

Good Samaritan Hospital and TriHealth, Inc.; United Way of Greater Cincinnati; and a number of corporate boards.

Minor was born in Memphis, Tennessee. She is being recognized for her role as a founder, past trustee, and president of Stepping Stones Center for the Handicapped.

In addition to Stepping Stones, Minor has been active with a number of other important organizations. She was a founder, past trustee, and president of Living Arrangements for the Developmentally Disabled, Incorporated. She also served as a past board member of United Cerebral Palsy of Cincinnati, Inc.; Friends of the School for Creative and Performing Arts; Glad House; and Playhouse in the Park. She is active in fund drives for United Way, Fine Arts Fund, and other organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing the many accomplishments of Daniel and Minor LeBlond. All of us in the Greater Cincinnati area thank them for their dedication to improving the lives of others. They have made a significant difference in our community, and I know they will continue to do so.

TRIBUTE TO MS. OLLIE M. SMITH

HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2003

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Ollie M. Smith, who is retiring as Director of the Transition Assistance Program (TAP), Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management Policy), after holding this position since November 1996. TAP is a program run jointly by the Departments of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and Labor to assist separating servicemembers and their families as they transition into civilian life.

Ms. Smith has dedicated her career to the Department of Defense, working for not only the Office of the Assistant Secretary, but also for the U.S. Navy and the Defense Logistics Agency. Ms. Smith's career began at the Naval Supply Systems Command as a Project Manager. She also served in the great State of South Carolina at the Charleston Naval Supply Center as a contracting officer.

After serving on the Board of Naval Corrections from 1986 to 1993, Ms. Smith became Chief of Business Management, Defense Distribution Standard Center at the Headquarters of the Defense Logistics Agency. While there she was responsible for budget formulation, justification, and execution of the Defense Standard Systems budget.

Since November 1996, her responsibilities have changed to the more human aspect of the Department of Defense. As the Director of TAP, she oversaw the automated outplacement assistance system, public and community service policy, and job seeker and employment outreach for active duty servicemembers and their families.

Ms. Smith's enthusiasm, commitment, and professionalism are hallmarks of her persona.

Thank you, Ollie, for your dedication to America's servicemembers and veterans. You are leaving a lasting legacy of dedicated service to America and those who protect our freedoms.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JEAN ROTHENBERG

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2003

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. Jean Rothenberg, a distinguished constituent, who will receive the Jacob E. Davis Volunteer Leadership Award from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation (GCF) on September 15, 2003. To commemorate the joint 40th anniversaries of GCF and Stepping Stones Center for the Handicapped, four awards will be presented this year honoring volunteers who have played vital roles in the overlapping histories of these outstanding organizations.

Jean was instrumental in helping to get GCF on its feet. Jean was the last president of the Fresh Air & Convalescent Aid Society, which ran the Fresh Air Farm on what is now the Stepping Stones Center property. When the group decided its mission had become outdated, a committee was formed to study what to do with its \$600,000 endowment and property. In 1963 and because of Jean's leadership, the committee collaborated with a group of civic leaders and bank presidents, who were forming GCF, to provide the \$600,000 as seed money for the new foundation. The Fresh Air Farm property became Camp Stepping Stones.

Jean has also been integral to other local organizations that are important to our community. One example is the Hearing, Speech & Deaf Center of Greater Cincinnati, which she founded in 1950. She has supported the Center and the cause of helping the hearing impaired with her leadership and financial resources, and is currently an emeritus member of the board.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing Jean's accomplishments as she receives the Jacob E. Davis Volunteer Leadership Award. All of us in the Greater Cincinnati area thank her for her outstanding service to our community and for her efforts to help those who need it most.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL GOLDENBERG

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2003

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Paul Goldenberg. Mr. Goldenberg has been a successful businessman in the Los Angeles area for two decades. He has also worked hard to fund and support medical centers and education programs, and has recently been honored with the 2003 Jewish Home for the Aging Lifetime Achievement Award.

Known as "The King of Big Screen," Paul Goldenberg is a self-made businessman who started a TV repair business with \$1000 he borrowed from two cousins. For the last 19 years, his La Habra store has sold more big-screen TVs than any other store in America.

Mr. Goldenberg's success has led him to support many charitable causes. Paul's work with the Keeping the Promise Capital Campaign made the opening of the Paul Golden-

berg-Daphna and Richard Ziman Special Care Center possible, and he is also a major contributor to the Jewish Home Residential Medical Center and the City of Hope. Mr. Goldenberg is also active in the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation.

Along with his contributions of time and money to the medical community, Mr. Goldenberg is a dedicated supporter of education and after-school programs. Mr. Goldenberg has been the scholarship director of the California Highway Patrol 11-99 Foundation, an organization devoted to awarding scholarships to children of Highway Patrol employees. This year Mr. Goldenberg and his committee raised over one million dollars to fund 712 scholarships. In June, Paul awarded 43 personally funded scholarships to local high school students.

For his work on behalf of the Los Angeles community, as well as his dedication to education, I am proud to ask all Members to join with me in commending Paul Goldenberg upon receiving the 2003 Jewish Home for the Aging Lifetime Achievement Award.

HONORING THE ANN ARBOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2003

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra in honor of its 75th Anniversary.

The Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, which is located in my district, was founded in 1928 by Phillip Potts and continues to be the largest employer in the arts within Washtenaw County. The orchestra employs over 150 professional musicians.

Throughout the year, the symphony performs music from Bach to Broadway in nine mainstage concerts for over 8,000 people, as well as four youth concerts and five senior citizen concerts. During the history of the Ann Arbor symphony, numerous honors have been bestowed upon it. It was the only arts organization to be named "Crain's Business Best Managed Nonprofit in 2002." The orchestra was also given the Nonprofit Enterprise at Work's Excellence Award for Management in 1997 and 2003. Further, it was the only Michigan orchestra to receive a Millennium Project award from the National Endowment for the Arts for a premiere of a new work for orchestra and gamelan.

Over the past 75 years, the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra has provided southeastern Michigan with wonderful entertainment and great role models for young people. The Orchestra has given nearly 18,500 area students the opportunity to perform through its Ensemble in Your School program. The orchestra has had numerous world renowned guest performers such as Jaime Laredo, Catherine Cho, Ilya Kaler, and Augustin Hadelich just to name a few.

The Ann Arbor symphony orchestra continues to make much needed contributions to the art community. The orchestra is actively involved in giving young people the opportunity to become involved with the arts.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that all of my colleagues join me in commending the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra on providing 75 years of exemplary service in the arts to the Michigan

community and in wishing them many more years of success.

TRIBUTE TO RUTH UPSON

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2003

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Ruth Upson, a distinguished leader, who will receive the Jacob E. Davis Volunteer Leadership Award from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation (GCF) on September 15, 2003. To commemorate the joint 40th anniversaries of GCF and Stepping Stones Center for the Handicapped, four awards will be presented this year honoring volunteers who have played vital roles in the overlapping histories of these outstanding organizations.

Ruth's father-in-law, Mark Upson, was GCF's first Director and, through Mark, she became very familiar with the good work GCF does. Ruth is a GCF donor and member of the Foundation Society for legacy givers. Ruth also has been active with Stepping Stones since the early 1960s.

In addition to Ruth's good work at GCF and Stepping Stones is her dedicated service at a number of hospitals in the Cincinnati area. Ruth has given a great deal of her time (over 3,500 volunteer hours) at General Hospital in the 1930s, Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in the 1940s, Christ Hospital, and most recently at the Women's Imaging Center.

Other volunteer work includes the Junior League of Cincinnati, which she joined in 1940; the Deupree Community, where she has served with the Auxiliary and on the Executive Board; and the Church of the Redeemer, volunteering "wherever needed."

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing Jean's accomplishments as she receives the Jacob E. Davis Volunteer Leadership Award. All of us in the Greater Cincinnati community thank her for her outstanding service and efforts to help those in need.

TRIBUTE TO MISS SARAH MERCER

HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2003

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary accomplishment of Miss Sarah Mercer of Moultrie Middle School in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. Miss Mercer recently won the Siemens American History Innovation Award at the National History Day Competition held this summer at the University of Maryland.

Her entry, "The Fencing Frenzy: Rights and Responsibilities of Barbed Wire Usage in the Wild West," highlights how the innovation of barbed wire led to efficient, economical, and ecological practices for both ranchers and farmers on the American frontier. I am proud to represent Miss Mercer and her family, who reside in South Carolina's First Congressional District.

IN RECOGNITION OF DONALD R. FROELICH WHO WILL RETIRE AFTER 13 YEARS OF DEDICATED AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE WITH THE CITY OF GLENDALE'S DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2003

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Donald R. Froelich who will retire from the City of Glendale's Department of Water and Power after 13 years of service to the city and community as Water Service Administrator.

Donald R. Froelich graduated from the University of Southern California in 1963 with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. He continued his studies and received a Masters in Civil Engineering in 1967. He also received a certificate for Executive Management in 1988. Among his exemplary list of educational achievements is also an engineering license. In addition, Mr. Froelich is a distinguished member of the California Bar.

While Mr. Froelich was vice-president of the Board of Directors of the Castaic Lake Water Agency, he held great responsibility for supplying State Project Water to the Santa Clarita Valley. Donald worked for the Metropolitan Water District for 24 years. He was responsible for water supply and demand, planning activities, and identifying the need for additional facilities to ensure that Metropolitan could provide adequate water to the growing communities of its member agencies.

In September of 1990, Donald arrived at the City of Glendale to work for Water & Power as Water Service Administrator. He was dedicated to managing the activities of the Water Department that dealt with finances, construction, operation and maintenance of the City's water system.

Donald Froelich's accomplishments have been numerous. In 1996, he received the California Water Reuse Association Project of the Year Award. Notably, he implemented a regional recycled water program with the cities of Pasadena and Los Angeles. He worked closely with the Environmental Protection Agency and the California Department of Health Services. He planned and implemented a pivotal Superfund groundwater cleanup project in an attempt to clear up the San Fernando Basin of volatile organic chemicals used by the neighboring industries as degreasers. Lately, Donald spearheaded the Chromium 6 research project where he worked with the cities of Los Angeles, Burbank, San Fernando and regulatory agencies to identify the best technology for removing Chromium 6 from drinking water supplies. He made this possible by dedicating his efforts to obtain Congressional funding for the project with my office and that of Senator Barbara Boxer.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in congratulating Donald R. Froelich on a truly exemplary professional and public service career, and for his immense commitment to the City of Glendale and surrounding communities.

REMEMBERING THE TRAGIC EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2003

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in observance of the tragic terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

We must never forget the character of these attacks. Nor can we forget the many innocent victims on the ground and in the air, or the heroic efforts of the many firefighters, police officers and emergency personnel who sacrificed their lives while attempting to save others.

Our American ideals and values have survived and sustained us through this difficult time. Ultimately, with this tragedy behind us we are a stronger nation. Throughout history we have always grown stronger after facing great national challenges. This is a time of national unity. We survived the onslaught of September 11 and demonstrated once again the greatness of our nation.

The sacrifice of Americans continues. As we memorialize the victims of that awful day, we are reminded that thousands of young Americans are overseas—away from their country, their homes, and their loved ones—fighting the real War on Terror in the mountains and deserts of Afghanistan. Our nightly news brings daily reports of American sacrifice in Iraq, and we need to ensure that our soldiers have our unwavering support during this difficult time.

In large measure, the strength of our nation lies in its diversity and its commitment to democracy. As we remember these events and our fallen friends and family, we must honor their memory by upholding the values that have made our country great and ensure that those who perpetrated these attacks did not succeed in defeating our fundamental values. In particular, we must not assault the civil liberties of any group of Americans. Our past efforts to restrict the liberties of German-Americans, Italian-Americans, African-Americans, and Japanese-Americans are scars on our history. We must not let history repeat itself. Indeed, depriving any group of Americans of their liberty undermines the liberty of all Americans and hands a victory to those who attacked us.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and all of my colleagues join me in remembering the victims and heroes of September 11 and in wishing their loved ones a safe and prosperous future.

TRIBUTE TO KATHRYN PETTENGILL

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2003

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Kay Pettengill, a dear friend and distinguished constituent, who will receive the Jacob E. Davis Volunteer Leadership Award from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation (GCF) on September 15, 2003. To commemorate the joint 40th anniversaries of GCF and Stepping Stones Center for the Handicapped, four awards will be presented this year honoring