

community and in wishing them many more years of success.

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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.

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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

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**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

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**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.

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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