example of the spirit of community caring that is so important in America. Under her leadership, the JCRC has played an extremely significant role in a number of aspects of both the Jewish community and the Greater Boston community at large. We are very lucky that she has chosen to dedicate her very considerable talents to the service of others. Her first rate intelligence, her high energy level, her compassion, her wonderful ability to work others and to get the best from them—these combined make her an extraordinary leader of an extraordinary organization.

I have personally benefitted innumerable times from her advice and I have been proud to work with her on a number of important issues. Few people I know have worked harder, more consistently, or with more effect to make the world that they live in a better place.

TRIBUTE TO THE EVANGELICAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize the Evangelical United Church of Christ in Godfrey, IL. They recently celebrated their 150th anniversary.

The celebration was marked with a service, a dinner, and a program, along with a display of memories set up in the church. It was a great time for the congregation to celebrate where they have been and where they are going.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage them and thank them for their many years of ministry. I wish the church continued growth and another 150 years of service.

HONORING THE BLOCH CANCER
FOUNDATION

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, today I honor a family and a foundation that have changed the lives of thousands of cancer patients in our country—Richard and Annette Bloch and the volunteers of the R.A. Bloch Cancer Foundation.

In 1978, Richard Bloch was told he had terminal lung cancer and that he had 3 months to live. He refused to accept this prognosis, and after two years of aggressive therapy, he was told he was cured.

Since Richard's bout with cancer, he and his wife Annette have devoted their lives to helping other cancer patients. Richard, one of America's best known businessmen, sold his interest in H&R Block, Inc. and retired from the company in 1982 to be able to devote all of his efforts to fighting cancer.

The Bloch Cancer Foundation, which is fully supported financially by the Bloch family, is fueled by over a thousand volunteers—other cancer survivors and supporters who share the vision of Richard and Annette Bloch, such as:

Doctors who have shared their time, knowledge and expertise;

Home volunteers who call newly diagnosed cancer patients and place the metaphorical arm around a shoulder. These home volunteers guide new patients through their apprehension and fears so they can face their disease with confidence;

Computer specialists who have developed the web sites so patients and survivors can seek help over the Internet;

Volunteers who give their time on a weekly basis to answer phones and e-mail and form the backbone of an organization committed to cancer patients;

The professionals and volunteers of the Bloch Cancer Support Center;

Those who help develop Cancer Survivors Parks;

Volunteers who helped to mail more than 98,000 books that were requested by cancer patients;

The Board of Directors who help Dick and Annette develop and implement the programs of the foundation.

I have also submitted a June 4, 2000, article from the Kansas City Star that further details the work of Richard and Annette for cancer patients in Kansas City.

Mr. Speaker, on June 4 we celebrated the 15th anniversary of Cancer Survivors Day, an event that was started by the Blochs in Kansas City and is now celebrated in over 700 communities throughout the United States. June 4th also marks the 20th anniversary of the Cancer Hot Line, which has received more than 125,000 calls from newly diagnosed cancer patients since its inception in 1980.

I encourage my colleagues to join me as I honor Richard and Annette Bloch and the volunteers of the R.A. Bloch Cancer Foundation

for twenty years of steadfast commitment to cancer patients and survivors.

[From the Kansas City Star, June 4, 2000]

CANCER SURVIVORS CELEBRATE ANOTHER
YEAR OF LIFE

(By Oscar Avila)

On the weekend of KC150, hundreds gathered Sunday at the Richard and Annette Bloch Cancer Survivors Park to mark other anniversaries.

Cancer survivors marked personal milestones at the Celebration of Life rally. Survivors wore a button telling how many years they had survived. Participants and their families also marked the rally's 15th anniversary and the park's 10th year.

But speakers and participants agreed that they don't need traditional milestones to celebrate victories over cancer.

"Every day is a celebration," said Maria Eades of Kansas City, North, who was diagnosed with breast cancer nine years ago. "I wake up every morning and say, 'Thank you, God, for another day.'"

Jason Oldham, a television reporter who is receiving treatment for a brain tumor, said, "Every day is a good day."

The Blochs created the park at 47th Street and Roanoke Parkway to offer support for cancer patients and to promote awareness of the disease. Because of the family's efforts, the first Sunday in June is now celebrated throughout the country as National Cancer Survivors Day.

The park's walkway was lined with booths manned by people from cancer support groups, hospitals and research institutions. Participants reunited with friends and introduced themselves to new ones.

Several participants said they are convinced that this sort of emotional support can give their health a boost. Others hoped awareness of early detection and treatment would help prevent future cancer cases.

"If only one life can be saved by coming to this park and coming to this rally, then all of this is worthwhile," Annette Bloch said.

Guest speaker Buck O'Neil, a former player and manager with the Kansas City Monarchs of the Negro Leagues, reminded the crowd that not everyone survives the disease. O'Neil lost his wife, Ora, to cancer in 1997.

O'Neil's words, however, were in line with the rally's hopeful tone. He said his wife's struggle brought the two closer. Other speakers also shared promising news. The Blochs recently finished their 15th survivors park, in Jacksonville, Fla. And participants also hailed last week's announcement that Health Midwest and St. Luke's-Shawnee Mission Health System would open a comprehensive cancer center.

O'Neil said survivors should view the future with hope, not fear.

"You've just begun," he said. "God gave you another chance. That's what he did. Use it. Use it."

IN HONOR OF SAINT CLAIR
SHORES VETERAN THOMAS
KUZENKO

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, May 28th, I stood on the shores of the beautiful Lake St. Clair for the rededication of a park to honor our nations veterans. I want to take a moment to honor one veteran in particular. I

want to recognize the man who was instrumental in our being there that day. Had it not been for the vision, diligence, and devotion of Thomas Kuzenko the dedication of Veterans' Memorial Park may never have come to fruition.

Fifty-seven years ago, young Tom was called upon to serve his country in World War Two. He left his pregnant wife Virginia with a kiss, boarded a bus and was shipped off to sea with the United States Navy. He would later return home to his family and settle in St. Clair Shores, a pleasant residential community in the southeast corner of my district. This service in the military was just the beginning of a life of service for Tom Kuzenko.

If Tom had not recently passed, he would have been standing guard at the Veterans' Memorial in the park that day alongside his good friend Tom Fitzpatrick as the two had for many years. Described by friends as a quiet hero, Tom Kuzenko fought alongside the founders of the labor movement here in Michigan, helping to create a higher standard of living for workers as an organizer for the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union. With that struggle behind him, he turned his attention to serving his fellow war veterans through the VFW Bruce Post. Tom was active in the post's community services and often traveled across the river to Canada to work with his dear friends in the Canadian Legion.

Each year he would gather with other volunteers from the VFW to keep what was then Memorial Park in good shape. If a bench needed painting, he would go to the city for the paint and take care of it himself. That was the kind of man he was. He later took on the cause of renaming what was known as Memorial Park to Veteran's Memorial Park. Tom was the driving force behind this project, and everyone in the city knew that.

Today visitors will know of Tom's legacy each time they see the beautiful symbol of life planted in his honor. While Tom may no longer be with us, his wife Virginia, his children Larry and Joyce, and his five grandchildren Ryan, Tyler, Bobby, Jennifer and Heather will all be able to sit under the tree dedicated to him, in a park he so proudly wished to have named in honor of his fellow veterans. My thanks go out to the members of the VFW Bruce Post for keeping Tom Kuzenko's dream alive, and to the City of St. Clair Shores, for finally bringing that dream to reality in a beautiful park on the water.

TRIBUTE TO MOLLY HOULE

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Molly Houle for her courage to fight juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. Molly is a 6-year-old girl from Bluford, IL who was diagnosed with the disability last June.

The disability has caused Molly many problems from getting out of bed to a lack of concentration at school. Despite the pain, she is drawing attention to her disability by being featured in WSIL's 15th annual Arthritis Foundation Telethon.

I wish Molly the best as she draws attention to the problems of juvenile rheumatoid arthri-

tis. Living with this disability is not easy, but I know her example will be an encouragement to all.

HONORING BALL STATE PRESIDENT JOHN E. WORTHEN—A GREAT EDUCATOR

HON. DAVID M. McINTOSH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mr. McINTOSH. Mr. Speaker, today I honor a leader in education in Indiana and the nation. In the heart of my district in East Central Indiana lies Ball State University, one of the premier institutions of higher education in the Midwest. For the last sixteen years Ball State has been under the capable guidance of University President John E. Worthen. Sadly, he is leaving the university this year.

Mr. Speaker, greatness is setting bold goals and then having the determination to accomplish them. John Worthen brought vision and greatness when he came to the university in 1984 and has spent the last sixteen years putting his vision into practice. Ball State, Indiana, and the nation are the better for his efforts. At the start of his administration, President Worthen focused on broad goals. He aimed for excellence in all things. The university has reached beyond its grasp to accomplish his vision. His plan was anchored in the premise that learning should be a lifelong pursuit. Under his leadership, Ball State's central mission has been to arm students with the skills, knowledge, and enthusiasm to continue learning even after they leave the university.

John Worthen always looked to the future of education, not its past. He viewed technology as a fundamental component of that mission, and he directed Ball State's resources toward acquiring that technology. Ball State established courses and workshops to train faculty and staff to use the new technologies and started the Center for Teaching Technology to help faculty use this new tool to enhance their instruction. During the past ten years, Ball State has spent eighty million dollars on renovations that have added computer labs, put Internet access in every residence hall room, and wired every classroom to an interactive fiber-optic multimedia network. The university now has a student-to-computer ratio of thirteen-to-one, one of the lowest in the country. This year Yahoo! Internet Life magazine ranked Ball State among the top twenty in its annual survey of "most wired" universities. These technological capabilities have made Ball State a national leader in distance education. The Indiana Higher Education Telecommunication System has enabled Indiana students to take advanced placement courses—courses they would otherwise not have access to—that are broadcast from Ball State's "Indiana Academy," a school for gifted and talented students. Ball State offers an M.B.A. by distance education and offers nurses the opportunity to complete degree programs online.

President Worthen's education and training gave him a solid background for the challenge of running a university. A Midwesterner, he earned a bachelor of science degree in psychology at Northwestern University in 1954 and received his master's degree in student

personnel administration from Columbia University in 1955. He served four years in the Navy as a carrier pilot and education and legal officer. He attained the rank of lieutenant. He earned an Ed. D. at Harvard University in 1964 in counseling psychology and administration in higher education. John Worthen began his career in education as the dean of men at American University in Washington, D. C., then moved to the University of Delaware where he taught education courses and accepted various administrative responsibilities. In 1979, he became president of Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Ball State University invited him to become its eleventh president in 1984.

Although technology has been a major focus, John Worthen's presidency has been an attack on many fronts. His was not an administration of timid initiatives. The university reorganized the school year from academic quarters to semesters; a move that allowed students to involve themselves more deeply in a subject and that saved the university thousands of dollars in administrative costs each year. Departments were realigned to reflect common disciplines. For example, Journalism, Telecommunications, Speech Communication, and Communication and Information Studies combined to form a new college, the College of Communication, Information, and Media. By 1997, it was the fourth largest college of its kind in the country.

John Worthen has applied the university's resources to statewide issues. Under his leadership, Ball State has moved to make education "at home in Indiana" more attractive to top ability students who might otherwise leave the state and build their careers and lives elsewhere. New scholarships aimed at those students have increased the university's enrollment of National Merit Scholars and increased Honors College enrollments. For the past three years he and I have worked together to create a job fair on Ball State's campus to offset recent factory closings in the area. This year's event attracted seven hundred job seekers. Three hundred received job offers as a direct result of the event. Ball State really stepped up to the plate and made a determined effort to see the Muncie community thrive.

In 1987, Ball State launched Wings for the Future, its first capital campaign. The goal was to raise forty million dollars. The campaign collected \$44 million and created three endowed chairs and fourteen professorships. The university is now in the middle of another campaign that appears headed for the same success with a goal of ninety million dollars. One-third will go for faculty research, one-third for scholarships, and one-third for facilities. During John Worthen's presidency, Ball State's endowment went from twelve million dollars to eighty-five million dollars.

Ball State researchers were there when the space shuttle Columbia landed in June 1996, conducting research on the effects of gravity in space on the astronaut's muscles. Other noteworthy research efforts have targeted nutrition among the elderly in Indiana, the decline in frog populations worldwide, tick-borne disease, and cancer prevention. While research has an important role in education, John Worthen has always ensured that Ball State's best teachers are still in the classroom. Ball State professors have won state and national recognition in teaching, including the

1997 Indiana Professor of the Year, national teaching awards, and honors for research, architecture, music, theater performance, history, and public relations, to name just a few.

Many academic programs at Ball State have received national recognition. The music engineering technology program has been ranked first in the nation, the entrepreneurship program ranks fourth. Ball State has taken the lead in environmental awareness. The university has established an international conference on environmental education and practices. The conference draws hundreds of architects from around the world. The Center for Information and Communication Sciences, created in 1985, teaches students to design and set up networking systems, an area in desperate need of trained workers.

Ball State athletics have achieved recognition on the field and in the classroom. Men's basketball made the NCAA Sweet Sixteen in 1990, the men's volleyball team has been in the NCAA finals fourteen times, and women's field hockey went undefeated in conference play for five consecutive years. But the most impressive figure is Ball State's athlete graduation rate, at 77 percent, the seventh best rate in the country.

President Worthen has solidified and expanded Ball State's international ties with study centers abroad and teaching exchanges with various international universities. The Chronicle of Higher Education ranks Ball State among the top doctoral granting institutions for students studying abroad.

Since 1984, the university has built five new facilities, including a state-of-the-art telecommunications building, a new home for the Human Performance Laboratory, an arena, and a new alumni center. All of these improvements and additions have been accomplished with the intent of making Ball State accessible for people with disabilities.

In closing, I cannot forget to mention Sue. The most complete and best preserved Tyrannosaurus Rex skeleton ever found was named after its discoverer, Sue Hendrickson. This spring, using people, technology and programs that were the direct outcome of John Worthen's policies, Ball State dazzled the nation by bringing Sue's debut at Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History to an estimated five million school children nationwide. Ball State uses its technology to connect people and ideas in meaningful ways. That is what technology is meant to do, and Ball State certainly has got it right. They were able to get it right because of John Worthen's vision and follow-through. He leaves behind a university well prepared to face the challenges and pursue the possibilities of the twenty-first century.

Mr. Speaker, I have been honored to work along side John Worthen. I will miss the benefit of his counsel and wisdom. I wish he and his wife Sandra much happiness as they move on to new challenges.

FRIENDS OF THE SMYRNA
LIBRARY

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor today, as a resident of Smyrna,

Georgia, to recognize an exceptional organization that has just recently celebrated its tenth anniversary. On April 10, 1990, eight concerned citizens of Cobb County met and formed The Friends of the Smyrna Library. During its first four years, the group grew very slowly until 1994, when the president—Mrs. Lillie Wood—was elected, and she immediately began a search for new members. Under her leadership, the Friends of the Smyrna Library has grown to over 400 members, and is now one of the largest library support groups in Georgia.

The Friends of the Library are very active. They coordinate art exhibits for library galleries; schedule exhibits of collectibles and sculpture for display; host an annual dinner theater; conduct two book sales yearly; hold quarterly speaker programs; recruit library volunteers; and sponsor a monthly book discussion program.

In addition to everything else it does, the Friends publishes a quarterly news letter, The Library Link, which features library news, book reviews, a guide to suggested reading, and articles by library friends and staff. Under the editorship of Clare Isanhour, The Library Link has been recognized as one of the most attractive and professionally produced library publications in Georgia.

The Friends have donated over \$40,000 to the library for the purchase of new materials, and the members have donated thousands of hours of time to the library as volunteers. This enables the library to provide a much higher level of service to the public than would otherwise have been possible.

I join my fellow citizens of Smyrna, Georgia, in saluting the public service provided by The Friends of the Smyrna Library and its outstanding president.

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
TEMPLE SHOMER EMUNIM

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to recognize the 125th anniversary of the Temple Shomer Emunim in Sylvania Ohio. The congregation commemorated this most auspicious occasion in special services and celebration on June 2 and 3, 2000.

In 1870, there were about 30 Jewish families in Toledo, Ohio, most of whom were Orthodox. A small number of these families sought a more liberal practice of their faith and organized a Reform congregation. Those early services were held in homes and conducted by visiting rabbis. The band of families practicing in the Reform movement formally established a Temple in 1875 and the congregation was dedicated as Shomer Emunim-Guardian of the Faithful. This name was suggested by Rabbi Isaac Wise, founder of America's Reform Judaism and is taken from Isaiah 26:2, "Open ye gates that there shall be a righteous nation-guardian of the faithful . . ."

In those first years, the congregation worshipped in a small church rented from a Christian congregation. In 1879, it was decided the grand sum of \$12,500.00 would be raised in order to build their own sanctuary. With Toledo's Jewish population at the time settled in a

downtown neighborhood, a small building was built on Tenth Street in downtown Toledo where the congregation remained for 23 years. The original Temple was formally dedicated by Rabbi Wise. As Toledo's Jewish community grew, the congregation moved to a larger building on Scottwood Avenue which was previously owned by a Methodist congregation. By 1916, the congregation had outgrown that building, and a new major synagogue was built on Collingwood Avenue. Nearly 100 years after its first quiet beginnings and as its members moved to the suburbs, the congregation built a new synagogue in suburban Sylvania in 1973, where the Temple remains and has flourished, an integral part of the community. It is affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the national organization of Reform Judaism.

For a century and a quarter, the Temple Shomer Emunim has been a fixture of life in Toledo's Jewish community, and our community as a whole. It has been a place to develop spiritual well-being and personal growth, and strengthen the bonds of family and faith. Its rabbis and members have stood as leaders among us, and have provided both guidance and wise counsel. As we reflect on more than a century of growth from its humble inception to its current prominence, we look forward to the future of Temple Shomer Emunim. *Mozel Tov!*

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF "TEACHERS ON AN AGRISCIENCE BUS" IN FURTHERING AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION IN DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUNE 7, 2000

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, it is no secret that agriculture is of primary importance to the economy of the State of Illinois. Our more than 76,000 farms cover about 80 percent of Illinois' land and generate more than \$9 billion annually for our economy.

While rows of corn have turned into rows of homes in DuPage County, my home county, we have not forgotten the importance of agriculture.

For the past ten years, the "Teachers on an Agriscience Bus" program has provided the youth of Illinois with current, up-to-date, technological information in the importance of agriculture in their everyday lives and of the vast array of career opportunities available to them in the agriculture industry.

When the first "Teachers on an Agriscience Bus" was first sponsored by the Illinois Pork Producers Association in 1991, who could have predicted that it would be so enthusiastically received that nearly 400 teachers, school administrators, and counselors would participate? Those 400 individuals, in turn, provided an estimated 45,000 elementary through high school students with new experiences and background in the field of today's agriculture.

Mr. Speaker, although Illinois' food and fiber industry employs nearly one million people, the number of farm operators has dropped from 164,000 in 1959 to 76,000 today. And most farmers in Illinois are more than 50 years old.

Who will take their place?

The "Teachers on an Agriscience Bus" program hopes to answer that question. By making suburban children aware of the numerous opportunities available to them in agriculture and by making them more aware of the field in general, the program helps ensure that our country's agriculture economy remains strong.

As the "Teachers on an Agriscience Bus" program celebrates its tenth year in existence, we should recognize its foresight and contributions to agriculture education and we should renew our emphasis on agricultural education among our nation's educators and youth.

Agriculture was and is the backbone of our country's economy. Programs such as "Teachers on an Agriscience Bus" will help keep it that way. And for that, we should be thankful.

WELLTON-MOHAWK TRANSFER ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB STUMP

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2000

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 356, the Wellton-Mohawk Transfer Act.

Mr. Speaker, S. 356 would transfer the title of the Gila Project from the Bureau of Reclamation to the Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation District. This legislation directs the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities of the Gila Project in Arizona to the Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District. The Secretary will convey the facilities under the terms of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Bureau of Reclamation and the District dated July 10, 1998.

Mr. Speaker, the Gila Project began in 1936, with the first drop of water made available on the Gila Gravity Main Canal on November 4, 1943. Construction of the Wellton-Mohawk Division was started in August 1949, and the first delivery of Colorado River water on Wellton Mohawk fields was made on May 1, 1952. Throughout the years, the Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation District has clearly demonstrated their commitment to the Gila Project and the current operation of the Gila Project will not change with the final passage of this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, S. 356 is an excellent bill because it demonstrates Congress' commitment to moving title transfer legislation and Congress' commitment to defederalizing Bureau of Reclamation projects. I would like to commend the hard work of my Arizona colleagues, as well as Chairman Doolittle, and particularly the Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation District and the Bureau of Reclamation on this important bill.

Mr. Speaker, I support full passage of S. 356.

TRIBUTE TO CHERYL BEARD

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to commend Mrs. Cheryl Beard.

Ten years ago Cheryl lost her only child, Jeff Bosie, to a drunken driver. At the time of his death, Jeff was a 17-year-old senior at Rochester High School in Rochester, IL.

As a result of this tragedy, Cheryl used her anger and her energy to combat drunken driving and underage drinking. She has been named a "Difference Maker" as part of Mothers Against Drunk Driving's 20th anniversary campaign. Cheryl became involved with MADD in 1990 and has been the Sangamon County chapter president six times.

She is being honored for her volunteer efforts in public speaking, victim impact panels, victim assistance, legislation and public awareness campaigns. I want to thank Cheryl for making a difference in the lives of so many people.

TRIBUTE TO MIKE McCLURE

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Mike McClure of Mt. Vernon, IL for his long and distinguished teaching and coaching career. After 34 years as a coach at Okawville High School, Rend Lake College, and Woodlawn High School, Mike is retiring.

As a teacher myself, I would like to thank Mike for his commitment to shape the lives of the students he has coached and taught. Through his guidance and wisdom he has had a positive impact on the lives of many.

I wish Mike the best in his retirement. He is a legend who I know will continue to influence all those he comes in contact with.

TRIBUTE TO THE WYSE TEAM OF METRO-EAST LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize the Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering [WYSE] team from Metro-East Lutheran High School in Edwardsville, IL. The students on the team placed on the state level for the first time ever.

As a former teacher myself at Metro-East Lutheran High School, I am proud of their accomplishments. Their commitment to doing their best and academic achievement deserves our acknowledgment.

I also would like to take this opportunity to recognize WYSE coach, Ms. Chrystal Boerger. This was her last year, as she is leaving to pursue her master's degree. It takes coaches and teachers like her to give students the opportunity to learn and grow.