

Valley benefit to raise critical funds for local safety net food programs. This extremely successful event which has meant the difference between food and hunger for many Napa County residents would not exist if it were not for the vision and hard work of Donna and Giovanni Scala. What began in their kitchen at their world-renowned restaurant Bistro Don Giovanni ten years ago has blossomed into a national role model that has raised over \$1.3 million for our community's most vulnerable members.

Donna and Giovanni have made countless contributions toward improving the community they are so much a part of and love. It seems that every time there is a need, they are there with a donation. None, however, have been as significant and far-reaching than their efforts regarding this annual event.

Mr. Speaker, I was honored to take part in the first Hands Across the Valley event in 1994 when we tossed pizzas in the Scala's kitchen for 500 guests and raised \$30,000. Thanks in large part to Donna and Giovanni's continued support, this year's event is expected to be bigger and more successful than ever before, with nearly 2,000 guests and volunteers working together to raise more than \$200,000 to ensure none of our neighbors are without food.

Donna and Giovanni Scala put their heart and soul into this event because they understand its importance. They know that not everyone has shared in our nation's prosperity. They understand that nearly half of those seeking assistance from Napa's food pantries and soup kitchens are children and that nearly one out of every three families seeking help does not have an oven or a refrigerator.

Mr. Speaker, I believe it is fitting and appropriate to honor the commitment and integrity that Donna and Giovanni Scala have given our community for so many years. We are all better off because of their efforts.

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#### AGAINST A CONGRESSIONAL COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE

### HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 5, 2003*

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to a cost-of-living increase for Members of Congress. Across our country, the struggling economy is hurting businesses and leaving many without jobs. Latest projections show the national debt climbing to an unprecedented level. We should set an example by voting against this pay increase. Fiscal discipline must start with Congress.

In addition, by not allowing a regular yes-or-no vote on this provision, we simply add to the impression that too many people have about Congress. If Congress is to vote itself a raise in pay, it should be done in full view of the American public, not through a quiet procedural motion.

This process needs to be reformed. Members of Congress should not be able to receive an automatic cost-of-living increase. Each of us should be on the record with the citizens of our districts whether we believe an increase to our own salaries is justified.

#### TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

SPEECH OF

### HON. JO ANN DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 4, 2003*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2989) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes:

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to voice my opposition to an increase in Member's of Congress salaries. During these difficult economic times at all levels of government and with increasing federal deficits, I believe we should not be raising our own salaries.

Yesterday the House considered the Rule for the Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2004. While this bill does not include any provision related to an increase in pay for Members of Congress (the Member COLA is automatic each year under existing law), by tradition when Congress has blocked the Member COLA, the blocking provision has been included in this bill.

Because blocking the Member COLA would constitute a change in existing law, an amendment to block the COLA would be subject to a point of order on the floor, and therefore not allowed. Since the Rule does not permit a waiver from the point of order for such an amendment, the House in recent years has taken a vote on the previous question on the Rule. Yesterday I voted "no" on the previous question in an attempt to defeat the measure so that an amendment to the Rule to block the Member cost-of-living allowance could receive an up or down vote.

Unfortunately, the measure passed and the rule was not therefore amendable. In light of various factors, most importantly a 4.1 percent pay raise for our civilian workforce and to remove Ghost Fleet ships in my District, I am left with no recourse except to vote for the final passage of the Transportation/Treasury Appropriations Act. If I had the opportunity to vote directly to eliminate this year's cost of living adjustments for Members, I would most certainly do so.

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#### TRIBUTE TO MR. P. GREY CANE, JR.

### HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 5, 2003*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of a good man, a proud American and a fine member of the South Alabama community, Mr. P. Grey Cane, Jr., who passed away on Saturday, August 9th, at his home in Fairhope, Alabama.

A solid businessman and a true community leader, Grey Cane was loved by his family and friends and respected by his peers.

Grey was known for his generosity, not only for those he knew well but also for those

whom he had never met. Throughout his life, Mr. Cane worked for the preservation of Alabama's treasured waterways which have for many years provided immense enjoyment to tens of thousands of residents and tourists. His love of the outdoors and his passion for preserving our waterways will never be forgotten.

As a young man, Grey founded KEMKO, Inc., a company providing construction, building, and roofing materials. His employees felt a strong loyalty to Mr. Cane and often spoke highly of his giving nature and attentiveness to their needs.

Mr. Cane also had a strong and independent spirit which made him both a tough negotiator and successful businessman. However, Grey Cane never allowed his many successes to be used simply for his own good.

At times, he used the KEMKO warehouses as depositories for extra building supplies and allowed those in need to take what was considered necessary from storage. In addition to his generosity, Grey Cane had a way that made everyone who came in contact with him feel special, a rare quality in today's times.

A sportsman at heart, Mr. Cane devoted tremendous amounts of time and energy to the establishment of the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) of Alabama and, subsequently, the Eastern Shore chapter of the same organization. Those close to him note the zeal he had for the cause of environmental protection and the tenacity with which he fought for this worthy cause. Grey Cane realized the importance of preserving our natural habitats and continued fighting for this cause throughout his entire life. In recognition of his charitable gifts and his lifelong dedication to the cause of environmental conservation, the CCA recently honored Mr. Cane by renaming a thriving coastal reef in his honor.

Through his charitable contributions to society, his strong dedication to protecting and preserving Alabama's waterways, fisheries and natural resources, and his generosity to his friends, family, and coworkers, Mr. Cane leaves a lasting and memorable mark on all of Alabama's Gulf Coast region. I am proud to have called him my friend.

Mr. Speaker, P. Grey Cane, Jr., is survived by his wonderful wife of almost 50 years, Katchie, a son, Peter Grey Cane, III, a daughter, Laura Cane Armstrong, two grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, one sister, an aunt and nieces, nephews and other relatives. May his family know that they are in the thoughts and prayers of many who loved and appreciated Grey Cane as they did.

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#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO DAVE HOART

### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 5, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before this body of Congress and this nation to honor the career of a great man from my district. After twenty years of service, Dave Hoart, of Texas Creek, Colorado, is retiring from his post at the Division of Wildlife. Dave's invaluable contributions to the community will be missed, and I stand before you here today to honor his service.

Dave began his position as the Custer County District Wildlife Manager in 1983. Selflessly, Dave attributes all of his success over