

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### TRIBUTE TO DAN NEELEY

#### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to pay tribute to a wonderful man who passed away on August 19, Dan Neeley. Dan was a dear friend and his passing grieves me deeply.

Dan began working for Buick Motor Corporation on September 12, 1963. He was a dedicated employee and a dedicated citizen. He was honorably discharged from the United States Army in 1967 after serving two years. After returning to his job at Buick, Dan became active in the UAW. As a member of Local 599 he was elected in numerous posts until he passed away. Between 1971 and his passing Dan served as Alternate Committeeman, Committeeman, Shop Committee, Alternate Shop Committee, Alternate Benefit Representative, the Jobs Bank Coordinator, and he was a delegate to UAW Constitutional Conventions and Bargaining Conventions. He was a member of the Civil Rights Committee, the FEPC Committee and the CAP Committee, and he was a founding member of the "Unity for Justice Black Caucus."

His determination to provide equal representation to all persons led him to be involved in the community. Dan held in his heart the words of Reverend Jesse Jackson, "Educate yourself on all levels: academic as well as political for knowledge is power." His belief in the power of those words persuaded Dan to organize the "Get Out the Vote Center" in Flint. His support for minority owned business brought about the "Black Business Awareness Day." His ideas and involvement were the genesis for greater union recognition of the contributions of minorities. He led marches to promote the inclusion of minorities in Joint Programs jobs and he was instrumental in advancing minorities in leadership positions. Dan loved people and the community acknowledged this love. Dan was especially proud to have received the Drum Major Award from the City of Flint and the Walter Reuther Twenty Year Distinguished Service Award from the union.

His family, friends and the community will remember the compassionate man devoted to helping those in need. We will hold in our hearts and minds his goodness, his fire, his keen intellect and strong desire for justice. I ask the House of Representatives to rise and join me in honoring Dan Neeley and his lifelong pursuit of a better world.

### NYUMBANI ORPHANAGE MARKS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with Members of this House and many others throughout the world in congratulating Father Angelo D'Agostino, S.J., MD and his dedicated team who are marking the 10th anniversary of the founding of the Nyumbani Orphanage in Nairobi, Kenya. Father D'Ag, as he is universally known, created and has tirelessly built this unique facility for HIV-positive children in the midst of AID-ravaged sub-Saharan Africa. I had the honor to visit Nyumbani several years ago, as have several other Members of the House and Senate, and I know we all salute Father D'Ag, his staff, and the children for the great work they are doing.

Before Nyumbani, HIV-positive children were being abandoned, excluded from schools, orphanages and hospitals, left to die without medical care or a home. Father D'Ag, a physician and priest, has built this refuge for the children, including a modern medical laboratory and school, and increasingly is beating the odds and providing the children a chance to survive and live productive lives.

Nyumbani also operates the Lea Toto community-based outreach program which works in the desperate slums of Nairobi with adults and young people who are HIV-positive or at risk of AIDS, educating them and providing medical services. Today, the Nyumbani orphanage is caring for 85 children. As Father D'Ag recently wrote, "When Nyumbani was first established, very few of us thought these children would grow to adulthood, but through all your love, prayers, care, attention and valued contributions and donations, we are keeping the kids alive, happy and educated. We expect them to become valued members of Kenyan society."

The program is also making progress in changing public attitudes about HIV children, and recently was informed by the Nairobi City Council Education Office that they are requesting local schools to accept Nyumbani's school-age children. This was unthinkable just a short while ago in Kenya, and a genuine testament to the great work of the Nyumbani project. I am also very pleased to bear that the U.S. Ambassador to Kenya, Johnnie Carson, whom I met during his earlier service in Ho Chi Minh City, is planning on honoring Nyumbani at an embassy reception later this year.

It goes without saying that the financing of the Nyumbani program continues to be a daily struggle notwithstanding the many contributions from individuals and governments. There is a new "Nyumbani Gift Shop" that sells locally-made items and gives all profits to the Nyumbani project. While in Kenya, I urged our local AID offices to expand U.S. assistance to

this worthy program, and I very much hope that we will continue to provide assistance without imposing burdensome regulations that handicap the ability of the project to utilize our funds efficiently. In addition, efforts to secure private contributions and donations to enable Nyumbani to continue and expand its efforts in Africa continue in the United States and worldwide.

The Nyumbani program is offering medical services, education, family and hope to dozens of children and others in Kenya, and deserves the recognition and support of all Members of the House and all Americans. I salute Dr. D'Ag and his co-workers, and the children of Nyumbani on their 10th anniversary.

### TRIBUTE TO SHIRLEY MAE GREEN

#### HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to the life of Shirley Mae Green, a beloved community member.

Shirley was born July 22, 1924 in Bristol, Virginia. She moved to Dayton, Ohio when she was a teenager, and graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1943.

Shirley was a caring, pro-active, and self-giving individual. She was very involved in her beloved community of Bloomington, California. From her involvement in various organizations such as the Parent Teacher Association and the Norton Air Force Base Chapel she only wanted to be of service. Her wholehearted efforts to improve the community made her a prime candidate to serve on the Parks and Recreation and the Colton Unified School District Boards. Her desire to improve and motivate the Bloomington community was visible from her involvement in Bloomington's Christmas Tree Lighting, Clean-Up Day, Easter Egg Hunt, and numerous parades. Furthermore, she was an advocate for the Senior Center and walking trail at Ayala Park.

Shirley's contributions to her Bloomington community have been recognized through her citizen of the year award in 1987, her two awards from the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce in 1986 and 1988, and her award from the California Jaycees in 1987.

Shirley passed away on Wednesday, August 28, 2002. She is survived by her husband Jerome Green, daughters Sharron, Jerri-Lynn and Laurie, sons Dennis and Joe, and seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Her family, innumerable friends, and the entire community will miss her greatly.

And so Mr. Speaker, I submit this memorial to be included in the archives of the history of this great nation, for individuals like Shirley are unique in their generous contributions to this country.

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