

Today, our youth are exposed to many aspects of life that have potentially negative repercussions on their social decisions. Military and civilian personnel from NAS Jacksonville have become role models to local youth through teaching, coaching, and offering advice. Local families can feel more confident about the decisions their children are making, NAS Jacksonville personnel are given the opportunity to discuss how they contribute to the national security of the United States and society is strengthened by the strong community bonds developed.

Mr. Speaker, in closing I would like to commend the volunteers of the Navy Community Service Program and thank the military and civilian personnel at NAS Jacksonville for their tireless commitment to their local community.

HONORING BOY SCOUT TROOP 76
OF WILMINGTON ISLAND

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great achievement by Boy Scout Troop 76 of Wilmington Island, which is in my district. I believe that the Boy Scouts of America play a wonderful role in the life of many young men throughout our nation. The life lessons and morals taught by this organization should be heralded daily by all of us. What happened at a recent outing of Troop 76 to the Delta Plantation in Hardeeville, South Carolina is proof of this.

In late March, Boy Scout Troop 76 went on a weekend camping trip to the Delta Plantation, a privately owned 1600 acre tract of land in Hardeeville, South Carolina just outside of Savannah. The area is completely unspoiled and teeming with wildlife.

During the weekend, the owner of the property approached the Scout Troop and informed them that an American Bald Eagle was injured and stuck in the marsh nearby. One of the troop leaders, Will Jarvis, and several of the older Scouts went to help.

Upon their arrival at the scene, they found a baby American Bald Eagle in the marsh struggling to escape. Disregarding their own safety, Will and several of the Scouts went into the alligator and snake invested water to help the scared animal. The eagle was wrapped in a blanket and rushed to the only veterinarian who is allowed to treat endangered species. The eagle is currently under the doctor's care where it will be nursed until it can be safely released.

I believe that this is a perfect example of what Scouting is all about. If it were not for these Boy Scouts' quick response and disregard for their own personal safety, we would have lost yet another of an already endangered species. I applaud Boy Scout Troop 76 for their bravery and I applaud the Boy Scouts of America for what they teach.

TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR HELLE
PORSDAM

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a most talented and remarkable Danish scholar—Professor Helle Porsdam. Professor Porsdam is affiliated with the University of Southern Denmark, Odense and is a well known scholar and commentator on American society. Her most recent publication is *Legally Speaking: Contemporary American Culture and the Law*, which offers an insightful analysis of American culture and discusses the social impact of law in the United States.

In addition to her outstanding scholarship, Dr. Porsdam is known for her involvement in human rights. She was instrumental in the creation of the European Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democratization in 1997. Some 90 students from the 15 European Union partner universities earn this Masters degree after a year of intensive study.

This summer, Dr. Porsdam will be one of the Danish Speakers at the Humanity in Action Program (HIA), which conducts two educational programs that run simultaneously in both Denmark and the Netherlands. Some 20 students from the United States participate together with 10 students from both host countries. HIA has been established in association with Johns Hopkins University and in cooperation with the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. The goal is to strengthen the participants' commitment to democratic values and broaden their knowledge of the resistance struggle against human rights violations today and in the past. A special focus of the program is the protection of European Jews during World War II.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Porsdam is an associate Professor of American Studies at Odense, and she holds an M.A. in English from the University of Copenhagen and a Ph.D. in American Studies from Yale University. She teaches American history, and her research interests include American intellectual history, law and American culture, and literature. In 1992–93 she was an American Council of Learned Societies Visiting Scholar and a Liberal Arts Fellow at the Harvard University Law School. She is currently involved in a research Project on Danish legalization as a form of Americanization. In this project Dr. Porsdam explains how the U.S. has exported a tendency to the rest of the world to define major issues in terms of rights.

Dr. Porsdam is an extraordinary scholar and ardent defender of human rights and I urge all my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to her today.

TRIBUTE TO DRINA COLLINS

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, we rise in gratitude to Drina Collins, who is leaving the

Pacific Gas and Electric Company after more than twenty years of service.

Drina Collins has helped the company and the community through countless crises: floods, mudslides, fires and more. Ms. Collins has been the tirelessly cheerful and efficient public face of PG&E for San Jose and Santa Clara County since long before the area was known as the Silicon Valley. During her tenure in the Government Relations department of Pacific Gas and Electric, Ms. Collins managed the public affairs programs, answering questions from customers and elected officials alike with accuracy and enthusiasm.

A glance at Drina Collins' résumé reveals a lifelong commitment to Santa Clara County. Before beginning her job at Pacific Gas & Electric she served as the Chief of Staff for the Honorable Dom Cortese, a Santa Clara County Supervisor. She is currently the Chairperson of the Santa Clara County Redistricting Committee 2000 and the Silicon Valley Economic Development Corporation. Ms. Collins serves on the board of the San Jose Conservation Corps and the Guadalupe River Park and Gardens Corporation.

Drina Collins has a knowledge of and love for Santa Clara County that is unmatched, and we know she will be much missed at PG&E. Moreover, we want to say that we are both grateful to her for her caring friendship and wise counsel through our careers, which we are confident will continue through the years. Our families wish her nothing but the best in the next chapter of her life.

RECOGNIZING JOHN GOODE

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John Goode for receiving the Friend of Fowler Award. The Fowler Chamber of Commerce will present the award to John at Fowler's annual Community Recognition Banquet.

While Mr. Goode currently lives in the Bay Area, he remains involved in Fowler affairs. John regularly contributes to the Fowler High School and Sutter Middle School bands. He has also recently endowed a scholarship in memory of his parents to the University of California, for which preference is given to Fowler High graduates. He plans to host the 40th reunion of the Fowler High School Class of 1962 in conjunction with the 2002 Fowler Fall festival.

John credits many of the values he learned growing up in the Fowler-area as guides for his career. He has been honored as a "Forbes Honor Roll" winner for his skills in risk management. He has managed the Smith Barney Fundamental Value fund for 10 years. John is currently the chairman and chief investment officer of Davis Skaggs Investment Management.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize John Goode for his Friend of Fowler Award presented by the Fowler Chamber of Commerce. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing John Goode many more years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO ATK AMMUNITION
PLANT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate ATK and its Lake City Ammunition Plant located near Independence, Missouri, for their efforts in providing the United States Military with high quality ammunition while at the same time reducing their impact on the environment.

This week, the U.S. Army will present Lake City Ammunition Plant with its Secretary of the Army Environment Quality Award for an industrial installation. The Secretary of the Army recognizes the efforts of the Lake City Army Ammunition Plant to improve the environment. The Plant has reduced its hazardous waste generation rate by sixty percent eliminating twenty tons of air emissions per year. At the same time, it has operated in compliance with twenty-five different environmental permits and recycled over fifty-five hundred tons of material.

Through the hard work of nearly eight hundred fifty employees, the Lake City Ammunition Plant has proven that it can continue to be the largest supplier of small caliber ammunition to the United States Department of Defense, while retaining a superb record on the environment.

Again, I congratulate and commend ATK and the employees of Lake City Ammunition Plant for their excellent record on the environment and congratulate them for receiving the Secretary of the Army Environmental Quality Award.

TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR THERKEL
STRAEDE

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues today to join me in paying tribute to Professor Therkel Straede, a remarkable scholar who has put together an important exhibition of photographs of the rescue of Danish Jews in 1943. The exhibition shows how the Danish people acted as the keepers of basic human decency and saved almost the entire Jewish community of Denmark. At a time when most of Europe was oppressed by Nazi tyranny, which was the antithesis of humanity, decency, and brotherhood, the Danes showed great humanity despite tremendous personal risk.

Mr. Speaker, since 1995 Dr. Therkel Straede has been a Professor of Modern German History and Holocaust Studies at Odense University in Denmark. During the period 1988–1992 he was a member of a research team at Ruhr-University at Bochum, Germany. There he researched the history of the German automobile company Volkswagen A.G., and the use of forced labor by Volkswagen during the 3rd Reich. He has recorded testimonies of more than a 120 survivors and is producing a monograph on the subject.

Dr. Straede has focused most of his work and studies on the Holocaust, and he is a

founding member of the Danish National Committee for the Counseling of Victims of Nazi German Persecution, Forced Labor and Genocide. He has received scholarships at the Technical University of Berlin (1986) and the Institute for German History in Tel-Aviv (1992). He was a Fulbright visiting researcher at the Georgetown University at the Center for German and European Studies in 1998–99 and an associate scholar of the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1999. Currently, Dr. Straede is writing a series of articles on a number of German concentration camps for the US Holocaust Memorial Museum's Encyclopedia of Nazi Camps.

The traveling exhibit on the rescue of the Danish Jews, of which Dr. Straede is the curator, has been displayed in more than 100 locations in 27 different countries. On May 2, 2001, it will be on display in the Rotunda of the Russell Senate Office Building. With the help of Project Judaica Foundation Inc., the exhibition will hereafter be on display at a number of locations in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to take a moment out of their busy schedules to visit this worthwhile exhibit while it is here in Washington at the Russell Rotunda.

Mr. Speaker, I want to pay tribute to Dr. Therkel Straede for his thorough work on the history of Holocaust, and his diligent documentation of the details of the Nazi use of slave labor. We can all learn a valuable lesson from Dr. Straede's work; even a force of evil as powerful as the Nazi regime can be beaten by dedicated people committed to common human decency. I believe this is best shown in the spontaneous and courageous rescue action of the Danish people in 1943.

TRIBUTE TO MS. LEE REEVES

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the accomplishments of Ms. Lee Reeves of Pinckney, Michigan. Ms. Reeves has recently been named a Women of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council of Ann Arbor, Michigan. This honor is in recognition of her excellence in business ethics and volunteerism. As the current President of the Howell Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Reeves has greatly enhanced the quality and scope of the programs offered to its members. Her work at the Chamber has increased both membership and financial capabilities.

Ms. Reeves leadership abilities have impacted not only the Chamber, but also the community at large. Her community focus is indicated through the initiation of such programs as the "Drug-Free Workplace" and the Howell Public Schools mentor program. Ms. Reeves has also participated in numerous community organizations such as the Livingston County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition and the Livingston County Child and Family Services Board.

This brief commentary only scratches the surface of the professional and community contributions of Ms. Reeves. Above all else Ms. Lee Reeves is a woman of integrity. Her professional and community leadership dem-

onstrates a personal vision with a societal focus which I respectfully ask my House colleagues to recognize.

HONORING THE LATE FLORIDA
GOVERNOR LAWTON CHILES AND
DR. HORACIO AGUIRRE ON BEING
NAMED RECIPIENTS OF THE
GREAT FLORIDIAN AWARD

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my heartfelt congratulations to Florida's late Governor and United States Senator Lawton Chiles and Diario Las Americas newspaper publisher Dr. Horacio Aguirre on the occasion of being named recipients of the Great Floridian award. This award, which is presented periodically, symbolizes the everlasting contributions these two individuals have made to the state of Florida. I am proud to stand before this body and honor these two great Floridians.

From the moment he was first elected to the Florida State House of Representatives in 1958, until his untimely death in 1998, Lawton Chiles was a household name in Florida politics. As a boy, Lawton Chiles dreamed of becoming a United States Senator. In 1970, after eight years in the Florida House and four years in the Florida State Senate, his dream came true when he was elected to the first of three consecutive terms in the United States Senate. After deciding not to run for reelection in 1988, Lawton Chiles successfully ran for governor of Florida in 1990, a position he proudly held until 1998. Throughout his career, Governor Chiles represented the people of Florida with honor and conviction. Whether it is providing health insurance for all children or working to restore Florida's Everglades, the work Governor Chiles did, and the programs he supported, made the lives of millions of Floridians better. It is for his hard work and dedication to the issues he cared about, that Governor Chiles is considered by many to be one of the most successful and respected public officials in the later half of the 20th century.

Dr. Horacio Aguirre, co-founder of Miami's oldest Spanish-language newspaper, is one of the most influential Hispanics in Florida. Dr. Aguirre was born in 1925 in New Orleans, Louisiana, to two Nicaraguan parents. In 1950, Dr. Aguirre completed his studies at the University of Panama, where he earned degrees in law and political science. In 1953, with the help of his brother Francisco, Dr. Aguirre founded Diario Las Americas. As the editor and chief editorial writer, Dr. Aguirre has helped shape the views and images of Miami's Spanish-speaking community. He has served as President of the Inter American Press Association, as well as a member of various newspaper and editorial organizations. Today, Diario Las Americas is read by thousands of South Floridians every day. Spanish and non-Spanish speakers alike look to Diario Las Americas for the views and concerns of Miami's Hispanic community.

Mr. Speaker, the people of Florida have benefitted from the actions and accomplishments of the two gentlemen I speak of today.