

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MS. ELIZABETH  
"LIZZY" SEARLE

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize the accomplishments of an outstanding student, Elizabeth "Lizzy" Searle. Her creative mind has earned her a distinguished award, the United States National Award Winner in Art.

In addition, Ms. Searle will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook in recognition of her academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibilities, enthusiasm, citizenship, attitude, motivation to learn and improve and dependability. Ms. Searle received her award for her remarkable dedication to learning. Ms. Searle is a model for all students to follow and one that will be sure to achieve great things. She has proven to be an asset to her school and the community.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I say congratulations to Elizabeth Searle on a truly exceptional accomplishment. Due to her dedicated service and creativity, it is clear that Colorado is a better place.

TRIBUTE TO WALTER L. SMITH,  
PH.D., SCHOLAR, DISTINGUISHED  
EDUCATOR AND GREAT AMERICAN

**HON. CARRIE P. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, as Americans all across this land of ours celebrate graduation—a time of transition—from schools and colleges, I rise to pay tribute to Walter L. Smith, Ph.D., a scholar and professor of many years who will be transitioning from a distinguished and storied career in education into retirement this spring.

When I think about Dr. Smith and his many contributions to higher education, our nation, and the world, I'm reminded of a phrase from a favorite old poem:

"To sow a dream and see it spread and grow  
To light a lamp and watch its brightness gleam  
Here is a gift that is divine I know  
To give a young child a dream."

Mr. Speaker, throughout his nearly forty year career in education, Dr. Smith has given generations of young men and women, the world over, so many wonderful dreams. It's been said that our children are our gift to a future that we will never see: Through his many years of labor and unselfish devotion to education Dr. Smith has helped generations of young Americans transform their wonderful dreams into a beautiful reality. These efforts will continue to bear fruit for generations to come.

Dr. Smith has always believed that the vast majority of our nation's children can be good students who will become good citizens. They are intelligent and they are longing for knowledge. He has also always insisted that society cannot, and should not, forget that small minority of students who are not "good" students or citizens. He's believed that we cannot just cast those few children, who simply lack proper leadership, out in to the cold solitude of ignorance. Rather he believes that it is these few, who we as a society, must truly concentrate upon. Dr. Smith has taught us all that it is our responsibility as role models to keep our youth on the right path—in schools, in class, and involved.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Dr. Walter L. Smith, upon his retirement. He has truly lived the life of a model citizen and he has earned the right to say that he's made a difference.

Few have achieved the success that Walter Smith has known in his profession. Few have achieved such universal respect and love from his fellow man. Few men have known the thrill that has come to this compassionate giant in taking young men and women and instilling confidence and pride in them to the extent that those lessons are never forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, It is with great pride that I ask this body to join with me in saluting, Dr. Walter L. Smith, a giant among men, a great Floridian, and indeed, truly a great American.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, due to my flight originating from Columbus, Ohio on June 12, 2000, being delayed several times, I missed rollcall votes No. 255 and No. 256. If I were present, I would have voted "no" on both rollcall votes.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on the evening of Thursday, June 8, and Friday, June 9, I was unable to vote for family reasons.

If I had been present, I would have voted: "yea" on rollcall No. 250, the Trafficant amendment to H.R. 4577; "yea" on rollcall No. 251, to approve the House Journal; "yea" on rollcall No. 252, the Rangel substitute amendment to H.R. 8; "yea" on rollcall No. 253, the Motion to Recommit with Instructions on H.R. 8; and "yea" on rollcall No. 254, final passage of H.R. 8, the Death Tax Elimination Act.

HONORING JOHN SCHWARZ

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to honor a man that has devoted his career to protecting the health of Colorado's environment, John Schwarz. In doing so, I would like to honor this individual who has exemplified the notion of public service and civic duty. Recently, the Public Lands Foundation named Mr. Schwarz its Outstanding Public Land Professional.

Mr. Schwarz was presented the monumental task of restoring the Blanca Wetlands, a dry arid area, back into a highly productive ecosystem. In doing so, his main focus was on designing a formula that would deal with the strong water opposition, while moving the project forward. His tenacity and professionalism were instrumental in reviving the wetlands into a vibrant and productive ecosystem. In recognition of his success in restoring this splendid natural system, John was named the Outstanding Public Land Professional. He traveled to Washington D.C. to receive the award on December 10, 1999. Public Lands Foundation President George Lea said at the ceremony that he hoped that "Mr. Schwarz's work will help the real owners of these lands to better understand and appreciate the high ideals and integrity that Mr. Schwarz and the Bureau of Land Management bring to this difficult task each day."

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to pay tribute to Mr. Schwarz and his efforts to make his community a better place to live. His dedication and know-how have distinguished him greatly. The citizens of Colorado owe John a debt of gratitude and I wish him well.

A TRIBUTE TO LAUREN POLLINI  
AND IRENE SORENSEN

**HON. JERRY LEWIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention the fine achievement of Lauren Pollini, a seventh-grade student from Home Street Middle School in Bishop, CA. Lauren was a recent competitor in the National History Day Competition (June 11–15) at the University of Maryland. The competition involved students from across the United States who submitted projects on this year's theme: "Turning Points in History, People, Ideas, Events."

Lauren qualified for the national competition by first winning California State History Day competitions at the county and state levels. Her essay, entitled "Sunset School of Weedpatch, California: A Turning Point for

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Children, Teachers And Community," won the State historical research category. Lauren also won three special recognition awards and two historical groups would like to publish her paper in their official publications.

Lauren's outstanding accomplishments were undoubtedly guided by the leadership of her teacher, Mrs. Irene Sorensen. Irene is a past winner of the Richard Farrell Award from the National History Day as the 1996 Teacher of Merit.

Irene retired this month after 19 years of teaching at Home Street School and leading students to statewide and national recognition. The town of Bishop, and Home Street School are 200 miles from the closest university library or other academic research facility. Yet under Irene's direction, Home Street students have won at the State level and qualified for National History Day nine times during the 13 years of History Day competition. Clearly, the dedication of young students like Lauren, and the guidance of teachers like Irene Sorensen, make our public school system the finest in the world.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me and our colleagues in recognizing Lauren Pollini for her fine accomplishment. To say the least, her fine work is admired by all of us. I'd also like to commend Irene Sorensen for her fine leadership and her devotion to such remarkable educational standards, and wish her well in her new endeavors. Students like Lauren and instructors like Irene set a fine example for us all and it is only appropriate that the House pay tribute to them both today.

IN HONOR OF WISCONSIN STATE SENATOR GWEN MOORE, RECIPIENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHILD ADVOCATE'S ANNUAL LEADERSHIP IN GOVERNMENT AWARD

### HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have this opportunity to honor Wisconsin State Senator Gwen Moore. She is a remarkable citizen, and I salute her for being recognized today as the recipient of the National Association of Child Advocate's [NACA] Annual Leadership in Government Award.

The NACA initiated this awards program nearly 5 years ago to recognize excellence in the field of child advocacy. The Leadership in Government Award is given to city, county or State government leaders who have demonstrated consistent leadership, creativity, and courage in their political arena speaking out for and securing legislation that has a positive impact on the lives of children.

There is no one more deserving of this award. Senator Moore has served in the Wisconsin Legislature since 1989, and she has distinguished herself in the field of child advocacy. She is considered to be one of the most vocal, powerful and respected advocates working to improve the lives of children in Wisconsin. She worked hard to negotiate changes to Wisconsin's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families [TANF] program in a highly partisan political environment. In addition, she has successfully obtained funds for community

health centers and nutritional outreach activities through the WIC program, the school breakfast program and child immunization efforts.

As government leaders, we all have a responsibility to act in the best interests of our children. Hubert Humphrey once said that, "the moral test of government is how that government treats those who are in the dawn of life, the children; those who are in the twilight of life, the elderly; and those who are in the shadows of life, the sick, the needy and the handicapped." Senator Moore is a shining example of what good government is all about, and we should all follow in her footsteps.

Again, I am pleased to have this opportunity today to honor Senator Gwen Moore. I am thankful that our community has been represented strongly through her leadership. And I know that she will continue to play an important role in our community for decades to come and that America will continue to benefit from her service, dedication and hard work.

### HONORING MAESTRO RAFFI ARMENIAN

### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Maestro Raffi Armenian on the occasion of his visit to Fresno, on April 15, 2000.

I want to welcome Maestro Raffi Armenian to the Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church, where he will conduct Verdi's "Il Trovatore", featuring Fresno's Edna Garabedian in the role of Azucina. The people of Fresno are happy to have the chance to see Maestro Raffi Armenian conduct.

Maestro Armenian's passion for the human voice has manifested itself with conduction appearances at such illustrious companies as the Canadian Opera Company in Toronto, the Michigan Opera Theater, L' Opera de Montreal, Opera Hamilton, and Opera Columbus.

While living and working in Canada, Maestro Armenian garnered numerous awards for his work including an Emmy Award for Menotti's "The Medium", a Juno nomination for a recording a Ravel and Schoenberg with Maureen Forrester and the Canadian Chamber Ensemble. Over the years he has composed some twenty-four albums.

Mr. Speaker, I want to honor Maestro Raffi Armenian, as he visits Fresno. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Maestro Raffi Armenian many more years of continued success.

### HONORING CHARLES GALLAGHER

### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker it is with personal privilege and honor that I enter this tribute in acknowledgment of Charles Gallagher, a friend, a philanthropist and humanitarian.

On June 1, Mr. Gallagher was recognized by the Mizel Museum of Judaica as the recipi-

ent of the Community Cultural Enrichment Award. The award publicly notes Mr. Gallagher's commitment to education as well as his deep commitment to the State of Colorado, its people and its future.

I would note, Mr. Speaker, that Mr. Gallagher's wife Diane is a critical element of her husbands success and that she shares the commitment to Colorado and dedication to education.

Mr. Gallagher serves on the board of the Metropolitan Denver Area Chamber of Commerce, the Metro Denver Network Board of Governors, the University of Colorado at Denver Graduate School of Business Administration, the Metropolitan State College of Denver Foundation, the National Jewish Medical and Research Center, Denver Art Museum, Denver Area Council Boy Scouts of America, Colorado UpLIFT, The Denver Foundation, The Catholic Foundation for the Archdiocese of Denver, Irish Community Center, and Xavier University in Cincinnati. Mr. Gallagher is also a member of The Colorado Forum, Colorado Concern, and a Regent for Regis University. He and Diane have four married children and nine grandchildren.

The people of Colorado have every right to be proud of Mr. Gallagher and his family. On behalf of the people of Colorado, I thank the Gallagher's for their involvement.

CONGRATULATING THE STUDENTS AND STAFF OF CORAL SHORES HIGH SCHOOL

### HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the accomplishments of Coral Shores High School in Tavernier, Florida, congratulating the school for having been named a Service-Learning Leader School by the Corporation for National Service. This prestigious award recognizes the service-learning program that Coral Shores H.S. has integrated into its curriculum, a program that has promoted civic responsibility, strengthened community activism, and improved student performance since its inception.

This year, the Corporation for National Service has recognized 66 schools nationwide for promoting the benefits of service in the community. Community service cultivates generosity and gratitude in the lives of all parties involved—enlightening volunteers and providing those who receive help with a sense of hope. I firmly believe in the benefits of community service, and I am quite pleased to see that Coral Shores H.S. in Monroe County, Florida, is setting such a wonderful example for schools across the nation.

One of five Florida schools that were named a Service-Learning Leader School, 71 percent of the students at Coral Shores H.S. are involved in voluntary service programs. Integrating service-learning into a variety of courses including environmental science, English, history, art, and television production, students interested in virtually any area of study have had the unique opportunity to relate community service to their course work. With over 750 students currently enrolled at Coral Shores High School, this integrated experience has greatly benefitted the community

while enabling the school's students to master a particular subject through accompanying field work. The National Service-Learning Leader School Program will be instrumental in opening up the door for Coral Shores to assist other schools in the advancement of nationwide service. Over the course of the next two years, Coral Shores students and teachers will serve as mentors to other schools in the South Florida community. Through presentations and peer exchanges, the Coral Shores High School methodology that promotes a life of service will be shared with other schools. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Coral Shores High School for all of the wonderful work they are doing to benefit the community. I would like to thank the Monroe County School Board, the administrative team at Coral Shores High School, the teachers, and all of the school's students for their extraordinary efforts in bettering the South Florida community. Under the leadership of Principal Al Rother, Coral Shores High School has demonstrated that by starting with the individual we can make widespread change—change that will result in a nation dedicated to helping others.

SAN ANTONIO'S CITY PUBLIC SERVICE WINS COVETED EISENHOWER AWARD FOR SMALL BUSINESS

**HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, we all know the importance of small business to our economies and local communities. I am proud today to let my colleagues know that our municipally owned utility, City Public Service of San Antonio, TX (CPS), has put words into action in its efforts to increase small business participation. In recognition of these efforts, CPS this week is receiving the coveted Dwight D. Eisenhower Award for Excellence from the United States Small Business Administration. Competing against 2,500 utilities nationwide, CPS won this honor for its proven record of reaching out to and including small business in its contracting operation.

CPS has made the participation of small and historically disadvantaged businesses a central tenet of its operating policy. CPS conducted numerous seminars and individual interviews to explain the purchasing process and identify potential obstacles. By listening to the target audience—small, minority and women-owned businesses—CPS learned what was needed to make its outreach efforts most productive. Among other actions taken to increase subcontracting opportunities, CPS subdivided larger contracts into smaller ones, eliminated bonding, except in high risk areas, implemented longer contract terms in certain cases to allow small businesses the chance to amortize their capital costs, significantly reduced and sometimes eliminated insurance requirements, facilitated meetings with CPS personnel to foster communication, expanded the use of target businesses in professional contracting, lowered the subcontracting requirements for prime contractors to submit a plan for the use of small businesses from \$500,000 to \$100,000, and waived contract requirements on low-risk jobs under \$50,000.

CPS has been a leader in developing programs for small business. For example, in July 1998, CPS launched the first Mentoring/Protege year-long program for small, minority and women-owned businesses. The goal of this program is to enhance business skills for start-up businesses and to assist in the development of firms in operation from 4 to 7 years. In 1999, CPS joined with the city of San Antonio and other local governments to establish the South Central Texas Regional Certification Agency to centralize, and thereby simplify, the process for certification as a small, disadvantaged, or woman-owned business. CPS has also found success in its one-stop Supplier Diversity Program, which now has 3,800 certified vendors.

CPS works with local chambers of commerce to increase local and small business participation in contract bidding. Through educational programs and one-on-one meetings, the utility has been able to identify potential business partners. As a result, millions of dollars in contract awards have gone to businesses owned by women, Hispanics, and African-Americans.

The SBA's Eisenhower Award is a great tribute to the years of hard work by CPS leadership and its small business team. I welcome the CPS Chairman of the Board, Clayton Gay, and the Director of Purchasing, Contracts and Small Business Development, Fred Vallasenor, to Washington, and I congratulate CPS General Manager and CEO Jamie Rochelle for her leadership and vision. As you accept this award, I hope that it will be for you and the company an inspiration to continue your leadership in small and minority business contracting. You and all of CPS have made us proud.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF ROSELLA COLLAMER BAUMAN

**HON. JAMES A. BARCIA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mrs. Rosella Collamer Bauman on her retirement from the Michigan Women's Studies Association. Rose has truly led a unique and inspiring life, and one which will leave an indelible mark on her community, and the entire state of Michigan.

Born in 1920 to Edna and Ward Smith, Rose's family moved around quite a bit during her childhood, sometimes more than once in the same year. Determined to graduate high school, she left home at 15 and worked for room and board. When she was 18, she met Max Collamer and the two were married when Rose was 18. The couple would have three children, Larry, Jerry, and Mary, in the next 10 years.

After raising their three children, which is no small feat in its own right, and at a time when "nontraditional" students were uncommon, Rose went back to school to further her education. She earned an associate degree from Delta College, a bachelor of arts degree at my alma mater, then called Saginaw Valley State College, and a master degree in English at Central Michigan University. Rose appreciated the value of her education and the hard work it took to achieve it, so she founded the

Chrysalis Center at Saginaw Valley to help women like herself have access to higher education. The center is thriving today, as Saginaw Valley State University awarded its first Chrysalis Scholarship to a student for this coming fall.

Rose continued to be a pioneer in the field of Women's Studies by being a founding member of the Michigan Women's Studies Association in 1973, and, in 1979, the association began the development of the Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame to honor the achievement of Michigan women. And today, on the occasion of her retirement, I am proud to honor her years of service on the center's board and as editor of the newsletter.

Mr. Speaker, I could go on about Rose's service to the community, her impressive leadership in advancing women's studies, her career as an educator (with which I have had the honor of having firsthand experience), or her unparalleled commitment and dedication to her family. But I wanted to wish her well and hope that the days ahead are filled with all the good fruits of a well deserved retirement. I know that she will spend even more time with her second husband, William Bauman, and her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Rose Collamer Bauman has lived a truly incredible life, and serves as a role model and an inspiration to everyone who has ever met her.

IN HONOR OF ALICE McGRATH

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Alice McGrath, whose six decades of devotion to disadvantaged and oppressed people here and abroad will be recognized this weekend at the Interface Children Family Services' Tribute Dinner, in my district.

Alice McGrath's life and efforts on behalf of others have been memorialized in a play, documentary film, and two books. She began her life of humanitarianism in the early 1940s as Executive Secretary of the Sleepy Lagoon Defense Committee. The committee was formed to protect the rights of a group of young Mexican-Americans who were falsely convicted of murder.

Her efforts on their behalf were depicted in the well-known play *Zoot Suit*, and the documentary about her, *From Sleepy Lagoon to Zoot Suit*.

Since 1984, Alice McGrath has organized and led delegations of United States citizens to observe conditions in Nicaragua and to facilitate academic research in its political processes. In 1990, she began to deliver donated pharmaceuticals to the children's hospital in Managua. Alice McGrath has made more than 80 trips to Nicaragua.

At home, Alice McGrath developed and managed the Pro Bono Program of the Ventura County Bar Association and coordinated volunteer services at the Ventura County Superior Court.

Not surprisingly, Alice McGrath has received numerous honors for her work on behalf of others, including the Woman of Distinction Award from Soroptimist International of the

Americas, Human Rights Award from the Bahai Community of Ventura County, Cruz Reynoso Award of the American Bar Association of Los Angeles County, and Community Hero Award from the Ventura County Diversity Board.

Studs Terkel devoted a chapter to her in his book *Coming of Age*, and Debra Sands Miller did the same in her book *Independent Women*. Her oral history has been recorded for posterity by the UCLA Research Library.

Mr. Speaker, I have been a strong supporter of Interface Children Family Services for more than twenty years. The work of the organization and its volunteers has bettered the lives of countless families in my community. I know my colleagues will join me in congratulating Alice McGrath for the honor she so richly deserves and thank her for decades of helping others.

#### REFORM OF THE 1872 MINING LAW

### HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, last week the Budget Committee held a hearing on my legislation H.R. 3221, the Corporate Welfare Commission Act. The Committee heard testimony from several witnesses including members of Congress about the most egregious examples of unnecessary and wasteful subsidies to industry. While members of Congress have mixed feelings about many of the items other members consider corporate welfare, there is virtual unanimity in the belief that the 1872 Mining Law needs reform.

The 1872 Mining Law was enacted to promote mineral exploration and development on federal lands in the western United States and to encourage settlers to move west. This law granted free access to individuals and corporations to prospect for minerals on public lands. Once a discovery was made, they were allowed to stake a claim on the deposit.

The law works this way:

Once the prospector does some exploration work on public land, he may stake a claim on an area that he believes to contain a valuable mineral. The price of holding such a claim is \$100 per claim per year.

If the prospector spends at least \$500 on development work on the parcel and the claimed mineral deposit is determined to be economically recoverable, the claim holder may file a patent application for the title to surface and mineral rights.

If the application is approved, the claimant may purchase surface and mineral rights for between \$2.50 and \$5.00 an acre. These amounts have not been adjusted since 1872.

There is no limit on the number of claims a person can locate, nor is there a requirement that mineral production ever commence.

And as if this policy were not bad enough, the 1872 Mining Law lets mining companies extract the minerals without paying a royalty. This is unlike all other resources taken from public lands. For example, oil, gas and coal industries operating on the public lands pay a 12.5 percent royalty on gross income of the operation. On tribal lands, the average royalty paid for copper was 13 percent. In the private sector, gold royalties range from 5 to 18 percent.

As an unnecessary subsidy, this policy should have been reformed long ago. But the harm of this policy does not end with wasteful government support for the mining industry. Once the land has been exploited, the environmental damage is the additional price that taxpayers are forced to pay. Over the past century, irresponsible mining operators have devastated over half a million acres of land through carelessness and abandoned mines. According to the EPA, waste from mining operations has polluted more than 12,000 miles of our nations waterways and 180,000 acres of lakes and reservoirs.

My amendment to the FY 2001 Interior Appropriations Bill, which was rejected by the Rules Committee, would impose a 5 percent royalty on all hard rock minerals mined from public lands. The funds generated from the royalty would be devoted entirely to environmental cleanup of these mining sites. The amendment would also make the current one year moratorium on the issuance of mining patents permanent (the current moratorium has been extended each year over the past five years).

Mr. Speaker, this policy is in need of repair and reform. I am disappointed that the Rules Committee did not allow for House consideration of my amendment. I will continue to work with my colleagues to reform this outdated and wasteful policy.

#### HONORING MS. VALERIE BEASCOCHEA

### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize the accomplishments of an outstanding student, Valerie Beascochea. Her sharp mind and strong work ethic recently won her the high distinction of being named the United States National Collegiate Award winner in Nursing. In addition, Valerie will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Collegiate Yearbook in recognition of her academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibilities, enthusiasm, citizenship, attitude, motivation to learn and dependability.

What makes these accomplishments even more remarkable is that Valerie is a wife and a mother of two. Her ability to successfully juggle the rigors of school, work and family underscores the significance of these outstanding achievements. She is a model that other students should follow and one that will be sure to achieve great things for the good of our community. She has proven to be an asset to her school, community, state and nation.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I say congratulations to Valerie Beascochea on a truly exceptional accomplishment. Due to her dedicated service and integrity, it is clear that Colorado is a better place. We are all proud of Valerie.

HAILING GENERAL SERRANO, VALIANT DRUG FIGHTER AND GREAT FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES

### HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I praise General Rosso Jose Serrano on his retirement as head of the Colombian National Police (CNP) as a valiant drug fighter and great friend of the United States. He will be hard to replace.

General Serrano saved countless American families from the nightmare of drug addiction. For this, we owe him a debt of gratitude.

In his nearly 40 years as a policeman in Colombia, General Serrano has fought corruption and drug traffickers and made the CNP the model of Latin American police agencies. Through his tireless and selfless leadership, General Serrano won the support of the Colombian people and the world for his valiant police officers, more than 5,000 of whom have died in the last 10 years in Colombia's drug-financed civil war.

General Serrano destroyed the powerful Medellin and Cali drug cartels. When finally provided with the Black Hawk utility helicopters, Serrano's CNP officers began inflicting massive damage on narco-terrorists, producing significant results in destroying cocaine labs and reducing opium and coca leaf crops.

I invite our colleagues to join in wishing General Serrano and his family our sincerest best wishes for a long, happy, and healthy retirement. We hope that he will continue to serve the international community by sharing his years of expertise through such institutions as the planned International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) for the Americas.

#### RECOGNITION OF CARMEN SCIALABBA

### HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to share with my colleagues the attached newspaper article describing an achievement award recently bestowed upon a long-time member of my staff, Carmen Scialabba, by his high school alma mater. It is a fitting tribute to an extraordinary individual and I hope you will take the time to read it.

Many of you recognize or have gotten to know Carmen over the 24 years he has worked with me. He is a patient and tireless attendee of appropriations hearings and mark-ups and has been absolutely indispensable in his role as Associate Staff, handling all manner of appropriations-related issues as well as a wide array of constituent services. He has been an indispensable aide, conceiving numerous economic development projects with me and overseeing them to their fruition, to the benefit of countless workers and families back home in Pennsylvania.

Many of you probably do not know, however, the heroic story of how Carmen Scialabba has overcome the harshest adversities, beginning in his early childhood when the

untimely death of his mother landed him and his brothers in an orphanage while his father went off to war.

You may not know that he had enlisted in the Marine Corps and become a champion boxer before he was tragically stricken with polio and collapsed before a fight at the height of his career.

You may not know how he overcame his debilitating illness to raise four daughters as a single parent after their young mother succumbed to leukemia; how he fought against appalling prevailing attitudes toward the disabled to be able to attend college, ultimately earning a masters degree; how he made a difference to hundreds of young students as a high school history teacher; how he then served his community as a local magistrate before he joined me in coming to Washington to help the people of Pennsylvania in yet another capacity.

He has been fighting for years to eradicate institutional discrimination against the disabled. Whether it involves helping a single long-suffering Veteran to obtain needed rehabilitation services and regain self-sufficiency or developing partnerships with employers and vocational rehabilitation facilities to help employ people with special needs, he has been a tireless advocate for "leveling the playing field" for the economic, as well as the physically, disadvantaged.

His passionate advocacy for 'doing the right thing' and his blunt, no-nonsense demeanor have earned him a somewhat fearsome reputation befitting a champion prizefighter. They've coined an expression in Washington. It is known as being "Carmenized," and they say you certainly know when it has happened to you. Yet to those who know him best he is a gentle soul with an enormous heart of gold.

I realize such achievements and praise are usually only associated with high-profile public servants. Carmen has never been high-profile. A true product of the blue-collar hardscrabble steel and coal regions of Pennsylvania from which he hails, he has set about his extraordinary life with near-Biblical humility. He has never once lost sight of his guiding belief that his purpose in life is to serve others and that, although life is certainly not always fair, everyone deserves fair treatment by their government as well as their fellow man.

Again, I am glad to be able to share the attached article with my colleagues and submit it for inclusion in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD so that history will remember the life and work of this consummate public servant as staff to the United States Congress.

[From the Eagle, June 9, 2000]

POLIO CAN'T KEEP '53 GRAD DOWN—CARMEN SCIALABBA WINS PRESTIGIOUS BHS AWARD  
(By Shari Kitzmiller)

BUTLER TWP—Base your life on what you can do for other people, not what they can do for you.

That's the doctrine that has gotten Butler alumnus Carmen Scialabba where he is today.

It's also the attitude that has earned him a prestigious award from his high school alma mater.

Scialabba was named the 21st recipient of the Butler School District Distinguished Graduate Award during commencement ceremonies Wednesday night.

He is a 1953 graduate of the school.

High school Principal Dale Lumley said recipients are not invited to attend commence-

ment because it usually is too hard for those who no longer live in the Butler area to guarantee they can make it.

Winners are notified after the announcement is made public.

A committee of students picked Scialabba from more than 50 nominees.

Scialabba lives in Silver Spring, Md., with his second wife.

Scialabba's first wife, Janice Ann Collins, died in 1979. She also was a Butler graduate.

Receiving the award is an honor, he said, because a teacher he admired—Margaret Puff—also won the award in 1986.

Puff was a geography teacher in the district who sparked Scialabba's interest in the subject, he said.

"Because of her, I got my master's in geography," he said.

Since that time, Scialabba has led a busy life.

A current associate staff member for the U.S. House of Representatives and a top aide to U.S. Rep. John Murtha of Johnstown, Scialabba started his career in the House in 1975.

Prior to that time, he served as a district magistrate in Johnstown. He also was a junior high history teacher in the Johnstown public school system.

A former Marine, Scialabba once thought he was destined for a professional boxing career.

In 1956 he represented the U.S. Marine Corps in the Southwest Olympic Trial. In 1959, he gained the ALL U.S. Marine Corps Lightweight Boxing Champion title and represented the Corps in the Pan American trials.

He began his professional boxing career when he left the Marines and was named Ring Magazine's Prospect of the Month in August 1960.

His career was cut short just a year later, however, when he was diagnosed with polio. The illness left him paralyzed from the waist down.

But he didn't let his paralysis keep him from achieving his goals. Told he would never walk again, he fought against medical odds and learned to walk with leg braces.

That was just the start of his fight for the rights of the disabled.

Scialabba has taken his personal experience and used it to help others in similar situations.

He is working to get rewarding jobs for Americans who currently are receiving disability compensation because they have been unable to get employment.

"I want to form a non-profit group to talk to industry people to convince them it's wise to hire people with disabilities," Scialabba said, "I have a few members already in place. We're getting there, but we're not quite there yet."

He also has worked with engineers at Penn State University to create what he affectionately calls the "Lazy Carmen."

The invention, which he uses in this office at work, allows him to turn 360 degrees in his wheelchair without having to do it manually.

"It takes a lot of effort to turn this thing around," Scialabba said of his wheelchair. "Lazy Carmen" saves a lot of energy and a lot of time."

More information on the invention can be found on Penn State's Web site at [www.psu.edu](http://www.psu.edu).

Scialabba said the invention is not yet ready to market, but he is looking for a manufacturer for the product.

Aside from his desire to help the disabled, Scialabba has some advice for the graduating class at Butler High School.

"This may sound kind of corny, but work awful hard," he said.

He also encourages the graduates to help those who can't help themselves because it builds good character.

"I've tried to frame my life around what I can do for other people, not what they can do for me," Scialabba said.

Also stay close to your family, he said, no matter where you life takes you.

Scialabba, who said his brother Nick helped him get into college, is still an important part of his life.

Nick and another brother, Anthony, still live in Butler.

CARMEN SCIALABBA

WHAT: 2000 Butler School District Distinguished Graduate Award recipient.

EDUCATION: 1953 Butler High School graduate; 1966 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown; 1965 history department scholar; master's degree in the arts from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

ORGANIZATIONS: Formed the Johnstown Boxing Club.

EXTRA DUTIES: Serves on the Board of Directors for the Governor's Council for the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation; Operations and Planning Board member; New Partnerships Task Force member for the Hiram G. Andrews Center in Johnstown; Penn State University Review Board of the Institute for Non-Lethal Defense Technology; the City Planning Commission of Johnstown; and the Governor's Council for the Physically Handicapped.

AWARDS AND HONORS: 1974 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Handicapped Person of the Year; 1975 inductee to the Butler Area Sports Hall of Fame; National Guard Ben Franklin Award for dedicated service to Pennsylvania; National Guard Patrick Henry Award for distinguished patriotic service.

HONORING MICHAEL E. MATZNICK FROM THE SIXTH DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 2000

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, with health care reform taking the congressional stage once again, I would like to recognize a constituent and friend of mine from the Sixth District of North Carolina, who will be a key player in the debate. We are proud to announce that a resident of the Sixth District was recently selected as the new president of the National Association of Health Underwriters (NAHU).

Mr. Michael E. Matznick was sworn in as NAHU's president for the 2000–2001 term by Alan Katz, the outgoing president. Michael has been a member of NAHU since 1980. He has served as president of the North Carolina state chapter of NAHU and received its distinguished service award. Michael joined NAHU's board as the vice president of the Southeast region in 1996.

Michael is the president of Med/Flex Benefits Center, Inc., a firm founded in 1986 that specializes in individual and group health insurance, employee benefits plans and Section 125. He has a degree in business administration from Illinois State University, and lives in Greensboro, North Carolina, with his wife Carol and their two sons.

On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, I would like to congratulate Michael Matznick for being selected for this national position. We wish him the best of luck

as he leads the National Association of Health Underwriters into the twenty first century.

GUAM'S YOUTH MONTH ISLAND  
LEADERSHIP DAY

**HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, each year, Guam's Department of Education celebrates April as Youth Month with several activities, including an oratorical contest, a student exchange program, a school showcase, a youth conference, and the much-anticipated Island Leadership Day, during which students assume the roles of Guam's public, private, and military leaders for a day. In coordination with these sectors of our community, the activity gives middle- and high-school students the opportunity to play "boss" at participating offices and agencies. From senators and company accountants to military colonels and hospital nurses, selected students shadow such career men and women to experience an entire day's work.

On the morning of April 26, 2000, three high school students looking sharp and studious, ready to take on the challenge, walked in my office. They were Guam's student Washington Delegate William B. Jones, a senior from George Washington High School, Jonathan Pador, also a GW senior, who was my student District Director, and Madelene Marinas, a senior from the Academy of Our Lady of Guam, who was my student Communications Director. Their eagerness—tempered by a not surprising bit of nervousness—took me back to my own high school days and to the very first Island Leadership Day, for which I earned the privilege to be a senator for a day.

After arriving at the legislative session hall on that day in 1964, I made a bee line for the desk of my hero, Senator Antonio B. Won Pat, who, in 1965, was elected as Guam's first delegate to Congress. In 1972, Congress recognized the Guam delegate and Mr. Won Pat served in that office until 1984. Perhaps without realizing it, I took my dreams a step further and began setting my goals on that first Island Leadership Day in 1964. To the extent that Island Leadership Day is intended to introduce and inspire students to leadership positions in the community, I am proud to say that I was among many over the years who were inspired.

With the enthusiastic support of Guam's public, private and military sectors, more than 300 students from nearly every public, private and DoDEA middle and high school took part in Island Leadership Day 2000. At the Office of the Governor, in the pre-existing official order of precedence, Student Lieutenant Governor Ellen Randall, an Academy of Our Lady of Guam senior, had the opportunity to double as the Acting Governor of Guam. Her student special assistant that day was Bishop Baumgartner Middle School student, Maya Lujan. Meanwhile, at the Guam Legislature, the Student Speaker, Lourena Yco, also of Bishop Baumgartner, was also Guam's Student Acting Lieutenant Governor. In all, thousands of Guam's students participated in the various activities of Youth Month, each planned and coordinated by student leaders

themselves. In particular, the Youth Month Central Planning Committee, was made up of students from Southern High School, specifically Cherika Chargualaf, president; Jermaine Alerta, vice president; Erwin Agar, secretary; Joseph Cruz, treasurer; and Angela Tamayo, activities coordinator. In having planned and executed a very impressive and successful schedule of varied events, our youth genuinely embodied in this year's Youth Month theme, "I Manhoben i Isla-ta, i Fuetsan i Tiempo-ta—The Youth of Our Island, the Strength of Our Time."

Our youth are the stepping stones toward a bright future. Oftentimes we hear that children are our future. And indeed they are. Today they play our roles, but tomorrow those roles will be theirs. Seeing these success-bound students taking roles in the different career areas gives me a wonderful vision of Guam's future.

HONORING DR. R. DOUGLAS YAJKO

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I consider it a personal privilege and honor to offer this tribute in acknowledgment of Dr. R. Douglas Yajko, an avid hunter and great humanitarian. Recently, Dr. Yajko was recognized by the Safari Club International as the recipient of the highest award given to hunters, the Hunting Hall of Fame Award. The award is given to a member of the SCI who has had noteworthy contributions to the organizations.

Dr. Yajko has spent a lifetime working on behalf of hunters from around the world. His contributions to the hunting community have helped hunters everywhere educate the public about the nuances of hunting and wildlife. Dr. Yajko has participated in an array of associations, including the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, International Sheep Hunters Association, Boone and Crockett Club, and the National Rifle Association. In addition, the good doctor founded the SCI's Upper Colorado River Chapter in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, and served as president for five years. Dr. Yajko has been an avid hunter since his early childhood and has traveled to six continents in which he has successfully taken over 16 dozen distinct big game animals, many of which qualified as SCI records for trophy animals.

Although Dr. Yajko hunting exploits are formidable, his contributions to the medical community are probably more impressive. A general, vascular and thoracic surgeon, Dr. Yajko has been a committed surgeon in my district for more than 25 years, and has been published in various medical journals during that time.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I say thank you and congratulations to Dr. Yajko for his life of service and success. Colorado is proud—and fortunate—to call him its own.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFFEL**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. HOFFFEL. Mr. Speaker, last night I missed two votes on procedural motions numbered 255 and 256. I was attending my son's graduation from high school. If present, I would have voted "aye" on both motions.

IN HONOR OF LARRY AND  
BARBARA MEISTER

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Larry and Barbara Meister, whose many years of volunteer service to the people of Ventura County, CA, in my district, will be recognized this weekend at the Interface Children Family Services' Tribute Dinner.

Larry and Barbara Meister have dedicated their lives to the values of education, charity, and compassion and have served as role models by leading and supporting many charitable causes.

Some of the organizations that have benefited from their dedication are Interface, Ventura Education Partnership, Jewish Family Service, Casa Pacifica, Rubicon Theatre Company, New West Symphony, Ventura Boys & Girls Club, Foster Library, and several local hospitals.

Through their commitment to their Jewish Heritage, Larry and Barbara Meister have received Temple Beth Torah's highest honor. The Meister Scholarship Fund—Youth Trip to Israel has sent 18 students to Israel in the past 13 years.

The social hall at Temple Beth Torah, the boardroom at Casa Pacifica, and the lobby at the Rubicon Theatre Company have been named in honor of Barbara and Larry Meister.

Barbara Meister has served on the board of Casa Pacifica and is a cofounder of its Angels program. She also has served on the boards of Community Memorial Healthcare Foundation and United Jewish Appeal Women's Division. She was chair of the Rubicon Theatre Company's Education Outreach Program. She is a member of Hadassah, National Council of Jewish Women, the National Women's Political Caucus, and the Ventura County Community Foundation's Women's Legacy Fund Grants Advisory Committee. The latter organization recently established the Barbara Meister Fund for Women.

Larry Meister is a successful business leader as President and CEO of Barber Ford/Volkswagen/Isuzu and Barber Recreation Vehicles. He has received the Ford Distinguished Achievement Award for 32 years and the North American Customer Satisfaction Award for the past 5 years. He was recently awarded the prestigious President's Award from Ford Motor Co. for the second time. He has also supported a host of charitable organizations' events.

Mr. Speaker, I have been a strong supporter of Interface Children Family Services for more than 20 years. The work of the organization

and its volunteers has bettered the lives of countless families in my community. I know my colleagues will join me in congratulating Larry and Barbara Meister for the honor they so richly deserve and thank them for decades of dedication to others.

#### HOGAN FAMILY REUNION

### HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to honor and recognize the descendants of the city of Hogansville, GA, as they set aside June 15–18, 2000, to have the second, ever, Hogan Family Reunion. The founding father, William Hogan, established a one-man plantation in the 1930's which encompassed much of the current town of Hogansville.

William Hogan's efforts to stimulate the local economy began by ceding the right of way to the Atlanta and West Railroad, which eventually led to the town being chartered in 1870.

William had 18 children, accounting for 11 lines of descendants. Representatives of nine of those lines from 11 states, along with the entire town of Hogansville are invited to share in the festivities as Hogansville remembers its founding father, William Hogan.

Frances Hogan Moss, following in the footsteps of her father, William Hogan, Jr., has been instrumental in coordinating the reunion and is looking forward to the momentous occasion.

#### TRIBUTE TO RANDOLPH D. SMOAK, JR., M.D.

### HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Dr. Randolph D. Smoak, Jr., a renowned surgeon from Orangeburg, South Carolina. Tomorrow, June 14, Dr. Smoak will be inaugurated as 155th President of the American Medical Association (AMA) at its annual convention in Chicago, Illinois. A member of the AMA Board of Trustees since 1992, Dr. Smoak has been a member of its Executive Committee since 1994. Dr. Smoak currently chairs the American Medical Accreditation Program (AMAP) Governing Body, and is lead spokesperson for AMA's anti-smoking campaign. He served as AMA Commissioner to the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) from 1996–1999 and as the AMA's official representative to the National Health Council since 1994.

Born in Bamberg, South Carolina, Dr. Smoak received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of South Carolina (USC) in Columbia, and his medical degree from the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) in Charleston. After completing his internship at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia, and residency training at the University of Texas Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, he returned to his home state to establish a surgical practice.

Dr. Smoak's dedication to organized medicine has been evident through his years of service on the state and national level. He has served in virtually every leadership capacity in the South Carolina medical community, including President of SCMA, Chair of the SCMA Political Action Committee, and President of the South Carolina Medical Care Foundation. He is a founding member of the South Carolina Oncology Society and served from 1992 to 1998 as Governor to the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Smoak is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a diplomat of the American Board of Surgery. He is a clinical professor of surgery at the Medical University of South Carolina and clinical associate professor of surgery at the USC School of Medicine. Dr. Smoak's involvement in civic activities includes service as President of the South Carolina Division of the American Cancer Society, a member of the Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College Foundation Board, and Lt. Governor of Carolina's Kiwanis Club.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Dr. Randolph D. Smoak for his meritorious service, indelible leadership, and unparalleled devotion in the field of medicine, and his continued success as the President of the American Medical Association.

#### IN HONOR OF RICHARD DIBARI ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE JERSEY CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

### HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Richard Di Bari on his retirement from the Jersey City Police Department after 29 years of serving and protecting the public.

Officer Di Bari began his career in 1971 as a foot patrolman. Since then, he has served with distinction and honor in a variety of positions, including scooter patrol, motorcycle radar instruction and enforcement, breathalyzer operator, grant writer, patrol officer, staff member of Support Services, Chief's office staff, and day tour desk assistant.

For three decades, Officer Di Bari has worked tirelessly to serve his community. His career reflects the character and dedication police officers require to succeed at meeting the considerable challenges of police work. This degree of dedication is based on a simple truth: the police have an obligation to serve and protect; and a community only prospers when its citizens are enabled to work and live in safety. Officer Di Bari understands this truth, and he lives by it.

He has received a commendation, a valor award FOP, a Motorcycle Unit Citation, and has been awarded four times for excellent police service.

I ask my colleagues to join me as I honor Richard Di Bari for his distinguished 29-year career as a police officer.

#### THE RETIREMENT OF JOHN BURKE

### HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call to the attention of our colleagues the retirement of an outstanding teacher who dedicated his life to helping his students.

John Burke has influenced the lives of so many and is a man of great character and notoriety. He is looked upon with great respect and honor in the teaching profession.

Since 1967, John has served the Nanuet School District in Nanuet, New York, beginning his career as a Business Law Teacher. After serving as a business teacher for six years, he then became Nanuet's Assistant Principal from 1973–1978. From 1978 to the present he has served as Principal of Nanuet High School.

In 1994, John Burke was awarded the Robert J. Drennan Administrator of the Year Award from Rockland School Administrators Association. In addition to that John has other outstanding accomplishments such as the M.B.W.A., a degree in administration, known as Management By Walking Around, and two degrees. In addition to being principal, John has been involved in the school's extra-curricular activities. He established the L.E.N.S (Leadership Exchange for Network Students) program.

John's students have said: "Through the years you have always come to our games to cheer us on, to applaud our plays, to sing along with us at our concerts; wherever we look you were there to support us. If we were involved, you were involved. You have shown this affectionate concern with us and the Nanuet community. Our parents trust you and believe that we children are safe with you. We thank you for your invisible warm hands."

Mr. Speaker, I invite our colleagues to join in extending a warm thank you to John Burke for his dedication, his support, faithfulness, and love for his students, community, and his job. Well done John!

#### RABBI DR. H. JOSEPH SIMCKES AND CHANA SIMCKES

### HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and honor Rabbi Dr. H. Joseph and Chana Simckes on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of their association with the Hollis Hills Jewish Center. It is with great pride that I pay tribute to two people who I have known closely, and with whom I have worked with on numerous issues critical to the Jewish community and beyond. Joseph and Chana Simckes have made the Jewish sage Hillel's ancient dictum, "Do not separate yourself from the community," a living guide for their lives and the basis for their continuing efforts to promote social justice and human dignity from within and beyond the walls of the synagogue.

Rabbi Simckes has been an exemplary spiritual leader, teaching Jewish values and providing moral guidance by his personal example, and I confidently expect that he will continue to be a source of leadership, learning

and compassion for his congregation. Rabbi Simckes came to the Hollis Hills Jewish Center from a pulpit in Massachusetts and has been an energetic community leader in Jewish philanthropy, Jewish education and pro-Israel advocacy. Holding a doctorate in Pastoral Counseling, with experience in psychotherapy, Rabbi Simckes has been a source of counsel and comfort for hundreds of my constituents, sharing his great wisdom and boundless compassion.

Equally, Chana Simckes has won the hearts and respect of the Hollis Hills Jewish Center, and the larger Jewish community beyond, through her commitment and involvement in sustaining Jewish continuity and values. A refugee from Nazi Germany, Chana Simckes has embodied the American dream: graduating from Columbia University, succeeding as a professional in Jewish education, and rising to the leadership of numerous Jewish community organizations, all while raising a growing family.

Joseph and Chana Simckes have elevated and improved the lives of their community, providing those around them with guidance, education, support and leadership. Stalwart advocates of social action, tireless champions of the Jewish people and the values of the Torah, I am honored to share with this House their marvelous example, and to hold them up for the recognition they both so richly deserve.

REGARDING THE SMALL BUSINESS  
SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING ON  
EMPOWERMENT ZONES

**HON. DAVID D. PHELPS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. PHELPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of Empowerment Zones, and strongly encourage my colleagues to support this worthwhile program. Recently, the Small Business Subcommittee on Rural Enterprises, Business Opportunities and Special Small Business Problems, of which I am a member, held a hearing to discuss the benefits of Empowerment Zones and the need to authorize funding for Round II EZs.

The EZ and Enterprise Communities (EC) program, target federal grants to distressed urban and rural communities for social services and community redevelopment, and provide tax and regulatory relief intended to attract and retain businesses in these areas. The enacting legislation designated 104 communities as either EZs or ECs. As a part of this program, each urban and rural EZ receives \$100 million and \$40 million, respectively, in flexible Social Service Block Grant (SSBG) funds. In addition, qualifying EZ employers are entitled to a 20% credit on the first \$15,000 of wages paid to certain qualified zone employees.

The district I represent in Southern Illinois is home to the Southernmost Illinois Delta Empowerment Zone (SIDEZ). SIDEZ, is one of only eight rural empowerment zones in the United States, and provides a much needed economic boost to Southern Illinois. Currently, SIDEZ is working on community and economic development in seven areas. Those seven goals are, Infrastructure, Economic Development, Tourism Development, Stronger Unity/

Sense of Community, Life-long Learning and Education, Housing and Health Care.

The enactment of EZ/EC legislation brought about an innovative, 10-year program to reduce urban and rural poverty and distress. I have seen how effective and well utilized these programs have been and I urge my colleagues to support full funding of current and future Empowerment Zones.

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTOPHER STONE  
"KIT" DOVE

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kit Dove, an outstanding environmental activist of California's San Mateo County coast who passed away on April 20, 2000, and who will be honored in a public memorial service at Quarry Park in El Granada, California on June 17, 2000.

Mr. Dove was very active in politics since he first moved to the Coastside with his family in 1980. He served as a board member and President of the Granada Sanitary District in the 1980's, and more recently, he served on the San Mateo County Agricultural Advisory Committee. In 1986, he was a co-author of the successful San Mateo County Measure A, a growth control measure for the unincorporated areas of the Coastside. In 1994, he helped pass the Coastal Protection Initiative which closed certain loopholes in Measure A.

I had the honor of working closely with Kit to form the Midcoast Community Council in 1991 and I was always impressed with this passion and tireless dedication to the Coastside and environmental preservation. He was subsequently elected to serve on the first Midcoast Community Council and was chosen to be Chairman.

Kit Dove was not only active in politics, he was also active in getting others to participate in the public arena. Numerous Coastside environmentalists and elected officials have credited Kit with their own activism in politics, environmental issues and public participation in the community. His wisdom and ability to bring together diverse groups of individuals made him a much sought after advisor and a well respected member of the Coastside community.

Mr. Speaker, Kit Dove was a very kind, selfless man dedicated to his family and his community. Anyone who ever came in contact with him gained a greater appreciation for the environment. He lives on through his two children, through his devoted wife Mary and through all of us who were fortunate to have known him.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to a wonderful man who lived a life of purpose and to extend our deepest sympathy to Mary Freeman Dove and the entire Dove family.

IN HONOR OF LEONARD AND LUPE  
ORTIZ

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Leonard and Lupe Ortiz, whose devotion to

the people and culture of Ventura County, CA, in my district, will be recognized this weekend at the Interface Children Family Services' Tribute Dinner.

Leonard and Lupe Ortiz have lived in Ventura County their entire lives and are close personal friends. They raised four children here, three of which continue to live in Ventura County. In 1952, the Ortiz family launched Ortiz Trucking, which flourished. While building and running a successful business and raising and nurturing a fine family, Leonard and Lupe Ortiz also made time to dedicate themselves to their community.

Leonard Ortiz has served on the boards of Interface, the United Way, Easter Seals, and Community Memorial Hospital. He has been a member of the Sheriff's Posse, which is involved in search and rescue operations. He is now a member of the newly formed La Voz—Voice of Santa Paula. Its goal is to preserve the history of Santa Paula and promote its development.

Lupe Ortiz has served on the Fine Arts Committee of the Ventura County Museum of History and Art. She has also assisted the fundraising efforts of several charitable organizations, including Interface and Easter Seals.

Their tireless commitment to enrich the lives of their family and their neighbors deserves our deep appreciation.

Mr. Speaker, I have been a strong supporter of Interface Children Family Services for more than twenty years. The work of the organization and its volunteers has bettered the lives of countless families in my community. I know my colleagues will join me in congratulating Leonard and Lupe Ortiz for the honor they so richly deserve and thank them for decades of helping others.

SUPPORTING CHILD CARE  
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of increasing the Child Care Development block grant by \$417 million in order to meet the dire needs of our children and families.

How in the world do we expect single women to get a job and become self sufficient if affordable and adequate child care is not available?

Reliable and quality child care is necessary for the healthy development of our children and for parents' productivity at work.

I was in the California State Senate when the Welfare Reform Bill was signed into law. Then, I adamantly opposed the bill because I knew that while most women on Welfare want to work, they do not have affordable and accessible child care.

I was on the Conference Committee in the State Senate that negotiated the California Plan. Over and over again we heard testimony from women who pleaded with us to provide resources for child care so that they could go to work. While we directed additional resources for child care, today there are still over 200,000 families on the waiting list in California.

In many states, parents pay more than 10 percent of their income for child care. Women

who make minimum or low wages can not afford 10 percent of their income for child care. Yet, welfare reform has forced women to take low paying jobs to meet the very stringent work requirements that the Congress has imposed. And now, we want to reduce even further these meager resources to low-income working families who need it now, more than ever.

I raised 2 boys as a single parent. I will never forget the long waiting lists, being told there were not enough slots for my kids and then, when I could find decent child care, I couldn't afford it. And, that was in the 70's and 80's.

This country is enjoying an incredible economic boom, and in the dawn of a new century, we can certainly establish children as our priority. We must do whatever it takes to find the resources to ensure the future.

It is unconscionable that in the year 2000 families must choose between food, clothing, housing, or child care. We can and we must do better.

Also, in no way, in the year 2000 should we be reducing the number of children being served in child care centers. This debate really does go to our fundamental values, our most basic priorities. Do we care about our children's future or not?

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from the chamber today during rollcall votes No. 257 and No. 258. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 257 and "yea" and rollcall vote No. 258.

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#### PRESIDENT PUTIN'S VISIT TO MOLDOVA

### HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, President Putin of Russia continues to maintain a heavy schedule of international visits. Among the several destinations, he is scheduled to visit Moldova later this week.

The Republic of Moldova is located principally between the Prut River on the west and the Dniestr River to the east, between Romania and Ukraine. A sliver of the country, the "left bank" or "Transdnistria" region, extends beyond the Dniestr River and borders with Ukraine. The 4.3 million population in Moldova is 65 percent ethnic Romanian, with significant Ukrainian and Russian minorities. Gagauz, Bulgarians, Roma, and Jews constitute the bulk of the remainder.

While Moldova and Romania were united between World Wars I and II, following seizure by the Soviets in World War II, Moldova became a Soviet "republic." When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, Moldova gained its independence and is now an internationally-recognized sovereign state, a member of the

United Nations, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, and a host of other international organizations.

When Moldova became independent, there were approximately 15,000 Soviet troops of the 14th Army based in the Transdnistria region of Moldova. In 1992, elements of these troops helped pro-Soviet elements establish a separatist state in Transdnistria, the so-called Dniestr Moldovan Republic. This state, unrecognized and barely changed from the Soviet era, continues to exist and defy the legitimate authorities of Moldova.

Meanwhile, elements of the former Soviet army, now the Russian army, remained in Transdnistria after the collapse of the Soviet Union. Renamed the Operational Group of Forces, they presently number about 2,500. The Moldovan Government has wanted the troops to leave, and the Russians keep saying they are going to leave. The Moldovan and Russian Governments signed an agreement in 1994 according to which Russian forces would withdraw in three years. Obviously, that deadline has passed. Russia was supposed to remove her forces from Moldova as a part of the Council of Europe accession agreement in February 1996.

In fact, language in the declaration of the 1999 OSCE Istanbul Summit insists that Russia remove its military arsenals from Moldova by December 2001 and its forces by December 2002. This latest OSCE language enhances language included in the 1994 Budapest document and the 1996 Lisbon document calling for complete withdrawal of the Russian troops.

Mr. Speaker, there is no legitimate security reason for the Russian Government to continue to base military forces on the territory of a sovereign state that wishes to see them removed. This relatively small contingent of troops is a vestige of the Cold War. I would add also that the United States Government has agreed to help finance some of the moving costs for the Russian equipment. I would hope President Putin will assure his hosts in Moldova that the Russian forces will be removed in accordance with the OSCE deadline, if not earlier.

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#### CONGRATULATING MICHAEL & COLLEENA MCHUGH

### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. McHugh of Belmont, California for their actions of good will. Colleena and Michael McHugh were on a weekend visit to Los Angeles when they spotted a van that had been profiled on a news report as belonging to a known kidnapper. Colleena reported the van to authorities on her wireless phone and was asked by the dispatcher to keep a close distance until California Highway Patrol units could take over. The couple kept the van in sight for about 40 miles before police began their pursuit and eventually made an arrest.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to honor the McHugh's for making California safer. Because of their assistance in this emergency situation they are also being honored by the

Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association with the Wireless Samaritan Award. This award is given to individuals from each state across the country recognizing the contributions heroic individuals make to their communities. The McHugh's have more than earned this award for their exemplary civic service. I'm proud to represent them and I salute them for the distinction they bring to California's 14th Congressional District.

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#### IN MEMORY OF JOSHUA MYRON

### HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sorrow that I rise to inform my colleagues of the recent passing of a remarkable individual in my 20th Congressional District of New York who devoted his life to his work, family, and the Jewish community.

Joshua Myron was born in Rishon le Zion, Israel in 1897. He attended the Talmud Torah, where he received his Jewish education. Upon graduation, he moved to Jerusalem to enter the Secular Lemel School and the famous David Yellin Hebrew Institute, the best secular school for higher education.

In 1916, Joshua volunteered as a member of the first Jewish Brigade in the British Army to chase out the Turkish Army from Palestine. He persevered to become company sergeant in charge of transport. After his army service, he helped to get arms for the Jewish underground group so that they could effectively fight the Arabs at that time.

Upon his honorable discharge from the Army he moved to the United States to further advance his education. He entered the Albany College of Pharmacy and graduated with a pharmaceutical chemist degree. He stayed in pharmacy until his retirement in 1967.

He met his wife, Sybil, in New York City. Together, they had one daughter, Naomi, who has presented Joshua and his wife with three grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Although Sybil passed away many years ago, he never remarried. He resided in Suffern, NY, since 1938.

Joshua became an active member of The Congregation Sons of Israel 45 years ago. He held the job of Gabai, a Member of the Religious Committee Board of Trustees, a Member of the Chevra Kidisha (Burial Society) and received a testimonial award from Israel Bonds in 1985. He was a member for a long time in AIPAC, a congregational UJA chairman for 25 years, and a contributing member to many Jewish Organizations especially those which help out in the cause of Israel.

He was buried in Suffern, New York on June 11, 2000 by the Congregation Sons of Israel.

Joshua is survived by his daughter: Naomi Scheuer. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Marcus Lubin, Eve Lubin, and Abigail Scheuer and four great grandchildren, Caroline, Emily, Alexander Lubin and Ella Atema. While no words can ease the grief that his family and community must be experiencing, the deep sense of loss many of us are experiencing at the passing of this remarkable individual hopefully will provide some consolation.

Mr. Speaker, I invite our colleagues to join in extending our deepest sympathies to all of

Joshua Myron's many loved ones, and the numerous individuals who were inspired and influenced by this outstanding human being.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD SIMMONS

**HON. MARION BERRY**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who is a dear friend of mine, Richard Simmons, on the occasion of his retirement from elected service to the constituents of State House District 84.

Richard Simmons has served the State of Arkansas and his country all of his life. He graduated from Rector, Arkansas High School in 1959 and later Mississippi State University with a degree in agriculture. In addition to Richard's schooling, he served six years in the Air Force Reserves. He is a lifelong resident of Clay County and has been active in farming since 1965.

Through his years in Arkansas, Richard has been active in state, civic, and community life and has always worked to represent agriculture, the greatest profession ever. He has served on the Clay County Conservation District Board for twenty years. He is currently Vice Chairman of that agency. Richard has also served on the Democratic Central Committee for twenty years and has been the Chairman of the Democratic Central Committee for ten years now.

Richard has been the State Representative from District 84 since 1995 and is unfortunately ending his elected career due to term-limits. He has helped make strides in agriculture and economic development all across Arkansas by serving on the Rules Committee, House Revenue and Taxation Committee, Game and Fish Funding Sub-Committee, and Chairman of the House Agriculture and Economic Development Committee. Richard is also the Chairman of the First District House Caucus.

Richard Simmons resides in Rector, Arkansas, where he grew up. He has devoted his life to agriculture and Arkansas and the world is a better place because of his service. I am proud to call him my friend and I wish him the best of luck in the future and many more years of happiness and service to this great country of ours.

CONGRATULATING RAY AND BETTY WELLS

**HON. MARGE ROUKEMA**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Ray and Betty Wells on their long record of contributions to community service and historic preservation in northern New Jersey. The Wells will be recognized this weekend as the honorees of the annual Rose Ball at the Hermitage, a priceless historic site they have been instrumental in helping preserve and restore. This honor has been prompted not only by Ray and Betty's activities on behalf of the Hermitage, but by their roles as

leading members of our community through their church and many civic organizations as well. They are outstanding examples of the type of people who make Bergen County such a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family.

Ray and Betty Wells have been active supporters of the Hermitage since they chaired the Hunt Breakfast fund-raiser in 1979. Betty has served as a trustee of the Friends of the Hermitage, as a docent and on a number of related committees. Ray has been a member of the Heritage Community Advisory Board and was the architect of the Hermitage Education and Conference Center completed last year.

Built in 1740 in what is now Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ, the Hermitage was the home of Theodosia Prevost, who invited George Washington and his officers to stay at the estate in July 1778, after the Battle of Monmouth. One of Washington's officers, Aaron Burr, became a frequent visitor afterward and eventually proposed marriage to the widow. Guests at the July 2, 1782, wedding included future President James Monroe, Alexander Hamilton, the Marquis de Lafayette, and New Jersey Governor William Paterson.

The Hermitage estate was purchased in 1807 by Dr. Elijah Rosencrantz, one of Bergen County's first physicians and an industrialist who built a cotton mill on the banks of the Hohokus Brook. Rosencrantz's son, Elijah Rosencrantz, Jr., enlarged and improved the original house, resulting in the Gothic Revival mansion we see today. The home remained in the Rosencrantz family until 1970, when it was bequeathed to the State of New Jersey by Mary Elizabeth Rosencrantz upon her death. Today, the estate has been restored as a museum by the nonprofit Friends of the Hermitage and is a National Historic Landmark. Through the Education and Conference Center designed by Ray Wells, the Hermitage provides extensive educational services for the public and through area schools.

In addition to their commendable dedication to the Hermitage, Ray and Betty have been leaders in a wide variety of community activities. Betty has served as an elder, deacon, choir member, Sunday School teacher and president of the Women's Guild at the Old Paramus Reformed Church. Ray has served as a Sunday School teacher, departmental superintendent and member of various building committees during their 46 years of membership in the church.

Betty has served as president of the Paramus Junior Woman's Club, the Paramus Garden Club, the Stony Lane School Parent-Teacher Organization and in several leadership roles with the Paramus Girl Scouts. Ray has been active with Rotary International, serving as president of the Paramus club. He has also been a member of the Paramus Board of Education, served as president of the Paramus Jaycees, a member of the Paramus Chamber of Commerce, with the Bergen County museum and as a member of the Oradell Planning Board.

Betty and Ray are the parents of 6 children, have 18 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. They made their home in Oradell.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating this wonderful couple for all they have done for their community and for the outstanding example they set for all.

TRIBUTE TO RICHLAND "FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY"

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I wish to pay tribute to Mary and Jearl Cobb and Maxine and Gordon Warren, of Richland, Missouri, for demonstrating extraordinary commitment to their community in the effort to obtain a public library.

Mary and Jearl Cobb served successive terms as president of the "Friends of the Library". During this time, they volunteered to become involved in the effort to maintain a public library service for Richland. Long-time Richland residents, Maxine and Gordon Warren, bought the run down Earl Morgan building to rehabilitate and offered it to the library for a minimal annual amount. They also donated \$40,000 to remodel the building and established a \$50,000 annual trust for additional community projects. Once the building was identified, Mary and Jearl Cobb voluntarily dedicated numerous hours to the library project in order to make it a reality. Mary raised over \$100,000 for mechanical equipment, lumber, paint, and other materials and also organized free lunches for the workers. Jearl recruited dozens of volunteers from all branches of the Armed Services stationed nearby and from the community to install air conditioning, siding and plumbing. He personally helped during every phase of the construction overhaul and even drove to St. Louis to pick up furniture donated to the library. The efforts of Mary and Jearl Cobb and Maxine and Gordon Warren have resulted in the new "Maxine Warren Library Building" which was dedicated on April 29, 2000.

Mr. Speaker, these Missourians deserve special recognition for completing an extraordinary job. I know the Members of the House will join me in paying tribute to them for their exceptional efforts.

HONORING RETIRED COMMANDER WILLIAM ROBERT ANDERSON

**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, today I honor retired Commander William Robert Anderson for his service to his Country in both the military and the House of Representatives.

Commander Anderson distinguished himself in combat and scientific accomplishment during his long career in the submarine service. During World War II, he completed a total of 11 submarine wartime patrols and earned a Bronze Star for his assistance in the sinking of 17 cargo-carrying crafts and the rescue of a downed aviator.

In May of 1953, Captain Anderson was granted his first command, the submarine U.S.S. *Wahoo*, and saw even more action during the Korean War. Two years later he would be chosen for another type of command, as head of the Tactical Department at the U.S. Submarine School in New London, Connecticut.

This would not be the end of his sea duty, though. In fact, his most important command and date with history was yet to come. It was actually while Anderson was at the U.S. Submarine School that the United States commissioned its first nuclear submarine, the U.S.S. *Nautilus* on January 17, 1955.

The potential of this new type of submarine brought a need for more officers trained in nuclear operations. And so, Commander Anderson found himself being called into Rear-Admiral H.G. Rickover's office to interview for the program in January of 1956.

He soon found himself recruiting and awaiting a new command. During this time Rickover asked Anderson to devise a method of study for new officers entering the program. This project eventually evolved into the core study program for all nuclear submarine commanders.

It was on April 30, 1957, that Captain Anderson was ordered to assume command of the U.S.S. *Nautilus*. His classified mission was to be ready to take his submarine and crew under the Arctic polar ice cap whenever he received the order.

Known as "Operation Sunshine" by the Navy, this project would challenge both Captain Anderson's leadership skills and his nautical training.

No one had ever succeeded in finding a northern sea passage before, and the lack of information and charts on the pack ice, the inability of normal navigational instruments to operate so near to the magnetic North Pole and other instrumentation problems had to be sorted out and solved—all in the deepest of secrecy.

With the summer of 1957 ending, the crew of the *Nautilus* made its first attempt to traverse the ice pack while submerged. Using special ice detecting sonar, the *Nautilus* started maneuvering around the icebergs. It would not succeed on this attempt or the next one in June of 1958.

The same cannot be said for the third attempt, and on August 3, 1958, Captain Anderson and the crew of the *Nautilus* finally crossed under the North Pole. Upon return to the United States, the entire crew was hon-

ored with a ticker tape parade in New York City, and Anderson was personally awarded the Legion of Merit by President Eisenhower.

Commander Anderson's career continued to flourish—from his serving as an aide to the Secretary of the Navy, Fred Korth, to his appointment as the Director of the National Service Corps, which would be renamed the Peace Corps in later years by President Kennedy.

In 1960, Anderson was even considered as a possible gubernatorial candidate in Tennessee, but he decided to fulfill his 20 year commitment to the Navy. Upon retirement from the Navy, Anderson was elected as the Representative from the Sixth District of Tennessee in 1965, and he continued to serve his constituents for four successive terms in office before retiring to Virginia.

I, for one, am proud of the accomplishments of my fellow Tennessean, William Robert Anderson. For his diligent and long-standing service to this great Country and the State of Tennessee, I would like to return the honor by paying him this tribute to his great accomplishments.

While Commander Anderson now resides in the great state of Virginia, we Tennesseans still choose to claim him as one of our native sons.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY RECOGNIZES DOUGLAS H. NIECE AS THE LONGEST SERVING CUBMASTER IN THE U.S.

### HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 13, 2000*

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Douglas H. Niece, the longest-serving Cubmaster in the United States. For over 50 years, Mr. Niece has made tremendous contributions to our community through his commitment and dedication as the Cubmaster of Pack 61, the oldest Cub Scout pack in Hunterdon County.

In January 1948, several community leaders in Flemington decided to start a Cub Scout

Pack in Hunterdon County. The Pack was founded on the principle of helping young men achieve a sense of self worth and satisfaction from knowing they can accomplish their goals. Today, Pack 61 continues to provide young men with the values and experiences that cultivate discipline and a sense of responsibility; traits that they will carry with them throughout their lives.

Mr. Niece has served as Cubmaster of Pack 61 since its inception over 50 years ago. As Cubmaster he has been a mentor to over 5,000 boys during his extraordinary tenure. Mr. Niece has taught Cub Scouts from Pack 61 the value of community and service to our nation. He has instilled lifelong values that will be used to build a foundation for future growth. Many of Mr. Niece's scouts have continued to serve their communities in a variety of ways, including volunteering their time as a Scouter or Cubmaster.

Mr. Niece is one of the few surviving graduates of the Flemington Children's Choir School, a school founded at the turn of the 20th century to train children to sing in the local church choirs. Even at the age of 80, he leads carolers around Flemington on Christmas morning, singing carols at any home with the porch light on—a tradition begun by the Choir School in the early 1900's.

Mr. Niece is a life-long member of the Flemington Presbyterian Church where he continues to teach Sunday School. He has served as both at Elder and Deacon of the Church and was Superintendent of the Sunday School for over a decade. Several years ago, on Boy Scout Sunday, the church honored him with the "God and Service Award" in recognition of his many years of service and dedication to the youth within the community. Mr. Niece embodies the true spirit of giving and dedication. He has centered his life around service to his community.

Mr. Douglas H. Niece has been, and continues to be, a strong presence in Central New Jersey. I urge all my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Mr. Niece's commitment and dedication to the children of our community.