

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

as Director of the Youth Development Program which began the first publicly elected youth council in the country. He has served as Director of the College Opportunity and Educational Development program in Harlem and was the first Black Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach at New York University. He is also the author of *The Student Athlete Handbook*, which was published in 1993.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Williams has dedicated the majority of his adult life to serving his community. For four years he served as special assistant to the Bronx Borough President where he was responsible for all educational matters, including community school districts, institutions of higher education, libraries and cultural institutions.

Those who take the time to improve the lives of youth are special people. I am proud to say that our nation is a better place because of people like Mr. Robert Williams.

I thank Mr. Williams for 34 years of service to the youth of our community and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing him as a model American.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DON GEORGE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I have the pleasure to stand before this body to pay tribute to a great individual who, even at a very young age, understood the price of freedom. His story is one of honor, selflessness, and sacrifice, and I am honored to tell it to this Congress today.

In 1946, while just 15 years old, Don George had an exciting future ahead of him. Although just a high school freshman, he was already a starter on his high school basketball team. His country was finally at peace, having just defeated the Germans in Europe and the Japanese in Asia to close out World War II. Although he was too young to fight in the war, Don was old enough to understand how much his countrymen had sacrificed to help keep America free. So, he went off in the service of his country, pretending to be older than he was in order to meet the military's age requirements.

After his return from the service, Don came home and married the love of his life, Helen, to whom he has been married for 53 years. Don forged a career in the oil refinery business before retiring to pursue the things he and Helen love, such as country line dancing, bowling, and playing cards. Don is blessed with three children, six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Don sacrificed his diploma in order to serve his nation. However, a new law in Colorado enables veterans to receive their high school diplomas, and now Don, who is 72-years-old, will walk across the stage with his graduating class, the class of 2003 at Fruita Monument High School in Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the achievement of Don's upcoming commencement. The drive and dedication that Don has displayed in pursuing this diploma is extremely impressive, and his determination, along with his sacrifice to his country, is an outstanding example for America's youth. Don is truly a

dedicated patriot and citizen, and I am honored to recognize his accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO THE BARABOO PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend congratulations to the Baraboo Public Library in Baraboo, Wisconsin for 100 years of service to the community. Constructed in 1903, this library has been an integral part of democratic society in Baraboo.

A public library serves as the cornerstone of democracy. A library fosters intellectual freedom and makes available to all citizens an extensive information network. In a local setting, citizens have access to global resources of information. The educational importance of a public library is immensely important in improving the community by providing access to higher learning. A library is a requirement for a cultivated democratic society.

A public library allows citizens to perform their civic duties placed upon them in our noble democratic Nation. It not only provides free worldwide access to information, but also is a place where residents can obtain information about their community, and where internet access, tax forms and voter registration forms are provided. The role of the public library is essential in supporting a democratic state. The Baraboo Public Library has gone beyond its civic duty in providing these services for the public.

Baraboo Public Library's vast success in the past 100 years has led it to develop a distinguished reputation within its community. It is evident that the library's dedication towards free information and democracy will allow the city of Baraboo to continue to foster higher education and diversity in society. I join Baraboo residents in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Baraboo Public Library.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM RYUN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, Unfortunately, I missed the votes in the House of Representatives on June 16, 2003. Had I been in attendance I would have made the following votes:

H.R. 2254, the Bruce Woodbury Post Office Building Designation Act. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "yea."

H. Con. Res. 220, Commending Medgar Wiley Evers and his widow, Myrlie Evers-Williams, for their lives and accomplishments. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "yea."

S. 703, the Carl T. Curtis National Park Service Midwest Regional Headquarters Building Designation Act. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "yea."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO KRISTOPHER ENTZ

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 honor the life and memory of an outstanding young man from my district. Kristopher Entz, a 17-year-old student from Center, Colorado passed away recently. As his family and friends mourn their loss, I would like to pay tribute to the memory of Kristopher before this body of Congress and this nation.

Kristopher was a well-rounded, perpetually happy, all-American teenager, liked and admired by all. His sense of humor and penchant for pranks made him one of the most popular students at Sangre de Cristo High School. He was an outstanding student, as evidenced by his membership in the National Honor Society and his participation in Knowledge Bowl, an extra-curricular academic competition. Kristopher excelled in athletics as well, and was a terrific football player who also liked snowboarding, golf, and lifting weights.

Kristopher is survived by his parents Mike and Rhonda, his older sister Brynna, and a loving extended family, and my thoughts and prayers are with them during this difficult time. Kristopher's good-natured spirit will live on in the many lives he has touched in the San Luis Valley. His love, laughter, and dedication to his family, friends, school, and community will be greatly missed.

CONGRATULATING PAUL SABLAN DUENAS ON HIS GRADUATION FROM THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY CLASS OF 2003

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Ensign Paul Sablan Duenas on his graduation from the United States Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science on May 23, 2003 and for his commissioning as Ensign in the United States Navy. Paul now joins his brother John, who also graduated from the Naval Academy, as a Naval Officer.

As a young man growing up on Guam, Paul demonstrated tremendous success as a student and leader at every academic level. He attended Cathedral Grade School in Hagatna, Guam and St. Francis School in Yona, Guam before enrolling at Father Duenas Memorial School, where he completed his secondary education. During high school career, Paul excelled in academics and was inducted into the National Honor Society. Outside of the classroom, he further developed his leadership talents by serving as Cadet Commanding Officer for the Father Duenas Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp (NJROTC) during his senior year. Upon graduating from Father Duenas Memorial School in 1999, Paul accepted an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy.

Today I join friends and family of Ensign Paul Sablan Duenas in congratulating him on