

from the U.S. Navy. He has served his country with honor, enthusiasm and great concern. I wish him all the best in the future.

HONORING UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA 50TH ANNIVERSARY AND THE FANSLER FOUNDATION 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) of Central California in celebrating 50 years of compassionate care and for honoring the Fansler Foundation's 20th Anniversary as well. In recognition of these milestone events, UCP of Central California will be hosting a Starlight Fantasy Ball on Saturday, March 27th in Fresno, California.

UCP of Central California is a non-profit, voluntary health agency that was incorporated in 1954 and is affiliated with state and national UCP Associations. The mission of UCP is to advance the independence, productivity, and full citizenship of persons with disabilities. UCP of Central California serves seven counties in the San Joaquin Valley including Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, and Tulare; serving over 500 children, adults, and family members everyday. The core purposes of UCP are to advocate on the behalf of children and adults with cerebral palsy, autism, mental retardation, Down Syndrome, head trauma, and muscular dystrophy. They seek to create local, as well as national, awareness of programs and services available to children and adults with disabilities while raising revenue to support program services they provide.

UCP of Central California is honoring the Fansler Foundation for its support of the community. The Fansler Foundation is a non-profit foundation established in 1984, by David (Paul) Fansler, Sr. Paul's primary vision was to assist developmentally challenged youth and aid other qualified charities working with children who do not have the opportunity or support to get ahead. The dream was to help provide for these charities in the Fresno County Area; the Fansler Foundation has supported such groups as the American Lung Association, the Marjoree Mason Center, Break the Barriers, and UCP of Central California to name a few. The Fansler Foundation has given over six million dollars of support to numerous organizations over the last 10 years alone. Since Paul's death, Marlene Fansler continues the dream that Paul began 20 years ago.

Mr. Speaker, I commend United Cerebral Palsy of Central California and the Fansler Foundation for their continued dedication to those who have disabilities. I urge my colleagues to join me in praising them for their years of establishment and hard work.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANNA SAUGER

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer my heartiest congratulations to Anna Sauger, a beloved mother, wife, and citizen who was born a century ago on April 4, 1904.

Born in a coal mining town in Portage, PA, Anna often speaks of the hard life for the family of eight boys and three girls. The family kept two cows for milk, two pigs and some chickens for fresh eggs.

Her father, brothers and other coal miners fought for an 8-hour workday, better safety in the mines, and ultimately formed a Union, only to face a lockout in this company town, and were forced to leave their homes.

Ultimately, the company settled; Anna continued her education in a one-room school house and married John Sauger, a young miner. They lived in a small house in an area known as "Whiskey Row" until they moved to Detroit in 1925, where she raised a family of six boys and three girls.

During WWII, Anna was one of many working women who helped build the arsenal of democracy. She worked at the old Packard plant helping build Packard-Merlin engines used in the P-51 Mustangs. Her other jobs included factory work at Bundy Tubing and Glo-Tone cleaners.

Then tragedy struck and Anna lost John, her partner and best friend, in 1971. John was also her means of transportation, taking her from place to place. At the young age of 70 years old, Anna secretly took driver's training and got her driver's license. She became the proud owner of a driver's license and a green Dodge Scamp.

Last year, when Anna was honored with a visit to her home by Governor Jennifer Granholm, she presented her with a handmade pillow and blanket, made on her 1956 Pfaff sewing machine.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding and honoring Anna Sauger on the wonderful occasion of her 100th birthday. I am pleased to join her many friends and family in paying tribute to a new centurion and a life that represents so very well the challenges and opportunities of our great country.

IN HONOR OF SIAS INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, ZHENGZHOU, CHINA

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the Sias International University of Zhengzhou, China, on the occasion of its fifth anniversary. Founded in 1998 by Dr. Shawn Chen, the Sias International University has been recognized as the first American-owned university in China.

Sias International University has a mission to educate professionals and help them gain an in-depth understanding of international business theory and practice. Its unique blend

of Western and Eastern culture creates a truly international learning environment to better prepare its students for today's global market. This dual-culture educational environment also fosters greater understanding between the United States and China.

One of the fastest growing universities in China, Sias International University has a student population now exceeding 7,000 and offers over 30 different majors, including business, engineering, art, sciences, languages, and liberal studies. Its unique partnership with Fort Hays State University in Kansas enables Sias International University to offer dual degree programs in many majors. Through Fort Hays State University's virtual campus and on-line courses Chinese students learn first hand about American educational values.

Dr. Chen's vision of international cooperation through academia has established Sias International University as a model for future education in China. As we speak, the partnership between Sias International University and Fort Hays State University is educating future leaders in government and industry from both the United States and China, all the while strengthening ties between our two nations.

The establishment of an institution like Sias International University could not be timelier. At a time when countries are threatened by terrorism and the national reflex worldwide is to close borders, we must remember that our economies, our people, and thus our nations are intertwined in this world. We must continue to resist reactions of fear and isolation and work instead towards forging relations with our international neighbors.

Mr. Speaker, as students, faculty, board members, university leaders, and the community gather to celebrate the accomplishments of Sias International University on the occasion of its fifth anniversary, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending congratulations and best wishes for continued growth and prosperity to this thriving institution.

IN HONOR OF LEEANN O'TOOLE'S DEDICATION TO THE BURBANK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate LeeAnn O'Toole for 34 years of dedicated service to the Burbank Unified School District.

LeeAnn began her employment with BUSD on June 1, 1970, in the Division of Special Services as Secretary to the Senior Psychologist and Supervisor of Individual Guidance. At that time, this office was a combination of what we now know as the Special Education and Pupil Services departments. After a few months, she was transferred to Instructional Services, and served as Secretary to the Curriculum Coordinators and the Supervisor of Music. She worked there until April 1973, when she took maternity leave. Subsequently, she decided to resign her position to become a full-time stay at home mother.

LeeAnn returned to the District part-time in May 1979 at McKinley Elementary School as a health assistant. In September 1980, she transferred to Jordan (Junior High School