

any federal commission that is established under my bill would be able to complete its work expeditiously and provide the Congress with the necessary recommendations to resolve this longstanding issue in a timely fashion.

IN HONOR OF MAJOR ALBERT V.
CLEMENT

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 2001

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, on October 19, 2000, in a ceremony held at Ft. Benning, Georgia, Ranger Albert V. Clement (Major Ret. Deceased) of Fall River, Massachusetts, was inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame.

The Ranger Hall of Fame was formed to honor and preserve the spirit and contribution of America's most extraordinary Rangers. The members of the Ranger Hall of Fame Selection Board take particular care to ensure that only the most extraordinary Rangers are inducted. By any standard, Major Albert Clement was an outstanding choice to receive this honor.

Major Clement joined the U.S. Army in June 1941 in response to ominous signs of a pending world conflict. He fought for forty-one months in the Pacific Islands as a machine gunner and expert demolitionist. Shortly after the Korean War started, he volunteered to fight there as a Ranger, but was promoted and selected to remain at Fort Benning as an instructor. Shortly thereafter, he volunteered again, was assigned to the 32nd Infantry, and was chosen to organize and lead a raider platoon against menacing enemy forces entrenched in the Iron Triangle. Major Clement's Raiders turned the enemy tide and filled a critical void left by the formerly assigned 2nd Ranger Company. Within four months he was awarded two Silver Stars and one Bronze Star for heroism, received two Purple Hearts, was promoted to master sergeant and granted a battlefield commission.

In 1960, Major Clement and two Special Forces professionals were called to affect a daring rescue in the Congo. The country had just won its independence and was in a state of crisis. Mutiny and rebellion were rampant, and hundreds of missionaries and doctors were being held hostage and threatened with rape, torture and death. In three weeks, 239 people were rescued and safely evacuated from various tribal areas, with Major Clement leading the way. The mission ranks as a huge special operations success story.

Following retirement, Major Clement worked for the local school board and later entered into a commercial fishing venture. As a machine gunner in the Pacific, a Ranger at Fort Benning, a Raider in Korea or a Green Beret in the Congo, he was destined to live his retired life as he had served—in the adventurous outdoors. He died on Friday, October 16, 1998, after suffering for several years with cancer. He concluded his life of selfless service in quiet dignity.

IN HONOR OF THE McLEAN
HIGHLANDERS MARCHING BAND

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 2001

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the McLean Highlanders Marching Band for winning first place in the Class IV Open Championship competition sponsored by the U.S. Scholastic Band Association.

On November 3, 2000, the Highlanders not only delivered the overall winning performance within their grouping, but they also were given the best music award and the Marine Corps "Expirt de Corps" award for best team spirit and discipline.

During the month of August when most high school students were still enjoying their summer vacations, every member of the Highlander Band and their dedicated parents began preparations for this competition.

Under the guidance of band director Kirchenbauer and his support staff, the group devoted countless hours of practice throughout the year to learn and perfect their award-winning musical program and marching routine.

Mr. Speaker, a tribute to the McLean Highlander Band would not be complete without mentioning the support of Dr. Donald Weinheimer, McLean High School Principal, and the tireless efforts of the McLean High School Band Parents Association.

The McLean community is proud of every member of the high school band that contributed to their award-winning performance. Accordingly, I join the students of McLean High School and the U.S. Scholastic Band Association in saluting the McLean Highlander Marching Band on a job well done.

HONORING JEANIE MILLER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jeanie Miller for being voted "Affiliate of the Year" by the Fresno Association of Realtors for the year 2000. The "Affiliate of the Year" is awarded to an individual who promotes the professionalism of the Fresno Association of Realtors and has made available the programs and services that allow members to conduct their business with integrity and competency.

Jeanie began her career as an account executive at Pacific Telephone Company and AT&T. In 1986 she became an area production manager at First Interstate Mortgage. In 1990 Jeanie started working at All Pacific Mortgage Company, where she served as vice-president and branch manager. Currently, Jeanie is the area production manager at Union Planters Mortgage in Fresno, CA.

Throughout her career, Ms. Miller has maintained involvement in the community. She has been active in several organizations, including: Fresno Realtors Association, Association of Professional Mortgage Women, president of the Central Valley Executive Association, and

Finance and Stewardship Committee at St. Luke's Church. She is currently the affiliate chairperson for the Fresno Association of Realtors. She was also voted "Affiliate of the Year" by the Fresno Association of Realtors in 1987. Jeanie's personal mission is to feed the hungry through Love, Inc.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Jeanie Miller for being named "Affiliate of the Year" by the Fresno Association of Realtors. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Jeanie many more years of continued success.

HONORING HUGH MCDIARMID ON
HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 2001

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, today I speak on behalf of myself and my colleague, Mr. UPTON, to recognize honor and salute my dear friend Hugh McDiarmid on his retirement from the The Detroit Free Press and for his many years of dedicated political reporting.

Hugh stated his career in journalism more than 40 years ago at the Journal Herald in Ohio and has covered politics ever since. For the past 25 years, Hugh has written for The Free Press. In short, he has become an institution in Michigan politics.

Hugh's columns are legendary for their keen political insights. Indeed, few reporters can hold a candle to Hugh's skills as a journalist, much less match his unflappable wit—which I have born the brunt of upon occasion.

Hugh's retirement does not mean that those of us who love his columns will be completely bereft of his voice altogether. Hugh will continue to contribute articles to The Free Press, and for that we are grateful.

Mr. Speaker, as Hugh leaves behind a long and rich history at The Free Press to spend time with his family, I would ask that all of my colleagues salute Hugh, his good reporting, biting wit and above all his earnest good will and compassion for his fellow man.

CROSBY KAZARIAN HONORED

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 2001

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize the life-long contributions of Crosby Kazarian to his community and church. Due to his record of service. Mr. Kazarian was honored recently with the Pontifical Medal of St. Nersess Shnorhali by His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, at St. David Armenian Church of Boca Raton, Florida. The presentation of the medal and the Patriarchal Encyclical, reached here from Holy Etchmiadzin, the Holy See of the Armenian Church, were made by His Eminence Archbishop Khajag Barsamian, Primate of the Eastern Diocese of the Armenian Church of America.

Born in Providence, Rhode Island, Crosby Kazarian was praised for his widespread services in the Armenian Church, the Dioces, the