

science in making public policy and has provided Congress and the public with valuable assessments of recent scientific advances and trends. By stressing fact-based assessments of science, the Marshall Institute has helped policy makers make wise decisions in contentious areas such as climate change, defense, bioterrorism, and civic environmentalism. I ask that all of my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in honoring this institution, which has provided an invaluable service to the policy-making community for the past 20 years, and in wishing them all success in the future.

TRIBUTE TO VIC JENSEN

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 22, 2004*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Riverside County, CA, are exceptional. We have been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Vic Jensen is one of these individuals.

Vic Jensen will retire after 34 years of service as office manager of the Department of Motor Vehicles' Winnetka, Hemet, Corona, and Norco field offices on June 26, 2004.

Vic Jensen was born in Sacramento, California, on January 27, 1937. He and his wife, Isabel, have been married for 40 years and have one daughter, Julie Kim. Vic served in the United States Navy for 4 years, before moving to Norco in 1981 and quickly becoming involved in a variety of community activities, including: Board Member and President of the Norco Chamber of Commerce for 9 years; Commissioner of the Norco Streets and Trails Commission for 7 years; Numerous positions—President, Secretary, Zone Chairman, and Regional Chairman—over 14 years with the Norco Lions Club; Chairman of the Sight and Hearing Board for the Norco/Corona Unified School District; and Member of the Citizen's Advisory Committee for the California Rehabilitation Center.

Recognition of Vic's contributions include the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, Assemblyman Ted Weggeland, State Senator Raymond Haynes, and former California Governor Pete Wilson, for his work as President of the Norco Chamber of Commerce in 1996. Additionally, he has received the Abdul Award for his work with Canine Companions, the Lyda Smiley Award for his work with the Norco/Corona Unified School District in obtaining glasses for children in need, and the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award in 1997 for all of his accomplishments as a member of the Norco Lions Club.

Vic also spends countless hours in perfecting his passion for golf, golf, and more golf. Whenever a chance arrives he is fine-tuning his game.

Mr. Speaker, Vic's tireless passion for community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Norco, California. He has been the heart and soul of many community organizations and events

and I am proud to call him a fellow community member, American, and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he retires from professional service, but not from community service.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARION  
BROADHEAD OF THE AMERICAN  
LEGION AUXILIARY

**HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 22, 2004*

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Marion Broadhead and her work as a member of the Sterling McClellan Post 142 of the American Legion Auxiliary. This organization, which is dedicated to humanitarian programs for veterans, young people, and the community, has a strong team of women working together for the betterment of citizens lives.

Recently the Sterling McClellan Post 142 of Pompano Beach, Florida, honored Ms. Broadhead as their five-time president, and current chaplain with the Unit Member of the Year Award. Ms. Broadhead was honored at an annual Memorial Day Parade and Picnic in Pompano Beach. Former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, along with members of the community and some surviving veterans, joined in this celebration.

Ms. Broadhead has led in the effort of community service by volunteering weekly in South Florida. Broadhead, who is a breast cancer survivor, spends her days visiting North Broward Medical Center, Trinity Community Church, St. Lawrence Chapel, and the Veterans Hospital in Miami.

Mr. Speaker, the benevolent and generous spirit that Ms. Marion Broadhead, in combination with the Sterling McClellan Post 142, has shown to the communities of South Florida is one that I would like to celebrate. Individuals like Ms. Broadhead help in building unified and strong communities in America.

PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

**HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 22, 2004*

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to speak on the floor Wednesday, June 9, 2004, regarding the passing of former President Ronald Reagan. However, I would like to submit to the RECORD an article from Cleveland Plain Dealer written by local columnist Sam Fullwood on Tuesday, June 8, 2004.

PRESIDENT REAGAN: A BAD LEADING MAN

I never liked Ronald Reagan.

I didn't like him as a B- movie star in eye-wash like "Bedtime for Bonzo," a 1951 movie in which the future president of the United States was upstaged by a chimpanzee.

I didn't respect him for turning away from President Franklin D. Roosevelt, whose New Deal policies helped lift Reagan's own family out of the depths of the Great Depression.

He was a hypocrite who started out as a Democrat and proud union man but turned

Republican after he became rich and famous in Hollywood by pretending to be a common man.

But it was as president that I disliked Reagan most. Actually, the way he announced his decision to run ruined any chance of redemption.

On Aug. 3, 1980, the former California governor went to Philadelphia, Miss. Of all the places in this great nation, Reagan chose the infamous town where the bodies of three murdered heroes of the civil rights movement—Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James Chaney—had been found in 1964. He never mentioned them or civil rights in his announcement speech.

Instead, on that hot, summer day in Mississippi, he stole a line from Strom Thurmond's 1948 segregationist campaign.

"I believe in states' rights," Reagan said.

I haven't been able to stomach him ever since.

Of course, a great many people loved Reagan for his optimism and never-say-die confidence in this nation. I tip my hat to him for that.

But judging from the accolades following news of Reagan's death, at 93, last weekend, many people only note the best about the 40th president.

I remember the downside, too.

Much of the bad that has happened in America's public life started with the Reagan Revolution. Racial polarization widened during his two terms in the White House.

Reaganism let loose a sense of entitlement and lawlessness among corporate executives, spawning that famous line by actor Michael Douglas in his 1987 movie, "Wall Street." Said Gordon Gekko, "Greed is good."

Before Reagan, the national GOP contained moderates and conservatives in equal measure. After his rise to power, the relatively liberal Rockefeller wing of the party was clipped, leaving only the red-meat conservatives and intolerant Christian fundamentalists.

And that wasn't the worst of it. Reagan and his powerful allies poisoned the nation against government. Out of misguided populism, he threatened to starve the federal government out of existence.

Such a notion was impossible. But it didn't prevent Reagan from overseeing record deficits, rampant unemployment, desperate homelessness and rising poverty. Meanwhile, he spent liberally on military hardware, which helped end the Cold War.

Little is said about how he waged war on this nation's poor people. Reagan loved to tell stories, and he invented whoppers about "welfare queens" and "people on welfare driving Cadillacs to cash food stamps."

Reagan understood the power of an exaggerated metaphor. He used his movie-honed skills to inspire affluent Americans and to scapegoat poor ones.

It was mostly smoke and mirrors, honed from a life and career lived in La-La Land. I am saddened by his passing, but I can't indulge in the fiction that he represented the best of our national character. He didn't.

First and everlasting, Reagan was a bad actor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 22, 2004*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, on June 18, 2004, I missed rollcall Vote No. 275. Rollcall