France with her Stratford students. The itinerary for those trips always included lots of learning and lots of fun.

Mr. Speaker, the state of Florida, the Stetson graduating Class of 1984, and the community of Warner Robins will miss Amelia Mary Halle Hinckley and the wonderful contributions she made to everyone she touched.

TRIBUTE TO BILL WILLIAMS

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2000

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, at the end of this calendar year, another remarkable chapter in the history of East Tennessee will come to an end. Mr. Bill Williams, co-anchor of Channel 10 News (NBC), will soon be retiring.

Mr. Williams is one of East Tennessee's most highly respected broadcast journalists. Seen every weeknight on WBIR–TV's top rated newscast, Bill is recognized for his superb handling of the daily news and for his compassion in dealing with human issues. He is best known for ''Monday's Child,'' an adoption program originated by Bill back in 1980 and broadcast weekly on Action 10 News. More than 570 of the special needs children introduced on the program have found permanent homes and loving families.

Since joining the WBIR news team in 1977, Bill has been recognized frequently for his contributions to broadcast journalism. Included among his many other honors are the Brotherhood/Sisterhood Award presented by the National Conference of Christians and Jews and induction into the ''Silver Circle'' by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

In May of this year Bill was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Carson Newman College, and ''Child Help U–S–A'' honored Bill with that organization's annual ''Angel Award,'' in recognition of his tireless efforts on behalf of area children.

After 23 years on the 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. desk, Bill is now easing into retirement and will be leaving in December. However, Bill plans to remain a part of WBIR for a long time, especially continuing his hosting of Monday's Child, the Children's Hospital Telethon and Mission of Hope.

Mr. Speaker, I know that I join with the citizens of the City of Knoxville in congratulating Bill Williams for his service and devotion to the people of East Tennessee. I wish him well in the years to come. I ask my fellow colleagues and other readers of the RECORD to join me in thanking Bill Williams for his many years of service and contributions to East Tennessee. Our Nation is certainly a better place because of people like Bill Williams and his family.

TRIBUTE TO BILL BARRETT OF NEBRASKA

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID MINGE

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 31, 2000

Mr. MINGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to add my comments to the many voices honoring BILL BARRETT, the honorable gentleman from Nebraska, who is retiring from a long career of public service at the end of this Congress.

Congressman BILL BARRETT has been a valuable and influential voice in agriculture. He has served his constituents well, and has been an able leader in the House of Representatives. Congressman BARRETT came to the House with a background in community service in local government, a member of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature, and with business experience in a 3-generation firm specializing in insurance and real estate. This foundation of government and business has served him well in his ten years in the House of Representatives. During his years of service he has gained the respect and admiration of members on both sides of the aisle.

Mr. Speaker, I have served with Congressman BARRETT on the Agriculture Committee and have come to appreciate his leadership as Vice-Chairman as well as his role as Chairman of the General Farm Commodities, Resource Conservation and Credit Subcommittee. His close and frequent contact with his constituents, combined with his seniority has made him an effective leader in Congress. As we have faced difficult decisions he has always worked hard on behalf of his constituents, and with respect for his fellow Members. I share his concern for balancing the federal budget and for wise and disciplined use of taxpayers money.

As Chairman of the General Farm Commodities Subcommittee, he has extended his courtesy to me as we brought an oversight field hearing in Minnesota, lending his influence to issues of conservation and preservation of the environment in Minnesota.

I am especially proud to have worked with Congressman BARRETT as we served as two of the four co-chairs of the Alcohol Fuels Caucus. During our work to promote ethanol, I have found Congressman BARRETT to be innovative and enthusiastic in his advocacy on behalf of all corn growers. Through co-authorship of bills supporting the usage of renewable resources in the production of energy, he has helped to provide economic opportunity for agricultural producers, a self-sustaining energy program, and a cleaner environment for the nation.

This legislative body will miss the wise and thoughtful influence of one of its leaders. I will miss a good friend and colleague.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY RECOGNIZES REV. DAVID H. MCALPIN, JR., FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2000

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I today pay tribute to an individual who, throughout his long and distinguished career has been tireless in his efforts to help the people of central New Jersey and the Nation. This Friday, November 3, Rev. David H. McAlpin, Jr., is being honored as he steps down as president of the Trenton Area Habitat for Humanity. I want to take this moment to thank him and Habitat for Humanity for their long service to the Nation and its needs.

We are all very familiar with the fine work that the Habitat for Humanity does in providing affordable housing and creating safe, self-sustaining communities. Habitat has built over 61,000 houses throughout the world for needy families. Their programs are a classic example of providing opportunities for deserving Americans, through their selling of completed houses with no-interest mortgages to families who complete 500 hours of work hours or ''sweat equity,'' earned through participating in other building projects.

Reverend McAlpin, as president of the Trenton Area Habitat for Humanity, has worked with over 2,000 committed volunteers to provide decent housing for all low-income central New Jersey residents. Since its inception in 1986, Trenton Area Habitat has completed 39 houses in the Trenton and Princeton areas. I join with the people of central New Jersey, and the nation in congratulating him on his fine efforts and the work of Habitat for Humanity. His example shows us all what the American people can be capable of if they all come together to solve the Nation's problems.

Reverend McAlpin is truly a remarkable citizen who sets an example for us all. I urge all my colleagues to join me in recognizing his dedication to our community and the needs of our Nation.

HONORING DONNA MCPHERSON

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 2, 2000

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I honor Ms. Donna McPherson, an operations supervisor, at the Pomona, CA, Social Security Administration Office.

Ms. McPherson has been with the Social Security Administration since 1989. She began her career with the agency at the Ontario, CA office as a claims representative and was later promoted to her current position of operations supervisor in Pomona, CA. She currently facilitates a variety of Social Security Administration outreach forums and ensures that the work of those under her supervision is completed in a timely and accurate manner. Additionally, she is the direct liaison for congressional inquires.

The outstanding work of Ms. McPherson has been recognized by many. She has received the annual Special Act Award numerous times. This award is given to Social Security Administration employees who excel at their duties above and beyond what is required, or accomplish something unique on the job. Ms. McPherson has done both, and as a result, she received this award in 1991, 1993, 1997, and 1999. In addition, she has also received the Performance Award which recognizes a continual commitment to the job and outstanding performance in all areas of the workplace, and the On the Spot Award for her problem-solving skills.

When she is not excelling in her responsibilities at the Social Security Administration, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends, attending to the numerous cats and dogs under her care, and playing Bunko. Ms. McPherson is also active with her church and devotes much of her time to the women's prayer group.