

“the best experience of my life” and said he might run for Congress some day.

“The experience of working with Congressman, people who control the way the country works, was wonderful,” he said. “I worked in the Clerk’s office and worked on the House floor. I interacted with all the Congressmen. I had to answer calls, take messages to the Congressmen. It was really something special.”

As is the 1999 winner of the Citizen’s Student Athlete-of-the-Year award.

**ANDREWS HIGH SCHOOL CROWNED  
1999 CLASS 4-A TEXAS BASEBALL  
CHAMPIONS**

**HON. LARRY COMBEST**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 23, 1999*

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the community of Andrews, Texas in celebrating the Andrews High School baseball team’s victory in the 1999 4-A State Championship. Their triumph on June 11 marks the first time that the Mustangs of Andrews High School have brought home the Texas state title, an accomplishment that is truly deserving of recognition and praise.

The Andrews High School baseball program has been built upon a firm foundation of hard work and sportsmanship. In its 22 years, Mustang baseball has steadily grown and developed into a force to be reckoned with in Texas athletics. The group of young men who claimed the state crown for Andrews displayed what can be accomplished when West Texas determination and teamwork take the field.

It is with pride that I recognize the members of the Andrews High School baseball team for their hard-fought victory, as well as the coaching staff, faculty, and fans that rallied behind them. Thanks to their tremendous efforts, a corner of West Texas is now home to the 1999 Class 4-A Texas High School Baseball Champions. I wholeheartedly extend my congratulations to the Andrews High School Mustangs, with every best wish for the seasons to come.

**HONORING KATHERINE DUNHAM  
UPON 90TH BIRTHDAY**

**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 23, 1999*

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Katherine Dunham as she celebrates her 90th birthday.

Ms. Dunham has made immeasurable contributions to American art and culture. She is an accomplished writer and performer, with appearances in films, theatre, opera houses and on television; however, she is probably best known for her work as a choreographer and dancer. Her choreography incorporates the ethnic and cultural dances she learned of during her travels to Africa and the Caribbean, as well as through her anthropological studies of these cultures.

In addition, Ms. Dunham has spent a significant portion of her life dedicated to the betterment of her community, East St. Louis. She founded the Performing Arts Training Center in East St. Louis to provide area youths with an artistic and culturally diverse activity.

Also in East St. Louis, the Katherine Dunham Museum provides others with the opportunity to share her cultural and artistic knowledge. The museum is expanding to include the African Artisanal Village, which will offer a performing center for children and the teaching of African Arts by Master Artisans, fulfilling one of Ms. Dunham’s lifelong goals.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing a happy 90th birthday to Katherine Dunham, a truly remarkable woman.

**MILLENNIUM CLASSROOMS ACT**

**HON. RON PACKARD**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 23, 1999*

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support H.R. 2308, the Millennium Classrooms Act, authored by my Californian colleague DUKE CUNNINGHAM.

The Millennium Classroom Act will provide increased tax relief to companies who donate computers especially those with Multi-Media capabilities, to schools and public libraries, particularly in low-income areas. In today’s age, anyone entering the workplace needs to have an understanding of computers. This bill will make it easier for children to have the necessary education they deserve.

Our nation is facing many challenges as we enter the new millennium and I believe it is the responsibility of citizens and elected officials alike to find solutions to these problems. The Millennium Classrooms Act is a fine example of laws that promote cooperation between private sector businesses and their communities.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Congressman CUNNINGHAM for authoring this bill. I urge my colleagues to support its passage.

**IN RECOGNITION OF BOBBY J.  
ROBINSON**

**HON. RICHARD H. BAKER**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 23, 1999*

Mr. BAKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a distinguished law enforcement officer. Bobby J. Robinson, Vice President of the National DARE Officer’s Association Board of Directors, was sworn in as President on June 10, 1999. Mr. Johnson’s dedication to law enforcement and drug education has extended for over 17 years. As President of the Officer’s Association, Mr. Johnson will lead over 35,000 officers and educators in DARE program classrooms across the United States and around the world. Their important message to young people across this nation is to “Just Say No” to drugs.

Bobby Johnson’s law enforcement career has moved him throughout Louisiana and

across the nation. Beginning in 1982, Mr. Johnson worked for the Caddo Parish Sheriff’s Office in Shreveport, LA, serving in areas of corrections, patrol, public relation, and DARE; finally ending his 10 year tenure at the rank of Sergeant. In 1993, Bobby was recommended to be the Coordinator for the Louisiana DARE Training Center operated by the Red River Delta Law Enforcement Planning Council. After serving 6 years at this facility, the Louisiana DARE Officer’s Association nominated Bobby for the office of 1st Vice President on the National DARE Officer’s Association Board of Directors. Mr. Johnson won this election in Salt Lake City that would be a four year position on the board, progressing from 1st Vice President, to Vice President, to President, and concluding with Past President. Presently, the National DARE Officer’s Association is holding their annual conference in Washington, DC between the 7th and 10th of July.

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education program is our nation’s most prominent and visible attempt to educate young people to resist drug abuse. It reaches over 60% of elementary school children in the United States, and is far and away the most prevalent drug education program in use today.

Mr. Speaker, Bobby Johnson not only serves his country diligently, but also is a fine husband and proud father. He and his wife of 17 years, Kathy, have three beautiful daughters between the ages of 6 to 12.

I, along with his family, and all of the citizens of Louisiana, salute his accomplishments and his active leadership in educating the children of America to “Just Say No.” Thank you Mr. Bobby Johnson.

**THE CRUISE INDUSTRY**

**HON. MARK FOLEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 23, 1999*

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to address an issue that is central to our nation’s economy, the tourism industry. As co-chairman of the Congressional Travel and Tourism Caucus, I believe this issue is worth bringing to the attention of the American public. The issue I wish to discuss is the vital role which the cruise industry plays in relation to our nation’s economy and tourism industry.

In regard to our nation’s economy, the cruise industry has made significant contributions. With more than five million annual passengers, the industry is a major contributor to the overall U.S. economy. In 1997 in my home state of Florida, the cruise industry was responsible for direct spending of \$2.1 Billion dollars and generated almost 59,000 jobs.

Companies such as those outlined below are but a few examples of domestic U.S. companies that depend on the cruise industry as a steady and important source of income:

Tourism support services such as provided by Amadeus, Strategic Cruise Line Services, and Image Photo Services;

Purchases of ship equipments, and supplies from vendors such as General Hotel and Restaurant, Harbour Marine Systems, International Paint, Mobil Aviation and Marine Sales and Ecolab;