

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF HISPANIC HERITAGE  
MONTH

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month—a celebration of Americans of Hispanic heritage and their significant contributions to our community and to our nation, and hosted this year by the Louis Stokes Cleveland Department of Veterans Affairs Centers in Brecksville and Wade Park.

This year's theme is "Hispanic Americans: Strength in Unity, Faith and Diversity". This expression is reflective of the five hundred-year history of Hispanic culture and contribution to America. Americans of Hispanic heritage have gracefully and significantly assimilated to, and contributed within, every aspect of our society—enhancing the vibrancy and diversity of life in America.

Hispanic Americans have contributed immeasurably to all areas of our culture—from medicine, law, and business, to education, music and the fine arts. Hispanic Americans in our community and in communities across the country are life-saving doctors and nurses, inspiring professors, dedicated teachers, committed elected officials, fair-minded judges, and hardworking factory employees. Americans of Hispanic heritage bring energy, innovation, and a real sense of social justice to America, while retaining the cultural traditions of their homeland—for all citizens to enjoy.

Moreover, United States Veterans of Hispanic heritage have answered the call to action when our nation needed them most. Thousands of these veterans made the ultimate sacrifice to defend the rights and freedoms for all citizens. Because of the conviction, bravery and selfless action of American Veterans of Hispanic heritage—action seen in every American military conflict, and within every branch of the United States Armed Forces—American democracy and American freedom has been preserved.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, and join me in expressing my gratitude to the outstanding contributions made by Hispanic Americans, especially American Veterans of Hispanic heritage, for their sacrifices and triumphs, on behalf of our entire society. Their journey to America, fraught with significant obstacles and strife, paved the way for a better life for their children and future generations, and signifies what it means to be an American. Within our diversity we find strength. Within our traditions we find unity. And because of their journey—and the journey of people from all points of the world—we are stronger as a community, more unified as a nation, and better as people.

TRIBUTE TO SUE LEMPERT FOR  
THIRTY YEARS OF PUBLIC SERV-  
ICE TO THE CITY OF SAN MATEO

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to invite my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to an extraordinary woman and a very dear friend of mine, Mrs. Sue Lempert, for her thirty years of devoted service to the city of San Mateo, California, which is located in my congressional district.

In 1973 Sue began her illustrious service to the city as a trustee for the San Mateo Elementary School District, where she served for 10 years. She then spent another 10 years as a trustee with the San Mateo Union High School District, before being elected a member of the San Mateo City Council in 1993.

She subsequently served as both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of San Mateo. Since joining the San Mateo City Council, Sue has worked especially hard to improve the transportation system of San Mateo, making it more efficient and environmentally safe. She also has been a strong advocate for increased funding for public libraries, and as a tribute to her, the "Celebrating Sue Lempert Fund" has been created in hopes of raising \$50,000 for a new San Mateo Library.

Mr. Speaker, Sue Lempert's involvement in San Mateo extends beyond her position with the City Council. She is a board member of both the Friends of Early Learning and the Junior Statesmen Foundation. She is a member of the San Mateo Rotary and the Baywood Homeowners Association. She has been involved with the San Mateo Housing Task Force, the San Mateo Downtown Association, and assisting the elderly with their housing needs through the Lesley foundation. In addition to being a pillar of the San Mateo community, she is a loving wife and mother of three children, all of whom attended San Mateo public schools.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in saluting and congratulating this outstanding individual, on her 30 years of service to San Mateo. I commend Sue Lempert who has dedicated herself to our community and truly has made a difference for those around her and indeed the entire county of San Mateo.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. PAUL CROATIAN CHURCH

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the 100th Anniversary of St. Paul Croatian Church of Cleveland.

Since 1902, St. Paul Church has been serving the spiritual and cultural needs of Croatian Americans in our community. Members and leaders of the Church have been a source of strength and unity for generations of Croatian immigrants, who bravely left behind their beloved homeland to follow the hopeful path to America, seeking a life of justice and freedom.

As Croatian immigrants embraced American freedoms and ideals, St. Paul Church stood like a rock of security, faith and support amid the rough waters of their transition into American society.

Today, as in the past, St. Paul Croatian church continues to be a beacon of light and hope for our Croatian community in Cleveland. This cherished haven has protected and preserved the culture, history and traditions for generations of Croatian Americans—a bond not hindered by time or distance—a bridge connecting the Old World to the New World.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the spiritual leaders and generations of parishioners who founded, supported and sustained St. Paul Croatian Church in Cleveland for one hundred years. As an American of Croatian heritage, I am grateful to have this opportunity to honor an institution that continues to serve as a haven of faith and assistance for generations of Croatian Americans—enhancing the lives of countless individuals and families, and enriching our entire community.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE  
HON. BOB STUMP

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to honor the memory of former Arizona Congressman Bob Stump and his lifetime of dedication to the United States. I was deeply saddened to learn that our colleague passed away on Friday June 20, 2003, after a long illness. We have not only lost a wonderful friend, but an individual who during his time made countless contributions toward the betterment of our Nation. He was especially concerned with the well-being of our service men and women and went to great lengths to give them the support they so clearly deserve.

Mr. Stump, a native of Phoenix, Arizona, began his career of service at the young age of 16 by joining the Navy. He completed duties as a combat medic during World War II and was elected to the Arizona State Legislature in 1959. There he remained a member for 18 years after which he was elected to represent the 3rd District of Arizona in the United States House of Representatives. During his terms in office, he was appointed as the chairman of both the House Veterans Affairs and Armed Services Committees.

The hundreds who gathered on Wednesday to show their admiration for Mr. Stump could

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only represent a small portion of the many that his life affected. I feel that my predecessor, former Congressman Sonny Callahan, was accurate when he stated that Mr. Stump's "quiet manner produced some of the greatest effects of any I've ever observed. He was a quiet member who seldom spoke at great lengths on the floor, but his ability to get things that he believed in done was phenomenal." We are privileged to have known and worked with this passionate and loyal individual. Mr. Stump will be greatly missed and always remembered.

MOTHER JONES

**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a memorable figure in our Nation's labor history and to recognize the role of my district in history. Today, we commemorate the accomplishments of Mother Mary Harris Jones, a pioneer in the courageous battle to protect society's most vulnerable. I would like to commend the New Jersey State AFL-CIO, particularly President Charles Wolkanech and Secretary-Treasurer Laurel Brennan, for preparing the public recognition of a woman of tremendous fortitude. Their leadership on behalf of working people in this State follows in the tradition of Mother Jones. If she were here today she would be proud that her legacy is being so well served by two of New Jersey's most respected leaders.

The dawn of the 20th century was a bright time for many in America, as our industrial and economic strength leapt forward to meet a new era. For too many, though, it was a dreary, dangerous, and disheartening time. Simply by virtue of the circumstances of their birth, thousands of this Nation's poorest children were forced to work in dangerous conditions in mining and textile industries. Many were robbed of life. Those who survived often suffered a lifetime of chronic maladies.

This inequity had no place in Mother Jones's vision of America, and Jones fought vigorously for justice. In the spring of 1903, this fight brought her to Princeton, New Jersey, with an army of 100,000 textile workers that included 16,000 children, who had left their jobs in the Philadelphia area so that a nation might recognize their plight. Mother Jones stood before a crowd of professors, students, and citizens at Princeton University, bringing to the gates of higher education those children who were robbed of even the chance to read or write. Children at this demonstration carried signs saying, "I want to go to school." She showed them James Ashworth, whose ten-year-old spine was contorted from carrying 75-pound bundles of yarn, 10 hours each day, earning \$3 per week. She spoke, and a generation was given the hope that a better day would come and the courage to take action against more powerful forces.

Mother Jones sparked the Nation's consciousness that day in Princeton. Her army took the first steps toward equity for workers and the abolition of child labor in America. One hundred years later, we should remember her fight, and I hope that all Americans learn from this woman's moral strength and her concern for our poorest children. As we reenact

the events of that day and dedicate a memorial to honor Mother Jones, we must continue to speak out for those whose voices are unheard. In so doing we must defend the right to organize, earn a decent living, work in a safe environment, and ensure that all in America share in the progress of this Nation.

IN HONOR OF THE REVEREND  
JOHN C. DALTON

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Reverend John C. Dalton, pastor of Holy Name Parish, on the occasion of his retirement from active ministry.

Father Dalton began serving the Northeast Ohio community in May, 1948, when he was ordained into the priesthood. He ministered to families and individuals in Akron, Lorain, Cleveland and Tallmadge before joining Holy Name Parish in 1972. Father Dalton became pastor of Holy Name in 1973, and has served the parishioners at Holy Name for the past thirty years.

Father Dalton's legacy to the Holy Name community will forever be embedded within each new generation of parishioners at Holy Name Parish. During his ministry at Holy Name church, Father Dalton was instrumental in maintaining the structural beauty of Holy Name church—one of the most stunning edifices in the Greater Cleveland area. Moreover, Father Dalton leaves a legacy of sincere compassion and commitment to each member of his congregation. His kind words, deeds and spiritual assistance to those in need will be forever remembered, and he will be greatly missed by the entire Holy Name community.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Father John C. Dalton, on the occasion of his retirement from the active ministry. Father Dalton—spiritual leader, compassionate counselor, wise administrator, and friend to all—will remain in the hearts and souls of all who know him. The parishioners Father Dalton has served, especially those within the Holy Name community, will always remember his integrity, kindness, compassion and dedication, and his legacy and example will live on for generations to come.

HONORING REVEREND HOWARD  
JOHNSON

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Reverend Howard Johnson for his 21 years of service as pastor of the Truevine Missionary Baptist Church of Mobile, Alabama, and for numerous other contributions he has made to his community throughout his lifetime.

Rev. Johnson was born in Jackson, Alabama, on June 26, 1940. He grew up in Clarke County, and it is there that he received his primary education. In 1967, Mr. Johnson entered the ministry and was licensed to

preach. His first church was the Bethlehem Baptist Church in Citronelle, Alabama, and he served there from 1968–1980. He received his Associate Arts Degree from S.D. Bishop State Junior College in 1975 and Bachelor of Arts Degree from Mobile College in 1976. In 1979, he graduated from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity Degree, and in 1980 he earned his Doctor of Divinity Degree from the Virginia Seminary. He became the pastor of the Truevine Missionary Baptist Church in 1982 and has remained there to date.

Besides serving as a pastor, Rev. Johnson has held positions in the Mt. Olive Baptist Church and the Sweet Pilgrim Baptist Church. He currently serves as the Chaplain for the University of South Alabama Medical Center. Throughout the years he has been a member of and led many civic and religious organizations. With his dedication to God and his community it is no surprise that he has been recognized with awards by various groups on numerous occasions. His life has been and continues to be an example for all to follow.

I got to know Rev. Johnson during what was most certainly the most difficult period in his life following the death of his son, Howard, II, in service to his country in Iraq. The reverend showed almost inhuman strength, faith, and courage during this tragic time, and he has my deepest respect and admiration.

It is most appropriate that on July 13, 2003, Rev. Johnson will be recognized for his 21 years at the Truevine Missionary Baptist Church. His wife, Gloria, and two daughters, Zsquez RaShaunn and Geiselle LaVonne will join him in his celebration. This is a much deserved honor. We are fortunate to have Rev. Johnson as a leader in our district, and I am truly proud to call him my friend.

REGARDING THE ACTUARIAL  
VALUE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG  
BENEFITS OFFERED TO MEDI-  
CARE ELIGIBLE ENROLLEES BY  
A PLAN UNDER FEDERAL EM-  
PLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS  
PROGRAM

SPEECH OF

**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 8, 2003*

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, in light of yesterday's consideration of a bill to ensure that federal retirees will not lose their prescription drug coverage under the Republican leadership's Medicare prescription drug legislation, I have a question for Mr. DAVIS.

Chairman DAVIS, I applaud you and the Government Reform Committee for looking out for the interests of retired federal employees. I must ask, however, why you do not see an inconsistency here.

With this bill, you have acknowledged that the Medicare drug legislation passed by this House could give Congress an incentive to drop prescription drug coverage for federal retirees because they will get prescription drug coverage under Medicare.

Will you also acknowledge that under the Medicare bill passed by the Republican leadership, nearly one-third of employers currently offering retiree drug benefits—covering 11 million seniors—would drop that coverage, according to the CBO? If federal retirees are to

be protected from having to rely on what would be inadequate prescription coverage under Medicare, shouldn't all retirees with such coverage be protected? The truth is that the bill passed last month ostensibly to provide prescription medicine to seniors not only undermines Medicare as a program it also undermines private employer-based coverage of retirees.

IN HONOR OF THE 135TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the 135th Anniversary of the North Presbyterian Church of Cleveland.

This historic structure has a rich legacy of dedication to the community, and has focused on the needs of the poor and the homeless of our society. In the early years of the church, members united to form the Christian Endeavor Society, Mother's Clubs, and Children's daytime groups and Scouts. During the Great Depression, the church worked with Case School to provide a daily lunch for undernourished children.

As in the past, there is still a need for services and assistance within our community, and the North Presbyterian Church continues to be a strong force in reaching out to others. The doors of the church are always open to help anyone in need. Active members of the North Presbyterian Church provide hot meals twice a week for the homeless, and for those residing in homeless shelters. Church leaders and members also provide grocery distributions, emergency food and clothing supplies. Additionally, church members have nurtured strong bonds with other civic and spiritual groups, and hold regular community meetings, including Alcoholics Anonymous—a group that has been meeting weekly at the church for the past fifty years.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor, celebration and recognition of the leaders and members of the North Presbyterian Church, past and present, as they celebrate 135 years of caring, commitment and ministry to the people of Cleveland. Because of their selfless efforts in helping the less fortunate of our society, they have built not only a place of worship—they have built a haven and refuge, open to us all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JEFF FLAKE**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, I missed rollcall vote Nos. 334, 335 and 336. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 334, "aye" on rollcall No. 335, and "aye" on rollcall No. 336.

BRINGING CYPRUS TOGETHER

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, post-September 11, 2001, and in the aftermath of the campaign in Iraq, the eastern Mediterranean is increasingly a focus of attention for policymakers, news organizations, academics and government leaders around the world. In this geographic neighborhood of perennial tensions, a U.S. ally, Turkey, continues to delay the economic and political development of Cyprus, regrettably refusing to end its military occupation of the island's northern third.

For almost three decades, Cyprus has been a country characterized by economic growth, political maturation and determination to overcome the legacy of division wrought by Turkish intervention. Even though Cyprus will join the European Union (EU) in May 2004 and will someday be in a position to weigh in on discussions regarding future Turkish membership, Ankara continues to display an unfortunate and unnecessary intransigence that is not in its own long-term strategic interests. Maintaining roughly 35,000 troops and tens of thousands of Turkish settlers in the northern sector of Cyprus since 1974, Turkey has repeatedly defied U.N. Security Council resolutions calling for the immediate withdrawal of its troops from the island.

No one underestimates the value of Turkey's geographic location and—prior to U.S. involvement in Iraq, at least—its value as a regional NATO member. Despite this key role, Turkey's refusal to cooperate in the face of repeated worldwide calls to end its occupation of northern Cyprus cannot continue to go ignored.

As a member of the House International Relations Committee, I am troubled by this ongoing and unnecessary partitioning and weakening of what is proving to be a booming state—Cyprus. It is time we recognize this situation for what it is and insist Turkey cooperate actively in its prompt solution.

Measures that serve to build confidence should certainly continue, but not as an exercise to delay the inevitable: the reunification of the island state of Cyprus as a complex, modern, multi-ethnic Mediterranean state.

Due to this inexplicable separation, Cyprus holds the dubious distinction of being the only European state with its capital divided, as barbed wire quite literally carves the country in two. Two historically well-integrated ethnic communities of predominantly Christian Greek and Muslim Turkish heritage are required to live in a very artificial segregation. Turkey treats the northern third of the island it occupies as an impoverished, second-tier province, rather than allowing it to join in an increasingly successful Cyprus.

Despite a history of unsuccessful efforts by American and U.N. diplomacy to effect a resolution of issues that were created by the Turkish invasion, the government of Cyprus has persisted in its efforts to peacefully reunite the two communities and bring European prosperity to both. Meanwhile, the leaders of Cyprus have succeeded in creating a modern economy and have achieved a level of growth that qualified Cyprus to receive an invitation for EU membership, a Continental "seal of approval."

Thereafter, EU leadership made it clear to Turkey that its own aspirations to join the EU depended upon its cooperation in tolerating the accession of Cyprus to the EU, and hinted that successful resolution of the Cyprus problem would go a long way toward reducing opposition to Turkey's EU accession.

Turkey, although recently permitting limited buffer zone crossings within Cyprus, has dragged its heels on a strategy to resolve the overall situation, which will in effect deny the northern third the benefits of EU membership.

On April 30, the Cypriot government introduced a series of new economic, political, and social measures designed to ease the hardships of Turkish Cypriot compatriots disadvantaged by the status quo—such as providing improved medical care, expanded employment opportunities, facilitated trade and movement of goods, and participation in free and open national elections.

One must view these welcome developments, however, with utmost caution. Neither the recent partial relaxation of movement restrictions through the U.N. cease-fire line nor the government's pro-active recognition of its Turkish Cypriot citizens' most pressing needs should be mistaken as a substitute for formal diplomatic efforts to reach a negotiated, comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus situation based on the U.N.'s internationally endorsed framework.

Today, Turkey faces economic and social challenges, although none of them pertain to its Mediterranean neighbor, Cyprus, aside from the estimated \$500 million a year that its occupation of Cyprus drains from the Turkish economy. Turkey's difficulties in reforming its military and legal system, respecting the rights of its ethnic minorities, and heeding the EU's advice on steps it needs to take if it wishes to join the EU should offer the necessary incentives for it to take progressive steps on the issue of Cyprus.

The time has come for the United States to advise Turkey's leadership—in very clear terms—that its occupation of Cyprus must quickly come to an end. Turkey, today with lessened leverage over the United States, should not be allowed to continue blocking resolution of the situation in Cyprus. The only chance Turkey has to modernize by joining the EU is to release Cyprus from the grip of its aggression and show the world that Turkey itself has turned the corner and is an increasingly enlightened global citizen.

Then, and only then, Cyprus can be reunited, bringing security and prosperity to all its citizens and a glimmer of peace to the eastern Mediterranean.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. VITO FOSSELLA**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. FOSSELLA. Mr. Speaker, I am not recorded on rollcall numbers 315, 316 and 317. I was unavoidably detained and was not present to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted yes on rollcall numbers 315, 316 and 317.

I ask unanimous consent that this statement be printed in the appropriate part of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

RECOGNITION AND HONOR TO ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH OF CLEVELAND ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of St. John Nepomucene Parish of Cleveland, as they celebrate 100 years of service to our community.

In 1898, 200 Catholic Americans of Czech heritage met at the East 52nd Street home of Frank Stepanik. The gathering, organized by John Jira and Charles Vana, sparked the beginnings of a new parish. In 1902, St. John Nepomucene Parish was established.

Parish members were also focused on the welfare of their children. To preserve the culture, history and language of their Eastern European motherland for their children, members organized again to establish a school. In 1903, St. John Nepomucene School was established, with an enrollment of 300 students.

As immigrants navigated their way through the difficult transition of assimilation in America, St. John Nepomucene served as a haven of security, faith, support and assistance. As immigrants embraced the freedoms and ideals of their new nation, St. John Nepomucene served as a bridge between two worlds—connecting Fleet Avenue to their homeland across the ocean.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor, recognition and celebration of the generations of spiritual leaders and parishioners who founded, supported and sustained St. John Nepomucene Church for 100 years. The leaders and members of St. John Nepomucene Parish, past and present, continue their tradition of providing faith and hope to individuals and families in and around Fleet Avenue—reflecting light and hope throughout our Slavic Village neighborhood, and enriching our entire community.

HONORING ANTHONY LERIOS AND NICK TOTH

**HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man who epitomizes the pride that Greek-Americans take in our heritage and the love we have for America.

Nick Toth, one of my constituents, was one of only sixteen Americans recently to receive a National Heritage Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts. He received this prestigious honor because he has carried on a nearly century-old family tradition of handcrafting copper sponge-diving helmets.

Mr. Toth crafts the helmets with pride. He spends approximately 140 hours on each of the thirty-six pound helmets. Although the helmets have sold for as much as \$10,000 a piece, there really is no way to put a real price on what they mean to his family and to my community of Tarpon Springs, Florida.

Mr. Toth's grandfather, Anthony Leros, came to the United States from Greece in

1913 and founded A. Leros Machine Shop, which made engines and other parts for local sponge boats. He also made helmets for sponge divers and later taught his grandson, Nick, the art of helmet-making. After his graduation from my alma mater, the University of Florida, Nick and his grandfather teamed up to produce the helmets full time.

Nick and his grandfather received a Florida Folklife Master Apprentice grant to make the helmets in the 1980s and soon they became recognized nationwide. Nick's grandfather died in 1992 at the age of 100. Nick now is one of the few people worldwide who produce the helmets which have earned him this praise. He will be coming to Washington in September to attend a dinner honoring the sixteen recipients of this year's National Heritage Fellowship.

Mr. Speaker, I want to commend the attention of this House to the outstanding lives and work of Anthony Leros and Nick Toth. They have shown that hard work, perseverance, and determination can lead those from modest beginnings to great acclaim. I am proud to call Nick Toth a constituent, and more important, a fellow Greek-American.

HONORING MAJOR GENERAL SCOTT C. BERGREN

**HON. ROB BISHOP**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to honor Major General Scott C. Bergren upon his retirement after 33 years of dedicated service to the United States. His contributions to our Nation's security, his years of sacrifice on behalf of others, and his superior leadership have paved the way for excellence and innovation for generations to come.

Scott Bergren was commissioned in 1970, and has had a distinguished career in the United States Air Force, including combat time in Southeast Asia as an F-4 Weapon Systems Operator, and command assignments at the squadron, group, wing, and now center levels.

General Bergren's leadership has been, tested and thoroughly proven during his time as Commander of the Ogden Air Logistics Center. During a period when the Center has been heavily tasked for warfighter support, his superb application of financial, human, and materiel resources has delivered results far beyond expectations.

Recently, General Bergren created an atmosphere at the base of total focus on winning the war on terrorism. As a result, Ogden ALC shipped over 8,500 tons of munitions to support deployed air operations, and our Nation's pilots were safer and more effective in mission performance. An emphasis on innovative approaches led to expedited aircraft modifications that gave aircrews the edge they needed for victory.

General Bergren has led Ogden ALC to numerous awards in many areas including safety, environmental restoration, and efficiency.

I, along with the great men and women of Team Hill, congratulate General Scott C. Bergren on reaching this significant milestone, and wish him and his wife, Pam, the very best as they transition to new challenges and opportunities.

COMMENDATION OF ADDISON TOWNSHIP, ILLINOIS

**HON. HENRY J. HYDE**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, on March 27, my district office in Addison, Illinois was completely destroyed by a fire. Only a few cherished career mementos survived, and even then, they were severely damaged by heat, smoke and water. Thankfully, the early morning fire injured no one.

After assessing our loss, my district staff's thoughts immediately turned to the citizens of my district. How could we continue to serve them locally without a roof over our heads or even something as simple as pen and paper?

That's when many people and government entities in my district stepped forward to offer assistance. I would like to particularly commend Addison Township—whose offices also were destroyed by the fire—for making sure repairs to the office were completed accurately and on time. This vigilance helped my staff resume normal operations as quickly as possible.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Addison Township for unselfishly offering aid and comfort to my district staff in our hour of need. Paraphrasing the great movie, *It's a Wonderful Life*, I can only say that I am indeed the richest man in town with friends like these in Addison Township, Illinois.

IN HONOR OF LIEUTENANT WALTER J. THOMAS

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Lieutenant Walter J. Thomas, Officer in Charge of the Fourth District Vice and Strike Force, upon the occasion of his retirement from the Cleveland Police Department after twenty-two years of service to the Cleveland community.

Lieutenant Thomas' strong work ethic, personal dedication and concern for others has been clearly present throughout his career. His work reflected the highest level of intelligence and wisdom, and his ever-present wry sense of humor was a saving grace during the most stressful situations.

Lieutenant Thomas rose steadily up the ranks of the Cleveland Police Department. In 1989, Officer Thomas was promoted to Detective of the Narcotics Unit. Several years later, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the Second District. And last year, Officer Thomas was promoted to the well-deserved position and title of Lieutenant, working in Cleveland's Fourth District.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor, gratitude and recognition of Lieutenant Walter J. Thomas, upon his retirement from the Cleveland Police Department. Lieutenant Thomas carried out his duties with honesty, loyalty, quiet confidence and dignity, and his exceptional and courageous service on behalf of the citizens of Cleveland, has served to lift the spirits and the lives of countless individuals, families—and the entire Cleveland community.

TRIBUTE TO BERT BOECKMANN

**HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. SHERMAN, and I rise today to pay tribute to our good friend, Bert Boeckmann, who will be leaving the Los Angeles Police Commission because of term limits. The Police Commission is one of Los Angeles' most important panels, and Bert's strong leadership and vision have played a vital role in setting police policy for the City of Los Angeles during the past seventeen years.

Bert began his remarkable career selling automobiles at Galpin Ford in 1953. Four years later at the age of twenty-six, he became the General Manager of the company. Shortly afterwards, Bert began a buyout of the corporation. By 1968, the buyout was complete. Bert's innovation and management skills, along with a very strong sense of integrity and customer concern, have helped make him one of America's most successful entrepreneurs. By surrounding himself with a management team that shares his enthusiasm, honesty and dedication, Galpin Ford has become the world's most successful Ford dealership. Bert is widely recognized as the most honored and successful automobile dealer in America.

In 1984, Bert was appointed to the Police Commission by Mayor Tom Bradley. In his many years as a member of the Commission, Bert served as a stabilizing force, often counseling younger committee members. As a Commissioner, Bert worked to revise the system-wide deployment of police units to ensure that all areas of Los Angeles received equal police response. Bert has also worked to enforce and create policy regarding Official Police Garages. In the wake of September 11, Bert monitored the police's Anti-Terrorist Division. The mark Bert leaves on the Police Commission is indelible, positive and a testament to his commitment to public service.

Bert's many philanthropic achievements have touched the lives of millions, even beyond his well-known projects in Los Angeles. For example, in 1992, Bert and his wife, Jane, personally responded to a desperate plea from the city government of Moscow and Russian farmers who were in dire need of seed for the approaching winter harvest. Through his involvement with various organizations, Bert helped arrange the donation of over 57,000 pounds of seeds. Recently, he established the Boeckmann Charitable Foundation, which gives millions annually to charities around the world. Locally, Bert has donated more than \$1.5 million to the Boeckmann Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies at the University of Southern California.

Bert is a devoted and loving husband and cares deeply for his five children, their families and his five grandchildren. We are extremely pleased to know Bert and feel fortunate to have a person like him in our community.

Mr. Speaker, we invite our colleagues to join us in thanking Bert Boeckmann for his outstanding contributions to the Police Commission and wish him continued success.

THE "LIBRARIAN EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2003" (LEND Act) TO PROVIDE LOAN FORGIVENESS TO LIBRARIANS IN CRITICAL NEED AREAS

**HON. XAVIER BECERRA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, public libraries and schools across this nation are experiencing a dire shortage of librarians. To help fill the void, I have introduced legislation that will encourage individuals to pursue careers as librarians in public schools and libraries in low-income areas by providing student loan forgiveness.

The shortage of librarians is attributed to a combination of two factors. First, it is difficult to recruit and retain qualified librarians in the face of low salaries. Libraries are now in direct competition with industries needing workers with librarian skills such as those in multi-media technology, database administration, and systems analysis.

Second, an alarming number of librarians are reaching the age of retirement. One in four librarians will retire in the next five years. Nearly 60 percent of professional librarians will reach the age of 65 between 2005 and 2019.

State and local government budgets are tighter than ever and public libraries are being closed to save money. For example, Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Queens libraries closed their doors two days a week, reduced staff and eliminated programs. 67 of New York's 85 libraries have reduced services, affecting primarily children. Proposed cuts in Ohio nearly led to the closing of two-thirds of the state's 250 public libraries; in the end, the legislature chose to provide no state funding for the month of July. In Washington State, Seattle's 24 libraries will close for two weeks as they did last year, in an effort to save \$1 million in costs. In 2002, branches were closed, hours were reduced, a hiring freeze was implemented, programs were eliminated and the book budget was cut. 2003 is looking worse. The fact is, Mr. Speaker, school libraries have become even more important as the place where our children learn outside of the classroom.

Not just any college graduate can be a school librarian. Specialized training is necessary if we are to expect our libraries to be staffed by the right people with the right skills. My home state of California requires that a school librarian have a media teacher credential in addition to the usual teaching credential. The shortage of qualified librarians is so serious that many schools are asking teachers to leave the classroom to obtain the required training to become school librarians. Our schools cannot afford to lose teachers any more than they can afford to be without librarians.

There have been bipartisan efforts to address the critical shortage of librarians. The President's FY 2004 budget requested \$20 million to fund an initiative to recruit and educate librarians for the 21st century. This is a good idea, but I also think we can do something simple that will also encourage more students to enter and stay in the field and serve children and youth in our highest risk schools.

Current law allows for the cancellation of educational loans for several categories of

professionals that serve in low-income areas, such as teachers for Title I schools, special education, and Head Start, as well as members of the armed services, law enforcement officers, Peace Corps volunteers, medical technicians and nurses. The Librarian Education and Development Act adopts the same incentive for our college students to make the choice to train and serve as librarians in areas where there are concentrations of children with the greatest need for improved educational opportunities.

Specifically, under my bill, a librarian working full-time in a public library that serves a geographic area with combined average of 40 percent of enrolled students at the poverty level, or in an elementary or secondary school library that is eligible for Title I assistance would qualify for the following levels of loan cancellation based on number of years of service: 15 percent of Perkins in the first or second years, 20 percent of Perkins in the third or fourth years, 30 percent of Perkins in the fifth year, and \$5,000 (total) of direct and indirect Stafford after five years of service.

I am honored that the American Library Association supports my bill. I've included their letter in the RECORD.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation. I think it is just as vital to the improvement of our public schools and education of our children as legislation the House considered today to encourage qualified graduates with increasing debts to enter educational fields that are suffering from critical shortages.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,  
*Washington, DC, July 7, 2003.*

Hon. XAVIER BECERRA,  
*Longworth House Office Building,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE BECERRA: Thank you very much for offering an amendment to H.R. 438 for Loan Forgiveness for Librarians. This issue is of great concern to school and public libraries as they face devastating shortages of librarians, especially minority librarians.

As you are aware, over the next five years, 25 percent of currently working librarians will retire and there are too few people going into the profession. This is not for lack of desire, but because professional librarians must have at least one Masters degree and salaries in this field are not commensurate with other professional fields.

There are a great number of college graduates who desire to be librarians and serve their communities, but the resources aren't available to them. This is especially true in low income communities.

Your amendment will do a great deal to open up the opportunity for dedicated community members to go to library school. The American Library Association appreciates your continued support for libraries in this country.

Sincerely,

EMILY SHEKETOFF,  
*Executive Director.*

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MAJOR R. OWENS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, because of an emergency in my district, I missed rollcall vote

Nos. 334, 335 and 336. I present I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote No. 334 and "yea" on rollcall vote Nos. 335 and 336.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF  
FIRST SERGEANT ROBERT J.  
DOWDY

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of United States Army First Sergeant Robert J. Dowdy, who courageously and selflessly rose to the call to duty and made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our country.

Sergeant Dowdy was an exceptional United States soldier and was an equally exceptional human being. Sergeant Dowdy's life was characterized by his unwavering sense of duty and commitment to our nation, and above all, his life reflected a deep dedication to, and steadfast focus on his family. He worked diligently to effectively balance his military career with his main priority—his wife and daughter.

Sergeant Dowdy grew up in the North Broadway neighborhood and graduated from South High School in 1982. He enlisted in the U.S. Army soon thereafter. Throughout his journey in the military, Sergeant Dowdy carried with him a strong foundation of faith, family and community. He quickly ascended through the ranks, and held the title and command of Master Sergeant.

Most recently, Sergeant Dowdy was promoted to the rank of First Sergeant. His strong intellect and solid sense of integrity evenly matched his outstanding athleticism. Moreover, Sergeant Dowdy's life reflected his generous heart and sincere concern for the welfare of others. He often and easily offered his assistance to anyone in need, without regard to his own sacrifice.

BARBARA VAN BLAKE: A POINT  
OF LIGHT FOR ALL AMERICANS

**HON. MAJOR R. OWENS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to salute Barbara Van Blake who retired from the American Federation of Teachers in December 2002, for her past service to her country and the community; and for her continued activism on behalf of civil rights, women and education. Ms. Van Blake is a POINT-OF-LIGHT for all Americans.

Barbara Van Blake has been employed as director of the Human Rights and Community Relations Department of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) since 1975. Her responsibilities include keeping State and local affiliates informed of current trends, publications, laws and Federal regulations in the area of civil and women's rights. She participates as a consultant in the area of civil rights, discrimination, women's rights and desegregation activities to affiliates. Her duties also include representing AFT in coalitions with national organizations, whether they be civil rights, women, political or education.

Ms. Van Blake is a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) National Life Membership and Labor Committee; a member of the boards of directors of Bethune Museum and Archives; a member of the Federal Advisory Commission of the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House; and life member of the Bethune-Cookman College National Alumni Association. She is also vice president of the Coalition of Labor Union Women, Chair of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators Labor Roundtable, and Treasurer of the Washington, D.C. Chapter Bethune Cookman College Alumni Association.

Ms. Van Blake has served in numerous capacities: former National Treasurer of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc.; former Chair of the Ad Hoc Labor Committee of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc.; former Secretary of the NAACP Ad Hoc Labor Committee; former executive committee member and Vice President of the A. Philip Randolph Institute and former member of the board of directors of the National Consumers League.

She is a legacy member of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc.; a Diamond Life member of the NAACP; a member of the Washington, D.C. Urban League; and a member of the Omicron Phi Zeta Chapter of ZØB.

Prior to her work with AFT, she taught mathematics in junior and senior high school for twelve years in Florida, where she was active in support of civil rights and labor union organizing. She visited Somalia and Sudan on a refugee fact-finding mission for the labor movement in 1982, and was an official international observer of the South African elections. She has done Trade Union leadership training in Benin and Cote D'Ivoire Africa, and Barbados, West Indies. She was also a delegate to the International Confederation of Free Trade Union Women's Conference in Hague, Netherlands.

Ms. Van Blake has received numerous awards including the NAACP Women's Labor Award, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Fannie Neal Award, the A. Philip Randolph Institute Rosina Tucker Award, the Coalition of Black Trade Unionist Women's Addie Wyatt Award, and the National Black Caucus of State Legislators Nation Builders Award.

A graduate of Bethune-Cookman College, Ms. Van Blake holds a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics and chemistry.

Ms. Van Blake is the proud mother of one daughter and one granddaughter. She is also a member of the Corinthian Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.

In recognition of her dedicated leadership and tireless service to our youth, I am honored to recognize Ms. Barbara Van Blake as an outstanding POINT-OF-LIGHT for all Americans.

HONORING POLICE CHIEF JOHN  
ROBERTSON

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Police Chief John Robertson of the

City of Newark Police Department for his 29 years of devoted service to the citizens of California.

Chief Robertson dedicated his life to reducing crime, implementing technological advances, and helping the lives of many people on a personal basis. He was not content to merely punish wrong-doers, but set about to bring an end to the problems he encountered by using a community oriented philosophy that worked wonders to stop crime.

In the course of his career in law enforcement, Chief Robertson has left his mark on three cities. He began his career in the City of Garden Grove in July 1974 as a Patrol Officer and worked his way up to Detective. He was appointed Sergeant in March 1980 and Lieutenant in May 1981. He became Captain, February 1986, and served as Deputy Chief until August 1988 when he was promoted to Police Chief. He served as Police Chief of Garden Grove until June 1992, then as Police Chief of the City of Orange until March 1998, and finally as the Chief of Police of Newark in August 1998.

In Garden Grove, Chief Robertson is accredited with revitalizing the community through "family policing" and developing the Department's Pride Program. In Orange, he significantly reduced crime, managed the Department's budget and made a significant number of technological improvements. In Newark, Chief Robertson implemented a Citizen's Police Academy, improved technology, remodeled the police facilities, became a mentor for a local high school student, implanted the HOSTS (Help One Student to Succeed) Tutoring Program, and took responsibility for the City's Code Enforcement Unit and cleaned up a large blighted area of Newark.

Chief Robertson's greatest accomplishments in the City of Newark include bringing together the Newark Community by spearheading a youth summit with NAACP, setting up meetings with the Afghan Community to bridge cultural differences, and working with the gay/lesbian community after the murder of a transgender youth. Chief Robertson demands by word and shows through leadership that everyone must be treated with dignity and respect, regardless of race, color, creed, or sexual orientation. He was the first Police Chief to require all officers to document racial information on all car stops. He also mandated that all police employees attend training at the Museum of Tolerance to promote understanding and acceptance in the community.

I am honored to join the colleagues of Police Chief John Robertson to commend his many years of exemplary service to law enforcement. His commitment to excellence has shaped the lives of many, and his services to California will never be forgotten.

TOWN OF BLUFFTON

**HON. MIKE PENCE**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, last night the Wabash River in northeastern Indiana crested at an incredible 25 feet. However, thanks to the extraordinary leadership of Mayor Ted Ellis and Sheriff Barry Storie, Bluffton, Indiana was spared a catastrophe.

Their leadership, in cooperation with Governor Frank O'Bannon, and literally thousands of volunteers in Wells and Adams counties managed to stem the tide. Special commendation should go to Irving Material Incorporated and also to the Indiana National Guard's 2nd Battalion of the 151st Infantry. Under the leadership of General George Buskirk and Colonel Rick Shatto nearly 200 troops loaded and stacked sandbags and helped save the community of Bluffton, Indiana.

As more rain approaches, I urge the President to speed disaster relief to the counties in Indiana that the Governor has requested. I encourage the volunteers for their determination to move forward as the rain approaches and I urge prayers by all citizens to remember the cry of the Psalmist when he wrote, "God is our refuge and our strength, though the earth be removed, though its waters roar and be troubled, we will not fear."

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF  
PRIVATE BRANDON ULYSSES  
SLOAN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of United States Army Private Brandon Ulysses Sloan, who bravely and selflessly answered the call to duty and made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our country.

Private Sloan's young life was defined by family, faith, friends and community. A gentle and kind soul, Private Sloan lived his life with great joy and energy. He easily forged lasting friendships and was quick with a smile, kind word, or helping hand. Private Sloan was also an exceptional athlete, and he developed a love for baseball and football.

Private Sloan's family and friends were central to his life. He gained personal strength and faith from those who knew him best and loved him most—his father, Reverend Tandy U. Sloan; his mother, Kimberly T. Sloan; and his sister, Brittny Sloan.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Private Brandon Ulysses Sloan, whose honor, commitment and bravery will be remembered always. I offer my deepest condolences to the family of Private Sloan—his beloved parents, Reverend Tandy U. and Kimberly T. Sloan; his beloved sister, Brittny Sloan; his adoring grandmothers, Dr. Rementa Phippen and Luberta Sloan; and his extended family and many friends.

The significant sacrifice, service, and bravery that characterized the life of Private Brandon Ulysses Sloan will forever be honored and remembered by the Cleveland community, and the entire nation. And within the hearts of his family and friends, the bonds of love and memories created in life by Private Sloan will never be broken, and will live on for all time.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF  
THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS  
OF CLEVELAND CENTER IN  
OBERLIN, OHIO, AND IN HONOR  
AND REMEMBRANCE OF THE  
FORTY-FOUR PASSENGERS AND  
THE CREW MEMBERS OF UNITED  
FLIGHT 93

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the air traffic controllers of Cleveland Center in Oberlin, Ohio, whose bravery, skill, and quick thinking ensured the safety of other air passengers on one of the darkest days in American history, September 11.

Immediately following that tragic day, the men and women of the Cleveland Center have demonstrated their compassion and concern for the families of the victims of United Flight 93 by contributing over \$10,000 to the Todd M. Beamer Foundation, a foundation established to assist families of every passenger and crew member of Flight 93.

Today, I also stand in honor and remembrance of forty-four passengers and crew members aboard United Flight 93. Their valiant spirit and courageous actions prevented even greater loss of life. The people aboard United Flight 93 will remain in our minds and hearts forever, and will forever be recognized as true American heroes.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honor and tribute of the men and women of the Cleveland Center, and the men and women aboard United Flight 93—their spirited, heroic, and selfless actions—under the most terrifying of circumstances—restores our faith in humanity and reflects all that is good in America, and they will never be forgotten.

DEDICATION OF THE SIMON  
RAINBOW ROOM

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with my colleagues these remarks from my constituent, Larry Simon, on the dedication of the Simon Rainbow Room at the Gurwin Jewish Geriatric Center in Commack, New York. Larry and Sandy Simon's spirit of generosity is evident in these touching remarks.

SIMON RAINBOW ROOM DEDICATION, LARRY  
SIMON REMARKS

Thank you Gerry, Concetta and Barbara for helping to make this a very special evening for us. It is particularly meaningful to Sandy and I that those for whom Gurwin was built, our residents, share tonight with our family, friends and special colleagues.

We chose to dedicate the Rainbow Room because it represents the vitality and possibilities of life. It symbolizes the very reason for our devotion to the Gurwin Center's work. Sandy and I have had the opportunity to stand at this podium and witness so many joyous events that have touched us beyond imagination. We have shared excitement and joy with our residents and their families, and

we always leave with an uplifting feeling that we and our fellow colleagues have made a difference.

So often when people confront the difficult challenges of life they ask, "why me . . . why us." For Sandy and I, grateful for our yesterday's when our hopes and dreams were new, grateful for today's joys and bounty's of life and thus given the opportunity to make a difference, the question we asked ourselves is "why not us . . . if not us who." That simply is why we have made Gurwin such a special and important part of our life. Our involvement is a tremendous source of pleasure, pride and personal satisfaction. We truly believe we receive back far more than we have given.

Let me share this poignant letter with all of you to demonstrate our point!

Dear Mr. Friedman: . . . My wife entered the Gurwin Center on March 25, 2003. At that time she was on a ventilator, incontinent and was being fed through a G-tube. She couldn't speak or walk, and I feared I was losing her.

The wonderful, professional, compassionate and caring staff of doctors, nurses, nursing assistants and therapists on 4 East changed all that. My wife is now off the ventilator, no longer incontinent, and eats solid food. She can walk and speak and seems well on the way to a complete recovery.

God bless you and the excellent staff on 4 East for giving my wife back to me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Respectfully and gratefully.

This letter certainly confirms our point of getting back more than we have given.

In the business world we deal with many "investment partnerships and partnership investors." Sandy and I are equally grateful for our Gurwin partners as well. We would like to thank those who work so closely with us. We greatly value the commitment and leadership of our fellow Board and Auxiliary colleagues. We respect and admire the dedicated staff who make this Center their life's work, and we thank the staff of the Gurwin Auxiliary and the Gurwin Foundation for making our volunteer experience so rewarding.

We must also acknowledge tonight's Gurwin participants who have been so kind to us, here at the podium.

Phyllis Charash, you are a woman of strength, a woman of faith, a woman of honor, and a woman of pride and charity. Thank you for emceeding tonight's celebration and dedication. You are a very special lady.

Herb Friedman, you've worked so hard and diligently to make Gurwin what it is today. You've dared to share your dreams, encourage and advise all of us and you've been here right from the very start. You are one of the most important people in our Gurwin life and we thank you for your dedication and outstanding effort year after year.

Joseph Gurwin, you continue to share your strength, vision and wisdom with us, and mentor by example the values of love, respect and commitment to family and the Gurwin community. Your friendship and counsel have been sustaining and inspiring. We offer our love and admiration. You are a very special man.

Our wish for all of you here tonight—be grateful for tomorrow and the promises it holds—wonderful times, a happier life, and a deeper affection for the human spirit and needs as each new day unfolds.

Just as our name will now be etched on the dedication plaque for this room, the special feelings of this evening will be etched in our memories forever. We applaud all of you for sharing our passion for Gurwin. Thank you!

## HONORING IRAN'S YOUNG HEROES

**HON. TOM DELAY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. DELAY Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the young democrats of Iran, who stand today in non-violent defiance of the terrorist regime holding their nation hostage.

These college demonstrators, Iran's peace-warriors of freedom, are allies in America's War on Terror, and allies in humanity's fight for justice among men.

Their names are foreign, but we know them just the same, by the names of their fathers: Solzhenitsyn, Mandela, Walesa and Havel.

Their faces may not be familiar, but their cause is.

And by that cause, the mullahs of Tehran will soon be taught the lesson all oppressors learn: that no cage or whip or secret police can extinguish the torch of freedom.

Today in Iran, protests were squelched by oppression, intimidation, and terror. But freedom still burns in the hearts of its citizens.

If it is true that on the Fourth of July, all who live in freedom are Americans, then it is doubly so that on the Ninth of July, all who dream of freedom are Iranians.

Today, on the fourth anniversary of the original student demonstrations, in the wake of the heroic June protests, thousands of Iranians in their teens and twenties have been arrested or killed, and many more are hunted by the mullah's dying regime.

Some call them prisoners of conscience. Some call them prisoners of war.

I call them giants.

Courageous beyond reason. Strong beyond endurance. And righteous in the eyes of God and men.

Today, their passion inspires demonstrations of solidarity. One day soon, it will liberate their nation and change the world.

## RECOGNITION OF DONALD BAKER

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. SHIMKUS Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Donald Baker of Jefferson County, Illinois. Don was recently inducted into the Semor Saints Hall of Fame of Jefferson County.

Don received this honor for his lifelong service to others. He served his country for four years in the U.S. Navy on the USS *Remy* during the Korean War. Today he is a regular participant in the Sweet Corn & Watermelon Festival, the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, Jefferson County's Crime Watch program, Memorial Day services, the Mt. Vernon City Wide Cleanup, and the National Day of Prayer. He has also assisted with the Emergency 911 Telephone Testing process.

I want to congratulate and thank Don for all he has done and will continue to do for the people in his community. He is a saint to all who know him and is very deserving of this prestigious honor.

## IN HONOR OF THE SANTA CRUZ CHILDREN'S LEARNING MUSEUM

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. FARR Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Santa Cruz Children's Learning Museum. This local hands-on museum is still in its early stages of development, yet it is a bright treasure in our community. The Museum strives to provide a place for children to explore, create and discover in a safe and nurturing environment. I am proud to honor this valuable local resource.

One of the many goals of the Children's Learning Museum is to foster children's imagination and creative potential through programs in music, science, literacy, art, peace, unity and esteem. Some of these programs include the creation of a book entitled Loudon Nelson: From Slavery to Philanthropy, only recently released. This book follows the history of the life of a freed slave, Mr. Loudon Nelson, who was an advocate for children's education and donated much of his land for the creation and strengthening of the schools in Santa Cruz. Additionally, they have started an annual drumming circle in which parents and children gather with the community to learn drumming techniques and raise funds for the museum. The Children's Learning Museum also joined in the September 11th Peace and Unity Project by creating one out of the four peace-themed murals that were sent to the United Nations in the tragic wake of the events of September 11th. The Children's Learning Museum is planning many more events that create an inclusive community and encourage adults and children to learn from each other.

Mr. Speaker, I recently attended the Santa Cruz Children's Learning Museum's annual Mayor's Breakfast in Santa Cruz County. There, I joined the mayor of Santa Cruz, my dear friend Emily Reilly, as well as the Santa Cruz City Schools Superintendent, Alan Pagano, in stressing the important of hands-on learning for children so they may access their full learning capability. The guests were also treated to Mexican folkloric dances by local school children, and a dramatic reading of Loudon Nelson: From Slavery to Philanthropy was performed by the very talented Billie Harris. Most of all, however, was a feeling that the dedicated staff and volunteers who are working to expand the programs and offerings of the museum are a committed group: committed to education, committed to the community, and committed to the children. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I wish to commend the good work of the Santa Cruz Children's Learning Museum, and thank them for the chance to be a part of their annual Mayor's Breakfast.

## HONORING THE LEGACY OF KATHARINE HEPBURN

**HON. JOHN B. LARSON**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life of

the renowned actress, Katharine Hepburn. Ms. Hepburn, who was admired by generations young and old, died Sunday, June 30th, 2003 at the age of 96.

Ms. Hepburn will be long remembered not only for her half-century career, but also as a role model paving the way for women in the motion picture industry. Born, Katharine Houghton Hepburn on May 12, 1907 on Hudson Street in Hartford, Connecticut, Ms. Hepburn went on to attend her mother's alma mater at Bryn Mawr College, where she appeared in several college theater productions. Although her father was skeptical about his daughter's pursuit to be an actress, he soon relented and gave her \$50 to travel to Baltimore for the audition that started her career.

Even in her early years as an actress Ms. Hepburn was known as an "opinionated performer" and often meddled in all aspects of movie making, frustrating directors and filmmakers. Her on screen talents won her four Oscars for best actress, twelve nominations and leading roles in such films as "Little Women," "Bringing Up Baby," "The Philadelphia Story" and the "African Queen." In the days of her declining health she became ever more popular with the opening of "Tea at Five." This successful one-woman show, which was dedicated to Ms. Hepburn's career, opened last year at the Hartford Stage Company and has gone on tour, recently opening in New York City.

Katharine Hepburn is a beloved American who will be greatly missed by the nation, her family and Hollywood.

## RECOGNITION OF JOHN NELSON COWEN

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. SHIMKUS Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize John Nelson Cowen of Jefferson County, Illinois. John was recently inducted into the Senior Saints Hall of Fame of Jefferson County.

John received this honor for his lifelong service to others. Throughout his life John raised a family, sang for community events with the Barbershop Chorus, annually served at the Kiwanis Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, provided inexpensive housing to low income families, and contributed to the education of underprivileged children. He is still actively involved as a Sunday School teacher at Park Avenue Baptist Church where he has taught for 70 years. John also loves his country so much he chose to not draw Social Security so that others in need can benefit from it.

I want to congratulate and thank John for all he has done and will continue to do for the people in his community. He is a saint to all who know him and is deserving of this prestigious honor.

A TRIBUTE TO ALEX CANJA OF  
FLINT, MI

**HON. NICK SMITH**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a friend and great American.

In a rich life span of 81 years, Alex Canja mentored thousands of young men and women and then, in later life, became an advocate for older citizens.

On his own, without parents, from the age of 11, Alex raised himself, living at the YMCA in Flint, MI and selling newspapers.

Ever the optimist, determined to succeed, he believed that with hard work and honest effort, his dreams could come true. And they did.

At Flint Central High School, he was elected president of the student body. He served in the US Army Air Force returning to the University of Michigan after the war. He became an All-American diver, was captain of the U of M swimming team, and earned a Master's Degree in Education. It was there that he met and courted Esther Giovannone, also known as "Tess." She became his wife and inseparable companion for 56 years.

He served his community. A teacher, deputy superintendent, and camp director, Alex coached swimming, taught English, and with his wife Tess, built the fledgling summer camp "Camp Flying Eagle" into one of the finest in Michigan. His goal was to provide young boys and men the many opportunities for personal growth and success he knew they needed.

Alex worked for many years with AARP on behalf of the senior citizens of the United States. He served alongside his wife, Tess Canja, who became the National president of AARP. He brought his wit and wisdom to meetings of the spouses and companions of AARP board members, melding them into a support group for themselves and the Board.

He was very proud of Tess and her accomplishments, but also of his daughter, Debbie, son, Jeff, and grandsons, Brian and Scott. Another son, Paul, preceded him in death.

For Tess and Alex Canja, their immortality will be in their contribution to their community, their state, and their nation.

HONORING THE LIFE AND CAREER  
OF WILLIAM K. DAVENPORT

**HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to salute the life of William K. Davenport. Although Bill passed away in 1999, his personal accomplishments and contributions to the community of Lima, Ohio, are still celebrated today.

Bill became the Chief of the Lima Police Department on May 1, 1968, making him the first African-American in Lima's history to acquire this rank. He earned this commission solely by his own merit, obtaining the highest score on the civil service competition examination. Prior to his appointment as chief, Bill compiled a

commendable record as a law enforcement officer. He served 8 years as patrolman, 5 years as detective, 4 years as sergeant, 7 years as lieutenant and 2 years as inspector of the uniform division before becoming chief.

Bill was known and respected by his colleagues as an amiable and admired leader. A humble man, he faced the brewing racial tension of the Sixties without compromising his principles, even at one point in his career disagreeing with the Mayor of Lima.

Bill is remembered as an exemplary citizen who frequently went above and beyond his official duties to help others. The community of Lima has truly been affected by the noble life Bill led and the excellent public service he gave to the city.

Mr. Speaker, William K. Davenport was a dignified law enforcement officer who earned a wide array of accolades during his 36 year career, including serving as the first African-American Chief of Police in Lima, Ohio. Because of his diligent service to his community, he is worthy of receiving our recognition. I know my colleagues join me in honoring this truly exceptional man.

RECOGNITION OF ALFRED  
"MUGSY" BEAN

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Alfred "Mugsy" Bean of Jefferson County, Illinois. Mugsy was recently inducted into the Senior Saints Hall of Fame of Jefferson County.

Mugsy received this honor for his lifelong service to others. On the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Mugsy immediately volunteered for service to his country. He was embroiled in World War II for close to 4 years. For the past 25 years Mugsy has served as a member of American Legion Post 141 Funeral Detail and has worked on the Jefferson County Veteran's Memorial Committee. He is known to treat all with the same respect and to reach out to those in need. Mugsy has been married to Louise for 58 years and has raised four children.

I want to congratulate and thank Mugsy for all he has done and will continue to do for the people in his community. He is a saint to all who know him and is deserving of this prestigious honor.

MAYOR FOR THE DAY IN  
ELMHURST, ILLINOIS

**HON. HENRY J. HYDE**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend a young individual from my district who recently won the honor of "Mayor for the Day" of Elmhurst, Illinois. Miss Carly Hamilton, who is in Sixth Grade at Visitation Catholic School, won this honor by composing the following essay in 50 words or less:

"I love Elmhurst, the greatest city in the greatest country in the world because . . .

Many people might think it's small, but to tell you the truth, it's not at all. Elmhurst has movies and ice cream and chocolates and books, from haircutters to house sellers, from schools to parks. So for me, Elmhurst is the place to be!"

HONORING ALFONZO TORRES

**HON. MARTIN FROST**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Mr. Alfonso Torres Martinez for his many years of dedicated service to Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control in Dallas, Texas, and also to congratulate him for completing over fifty years of service with the company and its predecessors.

Following two and a half years in the Army, including a year in the Philippines, Al Martinez began his career at then-Chance Vought Aircraft as a Wiring Serviceman Helper at a starting wage of \$1.34 an hour. Through the years, Al has left his mark on numerous missile programs and continues to lend his resilience and determination to MFC programs at the age of 82.

Mr. Speaker, the celebration of fifty plus years of service is a remarkable feat, and I know that the other members of this body will join me in extending our warmest congratulations to Al Martinez on his incredible accomplishment.

RECOGNITION OF CHESTER  
CONNAWAY

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Chester Connaway of Jefferson County, Illinois. Chet was recently inducted into the Senior Saints Hall of Fame of Jefferson County.

Chet received this honor for his lifelong service to others. Upon his graduation from Mt. Vernon Township High School he joined the Army. He then served 40 years in the Illinois Army National Guard. He now is the district director for Veterans Affairs Southern Division where he works to secure benefits for deserving veterans. Chet also is a member of the Field Grade School Board of Education and he served twenty years as treasurer of Wesley United Methodist Church. Chet and his wife Barbara have been married 50 years and have raised three daughters.

I want to congratulate and thank Chet for all he has done and will continue to do for the people in his community. He is a saint to all who know him and is deserving of this prestigious honor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, due to a family medical issue, I missed several votes on June

26, 2003. I was not able to be present to vote on H.R. 1, the Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003. Had I been present, I would have voted yes on passage of H.R. 1, Rollcall No. 332. In addition, had I been present, I would have voted yes on passage of the Military Construction Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004, Rollcall No. 325; yes on H. Res. 277, Expressing Support for Freedom in Hong Kong; yes on passage of the Health Savings and Affordability Act, Rollcall No. 328; and yes on the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004, Rollcall No. 333.

RECOGNITION OF NANCY  
GERMANN

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Nancy Germann of Jefferson County, Illinois. Nancy was recently inducted into the Senior Saints Hall of Fame of Jefferson County.

Nancy received this honor for her lifelong service to others. For 33 years she made a positive difference in the lives of students. She loves teaching so much she returned to the classroom after her retirement as a special education aide. Nancy is extremely involved in her church and community. Some of her activities include singing in the church choir, assisting with the soup kitchen and Thanksgiving dinner for the needy, and serving as a director for Cedarhurst Chamber Music along with helping with other Cedarhurst activities.

I want to congratulate and thank Nancy for all she has done and will continue to do for the people in her community. She is a saint to all who know her and is deserving of this prestigious honor.

TRIBUTE TO E.L. HUTCHISON

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen from my district. E.L. "Hutch" Hutchison of Durango, Colorado is member of what has been called the "Greatest Generation," those who helped the United States defeat fascism and totalitarianism during World War II. His sacrifices—and those of his fellow soldiers—helped secure the Allied victory and defend the American way of life we enjoy today. I am honored to recognize "Hutch's" service to his nation.

During the war, "Hutch" fought for his nation as a paratrooper with the famous "Screaming Eagles" of the 101st Airborne Division. On D-Day, June 6, 1944, "Hutch" was one of fourteen Screaming Eagles who jumped together from a plane into enemy territory. Only six would survive. As one of those six, "Hutch" continued fighting and heroically carried out his job as a demolition man, clearing out mines and booby traps for the American and Allied troops who would follow.

Mr. Speaker, our nation owes E.L. Hutchison and his fellow soldiers a great debt. Thanks to their efforts, the United States emerged from that terrible war victorious. Even though the war ended 58 years ago, we must never forget the sacrifices "Hutch" and the other American troops made. I am especially privileged to honor E.L. Hutchison today. Thank you for your service, "Hutch," and for helping to ensure that America remains the "Land of the Free."

RECOGNITION OF WILMA KIMMEL

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Wilma Kimmel of Jefferson County, Illinois. Wilma was recently inducted into the Senior Saints Hall of Fame of Jefferson County.

Wilma received this honor for her lifelong service to others. She is known as a dedicated wife and mother. She and her husband, Ardell, raised three children. In order to help send her children to college she began work as a secretary for the Mt. Vernon School System where she worked for twenty years. Wilma has been involved with the 4-H Club, Rend Lake Piecemakers Quilt Guild, and Herbs for Health and Fun. No one can say that Wilma is not devoted to her church. At Central Christian Church she is known as a ready and willing hand for wherever there is a need. She is described as one who gets the job done and one who never complains.

I want to congratulate and thank Wilma for all she has done and will continue to do for the people in her community. She is a saint to all who know her and is deserving of this prestigious honor.

REGARDING THE ACTUARIAL  
VALUE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG  
BENEFITS OFFERED TO MEDI-  
CARE ELIGIBLE ENROLLEES BY  
A PLAN UNDER FEDERAL EM-  
PLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS  
PROGRAM

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 8, 2003*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I was pleased to support H.R. 2631 which guarantees that the legislation designed to provide Medicare recipients with some prescription drug coverage would not lead to the creation of an inferior prescription-drug benefit for retired federal employees.

The Republican version of the Medicare Prescription Drug Bill, which passed the House on June 27, 2003 is a bad piece of legislation for many reasons. One of its many serious flaws is that it could result in a reduction of coverage for federal employees. Because of how the bill was written, the Congressional Budget Office has estimated that as many as 1/3 of all retirees who currently have prescription drug coverage through their employer's

private plan will lose their coverage to the generally inferior set of benefits outlined in the House proposal. We cannot allow our retired federal workers to fall victim to capricious business practices geared toward increasing profits above all else. Federal employees who have dedicated many years of their lives to public service deserve to live out their retirement with dignity and security. H.R. 2631 will help achieve this.

The legislation proposes nothing radical in seeking to ensure that the prescription drug package enjoyed by current federal employees will be available to federal retirees as well. Currently there is parity between the two benefits packages. And, this non-partisan effort is dedicated to guaranteeing that this remains true.

Given the difficulties involved in retaining federal employees, we should all recognize that supporting this legislation will help communicate to new and current employees that their efforts and sacrifices are appreciated and will be honored even after they have completed their public service.

The rate of growth of premiums in the Federal Employees Health Benefit Program (FEHBP), in comparison to the disproportionately slow growth in the cost of living adjustment (COLA), is a major concern for federal retirees. Since 1998, FEHBP premiums have increased more than 10% per year. Last year alone, FEHBP premiums increased 11%. During the same period, the federal retirement annuity COLA was only 1.4%. It is difficult enough to keep pace with these changes without the added pressure of having to deal with the possibility that the level of choice and service they have grown accustomed to during their employment will suffer in their retirement.

It is important that we do all that we can to help our federal retirees deal with the burden of financial shocks. Therefore I thank those of my colleagues who joined me in supporting H.R. 2631 and I commend Mr. DAVIS of Virginia for introducing the bill.

TRIBUTE TO RICK LUPE

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to a true American hero. Rick Lupe recently passed away from injuries sustained while battling a prescribed burn on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation near Whiteriver, Arizona. I am saddened by his death and would like to take a moment to reflect on the courage and leadership of this honorable and distinguished individual.

Rick previously made headlines during another fire that took place last summer. When the Rodeo-Chediski fire scorched much of Arizona, Rick engineered a fire line at the last minute, using a back burn and bulldozers that helped save the town of Show Low. Such acts of courage are no surprise to those who knew him. In nearly two decades of service to the Fort Apache Hotshot crew, Rick developed a reputation as a strong but quiet leader, a loyal colleague, and trusted friend.

Rick possessed courage and toughness to spare. While checking on a hot spot recently,

the wind picked up and blew the flames around him. When the shelter he tried to deploy blew away, Rick dropped to the ground to allow the fire to pass over him. Even though the flames and heat scorched him, leaving 3rd degree burns over 40 percent of his body, he summoned the strength to walk a half-mile to get help. Even then, Rick held on for five weeks before leaving us. He will be especially missed by his beloved wife Evelyn and his children Brent, Sean, and Daniel. I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to them during this difficult time.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Rick Lupe today. His immediate family will remember Rick as the loving husband and father that he was. The town of Show Low, the Fort Apache Hotshots, and this nation will remember Rick as the hero that he was. Rick dedicated his life to serving his nation and his fellow citizens. We will always be grateful.

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#### RECOGNITION OF JACK GOLDMAN

### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Jack Goldman of Jefferson County, Illinois. Jack was recently inducted into the Senior Saints Hall of Fame of Jefferson County.

Jack received this honor for his lifelong service to others. He served in World War II as a combat engineer in the United States Army. Jack participated in the invasions of Leyte and Okinawa. After serving his country he returned to Mt. Vernon where he has literally and figuratively changed his community. Jack became involved with the Acquisition Committee for the Arts in the City Foundation and as chairman of the Sculpture Committee for Cedarhurst. He was named Counselor Emeritus for Mitchell Museum in 1995. Jack is an architect with Fields, Goldman, and Magee; and is also a member of the Mt. Vernon Rotary Club and the Downtown Development Corporation. He and his wife, Joan, are members of United Methodist Church.

I want to congratulate and thank Jack for all he has done and will continue to do for the people in his community. He is a saint to all who know him and is deserving of this prestigious honor.

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#### THE COMMUNITY JOURNAL HONORS ERNESTINE O'BEE AT THEIR 27TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

### HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, August 22, 2003, The Community Journal will celebrate its 27th Anniversary. On this occasion, the newspaper will salute Ernestine O'Bee as an outstanding citizen in Milwaukee's African American community.

Mrs. O'Bee is the proprietor of the Northwest Funeral Chapel, and has served in a professional capacity in her field since 1952. She

is an astute businesswoman in her role as funeral director and is compassionate and caring to all she serves. In addition to her professional achievements, Ernestine O'Bee is a lady of elegance and eloquence. She has led an exemplary life and has been a model of generosity and graciousness for everyone whose life she has touched.

As a pillar of the African American community, Ernestine O'Bee has been active in civic affairs and supportive of many organizations and individuals in her quest to improve the quality of life for the entire Milwaukee community. She has served many organizations including the Salvation Army, YWCA, YMCA, the House of Peace, Zonta Club and her sorority, Wisconsin Funeral Directors Association.

Over the years, Mrs. O'Bee has sponsored over one hundred students in scholarships, some from birth through college. She is a substantial contributor to the Dr. Terence N. Thomas Memorial Scholarship Fund, which recently graduated five students including one post graduate student from Tulane University.

I wish to honor and thank Ernestine O'Bee for the countless gifts and contributions that she has made to strengthen, support and enrich the community. I appreciate her efforts and join in celebrating her life-long achievements.

Congratulations, Mrs. Ernestine O'Bee!

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#### HONORING JACK CHENOWETH, JR.

### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before this body of Congress today to pay tribute to an outstanding American. Jack Chenoweth, Jr. of Pueblo, Colorado selflessly served this great nation throughout his long and dedicated life. As we recognize his passing, it is with great pride that I highlight the many contributions that Jack made to his community and our nation.

Jack answered the call to military and government service several times throughout his life. Upon graduation from Trinidad High School, he joined the U.S. Navy and served in the South Pacific until the end of World War II. Jack went on to graduate from the University of Denver in 1951 and married Mary Ann Kennedy two years later, eventually embarking on a 24-year career with the FBI. After his retirement from the FBI, Jack continued his work as an investigator for Pueblo County. He also made a major impact upon the Pueblo community as an active member of the Republican Party, a member of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, a Rotarian, and a past president of the El Pueblo Boys and Girls Ranch.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand before this body of Congress today to recognize Jack Chenoweth, Jr. for his devotion to the Pueblo community and his service to our country. Citizens like Jack provide the spirit and strength of character that make this nation great. While he will be dearly missed, we can all take solace in the knowledge that Jack's spirit lives on through those whom he has touched.

#### RECOGNITION OF DOROTHY BAKER

### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Dorothy Baker of Jefferson County, Illinois. Dottie was recently inducted into the Senior Saints Hall of Fame of Jefferson County.

Dottie received this honor for her lifelong service to others. She is a wife and mother who raised three children. Today she is a regular participant in the Sweet Corn & Watermelon Festival, the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, Jefferson County's Crime Watch program, Memorial Day services, the Mt. Vernon City Wide Cleanup, and the National Day of Prayer. She has also assisted with the Emergency 911 Telephone Testing process. Dottie is active in her church where she helps the elderly and assists others in any way possible.

I want to congratulate and thank Dottie for all she has done and will continue to do for the people in her community. She is a saint to all who know her and is deserving of this prestigious honor.

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#### NRA SUPPORT FOR LOCAL WILDLIFE CONTROL

### HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I have, somewhat famously, opposed H.R. 1472, a bill which attempts to single out bears as a species to be managed by the House of Representatives instead of local wildlife experts. I believe this bill is a "one size fits all" attempt at government, inappropriately taking local control away and nullifying local expertise. I am not alone on my position against this bill. I would therefore like to submit for the RECORD the following letter from the National Rifle Association, which explains their opposition to the bill as well.

JUNE 2003.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE: As the leading voice for millions of American gun-owners and hunters, the National Rifle Association wishes to advise you of our opposition to H.R. 1472, the "Don't Feed the Bears Act of 2003." This legislation would prohibit the use of bait in bear hunting on all federal lands.

Although H.R. 1472 addresses one method of bear hunting, the real issue here is about who manages resident wildlife. H.R. 1472 opens the door to federal preemption of the rights of the fifty states to manage resident wildlife, including establishing the means and methods of hunting in a safe and ethical manner. The NRA is unalterably opposed to such federal infringement.

Congress has passed legislation giving the Federal government management authority over certain categories of wildlife which it felt required a national focus: migratory birds, marine mammals, and endangered and threatened species. At no time in its history has Congress selected an individual species for federal management. H.R. 1472 sets this unwelcome precedent.

This legislation is being advocated by organizations opposed to all methods of hunting, not just the use of bait in bear hunting.

Nothing could better achieve their goal of ending hunting in the United States than a bill that federalizes wildlife management. Rather than having to promote their views in each of the fifty states, the anti-hunting community is seeking to have Congress preempt the field.

Those states that allow the use of bait in hunting do so because they have concluded that it is a humane method of hunting, that it meets the ethical standard of "fair chase," and that it is a necessary tool for management of their bear populations. H.R. 1472 places Congress in the position of being a wildlife biologist, making decisions for states on how certain wildlife populations must be managed. If Congress were to adopt this legislation, it would be placing itself in the position of having to address every issue pertaining to wildlife management, not just one method of bear hunting.

The NRA strongly urges you to oppose H.R. 1472 because of its attempt to preempt the authority of the states to manage resident wildlife. If you are a cosponsor of the bill, we urge that you reconsider your support for it.

Thank you for your consideration of our views on this important issue.

Sincerely,

CHRIS W. COX,  
Executive Director,  
NRA Institute for Legislative Action.

#### TRIBUTE TO JARVIS AND MARY JO RYALS

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to a pair of selfless community servants from my district, Jarvis and Mary Jo Ryals of Pueblo, Colorado. As avid contributors to Colorado State University-Pueblo, Jarvis and Mary Jo are being honored with the President's Medal for Distinguished Service.

Long-time residents of Pueblo, the Ryals are widely known for their dedication to the community. They have supported the Pueblo Symphony, the Greenway and Nature Center and the USC Foundation. The cornerstone of their generous efforts in the community has been their support for Colorado State University-Pueblo. From gifts to the Hasan School of Business and the Buell Communications Center, to their help in establishing a professorship for Language and Leadership, the Ryals are always at the forefront of University philanthropy, working tirelessly on behalf of the institution.

Mr. Speaker, in a recent ceremony in Pueblo, the Ryals received the President's Medalion, symbolizing their distinguished service, high standards and values, and hard work. I join with my colleagues here today in applauding Jarvis and Mary Jo for their civic-mindedness and congratulate them on this prestigious honor. This recognition to Jarvis and Mary Jo for the work that they do in our community is long overdue, and I am proud to bring it to the attention of this House today. Congratulations and thanks again, Jarvis and Mary Jo, for your many years of hard work on behalf of Pueblo and Colorado State University.

#### RECOGNITION OF CLIFF FIELDS

#### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Cliff Fields of Jefferson County, Illinois. Cliff was recently inducted into the Senior Saints Hall of Fame of Jefferson County.

Cliff received this honor for his lifelong service to others. Whether it was his service in World War II or his work to bring business and industry to Mt. Vernon, he is known as an unselfish person who works tirelessly for the benefit of others. Fifty years ago Cliff founded the architectural firm of Fields, Goldman, and Magee. He has also served on the Summersville Grade School Board, Mt. Vernon Airport Authority, Economic Development Commission, Director for Mt. Vernon Savings & Loan and First Bank & Trust, and a Trustee for Mitchell Museum.

I want to congratulate and thank Cliff for all he has done and will continue to do for the people in his community. He is a saint to all who know him and is deserving of this prestigious honor.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. PORTER J. GOSS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I was not present today due to official travel overseas, as a result, I was not able to be present for rollcall votes 334, 335, and 336. Had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote 334 and yea on 335 and 336. I request that this statement appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD. Thank you.

#### HONORING FAY KASTELIC

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a truly remarkable woman. Fay Kastelic is an octogenarian from Pueblo, Colorado whose dedication to her family and years of selfless public service have set a shining example for those in her community. Fay has overcome numerous obstacles in her life and I am proud to recognize her many accomplishments before this body of Congress and our great nation today.

Fay was born in Bowie, Texas, where she developed a resolute work ethic while growing up in the midst of the Depression. She attended the University of Texas until her senior year, when she left to run a commissary during World War II. While working at the commissary, Fay met her future husband, Frank, and they were married back in Colorado when he returned from overseas. Fay raised her three sons in Pueblo and ultimately returned to school to finish her degree in education, ul-

timately progressing from classroom teacher to principal to district director for elementary education.

Fay's commitment to public service has continued well beyond her years as a teacher and administrator for the school district. She retired after 25 years of service to the school district after being elected to serve on the Pueblo City Council. Fay acted as president for three terms before declining to run in 1997 due to health problems. With help from her family and friends, particularly her twin sister, Fay made a remarkable recovery from cancer and was later named Citizen of the Year by the Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce in 1998. While flattered by the honors that have been bestowed upon her, Fay remains committed to the Pueblo community. She continues to be an active participant on assorted civic committees.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Fay Kastelic today for her commitment to our nation. Fay embodies the spirit of public service and altruism that make our communities and our nation strong. I commend Fay for her lifetime of selfless public service and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

#### RECOGNITION OF CLARA SONSINI

#### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Clara Sonsini of Jefferson County, Illinois. Clara was recently inducted into the Senior Saints Hall of Fame of Jefferson County.

Clara received this honor for her lifelong service to others. At the onset of World War II she left home and traveled to San Francisco to work for the government in homeland security. Later, Clara and her husband, Dan, moved to Mt. Vernon where they raised three children. Upon their high school graduation she began work at a local nursing home as a nurse's aid and eventually as activity director. Clara's other numerous community activities include Girl Scout Leader, Cub Scout Den Mother, YMCA volunteer, grade school homeroom leader, president of the PTA, and American Cancer Society and Red Cross volunteer. She remains vigorously involved with the St. Mary's/Good Samaritan Regional Health Center Auxiliary.

I want to congratulate and thank Clara for all she has done and will continue to do for the people in her community. She is a saint to all who know her and is deserving of this prestigious honor.

#### HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE OF COMMANDER STEVEN J. FUQUA

#### HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute today to CommanderIM Steven J. Fuqua, who is retiring this summer from the United States Navy after 20 distinguished

years of service. Commander Fuqua is a native of my district, from Nashville, Tennessee.

During his career, Commander Fuqua held some of the most demanding jobs in the United States Navy and fulfilled these duties superbly. He has served as the chief engineer on a nuclear submarine, an extraordinarily challenging job that requires unstinting, 24-hour attention. He has also served as the Executive Officer on many missions, including one around-the-world deployment aboard the USS *Batfish* in 1997.

In honor of his distinguished service, Commander Fuqua has been awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with three gold stars, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with gold star. Long-time friend and fellow naval officer Scott Potter said of Commander Fuqua, "If you had to name a prototype naval officer, Steve would be it."

Commander Fuqua holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Tennessee Technological University and a Masters in Mechanical Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. After receiving his commission from Officer Candidate School in 1984, he entered the elite Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program and completed the course of instruction at the Naval Nuclear Power School in Orlando, Florida and Nuclear Prototype Training at the Prototype in Idaho Falls, Idaho. He also completed the Submarine Officer Advanced Course at the Naval Submarine Base in New London, Connecticut.

Commander Fuqua's initial sea tour assignment was aboard the USS *Billfish* (SSN 676) from 1986 to 1989, where he served as Main Propulsion Assistant and Combat Systems Officer. In 1992, Commander Fuqua reported aboard the USS *Key West* (SSN 772) as Engineer Officer. During this tour, the ship completed a Mediterranean deployment, a Southern deployment and a Selected Restricted Availability (SRA). From 1995 to 1997, he was assigned to the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) working for C4I Integration Support Activity (CISA), a defense support activity of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command & Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence.

In 1997, following completion of the Prospective Executive Officer course in New London, Connecticut, he reported for duty as Executive Officer of the USS *Batfish* (SSN 681). Following completion of a six-month around-the-world deployment, the USS *Batfish* changed homeports from New London, Connecticut to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Commander Fuqua detached from the USS *Batfish* in 1999 following the ship's inactivation and reported for duty to the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations (N77), where he served as Submarine Communications Requirements Officer from 1999 until 2002. In May 2003, Commander Fuqua reported to Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) where he is assigned to the Undersea Weapons Program Office of the International Programs Division.

He now lives in Alexandria, Virginia with his wife Kathi, their three sons, Steven, 14, Matthew, 12, and Tyler, 9, and their daughter, Megan, who is 4.

On behalf of the citizens of the Fifth Congressional District of Tennessee, I salute Commander Fuqua for his outstanding career

and for his service to our Nation. We are proud to claim him as a native son. I wish him well in his retirement and in all his future endeavors.

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#### HONORING RITA FRIBERG

### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before this body of Congress today to pay tribute to a successful businesswoman who has provided Colorado with years of dedicated service. Rita Friberg has had a long career as an entrepreneur and now serves the Pueblo community as a professor of business, management, and marketing at Pueblo Community College. Today, I would like to honor Rita's accomplishments and the impact she has had on her community throughout her career as an entrepreneur, small business adviser, and professor.

Rita began her business career working in retail at age 16, proceeding to manage a number of fabric and craft stores after attending Purdue University. She opened her own shop in Denver's Larimer Square before joining Pueblo Community College in 1994 to run the Small Business Development Center, eventually becoming a full-time faculty member in August 2002. In recognition of her efforts and career, the Pueblo Business Women's Network recently honored Rita as its Woman of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand before this body of Congress today to recognize the positive impact that Rita has had on my district and the State of Colorado. Rita embodies the combination of ambition and dedication necessary to communicate the dynamics of the business world to her students. I would like to congratulate her on this prestigious award and the respect that she has earned from her peers. I wish Rita all the best in her future endeavors.

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#### REMEMBERING FORMER SOUTH CAROLINA FIRST LADY VIRGINIA RUSSELL

### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2003*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, during the Fourth of July District Work Period, I attended funerals of heroes of South Carolina who will always be remembered—former First Lady Virginia Russell on June 30, former U.S. Senate President Strom Thurmond on July 1, and Sergeant O.J. Smith on July 2, who served with distinction in Iraq in the War Against Terrorism.

Virginia Russell was special to me as the mother of my State Senate seatmate for 14 years, John Russell. Also in 1962, I met her campaigning for her husband running successfully for Governor while I was delivering the Charleston Evening Post on King Street in Charleston, SC, at Fralix Shoe Shop. She so inspired my political involvement that I contacted Campaign Manager J. Bratton Davis

and I served as youth Campaign Manager for Charleston in the June primary.

The following is an article and obituary from the Spartanburg Herald-Journal regarding her death.

[From the Spartanburg Herald-Journal, June 28, 2003]

#### DONALD RUSSELL'S WIDOW DIES

(By Janet S. Spencer)

Former South Carolina first lady Virginia Russell died Friday at her home on Otis Boulevard after an extended illness.

Mrs. Russell was the widow of the Honorable Donald S. Russell who was governor from 1963 to 1965 and then served as a federal judge.

In addition to numerous contributions to her community and the dedication to her family, she is remembered for her role as first lady of the state as well as of the University of South Carolina when her husband was president there.

While living in the governor's mansion, Mrs. Russell noticed state seals that had been painted over for many years on the mantle in a large drawing room.

She is credited with having the seals uncovered and brought out in gold relief. They remain that way today.

Mrs. Russell also was responsible for first encouraging tours of the mansion.

Her neighbors, Mary and Thomas Stokes, remember moving to their new residence in Spartanburg as the youngest couple on the street and Mrs. Russell opening her home to them.

"She was a genteel Southern lady. I always felt she was so thoughtful of others from the first time she welcomed us to her home and the neighborhood," Mrs. Stokes said. "She always went out of her way to be thoughtful of other people."

Stokes agreed with his wife. "Mrs. Russell was certainly a lady in the finest tradition of the word," he said.

"Mr. and Mrs. Russell were wonderful people."

John Edmunds, who had been friends with the Russells for 45 years, recalls being a student at USC when the Russells were there.

Mrs. Russell decorated his fraternity house and invited every student to dinner their freshman and senior years.

"She loved the university. She was a very brilliant, well-read woman. She could converse with you on any subject. She kept up with current events," Edmunds said.

After returning to Spartanburg, for many years Edmunds had dinner weekly with the Russells at the Piedmont Club.

"She was witty and charming. And although she had been in declining health for some time, I'm gonna miss her," Edmunds said.

For 11 years, Mrs. Russell had also won the hearts of caregivers who often called her "pretty lady."

Martina Smalley is a registered nurse and director of Professional Nursing Services that provided around-the-clock care for Mrs. Russell at the Russell residence.

Smalley said she and the three nurses who rotated the duties were deeply saddened by Mrs. Russell's death.

"She was such a warm and gracious lady. In the 11 years we were privileged to care for her, we came to love her as if she were our own mother," Smalley said.

Smalley described a mutual strong bond of trust and respect which she and the nurses shared with Mrs. Russell.

"She was very appreciative of everyone's kindness and thoughtfulness. She had a way of making everyone feel special," Smalley said.

The caregivers recall how Mrs. Russell eagerly let it be known how much her husband and family meant to her.

"The saddest time in her life was when she lost her husband, and the saddest time in all our nursing careers is the loss of such a grand and gracious lady," Smalley said.

Caring for Mrs. Russell was described by Smalley as a once in a lifetime experience.

"And it's one we will never forget," she said.

Among Mrs. Russell's survivors are sons, John of Spartanburg, Don of Columbia and Scott Russell of Houston, Texas.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Lanford-Pollard Funeral Home.

[From the Spartanburg Herald-Journal, June 30, 2003]

VIRGINIA U. RUSSELL

Virginia Russell, 97, of 716 Otis Boulevard, Spartanburg, died on Friday, June 27, 2003, after a long illness.

Graveside services will be held today, Monday, June 30, 2003, at 10:30 a.m. at Greenlawn Memorial Gardens in Spartanburg with the Rev. Lawrence F. Hayes officiating.

The family will receive friends immediately following the service at the graveside. Memorials can be made to the Caroliniana Library, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C. 29208 or to the charity of one's choice.

Mrs. Russell was born in St. George, South Carolina on May 14, 1906 to the late Mary Carrol Utsey and Walker Scott Utsey.

She was married for seventy-two years to Donald Stuart Russell, who predeceased her in 1998. They met as students at USC. She was a campus beauty and elected as May Queen. After marriage, she was a school

teacher, and he, a lawyer in Union. From there to Spartanburg, and then to Washington, D.C., during the Roosevelt era. After the war, the Russells came back to South Carolina, and Donald Russell became President of USC from 1951 to 1957.

Virginia Russell was responsible for the creation of the Presidents Home on the Horseshoe, and for its openness to everyone, especially the students. She is remembered for the lavish dinners she prepared for every senior class.

Mrs. Russell had substance, as well as great style—working hard in the gardens around the campus as well as in the kitchen for entertainments. She was a masterful cook with a collection of nearly three thousand cookbooks. Another great talent and love was needlepoint. She preferred Maggie Lane designs and was truly prodigious in making many beautiful rugs and tapestries. Her hands were never idle, nor her mind. She shared a passion for English and American History with her husband.

Virginia Russell was always actively involved in her husband's campaigns. He was elected Governor of South Carolina in 1962. As First Lady, she over saw major construction on the unsound Governor's Mansion and in the process brought a new level of elegance and beauty to the home. The family's personal financial resources were used for both the President's Home at USC and the Governor's Mansion and their grounds. Both the Russells were truly service oriented and cared greatly for the people they served.

Upon Donald Russell's election as governor, Mrs. Russell decided to forego the customary formal inaugural in favor of a bar-

becue for the people of the state, including blacks and whites of all social standings. The event was covered in Time Magazine since it occurred at the height of the civil rights movement.

While Governor Russell was in office, the couple established an open-house policy in the Governor's Mansion. Groups and individuals were welcomed at all hours. The governor personally answered his phone and Mrs. Russell, who liked to entertain, encouraged school tours to walk through the mansion.

Once, she told The State Newspaper that, "the size of crowds never worried me. It's as easy to plan for one hundred as for ten and I enjoy people so much."

Later in life, Governor and Mrs. Russell were regularly cited as examples of a political couple who balanced personal lives and professional duties. Governor Russell once told The State that, "She encourages me to do my best."

She was a loving wife, devoted and generous mother and grandmother and always a steadfast friend.

Surviving are her children, a daughter, Mildred Russell Neiman of Clinton, South Carolina; three sons, Donald Stuart Russell, Jr. of Columbia, South Carolina, Walker Scott Russell of New Orleans, Louisiana and John Richardson Russell of Spartanburg; and nine grandchildren.

We, the Russell Family, would like to convey our love to her three nurses, JoAnne Best, Ann Brock, and Evelyn Tomberlin, whom we appreciate very much.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, July 10, 2003 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 14

2 p.m. Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions To hold hearings to examine restoring stability to the defined benefit pension system. SD-430

Judiciary To hold hearings to examine temporary entry provisions of the proposed free trade agreements with Chile and Singapore. SD-226

JULY 15

9:30 a.m. Governmental Affairs To hold hearings to examine castaway children, focusing on whether parents must relinquish custody in order to secure mental health services for their children. SD-342

10 a.m. Foreign Relations To hold hearings to examine successes and challenges for U.S. policy relative to Haiti. SD-419

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. SD-430

2:30 p.m. Judiciary Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine visa issuance, information sharing and enforcement in a post 9-11 environment. SD-226

Veterans' Affairs To hold hearings to receive a report by the National Commander of The American Legion, Ronald F. Conley, of his tenure. SR-418

JULY 16

10 a.m. Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs To hold oversight hearings to examine the semi-annual monetary policy report of the Federal Reserve System. SD-538

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Business meeting to markup the proposed Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2003. SD-430

Indian Affairs To hold hearings to examine S. 556, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act. SR-485

Judiciary To hold oversight hearings on the federal sentencing guidelines of the U.S. sentencing commission. SD-226

Governmental Affairs Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the recent General Accounting Office report entitled: "An Overall Strategy and Indicators for Measuring Progress Are Needed to Better Achieve Restoration Goals", focusing on the ramifications of an uncoordinated Great Lakes restoration strategy, current management of various environmental programs, and possible next steps to improve the management of Great Lakes programs. SD-342

2:30 p.m. Judiciary Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine competition in the marketplace in relation to hospital group purchasing. SD-226

Energy and Natural Resources To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Suedeem G. Kelly, of New Mexico, to be a Member of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. SD-366

JULY 17

9:30 a.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SR-253

Governmental Affairs To resume hearings to examine castaway children, focusing on whether parents must relinquish custody in order to secure mental health services for their children. SD-342

JULY 22

10 a.m. Energy and Natural Resources To hold hearings to examine S. 1314, to expedite procedures for hazardous fuels reduction activities on National Forest System lands established from the public domain and other public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, to improve the health of National Forest System lands established from the public domain and other public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, and H.R. 1904, to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to plan and conduct hazardous fuels reduction projects on National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands aimed at protecting communities, watersheds, and certain other at-risk lands from catastrophic wildfire, to enhance efforts to protect watersheds and address threats to forest and rangeland health, including catastrophic wildfire, across the landscape; to examine the impacts of insects, disease, weather-related damage, and fires on public and private forest lands. Processes for implementing forest health and hazardous fuels reduction projects on public and private lands, and processes for implementing forest health and hazardous fuels reduction projects will also be discussed. Room to be announced

Judiciary To hold hearings to examine bankruptcy and competition issues in relation to the WorldCom Case. SD-226

JULY 23

10 a.m. Indian Affairs To hold hearings to examine S. 556, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act. SR-485

Judiciary To hold oversight hearings to examine certain pending matters. SD-226

JULY 30

10 a.m. Indian Affairs To hold hearings to examine S. 578, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to include Indian tribes among the entities consulted with respect to activities carried out by the Secretary of Homeland Security. SR-485

SEPTEMBER 16

10 a.m. Veterans' Affairs To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to receive the legislative presentation of The American Legion. SH-216