stepson Sean Drummond and one stepdaughter, Tamberline Drummond of New Jersey.

Faith graduated valedictorian of her class from St. Francis de Sales Boarding School for Girls in Powhatan, Virginia in 1967. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and English from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, summa cum laude in 1972 but her real education began with her broadcast career. Her first job was at WBR in Knoxville, TN. She was the first Black female journalist in Knoxville.

Faith Fancher was a remarkably strong human being. Her spirit-filled life inspired many to do good, to be humble, and to stay positive. Her smile, her diligent and dedicated work—in spite of the odds—kept hope alive for many. Faith's love for the human family transcended artificial barriers and truly united us. Faith touched the lives of many, and as we celebrate her life, let us recommit ourselves to her values and her vision for a better world. Faith lived a life filled with “faith, hope, and love.” For this, we are deeply grateful.

To Faith’s family, friends, and fans, I extend my deepest sympathy.

H. CON. RES. 305, "IF YOU BUILD IT THEY WILL COME" BASEBALL FRIENDSHIP ACT

HON. BOB FILNER
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution, H. Con. Res. 305, “If You Build It They Will Come” Baseball Friendship Act, expressing the sense of Congress that Major League Baseball should select Monterrey, Mexico, as a host for a quarter of the Monterey Expos games next season as a show of goodwill between the United States and Mexico.

In recent weeks, the United States Ambassador to Mexico Tony Garza has written to the Commissioner of Major League Baseball Bud Selig urging the League to play a quarter of their home games in Mexico.

The Monterey Expos were bought by the other 29 Major League Baseball franchises before the 2002 season, and to increase revenue, Major League Baseball relocated 22 Expos home games to San Juan, Puerto Rico, for the 2003 season. Under this proposal, the people of Puerto Rico can continue to enjoy Major League Baseball.

Major League Baseball officials have spent many months discussing a permanent move of the Monterey Expos franchise, despite baseball’s intention to decide by the end of the regular season. It appears no long-term site will be selected for the 2004 season.

Monterrey, Mexico, is a metropolitan area of about 3 million people 130 miles south of Laredo, TX, and is one of the safest cities in Latin America. Monterrey has played host to the Monterey Institute of International Studies and the Peace Corps. The Monterey Institute is strongly committed to preparing individuals for two years of dedicated service in the Peace Corps with a new Master’s International Program. Students who successfully return after volunteering in the Peace Corps through the Master’s International Program are eligible to receive scholarships, which can cover eight of the remaining credits for the final semester. This has become a great tool for students in fulfilling their educational requirements.

Since its inception in 1961, President John F. Kennedy challenged the youth of this country to experience and work to relieve the poverty of people in different countries. After 42 years, the Peace Corps have grown to have over 170,000 volunteers in 136 different countries. These courageous and enthusiastic young people have helped change third world countries through education, business development, and most recently, volunteers are helping as a part of President Bush’s HIV/AIDS Act of 2003.

I am proud to say that I share the honorable and memorable experience of volunteering my service for the Peace Corps in Colombia during 1964–66. Mr. Lawrence Horan, the Director of the Monterey Institute of International Studies, had the same experience with the Peace Corps and today is now helping hundreds of current volunteers through their experience. Mr. Horan, the Monterey Institute of International Studies, and the Peace Corps as well should be commended for helping shape the world into a better place.

TRIBUTE TO NICK AND ROSE MARIE NEKOLA

HON. SCOTT McCINNIS
OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this Nation today to pay tribute to two outstanding citizens from my district. Nick and Rose Marie Nekola of Pueblo, Colorado own and operate a valued Pueblo institution, Ianne’s Pizzeria. For years, they have worked to provide a quality product and diligent service to local residents. For their hard work and dedication, I am honored to pay tribute to Nick and Rose here today.

Ianne’s Pizzeria was opened by Rose’s parents in 1954, at a time when the word “pizza” was foreign to most Puebloans. Nick and Rose took control of the pizzeria 32 years ago and have operated it ever since. In addition to serving quality food, the Nekolas have created a comfortable and welcoming environment at Ianne’s. Many of their employees have been with the restaurant for over 20 years, and it is not unusual to meet a customer who has patronized the pizzeria for 30 years. Under the Nekolas’ guidance, Ianne’s has become a staple of downtown Pueblo.

Mr. Speaker, in today’s climate of transition and change, it is truly refreshing to encounter an establishment dedicated to tradition and quality. Nick and Rose Marie Nekola have worked hard to make Ianne’s Pizzeria an institution in the Pueblo community. For their hard work and integrity, I am honored to join with my colleagues in recognizing Nick and Rose Marie Nekola here today.

HONORING THE PRYOR FAMILY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.
OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, family reunions are one of America’s great traditions. This is especially true in my area of southwest Georgia, where some of the country’s oldest and biggest family reunions are held. One of these is the Pryor family reunion, which has convened in the community of Leslie every year for the past century, attracting hundreds of people from Georgia and other states.

This year’s reunion was held on October 4. I would like to share an article about this year’s 100th anniversary reunion in the Cordele Dispatch written by Ms. Betsy Butler, a descendant and writer and editor for the newspaper.

The year was 1903. Only 14 percent of the homes in the United States had a bathtub. Only 8 percent had a telephone. There were only 8,000 cars in the U.S. and only 144 miles of paved roads. The U.S. had 45 states. Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii and Alaska hadn’t been admitted to the Union yet. Today, 100 years later, we live in a world with airplanes and computers that connect people on opposite ends of the earth. Boy, how things change. But one thing has stayed the same—the Pryor family gathering.

Since 1903 the family has been coming to the small town of Leslie. What started as a gathering to mark the 50th wedding anniversary of Shepherd Green Pryor and Penelope Eudora Tyson Pryor on October 4, 1903, has continued to bring the family together for 100 years.

Shepherd and Penelope had seven living children, 32 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Most of these attended the celebration, which would become the first annual family reunion.

According to Frank Wilson, a descendent, the menu has stayed the same for 100 years—by tradition. Without change, it is truly refreshing to encounter the tradition that the Pryors have maintained.

There is a lot of history to the family. With two published books about the family, a narrative and a children’s book, the family has a tradition that gives them a sense of being part of history.

Mrs. Pryor’s Pizzeria opened in 1954 and has been a friendly and welcoming environment ever since. Nick and Rose Marie Nekola have worked to provide a quality product and diligent service to local residents. For their hard work, dedication, and vision for a better world, I am honored to join with my colleagues in recognizing Nick and Rose Marie Nekola, an extraordinary couple of the United States.