

for they made the best team.

Like a cowboy ready to draw
Sitting in his electronic easy chair he was
armed with a remote in each hand with
a push of a button it would boost him
to stand.

Chocolates or ice cream along side
he surfed the channels with all of his might.
He watched the TV news that kept him in
light

For lady luck he did look like searching
through the pages of a great new book.
A favorite machine he did have it was the
slot called one-eyed jacks.

Like life, it was a gamble bells and whistles
sometimes would ramble.

His family his pride and joy as if they were
a child's new toy.

He puffed up his chest bigger than the rest.
Filled with love he would always brag.

Like a lion I must boast proudly of this man
we called dad, husband and friend.
Until the very end a handsome Irish
man.

Full of dignity, pride, peace, and grace some-
times as delicate as fine lace, always,
and even with his failing health he
gave us a wealth of gifts to carry in our
hearts.

Numerous wonderful "I Love You's" as if he
couldn't tell us enough from this man
he who sometimes played tough.

Hand dances, singing the Rose of Tralee, con-
versations, or just smiles, and those
beautiful dancing Irish eyes all never
to part.

His golden heart of love stopped beating and
with that a part of ours did too, but his
legacy of love for family, involvement
and vitality for life will continue to be
an inspiration to us.

In life he was teaching us in his passing he
taught us.

Rest in the peace and love of the Lord, Dad,
and meet us at heavens gate when it is
our turn.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 29, 2000

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, on June 22, 23 and 26, 2000, had family commitments and missed rollcall votes 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323 and 324. I ask that the record reflect that had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 315, 316, 317, 318 and 319. Also the record should reflect I would have voted "no" on rollcall votes 320, 321, 322, and "aye" on rollcall vote 323 and "no" on rollcall vote 324.

McNULTY, HIGGINS HONORED FOR OLD KING COAL DAY PROGRAM

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 29, 2000

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Carol McNulty, a teacher at Edward Mackin Elementary School in Wilkes-Barre, and the Newspaper in Education program of the Citizens' Voice, which is run by Debby Higgins. Carol and Debby will be coming to Washington to receive an award from

the Newspaper Association of America for their Old King Coal Day project.

The NAA will present them with one of its Newspaper Innovators in Education Awards on July 14, and they will also be participating in a week-long educational seminar as guests of the NAA. They in turn will present the Old King Coal Day program to Newspapers in Education people from across the country.

This project began as a way to teach a new generation of children about the history of Northeastern Pennsylvania, especially the role that the anthracite coal mining industry played in the region's development. Through the efforts of many people, Old King Coal Day became a reality on Sept. 23, 1999 at Edward Mackin Elementary School.

Students listened to speeches about the Molly Maguires and breaker boys, watched presentations about mining tools and equipment, and learned about the area's coal heritage. The organizers felt the day was a success and are planning a second Old King Coal Day for September at the Pringle Street Elementary School in the Wyoming Valley West School District. This spring, I visited with the students at Mackin elementary and can attest to the enthusiasm Ms. McNulty has generated. Old King Coal Day stimulated the students to seek a postal stamp honoring coal miners. On their behalf, I recently submitted to the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee the petitions that the students circulated, bearing more than 2,000 signatures.

One of the fourth-grade students, Stephen Grobinski, whose great-great-grandfather was killed in a coal mine, wrote an especially moving letter to the head of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee explaining why a coal miners stamp would be important to him. I would like to have this letter reprinted in full below

DEAR DR. VIRGINIA NOELKE: We want you to issue the stamp, because we want to honor the dead miners. How would you feel if your dad, grandpa, uncle, and your friends died in a mine? My great, great grandpa died in the mines. How do you think other people feel? I don't feel happy. They probably feel sad that their dads, grandpas and uncles died.

We did lots of projects for "Old King Coal Day." We did it to honor all the miners. I know somewhere in your heart you feel sad. If you don't, I can't understand why. People say that children can make a difference, and that is our goal.

One thing I want to know is why did you say no to all the people that asked you to issue the stamp? I hope you listen to us. If you say yes, I know that all the little people like me can make a difference in our lives. I said little people could make a difference because all my life I gave up, but this time I'm not going to give up! This is one thing that I want to accomplish! I want a stamp to honor the coal miners. Please, say you will grant my special wish.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN GROBINSKI.

The NAA award, which is a monetary prize, will be shared by the Wilkes-Barre Area School District, which participated in the First Old King Coal Day, and the Citizens' Voice NIE program.

Mr. Speaker, I think it is also worth noting that Carol McNulty has been named The Citizens' Voice Teacher of the Year. Both Carol McNulty and Debby Higgins are to be commended for their fine work with our young people and for ensuring that our history is passed on to future generations.

I also congratulate the Newspaper Association of America for creating this program to encourage newspapers to become more actively involved in schools. Our democracy depends on well-informed citizens, and this program helps to develop our young people into the active citizens of tomorrow.

I am pleased to call the service of Carol McNulty and Debby Higgins and their well-deserved honors to the attention of the House of Representatives, and I send my best wishes for continued success.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 29, 2000

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week, the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a particularly important hearing on the implementation of the Nazi War Crimes Disclosure Act (P.L. 105-246). That hearing was held under the very able leadership of our distinguished colleague from California, STEPHEN HORN. Chairman HORN has shown unwavering support and a deep personal commitment to bring to justice Nazi war criminals through the full declassification of documents in possession of the National Archives and Records Service. His strong leadership was essential in the passage of the Nazi War Crimes Disclosure Act two years ago.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to thank the current Ranking Member of the Subcommittee, Congressman JIM TURNER, and the former Ranking Member, Congressman DENNIS KUCINICH, for their unwavering commitment to declassification issues in the pursuit of Nazi war criminals and human rights offenders around the world. Special recognition and appreciation should also be given to Congresswoman CAROLYN MALONEY, who introduced the Nazi War Crimes Disclosure Act in the House and who has been a leader on these issues.

Mr. Speaker, the successful implementation of any bill passed by Congress must be measured against the goals we set out to achieve. The goal of the Nazi War Crimes Disclosure Act is to declassify and make public any remaining documents in U.S. possession concerning Nazi crimes, criminals and looted property. At the same time this "right to know" must be balanced against legitimate reasons to continue to withhold certain documents. Since we are dealing with documents that are now half a century old, however, there clearly should be a bias in favor of declassification.

In compliance with Section 2 (b)(1) of the Nazi War Crimes Disclosure Act, President Clinton issued Exec. Order 13110 on January 11, 1999, which created the "Nazi War Criminal Records Interagency Working Group (IWG)." This organization was established to resolve the conflict between the policy requirement for public disclosure with the need for confidentiality of records and documents because of national security requirements. I want to pay tribute to the members of the IWG. No matter how well intended and carefully crafted legislation is, the people who are chosen to implement it have a great impact upon assuring that the intention of the Congress is met. The efforts of the IWG have been outstanding.