

Baldwin County where she specialized in American and Alabama history.

During her years in the classroom, Mary Frances spent untold hours in an effort to stir her students with a passion for and ownership of their government. Whether taking her students on field trips to Montgomery or Washington, D.C., she always challenged her students to learn about the past as they prepared for their future. To say her career in education was a success would be a major understatement; few people can lay claim to being awarded both "Mobile County Teacher of the Year" and "Baldwin County Teacher of the Year" honors, awards that bespeak the tremendous recognition and respect she enjoyed from her peers.

Following her retirement from teaching, Mary Frances became active in local politics and eventually ran for a seat on the Baldwin County Commission. She was elected to a four-year term representing the residents of Commission District Four in the south-central part of the county and had served with admiration and distinction since that time. As a member of the commission, she served as Chairperson of the Road and Bridge Committee and as Vice Chairperson of the Environmental Resources Committee.

In addition to the many demands of her elective office, Commissioner Stewart also served on numerous boards and foundations whose goals are to advocate the special interests and needs of the residents of Baldwin County. During the past several years, she served as a member of the South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce, the South Baldwin Regional Medical Center Foundation Board, the Jennifer Claire Moore Foundation Board, the Junior Achievement of Mobile/Baldwin Board, the Community Health Hospital Board, and the Department of Human Resources Quality Assurance Committee.

Commissioner Stewart was selected by former Alabama Governor Fob James to serve on the State of Alabama Aeronautics Board. She also served on the Board of Trustees of Morgan's Chapel United Methodist Church in Bon Secour, Alabama, where she was an active member.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated public servant, a long-time advocate for Baldwin County and a true friend to one and all. Commissioner Mary Frances Stewart will be deeply missed by her family—her son, Ed Stanford, her daughters, Tammy Stanford-Henley, Jo Stanford, and Fran Kollins, and her five grandchildren—as well as the countless friends she leaves behind.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them all during this difficult time.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM (BILL) SINCLAIR

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to an American patriot and dedicated public servant. William "Bill" Sinclair will be retiring after serving the citizens of Colorado Springs, Colorado, from the Colorado State House of Representa-

tives for eight years. As Bill celebrates his retirement, let it be known that he leaves behind an outstanding legacy of commitment to the people of Colorado and Colorado General Assembly.

Bill has always held firm to his beliefs of serving his country and community. He spent a distinguished career serving in the United States Air Force, defending our country in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. He logged 6,000 flying hours as a command pilot, retiring in 1975 as a Colonel. Serving as a business manager for several nonprofit organizations in Colorado Springs, Bill became actively involved in numerous civic organizations. He is a past president of the Retired Officers Association and downtown Rotary Club, a former chairman and member of the Pikes Peak Center for Performing Arts, and a past member of the Board of Directors of CHINS-UP of Colorado Springs.

Bill was elected to the State House of Representatives in 1996, and currently serves as chairman on the State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee and is a member of the Transportation & Energy Committee. His outstanding record of public service has garnered Bill numerous honors, including legislator of the year awards in 1998 and 1999 from the Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry and in 2001 by the Colorado Sheriffs Association. He has twice been recognized as a Guardian of Small Business by the National Federation of Independent Businesses.

Mr. Speaker, it is quite clear that State Representative Bill Sinclair is a person who possesses dedication and commitment to his life long pursuit of public service. Bill's selfless dedication to Colorado Springs, the State of Colorado, and the United States has helped ensure a promising future for our great country, and it is my privilege to recognize him today before this body of Congress and this Nation. It is my distinct pleasure to honor Bill here today, and wish him and his wife Barbara all the best in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL J. MAGGIO

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michael J. Maggio for being honored by the Boyertown Area Times and Boyertown Jaycees as the Boyertown Citizen of the Year for his contributions to the greater Boyertown region.

Michael Maggio relocated to the Boyertown area with his wife Sue in 1966. A physicist, he worked for 23 years at Cabot Corporation as a research group leader and a plant technical services manager.

Michael Maggio graduated in 1949 from Welsey Junior College in Dover, Delaware, where he was the captain of the basketball team. He went on to receive his B.S. in physics from Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in 1952. Upon moving into the Boyertown area, Michael became involved in the community and has been an active member of the Boyertown Lions Club for 24 years. He served twice as the president of the Club and he also served eight years as a member and treasurer of the Boyertown Lions

Community Ambulance Board of Directors. In 1997, he was awarded the prestigious Melvin Jones National Award and, in 2001, he was named the Lion of the year.

Michael Maggio also has made an impact in the community outside of his activities in the Lions Club. A member of the St. Columbkil Roman Catholic Church, Michael was a religious instructor and also volunteers as an usher. Michael has served as a catalyst for ongoing service to and support of the Boyertown community by serving as the Emergency Management Coordinator and a member of the Boyertown Board of Health. Further, he is serving as the Co-Chair of the Lions Ambulance Organization's new building fund.

In his spare time, Michael enjoys bicycling, golf and photography. Well-known throughout the community as a family man, Michael has five children, fourteen grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Michael J. Maggio for his many years of exemplary service to the Boyertown community.

IN MEMORY OF JOHN STAGNARO

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Giovanni "John" Stagnaro, a patriarch within the Italian community of Santa Cruz who passed away this past March at the age of 90. Founder of the immensely popular and successful fishing business Stagnaro Brothers, John's legacy as a hard-working and dedicated entrepreneur has made his family name a staple in Santa Cruz County. John is survived by his wife of 67 years, Mamie Stagnaro; their three daughters: Teresa Tera, Jeanie McPherson, and Carol Tuttle; his eight grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Born in the tiny Italian coastal village of Riva Trigoso, John's life was an archetype of the American Dream. Via Ellis Island, John immigrated to the United States at the age of five, and quickly settled in Santa Cruz. In 1937, after saving several hundred dollars, John purchased part of a fishing company on the Santa Cruz Wharf—and the rest is history. Working alongside his brother, John's fish market and restaurant quickly became a staple of the Wharf. Today, Stagnaro Brothers is the last open-air fish market on the wharf.

John was a devout Catholic and an active member of the Holy Cross Catholic Church in Santa Cruz. He was also an avid participant in many community-based social organizations including the Sons of Italy, the Santa Cruz Elks Lodge, the Marconi Club, and the Italian Catholic Federation. John will surely be missed by his family and the community as a whole, but his business and his name will be a legacy that will last for generations to come.

TRIBUTE TO ERICKA DUNLAP

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of Miss America

2004, Ericka Dunlap. Ericka is using her reign as Miss America to challenge all Americans to look past one's race, religion, and culture and embrace the unique diversity of our country.

Mr. Speaker, last fall Ericka Dunlap was crowned Miss America and immediately embarked on a national tour promoting her platform, "United We Stand, Divided We Fall Behind: Celebrating Diversity and Inclusion." Ericka feels that education is the vehicle that will allow us to move past bigotry and accept another person's culture, background, lifestyle, and ability. She is making an extra effort to reach out to our children and educate them about diversity before any predisposed notion is set. I commend her efforts and believe that Ericka is an excellent role model for young women everywhere.

Mr. Speaker, on April 17, Ericka was the Keynote Speaker at the 50th Anniversary Gala for the Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. I rise today to welcome her to North Alabama and to honor her achievements in promoting tolerance across our country.

IN TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
ED PEASE

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of an outstanding individual, the Honorable Ed Pease, former Congressman to the people of the 7th District of Indiana, on the conclusion of his second term as the volunteer International President of the North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC). I am proud to have known and worked with Ed Pease in a number of roles as a former colleague, a fellow Eagle Scout and Boy Scout leader, a friend for life and a fraternity brother.

Ed Pease graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Indiana University and the Indiana University Law School. After a period of private practice, he was elected to the Indiana State Senate and served for 12 years, where he chaired the Judiciary Committee and was responsible for major reform of the state's criminal justice system. Outside the legislature, Ed worked for Indiana State University in Terre Haute as General Counsel and later became the University's Vice President for Advancement.

From 1997 to 2001, I had the pleasure of working alongside Ed Pease in the U.S. House of Representatives, where Ed was considered one of the GOP's rising stars. During his time in Congress, Ed was a valuable member of both the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Judiciary Committee. At the conclusion of the 106th Congress, Ed retired from the House so he could spend more time with his family and friends. His retirement was a loss for this House, for the people of the seventh district of Indiana, and for our country. During his time in Congress, Ed Pease was widely hailed by his peers as a smart, hard working, unassuming Member who cared more about getting the job done than getting credit for his achievements.

Mr. Speaker, Ed Pease might have retired from the House in 2001, but he has not retired from a career of selfless public service. It is

this second career of volunteer service that I have come to praise today. Throughout his career, regardless of the significant time demands of his professional life, Ed has always made it a priority to serve as a community leader in organizations that build the values and morals of America's young men and women. Ed has a long history of service to the Boy Scouts of America both at the national council level and here in Washington for the National Capitol Area Council. Ed has also been Chairman of the Boy Scouts' National Order of the Arrow Committee. He has been President of the Philmont Staff Association which supports the Philmont Scout Camp in New Mexico, the Boy Scouts of America's premier high-adventure camp that has taught thousands of young men valuable lessons that last a lifetime.

Ed Pease's commitment to the moral development of young men has extended past scouting to working with college fraternities, the organizations that build the character and leadership skills of tens of thousands of college men every year. Mr. Speaker, it is Ed's exceptional work for fraternity men nationwide that I rise to recognize today. Ed and I share the bond as brothers of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. He was initiated into the Delta Xi chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity at Indiana University on February 26, 1971. Ed's membership in Pi Kappa Alpha shapes the values that would direct his career of public service. In 1973, he was named the national fraternity's outstanding undergraduate member before serving on the staff on the national organization. He has a long history as a chapter advisor to Pi Kappa Alpha's Indiana State chapter, and in 1983, Ed Pease was named Pi Kappa Alpha's national chapter advisor of the year. From there, Ed has served in a number of leadership roles at the national level, including four years as National Vice President and two years as National President of Pi Kappa Alpha. Ed is currently serving as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Pi Kappa Alpha Educational Foundation.

Ed Pease has not been content to serve just his own brothers for he has had a larger mission of improving the collegiate experience of all men and women who join a college fraternity. For that reason, Ed Pease was elected to the North American Interfraternity Board of Directors in 1995. The NIC is the umbrella group for 66 national fraternities that have 350,000 undergraduate members and 4.2 million living alumni worldwide. In 1999, Ed Pease was elected President of the NIC and served the organization in that capacity for one year.

Now Mr. Speaker, it is hard to explain Ed Pease's contribution to the fraternity world without explaining what fraternity life is all about. There are those in today's society who like to belittle the virtue of the college fraternity experience but they don't really understand how important a role these organizations play in positively influencing the development of tomorrow's leaders. The critics hold up the actions of a few people as an indictment of a system that has done much for our nation. Nine million Americans are proud fraternity and sorority alumni and their experiences in these organizations helped them become better students and better citizens of our great nation. While only three percent of the nation's population has been a member of a fraternity or sorority, these organizations are proven

leadership laboratories for developing the next generation of American leaders. For proof, you need look no further than this Congress itself, where 110 current Members of the House of Representatives are alumni of fraternities and sororities, as are 45 current Senators.

College fraternities and sororities are one of the most successful leadership development programs available to college students today, helping members graduate with the management and interpersonal skills needed to excel in today's society. These fraternities are the nation's largest networks of student volunteers, providing 10 million hours of service a year and preparing members for a lifetime of community involvement. Fraternity housing is the largest not-for-profit housing market outside of the host colleges and universities themselves. The 250,000 students living in fraternity housing today at 8,000 chapter houses nationwide have an unparalleled opportunity to live and work together on a daily basis with students from different cultures, religions and life experiences. Fraternities are now the largest, most visible, and most active values-based organizations on college campuses today. The men and women who are fraternity members today learn how to incorporate the principles and values of their organization into their daily lives to form the moral foundation for their future actions. In 2002, the NIC was undergoing some dramatic and fundamental restructuring of its Board of Directors, with an eye on improving its ability to serve its student and alumni members. In need of a leader with a steady hand and an outstanding vision for the future, the NIC turned to Ed Pease who was re-elected President.

In the past two years, the NIC has undergone some major changes that better position it to advocate for and enforce higher standards for the men who join its fraternal organizations. As part of that change, Ed Pease has focused the NIC's efforts on asking Congress to help college fraternities provide a better experience for their members. Ed's focus has been on issues such as freedom of association, membership standards, infrastructure improvements, tax law, leadership development, and scholastic excellence. He has helped restart the Congressional Fraternal Caucus, an organization I am proud to chair, along with Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones. Through Ed Pease's efforts and outreach to his former colleagues, the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act has been introduced and sponsored by 65 members of the House and 15 members of the Senate. Last September, this House included the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act as part of the Charitable Giving Act of 2003 that passed with overwhelming bipartisan support. If that bill becomes law, it will allow all student associations on college campuses to use a private market approach to upgrade and replace their facilities in the future, thus making it possible for these student groups to continue to thrive for decades to come. These initiatives are so typical of Ed and his accomplishments in the public arena over the past 30 years: He creates lasting legacies that leave institutions better than he found them.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to share with you some representative remarks from Ed's peers in the fraternity world, for they show how deeply he is respected for his work on behalf of college students everywhere. Ray Orians is the Executive Vice President of the Pi Kappa