

A SALUTE TO THE BONSCALL  
FAMILY REUNION

**HON. CURT WELDON**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2003*

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, family reunions are an important part of our personal histories. On June 21 and 22, 2003, the Bonsall Family Reunion will be held at Stagecoach Farm in Cheyney, Pennsylvania in the 7th Congressional District of Pennsylvania. This will be the 320th anniversary of Richard, Mary and Obadiah Bonsall sailing out of Liverpool, England to America, arriving on the *Duke of Yorke* in the spring of 1683. I am proud to salute the Bonsall family on this important occasion.

Their story begins when Richard Bonsall and his wife, Mary (nee Wood) and their five young daughters ages 1 to 6 boarded a sailing vessel in Liverpool and endured a six to ten week voyage across the Atlantic Ocean with great hardships and danger. They arrived in Chester, Pennsylvania in the spring of 1683. Richard had received a Land Grant from William Penn in the area east of Chester Creek in what is now part of Lansdowne and part of Darby, Pennsylvania. Mary's parents had arrived in 1682 and had landed next to Richard's family. Richard built a dam on Chester Creek and established a Grain and Saw Mill. Richard and Mary added three sons and another daughter to the family. Richard and their other Quaker neighbors established the Darby Friends Meeting in 1699. Their children produced sixty-one (61) grandchildren and so started a very large family, many of whom served in every war that the United States was involved in from the Revolution to the recent conflict in Iraq.

Reuben Fayette Bonsall, a seventh generation descendant of Richard was born and raised just outside of Media, Pennsylvania in what is now Elwyn and had a large family of fourteen (14) children. In 1934 the descendants of Reuben held their first Reunion in honor of their parents. The tradition has continued each year since 1934 and is now held at Peggy Bonsall's home called Stagecoach Farm on Tanguy Road in Cheyney, Pennsylvania on the Sunday following Father's Day. In 1983 a worldwide reunion was held at Rose Tree Park and it was attended by nearly 1,000 descendants and family. There were genealogy displays, skits depicting some outstanding Bonsall's, Amos (explorer, soldier), Joseph (librarian, third library in America), Philip (last U.S. Ambassador to Cuba), bus tours to the ancestral homes (many are still being occupied), games for all ages and a dinner at Springton School.

After the reunion a committee was formed to establish a plan to keep the family aware of their heritage and contributions to America. It was decided to continue the regional yearly reunion and plan a U.S.A. reunion every ten years. The first ten year reunion was held in 1993, celebrating 310 years since Richard came to America and now we are celebrating the second ten-year Reunion on June 21 and 22, 2003 at Stagecoach Farm, 87 Tanguy Road, Cheyney, Pennsylvania. The program will include entertainment, games, genealogy displays, speakers, singers and depictions of famous Americans, William Penn, Ben Frank-

lin and George Washington, all of whom knew Bonsall in early America.

The Bonsall's are planning for 300 descendants and family to attend this 320th anniversary of Richard and Mary (Wood) Bonsall arriving in America. These committed descendants represent nearly every state in our country. I am pleased that a very large population of Bonsall's still live, work and play in Delaware County, Pennsylvania. There are over 35 streets named after various Bonsalls in the Delaware Valley. There are three states that have towns named Bonsall or Bonsal.

Mr. Speaker, family reunions offer a special time for families to come together for celebration and renewal of the ties that bind them. Although the Bonsall Family has endured trials and tribulations over the years, the family has maintained their love, devotion, and commitment to one another. I am certain that this year's reunion will be a very special and joyous occasion.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in extending best wishes to the entire Bonsall Family for a successful and heartwarming family reunion.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MARY ROSE  
CLARK WALKER

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I stand before this body of Congress to pay tribute to an outstanding woman from my district. Mary Clark Walker passed away recently at the amazing age of 108. Mary was one of a small number who had witnessed the dawn of two centuries, and the astounding advancement of technology in the United States over that time. Mary was lucky enough to see the beginning of the airplane, the television, and the modern automobile.

At a very young age, Mary moved from California to Ouray, Colorado where her original house on Oak Street still stands today. Mary gained a reputation as a hard worker. At a very young age, Mary began working to provide her family with extra spending money. She would often travel by train to Montrose, Colorado, where she would work a week at a time for the Ashenfelter Ranch. Mary sometimes stayed at the ranch for up to a month before she would return home to her family. It was this kind of work ethic that garnered Mary the respect of her town, which congratulated her by throwing a special 100th birthday party in her honor. Mary was also blessed with two sons, Jack and Lester, who claim her secret for a long and healthy life was nothing more than clean living and hard work.

Mr. Speaker, it is people like Mary that constitute the heart of our great nation as well as the spirit of the West and I am honored to recognize her life before this body of Congress and this nation. While we are all saddened by the loss of such a great woman, we can take some solace in knowing that she lived a long and happy life. My thoughts and prayers go out to Mary's friends and family during their time of mourning.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD D. FAUBLE,  
SUPERINTENDENT OF TECUMSEH  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**HON. NICK SMITH**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2003*

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker I rise today to honor Richard Fauble of Tecumseh, Michigan for his distinguished service to the community, most recently as the Superintendent of Tecumseh Public Schools.

As the Superintendent of the second largest district in Lenawee County, Richard Fauble oversaw the building of a new high school and extensive renovations to the middle school and four elementary schools. Both projects were successfully completed under budget.

Mr. Fauble distinguished himself both personally and professionally through his commitment to education. He earned his B.A. Degree from Central Michigan University and his Masters Degree in educational administration from the University of Michigan. He has also completed extensive coursework throughout the country.

Richard Fauble has made the most of his extensive education and training, serving in a variety of teaching and administrative positions. In the last 30 years, he has taught high school social studies, served as principals and superintendents in Wyoming, Wisconsin, Florida and Michigan. In each post, he offered his experience and expertise to improving the learning environment for students.

Education is the key for our Nation's future prosperity and security. The formidable responsibility of molding and inspiring young minds to the avenues of hope, opportunity and achievement rests in good part with our schools. Richard Fauble's impact on the future leaders of our community and our country is certainly deserving of recognition.

On behalf of the Congress of the United States of America, I am proud to honor Mr. Richard Fauble for his commitment and dedication to improving education. We thank him for his contributions to helping our young people become good citizens, and fit for the technology-based world of tomorrow.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT A. WILLIAMS

**HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 2003*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great community activist and humanitarian. Mr. Robert Williams, the exceptional leader of the Sports Foundation Inc. in the Bronx, has given 34 years of service to the youth of his community.

Mr. Williams helped found the Sports Foundation with the mission of promoting the development of youth through participation in community programs that involve sports, counseling, mentoring and education. The motto: "Building Social Responsibility through Sports" drives SFI to function as a model youth development organization, utilizing and providing prevention strategies and positive alternatives to substance use and anti-social behavior.

In addition to his work with the Sports Foundation in the Bronx, Mr. Williams has served