

Distinction to receive the Alumnus of The Year Award. Every year, this award is bestowed on an individual not only for his or her distinguished accomplishments, but also for commitment and generosity to the university and the LSU Alumni Association.

Mr. Turner began his engineering and military career at LSU in 1939, where he became President of the College of Engineering Student Council, the LSU Post of American Society of Military Engineers, and a member of Tau Beta Pi. Following military duty, he then went to the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration and graduated in 1949. For eleven years, from 1946 to 1957, Mr. Turner was recognized for his personal and civic accomplishments. Most notably, he was given the Distinguished Service Award for Baton Rouge in 1954, which recognized him as a loyal member of the community. After working in various engineer and management positions, he eventually became President and Chairman of the Board of Nichols Construction Corporation, a position he held for twenty years.

He has also served on the boards of the Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce, the Louisiana State Museum Board, the Louisiana Labor Management Commission, the Salvation Army, the State of Louisiana Board of Regents for Higher Education, and the YMCA. He was previously inducted into the LSU College of Engineering Hall of Distinction in 1993 and the LSU Alumni Association Hall of Distinction in 1996. Presently, he is the Chairman Emeritus of the Board for Turner Industries, Ltd.

I extend my best wishes to Mr. Turner, the most recent recipient of this prestigious award, and to LSU for its support.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF MR. PHILIP WORKMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION

HON. TED STRICKLAND

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2003

Mr. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I stand today on the floor of the United States House of Representatives to recognize Mr. Philip Workman's contributions to the field of mental health treatment.

For nearly twenty years, Phil Workman has served as the Executive Director of the Ohio Psychiatric Association (OPA), the OPA Education and Research Foundation, and the Ohio Psychiatrists' Political Action Committee. In these positions, he has made an outstanding contribution to advancing education and treatment and reducing stigma and discrimination of mental illness.

Under Mr. Workman's watch, the membership of OPA has doubled to over 1,000 members; this growth in membership is due, in part, to his ability and willingness to reach out to residents and psychiatrists who are just beginning their careers in order to develop young leadership in the organization.

Mr. Workman has been a leader in Ohio and across the country in the fight for mental health parity. He worked in concert with other Ohio groups to establish the 1984 Fair Benefits Coalition. The Fair Benefits Coalition led directly to the creation of the Coalition for

Healthy Communities, a coalition of over 25 professional agencies and consumer organizations devoted to providing quality mental health and substance abuse services in Ohio. And, he worked in the American Psychiatric Association to establish several groups and task forces that have been critical to the vitality of the national organization.

Appropriately, Mr. Workman's outstanding leadership, commitment, and dedication was honored in 2002, when he was named a "Mental Health Champion" by the National Alliance of the Mentally Ill of Ohio.

Phil Workman's long service to the Ohio Psychiatric Association and his strong advocacy for those who suffer from mental illness has inspired and served as a model to his many friends and professional associates. It has been said that "some people strengthen society just by being the kind of people they are." Mr. Speaker, Philip Workman is such a person.

JAMES R. BROWNING UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2003

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that today I am introducing legislation to designate the United States Courthouse located at 95 Seventh Street in San Francisco, California as the "James R. Browning United States Courthouse," to honor Judge Browning for his lifetime of outstanding public service.

James R. Browning was born in Great Falls, Montana, and received his law degree from the University of Montana. Prior to his appointment to the bench, he served in the Pacific Theater during World War II, worked in the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, practiced in a law firm, and served as Clerk of the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy appointed James Browning to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He dedicated the rest of his career to the Ninth Circuit, becoming the longest serving judge in the history of the circuit. Judge Browning became very active in the Judicial Conference of the United States, serving on a number of committees that worked to strengthen the federal judiciary.

Upon becoming Chief Judge of the Ninth Circuit in 1976, Judge Browning focused on improving the function of the circuit, which was struggling with a large backlog of cases and delays in appeal decisions. Due to his efforts and innovative practices, additional judges were added to the court of appeals, the time required to decide appeals was cut in half, and the backlog was eliminated. He also improved communication among the justices, emphasizing the importance of good colleague rapport. His innovations were studied and adopted by other circuit courts, and he has received several prestigious awards in recognition of his achievements.

Judge Browning's contributions to national jurisprudence are also outstanding. During his forty-two years on the Ninth Circuit, Judge Browning has participated in almost 1000 published appellate decisions and authored many

other unsigned per curiam opinions. In a 2001 tribute, a colleague described him as "the consummate appellate judge . . . he treats each case that comes before him with careful attention and produces succinct, clearly reasoned opinions." Colleagues have also lauded him for his seminal contributions to national antitrust jurisprudence and his attentiveness to ensuring that citizens have access to the justice system.

Judge Browning stepped down as Chief Judge in 1988 but did not retire, remaining an active circuit judge and a member of myriad committees and judicial groups. He took senior status in September 2000. His activities have been significantly curtailed due to declining health. It is my hope that we can enact this bill in the 108th Congress, so that Judge Browning can witness this much-deserved tribute to his lifetime of public service.

Judge Browning's achievements would be fittingly acknowledged by naming the historic federal building at Seventh and Mission streets in his honor. As one of his supporters said, "A great and sturdy courthouse needs the name of a great and sturdy judge." I invite my colleagues to cosponsor the "James R. Browning United States Courthouse" bill.

SOUTH MAUI COASTAL PRESERVATION ACT OF 2003

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2003

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill directing the Secretary of the Interior to undertake a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating and acquiring lands located along the southern coast of the island of Maui as a National Seashore, National Recreation Area, National Monument, National Preserve, or other unit of the National Park Service.

The study area covered by the proposed South Maui Coastal Preservation Act of 2003 includes lands from and including the 'Ahihi-Kinau Natural Area Reserve to Kanaloa Point, a distance of approximately six miles.

The area is rich in archaeological, cultural, historical, and natural resources. Important sites in the proposed park area contain remnants of dwellings, heiau (places of worship), fishing shrines, platforms, enclosures, shelters, walls, graves, and canoe hale (houses) that date back as early as 1100 A.D. This portion of the southern coast is also the home of unique native plants and animals, some of which are endangered.

The County of Maui passed Resolution 00-136 on October 6, 2000, expressing its support for having this area designated as a National Park. The Hawaii State House and Senate also passed bills in support of having the area managed by the National Park Service. Both these resolutions were in support of my predecessor, Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink's bill, H.R. 591, introduced in the 107th Congress, to study the feasibility of designating the more limited area from Keone'o'io to Kanaloa Point as a National Park.

An initial reconnaissance survey by the NPS indicated that the resources deserved protection but stated that the more limited area was not appropriate for a National Park because

most of the land was owned by the state. However, I believe the expressions of support for NPS control of the area by the County and State offer a firm basis for moving forward. Therefore, I have included a provision in my bill to ensure that the proposed study includes consultation with the State of Hawaii to assess the feasibility of transferring some or all of the State lands in the study area to the federal government.

The State of Hawaii has been unable to effectively manage and protect these important resources due to lack of funds. Operators of four-wheel drive vehicles are unknowingly destroying valuable resources at this site due to lack of supervision, signage, and cultural interpretation materials. Further, this pristine coastline lies directly in the path of development and, absent action, too soon will be lost forever.

This is a site of national significance, which deserves the level of protection only the National Park Service can provide. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRANK W. BALLANCE, JR.

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2003

Mr. BALLANCE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidable detained on official business and was not present for rollcall votes Nos. 634 through 637. Had I been present, on rollcall vote No. 634, I would have voted "yes", on rollcall vote No. 635, I would have voted "yes", on rollcall vote No. 636, I would have voted "yes", and on rollcall vote No. 637, I would have voted "Yes."

RECOGNIZING GENE ARGO OF HAYS, PRESIDENT OF MIDWEST ENERGY

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2003

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a Kansan, Mr. Gene Argo, for his commitment to excellence and his devotion to service. This year, Mr. Argo will retire as president of Midwest Energy, based in my hometown of Hays, Kansas.

A true man of the west, Gene Argo drew many of his life lessons from his youth in Texas, including a profound love of nature and a respect for his fellow man. An avid bareback rider, Gene has learned that, through hardship and in the face of failure, you must always get back on your horse.

For the past decade, Mr. Argo has tirelessly devoted himself to the Midwest Energy Corporation. As president and general manager, he has guided the success of the company since 1992. Through his efforts, Midwest Energy has grown to serve 40 counties in western Kansas. As president, Gene Argo is respected by his employees not only because of his work ethic, but because he respects his employees in turn.

Mr. Argo's passion for progress has also made a profound difference in his community.

In Hays, Gene Argo served on various civic and industry organizations, including the board of directors of the Hays Medical Center and the Hays Medical Center Foundation. The community of Hays has also benefited under Mr. Argo's leadership as chairman of the Ellis County Economic Development Coalition and the Ellis County United Way. The growth of Ellis County is a testament to his vision and direction.

Gene Argo has also invested a great deal in the future of the State of Kansas. He supports Kansas youth as a member of the Kansas 4-H Foundation and also serves on the board of the Kansas Wildscape Foundation. An ardent hunter and sportsman, Gene is dedicated to preserving Kansas' natural beauty. As a small token of Kansas' appreciation, Mr. Argo was selected as the Leadership Kansas Alumnus of the Year in 2002.

In light of his many efforts and achievements, his family comes first. Gene and his wife Linda raised three children and are proud grandparents of three grandchildren.

Respected for his motivation and leadership, his employees will miss his starched shirts and smiles upon his retirement. I join his friends and family in extending to him my best wishes in all of his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MATTIE MARIE FRANKLIN MARSHALL

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2003

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute today to one of Texas' truly outstanding citizens, Mattie Marie Franklin Marshall. As we recognize her 70 years of service to our State's education and her multitude of contributions to our community, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the remarkable achievements of this great woman.

Mattie Marie Franklin Marshall has devoted her entire life to the great State of Texas. Her life has been spent serving her fellow man—teaching, counseling, leading, advising, guiding, and nurturing.

She was born in Washington, Texas. Her father passed away when she was only two, but her mother watched her work her way upward despite many difficult obstacles.

Mattie continued the legacy of her sisters Ellie O. Laster, Anna M. Taylor, and Susie L. Jingles by becoming an educator. She began her adult life by working hard and knew success meant accepting life's challenges. She remained an educator for 35 years until she retired from the school system in 1977.

Following her retirement, Mattie broadened her public service from the school system to the greater community.

She was actively involved in the Girl Scouts of America, Young Women's Christian Association, the Friendly Neighborhood Club, Philodendron Garden Club, the Chanelle Club, and a Life Member of the Erma D. Leroy Club.

One of the highlights of her life was the organization of Fifth Ward Baptist Church. She was a founding member of the committee that organized the church and served as its first recording secretary. She has served her church with dedication for the last 59 years. In honor

of her tireless efforts on behalf of the Fifth Ward Baptist Church, its library was renamed the Mattie M.F. Marshall Library in June 2003.

Just as significant as all of Mattie's achievements is the spirit of community service she represents. Her willingness to help individual community members of our society as a whole is what makes her especially deserving of our recognition and praise.

The spirit of service she actively portrays is something we see far too little of in this society. And we all would do well to follow the shining example that Mattie Marshall has given us.

I know that Mattie will continue to play an important role in our community for years to come, and that America will continue to benefit from her dedication and service.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in saluting Mattie M.F. Marshall and in applauding this remarkable citizen for all she has done, and for all she has meant to those of us whose lives she has touched.

AMERICAN DIABETES MONTH

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2003

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of American Diabetes Month.

In order to combat this deadly disease, we must focus on prevention, education and diet. Diabetes is the fifth-deadliest disease in the nation.

In California, there are about 2 million people with this disease. In my home county of San Bernardino over 100,000 have been diagnosed.

While this disease affects people of all walks-of-life, Hispanics are particularly vulnerable. Hispanics are almost two times as likely to develop Diabetes as non-Hispanic Whites. Twenty-four percent of Mexican-Americans in the United States currently have diabetes. Almost two million Hispanics struggle with the disease.

I don't have diabetes but my parents, my brother and my brother-in-law did. My father died of diabetes along with my brother. They didn't take care of it. We had a large family and could not afford health care.

Growing up, we ate what we could afford and too much of our diet contained foods like tortillas and frijoles that cause health problems and can eventually lead to diabetes. There was no health education or awareness. They didn't know how to take care of their diabetes. When they were diagnosed with diabetes they ignored it and it cost them their lives.

Fortunately, this disease can often be prevented.

We must educate our children and communities about the dangers of this disease. That is why American Diabetes Month is so important. We need to teach children prevention. The lifestyles they adopt today will carry over into their adult years. We are placing children at risk when we allow them to come home day after day, play videogames, sit in front of the TV and snack on soda and chips. Children eat what their parents eat and can afford. Eating a diet of high sugary foods—like tortillas, rice, and chips—at every meal is teaching our children unhealthy habits.