

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF
UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES**HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2003

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the 100th anniversary of Northbrook, Illinois based Underwriters Laboratories Incorporated. For the past century, Underwriters Laboratories has been among the world leaders in providing global product safety assessment programs and services.

Since it was founded in 1903, Underwriters Laboratories has published more than 880 Standards for Safety—for products ranging from fire-rated buildings to information technology equipment to electrical household appliances. Beginning with Underwriters Laboratories' first Standard for Safety, the UL 10A for Tin-Clad Fire Doors, each standard is developed and maintained with input by UL engineers in conjunction with industry, government agencies, regulatory authorities, members of academia, and consumer advocates. Nearly two-thirds of UL Standards for Safety have been accepted by the American National Standards Institute as American National Standards. Underwriters Laboratories tells me that it remains responsive to external needs by participating in more than 200 international technical committees, serving in leadership positions on many, in an effort to actively enhance safety globally and pursue harmonization of U.S. standards with international standards.

Despite its tremendous growth and technological advancement, Underwriters Laboratories has remained faithful to its original mission: public safety. I am most proud to represent Underwriters Laboratories Incorporated. I congratulate them on this, the 100th anniversary of their inception, and I thank them for their innumerable contributions to standards development throughout our district and around the world.

TRIBUTE TO ALEX HOWARD

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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. Reverend Alex Howard of Pueblo, Colorado recently announced his retirement from the Parkview Medical Center. His devotion, hard work, and humility inspire those around him, and his dedication to his friends and neighbors shows a spirit of charity all too rare in today's society. I am honored to recognize his many years of service here today.

Alex has been the Director of Spiritual Affairs for the Parkview Medical Center for 21 years. His service and ministry have been marked by two overriding ideals: uniting people and giving local youth moral and ethical guidance. Over the years, Alex has worked hard to bring people from different faiths, races, ages, and genders together, encouraging them to celebrate their common beliefs. He has also fostered enthusiasm and excitement

in the community's youth and encouraged them to strive to lead a good life. Alex has worked tirelessly to uplift and edify those who are in his charge, and though Alex is retiring from Parkview, he will continue his work as the pastor of St. Peter the Apostle Episcopal Church in Pueblo.

Mr. Speaker, Reverend Alex Howard is the kind of devoted spiritual leader our community looks to for guidance and inspiration. He has devoted 34 years to ministry and 21 years to Parkview Medical Center, and I know that his guidance will be sorely missed. I am honored to join with my colleagues today to thank him for his tireless work and to wish him the best of luck as he continues to serve the community.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF RON
BURTON**HON. DAVID L. HOBSON**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2003

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Mr. Ron Burton, who passed away on September 13, 2003 in Massachusetts after a long battle with bone marrow cancer. As a long-time resident of Springfield, I can honestly say almost everyone in the city knew of Ron Burton, since he was one of the greatest athletes the city has ever produced.

Ron Burton's legacy extends beyond the 4,249 all-purpose yards and 19 touchdowns he amassed in 69 games with the New England Patriots. Burton was a two-time All-American at Northwestern University, but, as was noted recently in the Boston Globe, he was a Hall of Famer off the field by virtue of his postcareer philanthropic endeavors.

After their September 14th victory over the Philadelphia Eagles, the Patriots dedicated the game ball to Mr. Burton's memory. The Patriots also recently established the Ron Burton Community Service Award, which annually recognizes the player who makes the greatest impact in the New England community.

Mr. Burton was a Shriner, a Mason, and an Eagle Scout. He was a high-school All-American, a collegiate All-American and a member of the Northwestern University Hall of Fame. After his professional football career ended, Ron became an executive with the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company and a motivational speaker.

In 1985, Mr. Burton purchased over 300 acres of land in Hubbardston, Massachusetts and founded the Ron Burton Training Village, a sports camp for inner-city, underprivileged children. The camp not only trains youngsters physically and academically but also teaches them the value of love, peace, patience and humility. More than 2,000 youngsters have attended the camp, and have become better citizens as a result, many of whom have gone on to attend prestigious colleges such as Yale, Harvard and the Air Force and Naval academies.

Mr. Burton said he wanted to open his training village "as a place where everyone loves one another."

Former Springfield mayor Bob Burton, who was Ron's brother, recently said, "Ron never forgot the town from which he came. He had

a strong love for Springfield, unlike others who have gone away and had success. He never forgot his hometown and the church to which he belonged."

Ron is survived by his wife, Jo Ann. They have five children, all of whom graduated from Northwestern University.

As the Congressman who represents Springfield in the U.S. House of Representatives, I offer my sincere condolences to the family of Ron Burton and pay tribute to his lifetime of achievements and his lasting legacy as an outstanding role model and citizen.

TRIBUTE TO DOROTHY AND
WAYNE TALLEY**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to a remarkable couple from my district. Dorothy and Wayne Talley of Del Norte, Colorado recently celebrated their seventy-second anniversary. Dorothy and Wayne's extraordinary commitment to each other and to their family is an inspiration, and I am honored to pay tribute to them here today.

Dorothy and Wayne are blessed with eight children, twelve grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Through mutual respect and genuine affection, Dorothy and Wayne have maintained their union for over 70 years. Throughout those years, Wayne has pursued several careers, including selling tractors and transporting material for the Summitville mine. After retiring, Wayne continued to stay active, first selling cars, then starting a sewing machine repair shop. Dorothy worked hard to take care of their family.

Mr. Speaker, the dedication and devotion that Dorothy and Wayne Talley have shown to each other is truly an inspiration to us all. Since 1931, Dorothy and Wayne have supported and uplifted one another and have set a noteworthy example for their family and community. To spend over seven decades together is a rare testament to their love, and I am honored to join with my colleagues in congratulating Dorothy and Wayne and in wishing them many more wonderful years together.

TRIBUTE TO AARON PRESLEY

HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 30, 2003

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today before this great body to honor a fellow Mississippian who lost his life while helping millions of people here in the Washington-Baltimore area recover from Hurricane Isabel.

Mr. Aaron Presley was one of 100 Entergy Mississippi linemen who left family and friends and drove hundreds of miles from home to be a part of the force helping restore electrical service after the devastating storm. He loved his work and he especially loved to do his part to help storm victims get their daily lives back to normal.