

used as a pawn by the South African government. But Arthur believed that you could not speak out against apartheid unless you knew something about it. He also thought it was important for young blacks there to see a free black man, one of accomplishment and stature in his chosen field.

Arthur's sense of responsibility to his race, again coupled with his intellectual curiosity, led to one of his proudest achievements. While attempting to research the heritage of black athletes, he found no definitive work on the subject. In typical Ashe fashion, he set out to produce one. He invested three years of his time and money and employed three research assistants to write "A Hard Road to Glory," a three-volume history of the black athlete in America. That work, published in 1993, is a milestone in the field of historical sports writing; the script for the television version, which Arthur also wrote, won three Emmys.

For all his public achievements, I was always struck, in my personal relationship with him, by his overriding sense of trust. That trust pervaded my professional dealings with him as his lawyer for 23 years. We never had a formal contract. After an initial letter of agreement in 1970, he and I renewed each year with a handshake. Trust came naturally to him. He strongly believed—and we would debate this long and often—that there was a lot more good in people than bad.

But that trusting nature belied his toughness. Clearly, Arthur was tough on the tennis court, but off the court, he was just as strong-willed. One need look no further than the strong, unpopular stands he took on issues like more stringent academic standards for college athletes. Often swimming against the tide, Arthur always chose what he believed to be the moral and principled course.

And, obviously, Arthur had to be a man of great courage to deal with his medical traumas. Not once, when he learned that he had AIDS, did he say, "Why me?" He felt that same question could be asked of all the wonderful things he enjoyed in life. Why did he win Wimbledon? Why did he marry a beautiful, talented woman, Jeanne, who was such a major force in his life, and become father to a loving, precious child, Camera? No. When it came to adversity, Arthur preferred to pose the question differently. "Why not me?" he would ask.

When our group was leaving South Africa in 1973, someone handed my wife, Carole, a newspaper. Rolled inside it was a poem from Don Matera, a South African poet and freedom fighter who had recently been banned and was therefore prohibited from meeting with Arthur in public. I think that poem really captures the essence of Arthur Ashe.

I listened deeply when you spoke
About the step-by-step revolution
Of a gradual harvest,
Tendered by the rains of tolerance. . . .
and I loved you brother—
Not for your quiet philosophy
But for the rage in your soul,
Trained to be rebuked or
summoned. . . .

These lines reveal the true Arthur Ashe: a man of quiet philosophy, with a raging, noble soul—a man I loved so much. We may never see his like again.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ANIMAL DRUG USER FEE ACT OF 2003

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2003

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the bipartisan Animal Drug User Fee Act of 2003, legislation that I am introducing today with Reps. DEGETTE, GREENWOOD, TOWNS, BILIRAKIS, and JOHN.

Closely modeled after the Prescription Drug User Fee Act, the Animal Drug User Fee Act is designed to give the FDA the resources and incentives necessary to significantly improve the animal drug review process. This legislation is sorely needed. Despite a statutory review time of 180 days and the enhanced flexibility granted the agency in the Animal Drug Availability Act of 1996, the average review currently takes about 1.5 years and may drag on for several years. This slowdown in review times is jeopardizing the supply of the new, safe and effective animal drugs needed to keep our pets, flocks, and herds healthy.

The Animal Drug User Fee Act of 2003 is endorsed by a coalition of organizations, including the American Veterinary Medical Association, the American Farm Bureau, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, the National Milk Producers Federation, the American Association of Equine Practitioners, the American Sheep Industry Association, the National Pork Producers Council, and the National Turkey Federation. My cosponsors and I anticipate that additional organizations will join in this endorsement as we move forward with the legislation.

I urge my colleagues to join with me and the original bipartisan cosponsors of this legislation in supporting and cosponsoring the Animal Drug User Fee Act of 2003.

A TRIBUTE TO JOAN VIZCARRA, 29TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF YEAR—2003

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2003

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the accomplishments made by our nation's most distinguished women during the month of March. It is my great honor to recognize extraordinary women who are making a difference in my district.

I stand today, to pay special recognition to Joan Vizcarra, an outstanding woman of California's 29th Congressional District. Ms. Vizcarra's passion for community service, especially on behalf of education has made the City of Temple City a better place in which to live.

Ms. Vizcarra graduated from California State University at Los Angeles, majoring in psychology. Currently a realtor, she is attending the Phillips Graduate Institute taking a graduate program in psychology to obtain her marriage and family therapy license. Joan and her husband, Fernando Vizcarra, a Temple City Councilmember, have been married thirty-four years and have two children, Lara and Erin, and one grandchild.

Joan has been a member of the Temple City Unified School District Board of Education for twelve years, including serving on the budget and multicultural subcommittees. She is a board member of the Temple City Educational Foundation and a member of the site committee for Cleveland Elementary School's LEARNS program. In addition, Joan is a member of the California Association of Realtors and is the legislative liaison for the California School Boards Association. Ms. Vizcarra's past volunteer participation includes the Temple City Parent Teacher Association, Campfire Girls, the Arcadia Board of Realtors, the Temple City Kiwanis Club, and various political organizations.

The effort and time Joan gives to our community is truly remarkable, and the City of Temple City has benefited greatly from her dedicated service.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Joan Vizcarra. The entire community joins me in thanking Joan Vizcarra for her efforts.

RECOGNITION OF THE OCEANSIDE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2003

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, today the Oceanside Chamber of Commerce will proudly host the official grand opening of their new offices. There will be a ribbon cutting and reception to commence this special occasion. I want to ask special recognition for the efforts of Mr. David Nydegger the Chief Executive Officer of the chamber for his hard work in making the new offices a reality.

The Oceanside Chamber Mission Statement reads "To promote a strong business climate throughout the City of Oceanside, serve as leader and advocate for the business community, enhance the economic stability of the city and act as a collective voice for business concerns."

I believe that the Oceanside Chamber of Commerce has been successful in achieving the goals stated in its mission statement. Since its doors opened in 1896, the chamber has effectively promoted local business and been a valuable resource to the Oceanside business community.

Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of the chamber's grand opening, I would like to personally recognize the work of the Oceanside Chamber of Commerce on behalf of the businesses and citizens of Oceanside.

RECOGNIZING STEVE COX

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 13, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Steve Cox, an exceptional gentleman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership in his work as the sheriff of Livingston County, Missouri, and with the Elks Lodge 656 of Chillicothe.