

"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;

Corporate Services provided by companies such as Maritime Telecommunications Services, the Berkely Group, Howard Snoweiss Design Group and J. Walter Thompson;

Ship repair and maintenance provided by companies across the country such as Atlantic Marine of Mobile, AL., Todd Pacific shipyards of Seattle, WA., Cascade General of Portland, OR., Unitour Ship Services of Long Beach, CA., and United States Marine Repair which owns San Diego Shipyard, San Francisco Drydock and Norshipco in Norfolk, VA.

Food and beverage purchases are made in a number of states from such familiar sources as Coca-Cola, Kraft, Heinz, Nabisco, J.R. Simplot, Fresh Point, Sysco, Ernest & Julio Gallo, and Anheuser Busch. Every week, just one cruise ship will purchase approximately 25,000 pounds of food from U.S. suppliers—everything from beef, pork, chicken, seafood, cheese and other dairy products, to vegetables and fruit.

The cruise industry provides employment for thousands of U.S. citizens aboard its ships, in shoreside corporate jobs, and with its extensive network of suppliers. Cruise lines and their direct suppliers are the largest employer of U.S. citizens in the maritime sector of the United States.

Furthermore, the cruise industry also plays a significant role in our domestic transportation and lodging industry. The cruise industry is America's largest private-sector purchaser of U.S. airline tickets, accounting for more than four million tickets purchased annually. Pre- and post-cruise packages include lodging at some of the nation's largest hotel chains including: Hyatt, Intercontinental, Wyndham and Sheraton.

In view of the cruise industry's contributions, I am proud to highlight some of the benefits which the tourism industry provides to our economy. It is with this thought in mind that I continue to advocate the importance of both the cruise and tourism industries. Support for the cruise and tourism industries will generate jobs and additional revenues for the United States. In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I wish to introduce several statistics for the record generated by a recent Price Waterhouse Cooper's economic analysis. I thank you for this time.

1997 CRUISE INDUSTRY ECONOMIC IMPACTS
DIRECT U.S. EXPENDITURES BY INDUSTRY—RESULTING FROM THE PASSENGER CRUISE INDUSTRY

	<i>Millions</i>
Air Travel	\$1,604
Food & Beverage	464
Financial Services	352
Business Services Including Advertising	351
Ship Maintenance and Repair	220
Other Transportation Services, Primarily Shore Tours	160
Petroleum Refining and Related Industries	143
Hotels and Lodging	124
Insurance	120
Entertainment	96
Other Durable Goods	78
Public Administration	67
Other Publishing and Printing	60
Nonresidential Construction	56
Fabricated Metal Products	55
Motor Vehicles and Parts	49
Other Communications	48
Retail Trade	40

	<i>Millions</i>
Drugs, Soaps and Sundries	34
Personal and Repair Services	22
Real Estate	19
Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products	19
All other industries	1,841
Total Direct Expenditures	6,150

Total Expenditures Resulting from the Cruise Industry	11,620
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U.S. Job Impact of the North American Passenger Cruise Industry

	<i>Total Jobs</i>
Travel Agents, Shore Transportation & Other Transportation	\$26,465
Air Travel	25,702
Passenger Cruises	22,000
Business Services	18,451
Retail Trade	10,381
Hotels and Lodging	7,914
Wholesale Trade	7,619
Water Related Services, Primarily Ports	7,243
Membership and Misc. Services ...	5,894
Ship Maintenance and Repair	4,100
Food	3,714
Entertainment	3,525
Engineering & Management Services	2,486
Insurance	2,219
Banking	1,945
Construction	1,600
Fuel	473
Other Industries	24,702
Total	176,433

THE MURPHY-HARPST-VASHTI CAMPUSES

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 1999

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I urge those in Washington who believe government is the solution to every problem to visit the Murphy-Harpst-Vashti (MHV) campuses in the state of Georgia. Located across our state, the MHV programs are making a positive difference in the lives of young people.

MHV focuses its efforts on at-risk children. In other words, they help to turn the lives of endangered children around, and help them to become productive members of society. Each of the MHV agencies reaches out to the communities where they are located, identifies children who may become problems in their homes, schools, and neighborhoods, and extend a helping hand to them.

In an era when many social workers, teachers, and parents respond to troubled children by handing them prescription drugs and sending them on their way, the comprehensive approach to troubled children taken by the Murphy-Harpst-Vashti campuses provides a welcome change. I commend them for their work.

COMMUNITY RENEWAL THROUGH COMMUNITY- AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

SPEECH OF

HON. DEBBIE STABENOW

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 1999

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my deep concern regarding H. Res. 207, "Community Renewal through Community- and Faith-Based Organizations." While there are many statements in the resolution that I support, I oppose this legislation and was very concerned to see it pass on June 22, 1999. We have many wonderful faith-based organizations and nonprofits in Michigan who provide services to people in need. I believe they are an important part of our human service delivery system. My concern arises in this legislation with the language that would allow faith-based organizations receiving Federal funds for charitable services to require that beneficiaries of their services actively participate in religious practices or instruction. This, Mr. Speaker, crosses a very serious line drawn in our Constitution. This legislation violates our individual religious liberties protected by the First Amendment's separation of church and state.

Clearly, H. Res. 207, infringes upon the rights and freedoms guaranteed by our Constitution, and I deeply regret that it was passed by this House.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. ANNA ROBERTS OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 1999

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of Mrs. Anna Roberts who made her heavenly transition on Wednesday, June 16, 1999 at the age of 93. Mrs. Roberts was the youngest of fourteen children born to the union of the late Elizabeth and William Martin in Atlanta, Georgia on October 17, 1905.

She united in Holy matrimony to Mr. Roy Roberts, Jr. in 1925. Shortly thereafter, Mrs. Roberts migrated to Chicago with her husband, as God blessed them to have five sons and a daughter. A devoted Christian woman, Mrs. Roberts was a member of the Roman Catholic Church, serving faithfully in the Holy Angels Church parish. She was preceded in death by her husband Roy, Sr., son, William Martin Roberts and daughter, Regina Roberts.

The biblical Greek name Anna is the equivalent of the Hebrew name Hannah which means favored and grace. Hannah was a favored and virtuous woman. And in this day and time, who can find a virtuous woman? One whose price is far above rubies and the heart of her husband is safely entrusted to her. A woman who willingly works with her hands, who with the fruit of her hands plants vineyards, with her hands she stretches out to the poor, with her hands she cares for the needy.