

4th Brigade Troops Battalion, 101st Airborne Infantry Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. During his service, Private First Class was decorated with the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Army Service Ribbon. For his bravery on October 9th, Private First Class Williams was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Combat Action Badge.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of United States Army Private First Class Phillip B. Williams. Private First Class Williams made the ultimate sacrifice for his country while defending democracy and freedom. He was a true patriot who served the United States of America with valor and courage. I am saddened by his loss and I extend my deepest sympathies to his family.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF COLLEGE OF THE OZARKS

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay honor to an institution celebrating its centennial milestone this month. College of the Ozarks is an institution of higher learning that for many years was known as "The School that Runs on Faith." This small Christian college, located in the hills near Branson and Hollister, Missouri, has seen its share of struggle and triumphs. But central to the College is its mission of providing a Christian education to young people from the Ozarks who are deserving, yet financially unable to procure such training.

Originally, the purpose of The School of the Ozarks, also known by its students and graduates as "Hardwork U," was to provide an opportunity for a high school education. This mission was pursued without significant change until 1956, when The School of the Ozarks added 2 years of junior college to the 4-year high school program. This format continued until 1964 when the Board of Trustees and the faculty voted to expand the 2-year program into a 4-year liberal arts program. The 4-year college program of The School of the Ozarks began classes for juniors in September 1965. In 1990, the Board of Trustees approved changing the operating name of The School of the Ozarks to "College of the Ozarks."

The distinctive tradition of the work program and the College's commitment to its five-fold mission of academic, spiritual, cultural, vocational, and patriotic growth in its students has attracted and continues to attract famous guests, including U.S. Presidents and First Ladies, U.S. Commanding Generals, Prime Ministers, and other dignitaries who recognize its uniqueness. Today, the College offers degrees in 34 academic areas, and student enrollment is approximately 1,400.

More than ever, our country needs young men and women with these values to serve as leaders. Dr. R. M. Good, who led the school during the Depression years once said, "Investments in humanity bring substantial and

sure dividends." This is why the College has a renewed commitment this centennial year to continue its worthy, distinct mission—a tradition that works. It is these things—a respect for and appreciation of our roots and work tradition, as well as the prospect of a promising future—that College of the Ozarks will celebrate throughout its centennial year.

I want to wish College of the Ozarks another 100 years of service to the region, educating and inspiring students with a curriculum that emphasizes character, faith and excellence.

FARM RESERVOIR ACT

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing legislation today, along with my colleagues Reps. JO BONNER and MIKE ROGERS, to assist American farmers in dealing with drought conditions and enable them to increase their farm productivity. The need for on-the-farm drought management has become increasingly evident as farmers and the government struggle to keep ahead of the effects of Mother Nature. In recent years, droughts have had a costly impact on agricultural producers throughout the country, and the current drought conditions for the 2005 and 2006 crop years dramatically underscore the devastating toll these natural disasters have on our Nation's farmers and ranchers. Ad hoc government disaster assistance is often slow and inadequate, and frankly, a better use of tax dollars would be to help farmers take steps to minimize the impact of drought on their crop before the disaster strikes.

The Farm Reservoir Act would provide cost-share assistance to agriculture producers for the construction of reservoirs on their farms. For many farmers, pumping water from streams, lakes and wells during the growing season is not an option. However, by collecting and storing surface water in reservoirs during the off-season, when rainfall and stream levels are typically high, farmers can attain an effective source of irrigation. As population growth places more demand on water resources, we will need new sources of irrigation water. On-farm irrigation storage, which is made possible by my legislation, has the potential to greatly expand agricultural irrigation capacity and make farming more productive. Under the Farm Reservoir Act, cost share assistance would be provided through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to assist farmers with the construction of reservoirs. The maximum amount of cost share assistance is 50 percent of the cost of the reservoir. In order to qualify, a project must meet EQIP eligibility requirements and be deemed eligible based on its cost-effectiveness. The producer must maintain agricultural production on the land for at least 5 years.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO TONI CLARK-FINUF

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Toni Clark-Finuf for her dedication to the community of Las Vegas.

Toni, known throughout town as "The First Lady of Las Vegas," helped her late husband, Wilbur Clark, establish the prominent Desert Inn Hotel and Casino. The fifth resort on a 2-lane highway, now the Las Vegas Strip, with 300 rooms and a 3-story tower opened on April 24, 1950. On October 23, 2001, Toni watched as her late husband's hotel was reduced to rubble in order for the now-popular Wynn Hotel and Casino to be erected.

In 1958, the Fashion Foundation of America named Toni to its 10 Best Dressed Women in America. She was among a small group who helped high-fashion designs from Paris and New York become stock in the forum shops of Las Vegas.

Toni was also a civic leader who spent seven decades sponsoring and promoting cultural arts as well as other philanthropic work in Las Vegas. Her and her husband donated land to the Catholic Church, now the location of the Guardian Angel Cathedral. Toni and Wilbur traveled throughout the world as goodwill ambassadors, praising the virtues of Las Vegas to various presidents and kings as well as Pope Pius XII. In January 2000, Governor Kenny Guinn presented the honor Nevada Ballet Theatre's Women of the Year to Toni during the Black and White Ball.

Seven years ago, Toni was diagnosed with progressive super nuclear palsy, a rare neurological disease. Sadly, on October 4, 2006, Toni passed away. She was 91.

Toni contributed a great deal to her community. She will truly be missed by everyone she touched. Her service and care helped shape Las Vegas into the thriving metropolitan city known today and we thank her for all her service.

RECOGNIZING THE PHILANTHROPIC WORK PERFORMED BY MEMBERS OF THE MILLENNIUM CIRCLE FUND OF THE LUZERNE FOUNDATION IN WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the Millennium Circle Fund of the Luzerne Foundation in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, the members of which perform philanthropic work that benefits the community in many ways.

The Millennium Circle Fund is a special group of donors whose gifts of \$2,000 play a pivotal role in helping identifying significant unmet community needs.

October 2006 has been designated as Millennium Circle Month in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. Members of the Millennium Circle Advisory Committee have held a series of