

pleasant demeanor, Toodles went above and beyond, ensuring the utmost in customer service for those passengers so fortunate to be assisted by her.

Toodles began her 34-year career with United Airlines in Buffalo, New York, on April 28, 1969, where she began as the Station Manager Secretary. In a few short years, Toodles was given the opportunity to relocate to Sacramento, California to assist in the opening of the Red Carpet Club where she continued to serve until it closed ten years later. In 1984, Toodles was named Executive Services Director for Premium Travelers. Noted for her outstanding organization and leadership, Toodles has provided exemplary service to numerous Federal and State Representatives, State and Local Officials and Dignitaries. In addition to these responsibilities, Toodles directed the advance travel preparations for Former Governor Deukmejian, Former Governor Wilson, and Former Governor Davis. Toodles continued to facilitate superior customer service as the Executive Services Director and as a Concierge until her retirement.

Throughout her outstanding career with United Airlines, Toodles has received numerous accolades for exceptional service. Most notable, in 1988, she received the Airport Services Award, the Most Valuable Players Exemplary Service Award, and the Regional Award. In 1997, her hard work and dedication were again recognized with the Division Award. Furthermore, in addition to the above mentioned acknowledgements, Toodles received two gold medal medallions for safety and customer service.

Although Toodles' tenure with United Airlines has come to a close, her professional endeavors will continue to thrive as she embarks on a new career with Lyon Realtors in Roseville, California. We are certain that the talents and skills that allowed her to excel while at United Airlines will serve her just as well in her new career.

Toodles vivacious and dynamic personality will truly be missed. We thank Diana "Toodles" Hauf for her outstanding service and wish her well in the future.

HONORING DOC STEWART

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2003

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to express my heartfelt appreciation and congratulations to Doc Stewart, one of the treasures of Eastern New Mexico. Considering all that Doc has done for Clovis and the surrounding communities, how very appropriate it is that November 21, 2003, has been designated "Doc Stewart Day." I salute Doc with great honor and respect.

It would be very difficult to mention all that Doc Stewart has done to further the success of Clovis and the smaller communities that depend on the services this eastside hub provides. In addition to the vital importance of such as the excellent public schools, the business community and the agriculture industry, of great significance is Cannon Air Force Base. Doc has worked tirelessly for many,

many years to ensure the continuation of this military presence on the eastside of New Mexico. In addition, he has always been extremely aware of how critical a congenial and productive relationship is between the air base personnel and the local residents. Doc's business acumen, keen insight, delightful personality and affable manner always served the community well in this effort.

Doc knew early on that Cannon was a key player in the economic health of Clovis. His exceptional efforts as a member of the Committee of Fifty have clearly demonstrated Doc's sincere interest and concern for the betterment of his fellow residents. Even though managing his own successful business required much of his time, he always made himself available to be involved in activities that were critical in retaining the presence of Cannon Air Force Base, whether those be local, state or national.

Doc Stewart is an outstanding member of his community and our state. Not only has he been dedicated to the efforts of the Committee of Fifty, his additional involvement in community service has been invaluable. I invite my colleagues to join me in extending best wishes for a job well done and continued success in all Doc's future endeavors.

HONORING GUY D. BRIGGS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2003

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to honor one of General Motors Corporation's (GM) finest, Mr. Guy D. Briggs, who is retiring as GM's Vice President of Manufacturing after 43 years of distinguished service on December 31, 2003. To recognize his accomplishments, Guy will be honored during a plant wide celebration to be held in his honor at the Truck and Bus Plant located in Flint, Michigan on December 1, 2003.

Guy D. Briggs received a bachelor's degree in economics and an M.B.A. from the University of Michigan in 1960 and 1961, respectively. Upon graduating he hired in at General Motors Corporation (GM) as a college graduate in training, and was assigned to the Chevrolet Manufacturing Plant located in Flint, Michigan. While working at the Chevrolet Plant, Guy held several supervisory positions. In 1969 he was selected for the Chevrolet Executive Development Training program. Once he completed the program he returned to his plant as the superintendent of manufacturing. In 1973 GM assigned Guy to the former Chevrolet Parts Plant, located in Saginaw, Michigan to assume the role of general superintendent of production, and a year later he transferred to the Saginaw Manufacturing Plant holding the same position. In September of 1975, Guy was appointed to the position of superintendent of production at the Saginaw Grey Iron Casting Plant, a position he maintained until 1976 when he was promoted to manager of the Chevrolet's Pressed Metal Plant located in Parma, Ohio. After his stint away from home, Guy returned to Flint, Michigan in 1978 to become manager of the Chevrolet Engine Plant and to complete the Dartmouth College Executive Development Program, which subsequently led to his promotion in May of 1983

to regional manufacturing manager, and then to acting general manufacturing manager for Chevrolet. In February of 1984, he became the manufacturing manager at the former Chevrolet-Pontiac-GM of Canada Group. From 1985 to 1991, he was vice president in charge of manufacturing operations for GM's Saturn Corp. subsidiary. In 1991, Guy was elected vice president of GM and appointed group director of operations for the truck group. In 1996 he was named vice president and general manager of the GM truck group until 2001 when he became vice president and general manager of vehicle manufacturing. Effective May 1, 2003 Guy was appointed GM vice president of manufacturing, his new role will allow him to continue to work with the manufacturing leadership team to provide support during the 2004 model-year product launches and the 2003 Labor negotiations. Guy is currently the Chairman of the board for the Oakland County (Michigan) Traffic Improvement Assoc., and a member of the Bishop International Airport Authority board of directors, Executive Board member for the Detroit Area Council of Boy Scouts and GM's key executive for the University of Wisconsin.

Guy Briggs has spent his entire career ensuring that GM remains the best in the world. His loyalty to GM is evident by the number of moves he and his family have made. Aside from being an automotive enthusiast, Guy is a humble family man. He is a devoted husband to his lovely wife Karen and a devoted father to his five children. During his tenure Guy has earned the respect of his Company and its employees. He has a strong love for the Automotive Industry and Flint, Michigan.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of Congress, I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to please join me in congratulating my constituent and my dear friend, Guy Briggs, on his retirement, and wishing him and his family the best in future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF L. JOEL MARTINEZ

HON. CHRIS BELL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2003

Mr. BELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of L. Joel Martinez, a nationally known AIDS activist who died Wednesday, November 12, 2003. Mr. Martinez was the founding director of the Center for AIDS, a Houston-based clearinghouse for treatment and research information. The center was founded in 1995 to address the lack of treatment and research information available to the public.

Joel Martinez had a profound effect on the way pharmaceutical companies developed their drugs and the way they looked at issues relating to people with HIV and AIDS. He met with companies to help change the guidelines for clinical trials and encouraged them to do research and testing in Houston. He urged companies to test drugs not just on gay, white males, but also on minorities, women and children.

He was an excellent and articulate spokesperson for people with HIV and AIDS and a true leader in treatment advocacy issues. Mr. Martinez was a community representative for amFAR and the AIDS Clinical Trials Group.

He also was a voting member of a U.S. Food and Drug Administration advisory committee that influenced the way the agency reviews drugs during the approval process.

Most recently, he was involved in the AIDS Treatment Activists Coalition, a national coalition of activists working to end HIV and AIDS by advancing research.

Mr. Martinez was born in Harlingen, Texas in 1953 to Luis and Teresa Martinez. He was salutatorian of the class of 1970 at Brownsville High School. A Rice University graduate, he earned a law degree from the Columbia University School of Law in New York in 1977.

He was an associate at Vinson & Elkins for six years before going into private practice in 1983. He re-evaluated his life after he was diagnosed with HIV in 1987. In the early 1990s, the focus of public information on HIV and AIDS was on prevention and not on treatment and research. Mr. Martinez set about to improve public information by making numerous presentations on HIV and AIDS and by writing many articles in English and Spanish on research and treatment of the disease. His significant influence on HIV and AIDS research and treatment helped so many people affected by the disease.

I know my colleagues join me in honoring Joel Martinez for his exceptional life and passionate activism. I extend my heartfelt condolences to his family and friends especially to Vann Vaughan, his life partner of twenty-two years, his mother Teresa, his sisters Rebecca and Zoe, and his brother Harry. Joel Martinez was a great American who fought tirelessly for those in need. His important work must continue until a cure for HIV and AIDS is found.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2003

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to create the position of Chief Financial Officer for the Government of the Virgin Islands. It is my hope and intention that by temporarily placing the reins of fiscal management of the Virgin Islands government outside of the political arena we will be able to end years of crisis management and place the islands on sound financial footing for the long term.

Mr. Speaker, my beloved community, has been plagued over the years and several administrations, by one economic or fiscal crisis after another. If allowed to continue or recur, they have the potential of forcing us into total fiscal collapse.

The factors which have caused these crises are numerous and include among other things: the decline in our tourism sector due to the demographic shift from cities of the Eastern Seaboard to areas in the West and Midwest; being hit by as many as 6 catastrophic hurricanes since 1989; and the fact that the territory's geography mandates a large government workforce and necessitates the replication of many basic services.

When the current administration of Governor Charles W. Turnbull took office in January of 1999, the territory was in a fiscal state of enormous and alarming proportions.

While Governor Turnbull is to be commended for his response to that crisis and the succeeding ones he has faced, because of the special and unique burdens we face, history informs that the necessary political resolve to put measures in place to address these problems, some of which will call for public sacrifice, is best found and sustained outside of the political process.

It is for this reason that I am introducing the Virgin Islands CFO Act today. The CFO will be empowered to oversee and approve all spending of the government of the Virgin Islands and be authorized by law to disapprove items of spending which would send the government into financial deficit. The CFO position would sunset after five years and while he or she would be appointed by the Governor of the Virgin Islands from a list of names selected by a search commission, and confirmed by the Legislature, he or she will not be an "at-will" employee of the government and could only be removed for cause.

Mr. Speaker, this is not an easy bill for me to introduce, but it is a necessary one at this time. It is an action that I feel is in the best interest of all of my constituents and the responsible course of action for me to take. I ask for my colleagues support.

CONGRATULATING EDWARD
ROBINSON

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2003

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sincerity and enthusiasm that I rise to congratulate Mr. Edward Robinson on his retirement from The Community Hospital in Munster Indiana, where he served as the Hospital Administrator for 37 years. Mr. Robinson has been a substantial fixture of the health care community in Northwest Indiana and he will be greatly missed.

Ed Robinson attended the University of Pittsburgh after receiving a highly competitive four-year scholarship from the American Legion. After the completion of his undergraduate college degree he was designated as a Distinguished Military Graduate by the United States Air Force in 1950, when he received his commission.

With his commission, Ed served as a Captain in the United States Air Force for three years and was stationed in Korea with the Fifth Air Force and was also a staff officer for the personnel at the headquarters of the Eighth Air Force, Strategic Air Command.

Knowledge has always been something valued by Ed. He holds a Master's Degree in Hospital Administration from the Graduate School of Public Health of the University of Pittsburgh, as well as a Master of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the same institution. Mr. Robinson was awarded on Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from Calumet College in May 1997.

Ed's career as a health care professional has been multifaceted and world-renowned. He has been published in numerous professional journals and received first prize in the "Hospital Topics" editorial National-wide competition for his thesis on "Nursing Staffing Pattern in an Intensive Care Unit." Ed is also a

Fellow of the Royal Society of Health in London, England. As a member of the program committee of the Atlantic Economic Conference, an international group, he has presented papers in Paris, Rome, Puerto Rico, Scotland, and Munich on various hospital economic topics. He has been a presenter at numerous seminars with John Goodman and Associates regarding Hospital Based Heart Centers.

Nobly, Ed has committed a life of service to Northwest Indiana through his work in the health care community. He has received the Meritorious Service Award from the Munster Board of Trustees and a Special Award for Outstanding Leadership from the Munster Medical Research Foundation. He is also a founding member of the Board of Directors of Community Foundation, Inc. and the President of the Board of Directors of Hospice of the Calumet Area. He has also shared his time with Board of the Northwest Indiana Symphony, as well as serving as Co-Chairman of the Community Veterans Memorial Park in Munster.

Mr. Speaker, Ed Robinson will be greatly missed at The Community Hospital by all of those who have served with this caring and compassionate man. At this time I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating Mr. Robinson for an outstanding career, not only in health care, but also in service to his community. Ed's leadership and passion for his career are to be commended, and his professional absence from the Northwest Indiana community will surely be missed.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM (BILL)
LYONS, JR.

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 21, 2003

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Secretary William (Bill) Edward James Lyons, the V for his service to our Nation and to his community. Bill was born in Modesto, California to William, the IV, and Mary Lyons on July 4, 1950. He attended school at Modesto High School in Modesto, California. Bill then attended college at California State University, Chico where he received his bachelor's degree and secondary teaching credential.

Throughout his career Bill has become a well-respected leader in the field of agriculture and is consistently sought out for his expertise. Appointed by Governor Gray Davis and confirmed by the California State Senate, Bill Lyons, Jr. served as the Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, from January 1999 to November 2003. As a rancher and businessman, Bill brought nearly three decades of leadership and business expertise to the department. As Secretary, Bill was responsible for a Department of 2,300 employees, and a budget of \$250 million. Secretary Lyons' key responsibilities included policy development and implementation of programs that support California's \$27 billion agricultural industry. He was responsible and successful in implementing the marketing campaign of the "Buy California" program in the state. While Secretary, Bill served as president