

use their scholarships for any form of post high school education, including trade schools and two year colleges.

The scholarships are awarded in three categories of study: Arts and Humanities, Trade and Technical or Science, Business and Technology. Students can receive a gold (2,500), silver (1,750), bronze (1,250), and merit (1,000) Tribute Award scholarship.

The winners from South Carolina are: Melanie Almonte, Goose Creek—bronze; Shawnta Bolden, North Charleston—bronze; Reis Coggins, Fort Mill—silver; KoJillitta Griffin, Charleston—silver; Kiti Kajana, Columbia—gold; Anisa Kintz, Conway—silver; Courtney Sandifer, Barnwell—gold; Snehal Sarvate, Charleston—bronze; Krista Shirley, Gilbert—gold; and Mellisa Tanner, North Charleston—silver.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the young scholarship winners from the Palmetto State, and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these students for their current achievements, and encourage them to continue their contributions as our nation's young leaders.

HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL TEAM WINS REGION FOUR (SOUTH-EASTERN STATES) IN WE THE PEOPLE . . . THE CITIZEN AND THE CONSTITUTION PROGRAM

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 18, 1999

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my alma mater, Hillsboro High School, for their victory in Region Four (South-eastern States) of the We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution program. On May 1–3, 1999, more than 1,200 students from across the United States came to Washington, D.C. to compete in the national finals of this program. Through their hard work and diligence, and led by teacher Mary Catherine Bradshaw, State Coordinator Judy Cannizzaro, and District Coordinator Holly West Brewer, these young scholars gained a profound knowledge and understanding of the fundamental principles of our constitutional democracy.

The We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution program is the most extensive educational program in the country developed specifically to educate young people about both the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The three-day national competition was modeled after hearings in the U.S. Congress, consisting of oral presentations by the students before a panel of adult judges. The students testified as constitutional experts, and their testimony was followed by a period of questioning during which the judges probed the students for both the depth of their understanding and the ability to apply their knowledge to constitutional dilemmas.

Twenty-seven students from Hillsboro competed in the competition, including Suchie Brattacharyya, Rachel Bloomekatz, Kate Caldwell, Tua Chaudhari, Lauren Collett, Doug Conway, Rion C. Taylor, Cara Doidge,

Sarah Ettinger, Carmen Germino, Lee Griggs, Emma Groce, Kyle Hatridge, Sarah Henn, Rebecca Hunter, Emeily Leiserson, Meredith Lorber, Ana Mallett, Judson Merrell, Carley O'Shea, Rachel Roberts, J.P. Schuffman, Ashley Smiley, Ashley Thompson, Ayne Wallace-Swiggart, and Mary Williams.

Administered by the Center for Civic Education, the We the People . . . program has provided curricular materials at upper elementary, middle, and high school levels for more than 26.5 million students nationwide. A 1994 evaluation of the program found it successful in promoting both the toleration of dissenting views and active participation in our political system. I commend the students from Hillsboro High School, as well as their teachers and administrators, for their impressive performance and wish them the best of luck in their efforts to reach the 2000 national finals.

EXPANDED NUTRITION PROGRAM

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 18, 1999

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in observing the 30th anniversary of the Expanded Nutrition Program. On Monday, I will be with the Expanded Nutrition Program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at Texas A&M University—Corpus Christi to celebrate this all-important anniversary.

We are all fortunate enough to know how very important, how very fundamental, nutrition is to each of us. Each one of us, for better or worse, is a product of what we began to eat when we were younger. I am so very proud of the work South Texans have done to learn more about nutrition.

I am so grateful for the vision in association with the Expanded Nutrition Program (ENP) in Texas. ENP has been providing nutrition education to poor families and children since 1968, and it is easily one of our most productive programs.

ENP teaches an assortment of things all of us need in order to be productive, healthy citizens: life skills, self-sufficiency, better health and nutrition, careful budgeting, commitment, responsibility and personal success. All in all, ENP leads the way to a healthier way of life. Better still, ENP saves us money; each dollar spent on ENP is \$10 saved on health care costs.

ENP teaches lessons about food and nutrition in a supportive environment. The "Kids in the Kitchen" program provides leadership development for young people who need esteem or leadership skills. Young people who help prepare family meals learn valuable lessons about sharing workload and responsibility.

Through the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texans have learned about basic nutrition, managing a food budget, food safety and food preparation. Women who are returning to work can learn to prepare quick and easy, yet nutritious, meals to ease the family's adjustment to the change. Positive, productive activities may reduce the chance of risky behavior.

I want to ask all my colleagues to join me today in observing the 30th anniversary of the Expanded Nutrition Program.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 18, 1999

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 218 had I been present, I would have voted "no."

SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM RECYCLING PROJECT

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 18, 1999

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to introduce legislation to promote water conservation and recycling in San Antonio, Texas. This legislation enjoys the bipartisan support of the other members of the San Antonio congressional delegation who join as original co-sponsors.

Like many places across the Nation, San Antonio and the entire central Texas region faces the challenge of providing adequate supplies of water for human consumption, agriculture, industry, and recreation. Unlike other areas, San Antonio depends on a sole source for its drinking water—the Edwards Aquifer.

This legislation would authorize the San Antonio Water System (SAWS) Water Recycling Project Phase III. SAWS has embarked on an ambitious project to recycle water that can then be used for a host of industrial and non-potable uses. Upon completion of the project, SAWS expects to save 35,000 acre feet of water, roughly equivalent to 31.2 million gallons per day. As a result, more than 11 billion gallons a year of aquifer water will be available for potable use. This saving will free up an amount equal to approximately twenty percent of the City of San Antonio's current withdrawals from the Edwards Aquifer.

The SAWS recycling project meets federal goals for Bureau of Reclamation water projects under Title XVI of the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act of 1992, as amended (PL 102–575). Specifically, the San Antonio Recycled Water Project will: reduce demand on and use of the Edwards Aquifer water supply and will help protect federally-protected endangered species dependent on spring flows originating in the Edwards Aquifer; reduce and postpone San Antonio's need to develop new water resources; foster a region-wide perspective in addressing usage issues across the Edwards Aquifer area, as well as the San Antonio and Guadalupe Rivers watersheds; and provide economic benefits to a community with significantly economically disadvantaged sectors. Phase III is expected to cost approximately \$20 million, and the federal share would be \$5 million.

The FY 1998 Energy and Water Appropriation Bill contained a \$200,000 "earmark" for