Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend Harold Brown. Harold is celebrating his 30th anniversary as chief executive officer at Prairie du Chien Memorial Hospital. Wisconsin's second oldest city, Prairie du Chien, is a town of 5,500 people that is rich in both history and culture. Located on the beautiful Mississippi River, Prairie du Chien works hard to maintain its pioneer heritage. Memorial Hospital, a model for rural hospitals around the country, is a 40-bed facility that receives approximately 1,800 admissions and 6,600 emergency room visits each year. Under Harold's guidance, Prairie du Chien Memorial Hospital has won both national and state awards for its exemplary service.

My friend Harold has brought an enormous amount of leadership to his per, the AIDS.com hospital. He has been a small and rural hospital administrator for 37 years and was previously a health care consultant and medical education administrator for 6 years. He has received numerous awards, most recently the Governor's Exemplary Employers Award and the Wisconsin Children's Trust Fund Award, both in 2002. In 1988, Harold received the Louis Gorin Award for Outstanding Contribution to Rural Health Care by the National Rural Health Association. Continuously awarded the Employee of the Year Award by the employees of Mem-Aud Hospital, he also received the Community Distinguished Service Recognition Award for 25 years of service.

From 1985 to 1990, Harold worked hard to provide new services for the elderly at Memorial Hospital. He developed and implemented certified hospice and rural regional hospice, as well as day care for the elderly. He helped establish an independent living program for seniors, as well as meals-on-wheels service. Further, Harold was instrumental in starting elderly apartment housing, as well as a companion care program.

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A longtime member of the Wisconsin Hospital Association, Harold is also a part of the National Rural Hospital Association, serving as the group's president in 1996. He is also a board member of the Rural Wisconsin Hospital Cooperative, an organization that includes 26 rural hospitals and cooperatives and that region hospice, as well as day care for the elderly. He helped establish an independent living program for seniors, as well as meals-on-wheels service. Further, Harold was instrumental in starting elderly apartment housing, as well as a companion care program.

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HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, April 3, 2003

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce legislation that would require a test census of American citizens living abroad, to include, if possible, all of these missed citizens in the 2010 decennial census.

HON. NICK SMITH
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, April 3, 2003

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the birth and life of Claire Smith, born to our son Brad and his wife Diane on February 2, 1982. It was in this year on my birthday, November 5, that I was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives; 1992 was the international space year and my first committee assignment was Science. It is for Claire, and for all our children and grandchildren, that we in Congress continue to push the boundaries of science, invention, and technology, so that their lives, will be better and more productive in the years to come.

My wife Bonnie and I join with Claire's other grandparents, Neville and Jennifer Monteith from Kitchener, ON in celebrating this young life and all the opportunities we have through science to make the future better for our legacy, those children and grandchildren like Claire Smith.

HONORING GREGORY HAWKINS
FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENT OF THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Gregory Hawkins, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 66, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Gregory has been very active with his troop, participating in such Scout activities as Camp Geiger, Camp Bartle, and 45 nights of camping with his troop. Additionally, Gregory has earned 33 merit badges for activities and projects he has participated in. During his time with Troop 66, he has been involved in over 112 hours of community service that the troop has performed.

For his Eagle Scout project, Gregory landscaped an area next to Clinton County Middle School. He moved a tree and constructed and installed five benches for the middle school students to use.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Gregory Hawkins for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE CREDIT UNION

HON. DOUG OSE
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, April 3, 2003

Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, in 1953, the roots of Heritage Community Credit Union were planted. This year the Credit Union, and all those...
who enjoy its unique service, celebrate its 50th Anniversary.

It was 1953 when seven civilians working on Mather Air Force Base recognized a need for better financial service on base. Each member contributed $5 to form what was then called Mather Civilian Credit Union. In 1962 the Credit Union merged with another military credit union to form Mather Federal Credit Union.

In an effort to increase membership the Credit Union added products and services such as mortgage loans, Priority Line Audio Response, and a Telephone Services Department. In 1992, the Credit Union merged with Electrical Workers #340 Credit Union to add 1600 new members. In a third effort to expand membership the Credit Union merged with Proctor & Gamble Employees Federal Credit Union, which added another 1600 new members.

On December 14, 1998, Mather Federal Credit Union members voted to convert to a State chartered community credit union. Membership eligibility was again broadened to include anyone living or working in Sacramento County and the name was changed to Heritage Community Credit Union.

It is no surprise that the Credit Union has received “Business of the Year,” “Federal Credit Union of the Year” and “The Best Small Business to Work for in the Sacramento Area.” The Credit Union has devoted countless hours and financial support to local charities and philanthropic causes. The Credit Union has used its rapid growth and increased recognition to serve not only its members but also the entire community.

Our community is indeed proud of Heritage Community Credit Union and its history. And I am proud to congratulate the members and staff as we celebrate its 50th Anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE MILLER OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2003

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday April 1, 2003, I meant to vote “yes” on rolloff vote No. 96. I support H.R. 1412, the HEROES Act of 2003, a bipartisan bill recognizing the contributions of our men and women in uniform serving in the Middle East.

Hundreds of thousands of the United States military personnel have been called upon to serve in active duty for “Operation Iraqi Freedom.” Some of our troops serving in this conflict are student reservists who were called up from their college campuses to serve their country, many of whom receive financial aid to help pay for their college education. While many other active military personnel are paying back their student loans.

The Act extends waiver authority to the Secretary of Education to ensure that members of the Armed Services and students are not punished financially as a result of their voluntary service to our country at time of war, or a national emergency.

While H.R. 1412 is a necessary and appropriate step, we should also recognize that Congress should be doing more to provide relief to our active military personnel. We should take additional steps such as allowing military personnel to defer their student loans while they are on active duty, so that military personnel would not be charged interest on their student loans for the duration of their active duty. We must do everything that we can to recognize and to reward the sacrifices of the courageous men and women who are fighting in “Operation Iraqi Freedom.”

A CELEBRATION OF YOUTH IN HONOR OF EMILY BEATRICE SMITH OF MICHIGAN

HON. NICK SMITH OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2003

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the birth and life of our second grandchild, Emily Smith, born on March 9, 1989 to our son Brad and his wife Diane. The year Emily was born was a time of change for America and the world. A new President, George Bush Sr., took office. More importantly it was the year that the world ushered in a new era of peace. On the second of May, Emily Smith was just a few months old, but her future would be changed forever. It was in 1989 that the Berlin Wall fell and forty-five years of conflict and fear were soon behind us. It was a new era of prosperity, potential, and peace.

As we stand here today decisive moments confront us, but we have the opportunity to confront them. As we stand here today decisive moments confront us, but we have the opportunity to confront them. We have the opportunity to produce the quality products and offer the services authorized for sale to the federal government under the JWOD Program.

The JWOD Program is a great illustration of a successful partnership that has the ability to continuously grow with the changing procurement environment within the federal government.

The Javits-Wagner-O’Day Program works for America.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO DR. GERALD E. WOOD AS HE TAKES THE HELM AT DEFIANCE COLLEGE

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2003

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay special tribute to Dr. Gerald E. Wood. Tomorrow, Dr. Wood will be inaugurated as Defiance College’s 17th president. He has spent his entire life “writing, reading and doing” to have an opportunity like the one that has been placed before him. Dr. Wood would tell you that his involvement in higher education “is a calling, not just a job.”

Dr. Wood has spent the better part of his life focusing on the values that he holds most dear. His core values are the liberating experience of learning and the importance of community. These principles will serve him and the Defiance College community very well as he officially takes the reigns from outgoing president, Dr. James Harris.

Dr. Wood is keenly aware of the good things that happen at Defiance College. Given his credentials for the position, I have no doubt that he will expand upon the successes at Defiance College, ultimately taking the institution to a new level.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Wood was not looking for the opportunity to make a change in his career, rather this opportunity came to him. An official working with Defiance College matched his credentials with the college in terms of experience and commitment in general and, in