

Democratic Members of the Ways and Means Committee—and often proved to be a thorn in the side of my friends across the aisle. What most of my colleagues don't know is that I was the beneficiary of Al's budgetary wisdom long before he came to Washington to work on the staff of the Ways and Means Committee or the House Budget Committee before that. In the late 1970s when I served as Chairman of the Wisconsin Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance Al was toiling away as an economist for the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

In his work for the Ways and Means Committee Al himself was often unseen and unheard by the public, but the information he produced was routinely cited in the media. Not only did Al author remarkably insightful memos and produce easy-to-understand charts for us to use in debate on the floor and in the Ways and Means Committee, he frequently briefed reporters and opinion leaders about the effects of arcane budget and tax matters before Congress. Even though Al routinely prepared Ranking Member RANGEL and numerous other Members of Congress for television and radio interviews, I'm sure that his most proud achievement was coming up with the chart I used in my Spring 2001 newsletter to the constituents of Wisconsin's 4th District.

Al Davis was a kind and public-spirited man whose good work in this institution will not soon be forgotten. He was an expert in his field and earned the respect of his colleagues through his thoughtful analysis and wise counsel. Al simply had an answer for every conceivable question. One of his greatest attributes was his skill at explaining how tax and budget proposals would affect the working families and average Americans that we represent.

His dedication to his work was unmatched. He would often e-mail memos to staff late into the night so that Members of the Committee would be prepared for debate first thing in the morning. The Ways and Means Committee and this Congress as a whole will be at a loss without his vast expertise.

I am proud to stand with my colleagues in the House today to honor and recognize the career of our friend Al Davis. His integrity, character, and expertise in all matters related to the tax code and the federal budget will be sorely missed by this body.

TRIBUTE TO GUADALUPE
SANCHEZ DE OTERO

HON. STEVAN PEARCE

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

Mr. PEARCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the work of Guadalupe Sanchez de Otero, the director of the Andrew Sanchez Memorial Youth Center. Ms. Otero was recently selected as a 2003 Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leader. She was one of ten people nationally to be selected for this prestigious award, which includes a grant of over \$100,000 to enhance her work.

Ms. Otero is the founder and director, without pay, of the Andrew Sanchez Memorial Youth Center in Columbus, New Mexico. The center provides a safe play space for local children, many of whose parents are farm la-

borers who work long hours and cannot afford childcare. The center's programs also include health fairs, community meetings, sewing classes, and craft activities. Ms. Otero expanded the center's services when she saw growing numbers of senior residents suffering from isolation and poor nutrition. To combat this problem, she and her mother cashed in hundreds of aluminum cans to be able to serve seniors hot meals at the center. They also organized young people to deliver food to homebound seniors.

Ms. Otero founded the center in 1996 in an old fire station after launching the Health Promotores program in 1995. Through her work with the Health Promotores program, Ms. Otero quickly saw the many needs of the rural area on the U.S.-Mexican border, an area where more than half of the families live below the poverty line.

In addition to founding the Andrew Sanchez Memorial Youth Center, Ms. Otero helped launch a mobile health clinic, created a bilingual support group for diabetics, provided farm worker health and pesticide safety education, and assisted with the effort to turn around an abandoned tavern into the Columbus Public Library.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate Ms. Guadalupe Sanchez de Otero on this well-earned distinction, and express my gratitude for her determination and leadership. I commend Ms. Otero and her staff for the hard work they continue to perform, and I am proud to recognize her today before my colleagues a model of commitment to human service.

Ms. Otero's nominator for the award put it best by saying, "Lupe doesn't just talk about what's needed, but rather recognizes it and takes action in her own special way."

RECOGNIZING CLEVELAND,
TENNESSEE AS "FLAG CITY"

HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

Mr. WAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the city of Cleveland, Tennessee, which I have the awesome privilege to represent and join them in celebrating the upcoming Flag Day ceremonies on June 14th.

Beginning in the late 1800s, communities across the nation began envisioning a special day for celebrating our flag and the freedoms we enjoy as Americans. In 1949, President Harry Truman signed a Congressional Resolution designating June 14th of each year as Flag Day.

The "Stars and Stripes" is a symbol to the world of the eternal principles that our nation was founded upon. Our flag is also a powerful reminder that our freedoms and liberties exist only because of the incredible sacrifices made by countless Americans in defense of our country. It is for that reason we must honor and pay tribute to our flag.

I invite my colleagues to join me in commending the work of a very special group of individuals from Cleveland, Tennessee who came together as a community to find a truly patriotic way to celebrate Flag Day. Members of the Cleveland Kiwanis Club raised over \$22,000 from community businesses and volunteers and organized efforts to fly over 500 American flags on the streets of Cleveland.

It is a humbling sight and a perfect tribute to America and to the veterans who defended her. When a noble idea is coupled with a dedicated group of people—great things can happen.

I would like to personally thank Mayor Tom Rowland, State Senator Jeff Miller, State Representatives Dewayne Bunch and Chris Newton, the Cleveland Kiwanis Club, and the citizens of Cleveland and Bradley County, Tennessee for their efforts in this endeavor. It is an honor to represent and serve a "flag city."

HONORING THE 50TH WEDDING AN-
NIVERSARY OF JOSEPH AND
CLARA LEE

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Joseph and Clara Lee for 50 years of marriage, a remarkable milestone and testament to their love for each other. The Nashville, Tennessee, couple will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 12.

Joseph and Clara's marriage has been blessed. They have five children, six grandchildren, one great-grandchild, five step-grandchildren and six step-great-grandchildren, as well as countless friends. The Lees place a strong emphasis on family and friends, which is evident in their everyday deeds. And they made sure each of their children had the opportunity to get a college education, with all five receiving college degrees. And they have striven to help friends in any way they could.

Joseph was a longtime educator and counseled many children during his work with several youth programs over the years. Clara helped countless people during her work as a nurse. Both are very active in their church and community and have garnered a wealth of respect along the way.

I cordially congratulate Joseph and Clara for their commitment to one another, their family and their community. All of us should follow the example of Joseph and Clara, whose entire existence exudes compassion, loyalty and service to others. I wish them the very best on their 50th wedding anniversary and hope more of us can follow in their footsteps.

TRIBUTE TO COACH LELAND
YOUNG

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life and accomplishments of Mr. Leland Young of Rosedale, Mississippi. He dedicated his life to serving Mississippi's local youth athletes for 61 years.

Mr. Young was born July 28, 1941, in Ripley, Mississippi to Leland and Willie Young. He married Mary Katherine Jacob of Clarksdale on June 6, 1964. Together they had one daughter.

During his coaching career he built an impressive record of 221-63-2. He led Rosedale High School to four North Mississippi State