

The late Governor Lawton Chiles and Dr. Horacio Aguirre are worthy of the praises of the people of Florida as well as the members of the House of Representatives. They are both great Floridians and Americans.

RECOGNIZING KELLY FUJIKAWA

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kelly Fujikawa for being named Youth Citizen of the Year. The Fowler Chamber of Commerce will present the award to Kelly at Fowler's annual Community Recognition Banquet.

Kelly is currently a senior at Fowler High School, where she is active in school sports, clubs, and student council. She is an honor student and is involved in the Science Olympiad, Academic Decathlon and California Scholarship Federation, Spanish Club, Asian Club, Peer Helper Program, and the school band. Kelly also earned the prestigious honor of being named student representative to the Fowler School District Board for the fall semester.

Her community involvement includes: Girl Scouts, 4-H, Buddhist Church of Fowler, Japanese dance teacher, Sunday School teacher's aide, volunteer pianist, lunch service at the Edwin Blayney Senior Center, and aided at Fowler and National Grange events.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Kelly Fujikawa for her Youth Citizen of the Year Award presented by the Fowler Chamber of Commerce. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Kelly Fujikawa many more years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY HEALTH AGENCY OF ATTLEBORO, MASSACHUSETTS

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to applaud the Community Health Agency of Attleboro, Massachusetts. In 1910, town and church officials approached Rena Rounsville, President of the Murray Church Mission Circle, with a challenge. Would she be interested in forming some sort of nursing service for the health and welfare of the citizens of Attleboro?

The ensuing years resulted in clinics for tuberculosis, family welfare, school nurses, new baby welfare, and a myriad of other services. The local pharmacy, doctors, and dentists in the area cooperated and a network of health care professionals to care for the needs of the community was established. Funding, at best, was haphazard—running the gauntlet of tag days, tuberculosis Christmas seals, and very small patient fees.

The present day program has evolved and is now called Community Health Agency, Inc. It encompasses the nine cities and towns in the area and provides skilled nursing care, therapists, home health aids, and hospice to the region. Throughout the years, this agency

has provided the citizens of this community with services during times of great stress to the patients and their families. It is important that the elderly, as well as other community members, have the resources to assist them with their health needs, and accordingly, the agency provides a network of services to assist them. Compassionate and dedicated care by professional and well trained medical staff is the foundation for quality care in the region. Thank you.

I applaud the services that they provide and look forward to the coming years with the hope that the agency will continue to provide services that are so desperately needed.

TRIBUTE TO NICHOLAS W. INMAN

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that Nicholas Inman, of Marshfield, MO, will be retiring as host of the Webster County Opry on May 4, 2001.

In 1997, as a 15 year old boy, Nicholas had a vision to bring quality entertainment and a new tradition of Ozark music to Webster County. Although he faced many obstacles and challenges Nicholas' dream has grown into a reality, known today as the Webster County Opry. His many accomplishments include increasing the Opry membership from eight to 50, welcoming numerous local celebrities and hosting and producing every show in the four year history of the Opry. Nicholas has also received and deserved praise from the late Governor Mel Carnahan and former First Lady Barbara Bush.

Mr. Speaker, Nicholas Inman dedicated himself to the establishment and growth of the Webster County Opry. The joy he brought to so many is indeed commendable. I am certain that the Members of the House will join me in wishing him all the best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, due to illness, I was unable to be present for rollcall votes 85 through 89. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 85, 86, and 88, and "nay" on rollcall votes 87 and 89.

COMMENDING THE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS OF STUDENTS FROM WILLISTON NORTHAMPTON SCHOOL IN EASTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the students of Williston Northampton

School in Easthampton, MA for their excellence in academic competition. Under the tutelage of Mr. Peter Gunn, these young people have shown an acute knowledge of the Constitution and its Amendments, in particular the Bill of Rights.

On April 21–23, 2001 more than 1,200 students from across the country were in Washington, DC to demonstrate their expertise in American government and represent their home states as part of the "We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution" program, sponsored in part by the U.S. Department of Education. I am pleased to announce the class from Williston Northampton School participated on behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Mr. Gunn's students have taken a strong interest in the principles that govern our nation. Through their students, they have become aware of the founders' efforts to fashion an enduring republic. Through their accomplishments, they have shown a keen understanding of the political process, its participants and the laws that will ensure America's continued vitality.

It is an honor to recognize such a meritorious group.

HONORING TOM SAWYER

HON. GARY A. CONDIT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

Mr. CONDIT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of my good friend Merced County Sheriff-Coroner Tom Sawyer. Today, Tom retires after 34 years as a peace officer. True to his nature, he is only stepping aside from one venture to begin another.

I have had the privilege of working with Tom on a wide variety of issues since his earlier service with the California Highway Patrol. He is a respected member of the law enforcement community and is known for his dedication to the community.

Tom has worked on many statewide issues. He serves on the California State Board of Corrections and was instrumental in establishing the Central Valley High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, where he continues to serve as the Intelligence Committee chairman. Since becoming sheriff he has overseen a department that has grown by leaps and bounds.

He has been successful working with the COPs program to put more deputies on the street. He has worked tirelessly to expand the presence of the Merced County Sheriff's Department to transform his vision of improved correctional facilities and the department's relationship with the community. He has done each of these remarkably well.

One prime example is the Explorer Scouts program. When he began his tenure as sheriff, the group consisted of 8 members. Now, I am proud to report to my colleagues, the program thrives with more than 150 outstanding young men and women. Volunteerism is up and through Tom's leadership new substations help secure and ensure the safety of our communities. He has guided the department through growth in many areas including an impressive search and rescue system on land, water and in the air.