

as a professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, president at Hampton Sydney College, and chancellor at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. And I thank Dr. Leutze for his inspiration to me when he was my American History professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill when I was an undergraduate there.

May God bless him and his family, and may God bless the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN  
SHOEMAKER III

**HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 4, 2002*

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate John Shoemaker III for his many years of service to the city of Macon as well as the state of Georgia. John's community leadership and involvement have been invaluable in the areas of business, youth leadership, the arts, and many others.

John has been a tirelessly advocate to promote business and industry in the Macon community by serving on the Macon Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and as Chairman of the Macon/Bibb County Convention and Visitors Bureau. His hard work and dedication have made him the recipient of the Macon Convention and Visitors Bureau's first "Soul Provider" Award.

John's achievements and contributions beyond business run deep. He has also been an integral part in the advancement of the arts. In 2000, he received the Macon Arts Alliance Cultural Award. John has provided 10 scholarships for disadvantaged students at Perry Players Summer Camp. He sponsored the Warner Robins Women's Theatre Season Project. John sent 40 students to the Alabama Shakespeare Festival Production and 10 students to the Georgia Children's Museum Summer Program. John made the initial donation to the Riverside Ford Center for Youth Performing Arts. His support of Theatre Macon, the Warner Robins Little Theatre, the Bleckley County Arts Alliance, the Macon State College Drama Department, the Macon Little Theatre, the Macon Arts Alliance as well as several other theatres throughout our state have been essential to the expansion of the arts.

Community involvement has been a major part of John's life. He serves on the Macon Cherry Blossom Festival Board of Directors. His longtime membership to the Macon Kiwanis Club and the Macon Mayor's President Club show his continued support to the city. He has served as Chairman of the Macon Park and Recreation and Honorary Chairman of the Sports Challenge for Cystic Fibrosis.

John's accomplishments and contributions over the years have been an extraordinary service to his community and the state. Our nation needs more men and women like John. I consider him to be a friend, and I am extremely pleased to represent John in the 8th District of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, strong communities are the building block of a strong nation. Therefore, I commend John Shoemaker for making our community and our nation a better place.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MALLERY  
WATERS

**HON. BARON P. HILL**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 4, 2002*

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to bring to the attention of the House my constituent, Miss Mallery Waters of Clarksville, Indiana. Mallery is the national winner of the 2002 Voice of Democracy high school essay contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and recipient of the \$1000 Department of Maine Scholarship to "Remember the U.S.S. Maine" Award.

Mallery, who is a senior being homeschooled, is a past winner of numerous essay contests, as well as an accomplished artist and gardener. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Scott Waters. Her winning essay, "Reaching Out to America's Future," was sponsored by VFW Post 1832 and its Ladies Auxiliary in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

It is my pleasure to include Mallery's essay in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

REACHING OUT TO AMERICA'S FUTURE

(By Mallery Waters)

Before the recent terrorist attacks, I had concluded that patriotism was on a sharp decline in America. People stayed home on Election Day, ignored the flag, and seemed to generally avoid politics. Now flags wave defiantly across the country as signboards declare, "God Bless America." But I wonder if this newfound pride in country will continue when things begin to settle down. Only then will we learn whether or not this tragedy truly affected the hearts of the rising generation. For the participation of the citizens of the future—the young adults, teens, and even unborn children—in the affairs of this country will determine the future of America and the freedom it represents. I believe increasing interest in government and a sense of duty toward country are the foundations of our participation.

When President John F. Kennedy said, "Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country," he demonstrated that patriotism is not an empty emotion. Instead, it is a call to action. This call to action compels young people to participate in our government as tomorrow's politicians, civil servants, and informed citizens. Are we prepared or even willing to properly fulfill these enormous responsibilities?

Sometimes I think that America is following the road of the ancient republic of Rome. The republic rose to power and prosperity in part because of the diligence, hard work, and moral character of its people. But as the Roman citizens focused increasingly on luxury and their own happiness, the virtues that had made the republic strong rotted away. Eventually, they gave up much freedom for security under the Caesars.

As one of America's young people, I believe that many of us care far more about happiness and prosperity than we do about our liberties and freedoms. Relationships, cars, and music are physical items. Since freedom is much more abstract, it often seems boring. We have never tasted a life without this freedom or the prosperity and representative government we take for granted. But teens' boring liberties actually allow us to enjoy the physical things we do value.

Short of sending us overseas, one of the best ways to help teens appreciate being free to participate in government is to encourage

interest in political affairs. Young people may be well-informed about the facts of government, but engaging experience in real-life politics is so much more important. Participating in student council and helping with a local political campaign are much more tangible than facts from a dull textbook. I think hands-on experience in mock-government organizations like Boys' and Girls' State is one of the most beneficial of these activities for teens. What if more than only a handful of a high school's students could have the opportunity to see first-hand how our government works? I think such a school-wide program would spark an interest in government and political matters in many.

If tangible political learning does not encourage young people to participate in government, an overarching patriotism and sense of duty instilled by family must. Keeping informed will not always be interesting, but we must recognize it as our responsibility. Families have always taken the lead in instilling such values in young Americans, and they must continue to do so today. Parents should pass on the heritage of traditional Biblical values and the sense of responsibility to God and fellow man. They must show us how to think for ourselves and formulate our own opinions. They must teach us to be diligent and informed voters who vote not for the political party but for the best candidate. Their lives must attest to the importance of staying informed in political matters and speaking out against issues they consider harmful to themselves or their country.

Young Americans must remember that freedom is so important that it was and still is something worth dying for. Being a conscientious U.S. citizen may require large amounts of work and inconvenience, but it is worth it. A loss of our precious freedom as a result of political apathy will bring so much more trouble down the road. America's youth hold enormous trust in our hands. The recent surge of patriotism after the terrorist attacks should be our wake up call. May we realize the truth of President Kennedy's words, "Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country."

RECOGNIZING SHERIFF LARRY D.  
SMITH

**HON. DARRELL E. ISSA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 4, 2002*

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sheriff Larry D. Smith of Riverside County California. Larry Smith was sworn in as Riverside County's eleventh sheriff on December 14, 1994. He has faithfully served the people of Riverside as sheriff for the past 8 years and to recognize this service the Riverside County Board of Supervisors dedicated August 1, 2002 as "Larry D. Smith Day" in Riverside County.

Sheriff Larry Smith began his thirty-six years in law enforcement as deputy sheriff in the Blythe Jail and Patrol Station. He has held each successive rank in assignments across Riverside County. His distinguished career includes a variety of command assignments, including narcotics enforcement, information services, the jail, and the patrol station. Sheriff Smith also served as the County's Search and Rescue coordinator and commanded the department's Emergency Service Team.

In addition to being the Chief Law Enforcement Officer for Riverside County he is also a