

Joyner Foundation" which is an instrument to give back to the community, he has given scholarships to help needy students at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's) and strengthened the African-American concept of parents and children cooperating together to build a greater society.

This is just one of the many programs which has involved his talented and creative efforts. His weekly Thursday Morning Moms highlights the struggles of African-American women rising to the highest level of family. His weekly tribute to Real Fathers Real Men; his feature of Little Known Black History Facts; his feature of Christmas Wish List; and his feature of Celebrity Interviews continue to inspire, enlighten and motivate African-Americans to be proud of the past, achieve in the present and prepare for the future.

Mr. Joyner's leadership on issues which affect African-Americans on a daily basis is superb and outstanding. His "fly jocking" across America to various cities and states not only increased the awareness of issues of interests to the African-American community, but motivated them to take action. He earned this "fly jocking" title through his dedication to serve radio audiences in Dallas, Texas and Chicago, Illinois. Both markets recognized his impressive talent and wanted him at the same time. Before expanding his presence into 120 markets across the country, Tom flew from Dallas to Chicago every day for seven years.

Tom's actions are commendable and very much appreciated. The other super stars, i.e., J. Anthony Brown, Sybil Wilkes, Miss Dupree, Myra J., Tavis Smiley, and Donna Richardson also inform and motivate the public. The Tom Joyner Morning Show is truly inspirational.

Mr. Joyner and his morning crew have received many awards, which reflect their skills, talents and contributions specifically to African-Americans, and generally to all Americans.

Lastly and most importantly, I would like to share a piece of Tom Joyner's personal history.

Born to Frances and Hercules Lionel Joyner of Tuskegee, Alabama, Tom attended elementary school at the Chambliss Children's House, which was a laboratory school located on the grounds of Tuskegee Institute. He went on to enroll at Tuskegee Institute High School where he received his educational training under the direction of Mrs. Alberta Ritchie, the mother of famous singer and songwriter Lionel Ritchie.

During his matriculation at Tuskegee Institute, Tom played records in the college cafeteria after basketball and football games. He further expressed his love for music and entertainment as a member of a local singing group, The Commodores. After performing with the group for two years, Tom asked his parents' permission to leave school and tour with The Commodores. His parents refused to allow him to drop out of College and follow the group, but instead, they strongly encouraged him to finish his education at Tuskegee Institute.

Upon graduation in 1971, Tom decided to pursue his dream as a radio announcer. His mission was to change the face of Black radio into an advocacy medium, with particular interests in broadening the awareness of HBCU's and increasing voter registration.

Tom is married to fitness expert and trainer Donna Richardson. He is the father of two

sons—Thomas Joyner, Jr., the CEO of The Tom Joyner Foundation and Oscar Joyner, Director of Marketing for the foundation.

Tom's efforts and awards cannot go unnoticed and must be recorded in history. Therefore, this insertion in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD is made so that Tom Joyner's efforts and all of his positive actions and "solid gold programming" will be engrossed and embedded in the history of this country.

A TRIBUTE TO ALFRED E. MANN

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 11, 2002

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise today and honor Alfred E. Mann, a great philanthropist in the Southern California community and famed national bio-medical researcher. He has dedicated his life to his family, his church, and to the search for cures to the world's most devastating diseases and afflictions.

Alfred Mann was born in Portland, Oregon in 1925 and has been a resident of Los Angeles, California since 1946. He attended the University of California, Los Angeles and has received honorary doctorate degrees from the University of Southern California and The John Hopkins University.

He has earned his reputation as a biomedical pioneer because of his outstanding accomplishments throughout his professional life. As the Chairman and co-CEO of Advanced Bionics Corporation, he manufactured a developed advanced cochlear implants for the restoration of hearing and is currently developing a number of neurostimulation systems which may prove to be beneficial in treating those who face paralysis and any number of neurological disorders. He is also responsible for the manufacturing of continuous glucose monitoring systems primarily used for the treatment of diabetes and for the manufacture of hospital intravenous pumps.

Mr. Mann has made a lifelong commitment to philanthropy. His countless number of charitable donations has made a lasting impact on our nation. In fact, each year, his name can be found on the list of the ten most philanthropic minded individuals. Two of his largest donations, 100 million to the University of Southern California and the promise of 100 million to the University of California, Los Angeles, will help shape the face of current and future research at both of these institutions.

Also, as the founder of two medical research foundations—the Alfred Mann Foundation and the Alfred Mann Institute at the University of Southern California—Alfred Mann has ensured that the biomedical community will be able to engage in the lasting study of the diseases and ailments that affect so many Americans.

Alfred Mann's dedication to the biomedical community has and will continue to produce lasting and important discoveries as our nation faces the challenge of curing the world's most devastating illnesses. His commitment to helping others through research and philanthropy has and will continue to have a positive affect for all of us. I ask all Members of Congress to join me in honoring a man who has given a lifetime to making a difference in our Nation.

CELEBRATING 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 11, 2002

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, on April 10th, we celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act being signed into law. Since the time of its enactment, it has only served to strengthen the position of the Republic of China on Taiwan, internationally, as both an economic power and champion of democracy in Asia.

The Taiwan Relations Act set the premise for the United States long standing friendship with the Formosa Island. Throughout the years, that commitment of friendship has been met with our continual support of their security needs, as well as a strong trade partnership.

In closing, I want to commend the wonderful work of Ambassador C.J. Chen and his staff in representing the needs and concerns of the ROC and always extending the friendship of the Taiwanese to those of us here in Washington, DC. Through their efforts, I am certain that the relationship between the United States and Taiwan, anchored in the Taiwan Relations Act, will continue to strengthen in the years ahead.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DEAN OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 11, 2002

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 24-year legislative career of my friend, and constituent, Ron Silver. Ron Silver exemplifies the essence of what it means to be a public servant. Throughout his legislative career Ron has served Florida and the people of Miami-Dade county with dignity and honor. His peers fondly named him Dean of the Florida Legislature.

A native of Cambridge, Massachusetts, Ron and his family moved to Florida in 1958 where young Ron began laying the groundwork for a legislative career that would span over two decades, include five U.S. presidents and six Florida governors. In 1978, Ron took his ideas and vision to Tallahassee as a member of the Florida House of Representatives. There, Ron worked tirelessly on issues such as health care, aging and long term care, and criminal justice. His leadership was rewarded when his colleagues elected him to two terms as House Majority Whip and Majority Leader. In these leadership roles, Ron had the enviable task of building consensus among of his Democratic colleagues. Not an easy task, but one that Ron relished.

In 1992, Ron, with the support of his beloved wife, Irene, was elected to the Florida Senate. In the Senate, he was again elected to a leadership role as Majority Leader. As a member of that distinguished body, Ron stands out as a champion of disadvantaged Floridians. Ron shares my commitment to reducing Florida's welfare rolls by promoting personal responsibility and giving a hand up as opposed to a hand out. Our partnership