

of their greatest advocates. And it leaves those of us bent on furthering a progressive agenda without one of our greatest leaders.

Mr. Speaker, I also rise today to mourn the loss of one of the hardest-working people I have ever known. PAUL WELLSTONE earned himself a scholarship to the University of North Carolina as a student and an athlete. Four years after graduation he was awarded a Ph.D. in political science and began a 21-year teaching career in which he became increasingly involved in community organizing. In 1990, PAUL WELLSTONE—an under-funded underdog—ran a long-shot campaign for the United States Senate, which he won by energizing ordinary Minnesotans. 12 years later, his political legacy stands as testament to him keeping his promises.

Unlike many politicians, there was no disconnecting between PAUL WELLSTONE's political ideology and the way he lived his life. PAUL was the Senator who knew the names of the elevator operators and waiters in the Senate Dining Room. He was the Senator who, according to James W. Ziglar, a Republican who was Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate from 1998 to 2001, returned late one evening to his office to tell the cleaning staff how much he appreciated their work. PAUL WELLSTONE's unique authenticity, and his ability to remain true to his roots distinguished him here in Washington and, as many Minnesotans will tell you, back in his home state.

PAUL WELLSTONE was an unabashed liberal. He believed that every American should have access to affordable health care and good public schools, that our foreign policy should be based first and foremost on the sanctity of all human life—American or otherwise. And he knew that coming down on the right side of an issue—keeping in-line with his morals and ethics—was always more important than voting with the majority or in a politically-motivated way. PAUL WELLSTONE voted against the Persian Gulf War as one of his first acts as a Senator, and just recently was the only Senator facing re-election who voted against giving President Bush authority to conduct preemptive and unauthorized military strikes on Iraq. PAUL was a man who did not compromise his ideals.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Senator PAUL WELLSTONE. In an era where the difference between talk and action is often enormous, PAUL WELLSTONE was a man who lived as he spoke. I believe that America is better for it.

HONORING THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SHREWSBURY, MA

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the men and women of the First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts for receiving the Harry S. Cutting, Jr. Award for community service in the town of Shrewsbury.

The Harry S. Cutting Award is given out by Shrewsbury Community Services to recognize members of the community who, through their support and commitment, have made an out-

standing contribution to Shrewsbury Community Services, as well as to the residents of Shrewsbury.

The First Congregational Church is a member of the Shrewsbury Ecumenical Council and is active in a wide range of local and international community service. The Church devotes its time to support food donations, clothing drives, academic scholarships, among many other worthy causes.

On the international level, the Church has been active in the Caribbean by providing medical and dental care free of charge to those in need of help. Additionally, the Church has worked on the HEFFA Project, an international organization that helps countries become self-sufficient.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to inform the U.S. House of Representatives about the hard work that the First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts has done over the past few years. It is always important to have citizens join together to help others. I am confident that the entire U.S. House of Representatives joins me in congratulating the First Congregational Church for receiving the Harry S. Cutting, Jr. Award.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF OAKLAND CITY COUNCILMEMBER DICK SPEES

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Oakland City Councilmember Dick Spees on his retirement after 24 years of distinguished service.

Dick Spees is a leader on issues of economic development, marketing, finance, quality of life, public safety, and regional planning. Throughout his tenure on the City Council, he has remained committed to providing top-notch service and programs to his constituents.

Bolstering Oakland's economy and creating new recreational and educational facilities are top priorities for Dick Spees. He has led efforts to found the Chabot Space and Science Center, Oakland-Sharing the Vision, Oakland Tours, Bay Area Economic Forum, Bay Area World Trade Center, and Bay Area Bioscience Center.

With his support, Oakland has purchased open space, built new recreation centers, libraries, and cultural facilities, and upgraded emergency response facilities and equipment. The Oakland Fire Assessment District and an incentive program that encourages property owners to make seismic improvements to their homes were formed under his leadership.

As Chair of the City Council's Rules Committee, Dick Spees has overseen campaign finance reform, the sunshine ordinance, the lobbyist registration ordinance, and the formation of the public ethics commission.

A true civic leader, Dick Spees has represented Oakland on many Bay Area regional agencies, including the Association of Bay Area Governments, the Bay Area Economic Forum, the Regional Airport Planning Committee, the Bay Area World Trade Center, Oakland Base Reuse Authority, the City-Port Liaison Committee, and the BART-Oakland Airport Connector Stakeholders Committee.

I am honored to congratulate Dick Spees on all of his remarkable accomplishments. The people of Oakland will lose a true leader with Dick Spees' retirement, but his legacy of tireless dedication to improving lives will endure.

HONORING CATHLEEN BARNIER OF SONOMA COUNTY, CA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to honor Cathleen Barnier of Sonoma County, California, upon her retirement from 30 years of leadership in the management of community-based non-profit organizations.

For the last 10 years, Cathleen has been the President and CEO of Goodwill Industries of the Redwood Empire (GIRE), an agency providing employment and training programs, retail stores, business services, and recycling programs in six northern California counties. During her tenure, GIRE has been an active partner in community employment and education initiatives.

Prior to her work at GIRE, Cathleen served as Executive Director of the Family Service Agency of Sonoma County and Service Director of the American Cancer Society of Northern California. She also worked at Sonoma State Hospital, Sonoma County Adoption Agency, and North Bay Regional Center.

Cathleen's community involvement includes active roles with the Workforce Investment Board, Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce, Business Education Round Table, Economic Vitality Project, Santa Rosa Rotary, and School to Career. She was also appointed by the Governor to the State Department of Rehabilitation Advisory Council.

Mr. Speaker, Cathleen Barnier has provided exemplary service to the community for over 30 years, demonstrating that compassion and commitment combined with leadership and ability result in success. We are proud to honor Cathleen for her achievements and to wish her well in her future life traveling and spending time with family and friends.

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HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to recognize and commend the students of Marilyn Tieszen, a kindergarten teacher at Comanche Elementary School of Shawnee Mission, KS, which is located in the Third Congressional District of Kansas.

Following the tragic terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, Ms. Tieszen had her students create an American flag, using a white sheet, and dipping their hands in red and blue