

General Douglas MacArthur said: "And throughout all this welter of change and development, your mission remains fixed, determined, inviolable. It is to win our wars. Everything else in your professional careers is but a corollary to this vital dedication . . . You are the ones who are trained to fight."

"Let civilian voices argue the merits or demerits of our processes of government; whether our strength is being sapped by deficit financing indulged in too long; by Federal paternalism grown too mighty; by power groups grown too arrogant; by politics grown too corrupt; by morals grown too low; by taxes grown too high.

"These great national problems are not for your professional participation or military solution. Your guidepost stands out like a tenfold beacon in the night: duty, honor, country. You are the leaven which binds together the entire fabric of our national system of defense. From your ranks come the great Captains who hold the nation's destiny in their hands the moment the war tocsin sound."

He may have been Army, but I can't improve upon that! Thank you and have a good night.

#### HONORING HERB LEONARD ON RETIREMENT FROM THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 16, 2003*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of one of the finest public servants with whom I have had the pleasure of working in the District of Columbia. After 30 years, Herbert Leonard, Jr., a native Washingtonian, will be retiring from his position as the Government Relations Officer for the District of Columbia at the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority WMATA. WMATA will be losing a valued employee and I will be losing a treasured counsel and advocate.

Since 1973, Herb has worked closely with other elected and government officials in the District of Columbia as well as civic associations, advisory neighborhood commissions and businesses. Over the years, many of these groups have recognized Herb for his efforts in their communities. Today I, too, honor his work.

I cannot count the number of times that Herb has gone above and beyond the parameters of his job in order to assist me in bringing comfort and support to my constituents. Whether facilitating transportation for a constituent with disabilities or helping disadvantaged children at my annual Christmas parties, Herb has been dedicated, respectful, and responsive to the needs of the people of the District of Columbia, particularly those in the greatest need of assistance.

With his energy and intelligence, Herb Leonard could have been a success in any line of work he desired. Indeed, Herb holds several U.S. patents and in 1965, he was chosen by then-Vice President Hubert Humphrey, as one of 85 prominent black businessmen to visit predominately black colleges in order to convince minority youth of the importance of getting a good education and to encourage them to take advantage of the increasing career op-

portunities in business and industry. With the world at his feet, Herb chose to make public service his vocation, and for that, we should all be grateful.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in wishing Mr. Leonard the very best in his new endeavors.

#### HONORING THE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE IRONWORKERS LOCAL #55

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 16, 2003*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, one hundred years ago the Ironworkers Local #55 joined together in union in Toledo, Ohio. I am pleased to recognize this milestone anniversary and pay tribute to the union's courageous founders and all of the men and women who followed them over the course of a century.

In 1903 the idea of unionization was viewed as radical, and often dangerous for those who pursued it. Yet, men working to build our cities, the bridges, skyscrapers, schools and factories which were changing the American landscape worked under dangerous conditions themselves. They found themselves not only at the mercy of difficult working conditions, but subject to forces who did not respect them and the jobs they did. They worked long hours for low pay, no compensation for injury or sickness, and little if any thought was given to their general welfare. The Ironworkers Union itself was only seven years old when Toledo's Local #55 was chartered on February 16, 1903, 104 members strong. Toledo's ironworkers have been an integral part of the growth and development of the Ironworkers Union since the beginning.

The first recorded ironworker union jobs came that same year, with the Illinois Steel Company's construction of a cantilever bridge and two turntables for the Toledo Furnace Company. Just two years after its founding, Ironworkers Local #55 struck one of Toledo's largest and prominent contractors, A. Bentley and Sons. Though the strike was ultimately unsuccessful, the action showed clearly that the infant union was willing to battle even the largest, most anti-union companies. At the close of the century's first decade, Ironworkers Local #55 was firmly established and under the capable and visionary leadership of William R. "Big Bill" Walters, the union's first business agent, who went on to serve the union in various offices until 1935. Since him, many noble leaders have guided the union through both hard times and prosperity.

The union gave its members good jobs with good wages, health care and pension benefits, injury compensation, and sickness and death benefits. Just as importantly, it offered its members and their families the spirit of workers united in the common goal of bettering the lives of everyone. Out of this spirit came a sense of camaraderie, of loyalty, of protection and pride in what they were all trying to build together. I have been privileged to be welcomed into this spirit, and it is uniquely union.

A look around our region reveals the accomplishments of Ironworkers Local #55 union members. Their skill and hard work gave us signature bridges, downtown skyline, the

schools which educate our children, monuments paying tribute to our efforts as community and Nation. We owe Toledo's City Hall, Ohio Building, Spitzer Building, Swayne Field, Toledo Museum of Art additions, Bell Building, Toledo Public Library, Acme Power Plant, Standard Oil, Pure Oil, Sun Oil and Gulf Oil refineries, Federal Building, Owens-Illinois Fiberglass Tower, Medical College of Ohio, Davis-Besse Power Plant, Islamic Center of Greater Toledo, Summit Center and the Valentine Theatre to Local 55 members, just to name a few of our region's significant buildings whose frameworks were formed by ironworkers. Now, as its second century dawns, Ironworkers Local #55 members are undertaking the construction of our region's largest single project to date: the new 8,800 foot long, 120 foot high Maumee River Crossing.

I join with members and friends of Ironworkers local #55 past and present in celebrating one hundred years of history. It is these "cowboys of the sky", along with fellow members of the building trades, who built America. We stand along side them and look to the future as together we continue to build our Nation.

#### CONGRATULATING ROBERT DYNES ON HIS SELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

**HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 16, 2003*

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Robert Dynes on his term as Chancellor from 1996 to 2003 for the University of California at San Diego (UCSD). It is an honor to recognize the accomplishments and contributions that Bob has made to this University and the state of California during his tenure.

Over the past eight years Bob has dedicated his life to the University of California at San Diego and has had numerous challenges and accomplishments to prove it. I have personally observed Bob's term as Chancellor and seen the determined focus of his administration to uphold the integrity of this fine University. One of the missions of his administration has been to keep the quality of UCSD's faculty at a premium. Bob has maintained this excellence in addition to a 14% growth in faculty. In the past seven years, UCSD faculty has produced two Nobel Prizes, a Fields Medal, three National Medals of Science, a National Humanities Medal, the Kyoto Prize, the Enrico Fermi Award, and two MacArthur Awards.

Bob has also helped UCSD broaden the school's research and academic portfolios. This year alone, UCSD established a School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, a Management School, and an undergraduate college dedicated to the integration of technology, culture and the arts. Also on the undergraduate level, under Bob's leadership, UCSD more closely integrated Scripps Institution of Oceanography into the curriculum. The University has also broadened the curriculum related to diversity, adding a Chicano/Latino Arts and Humanities Minor.