

TRIBUTE TO DR. J.M. SAEGER

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 29, 1999*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that the City of Lebanon, Missouri, celebrated "Dr. J.M. Saeger Appreciation Day" on June 16, 1999.

Dr. Saeger was honored by the City of Lebanon for his 30 years of service on the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority, where he also served as board president for many years. Dr. Saeger has a long history of public service. A veteran of World War II, he faithfully served his country in the military. He also served as the official Lebanon weather observer for the National Weather Service for 26 years. Dr. Saeger, who holds a doctorate in chiropractic medicine, continues to practice.

Mr. Speaker, I know the Members of the House will join me in paying tribute to Dr. Saeger for his dedication to his community and selfless public service.

[From the Lebanon (MO) Daily Record, June 17, 1999]

**DR. SAEGER HONORED FOR 30 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Dr. J.M. Saeger of Lebanon was honored by friends, family and the Lebanon community Wednesday at St. Francis De Sales Family Center during a surprise birthday party. Dr. Saeger and his family include Joan Harris, Ken Harris, Joey Harris, 7, and Jake Harris, 6, of St. Charles, Dr. Saeger of Lebanon, Angela Prost, and Tom Prost of Columbia, IL, Rita Cole, and Hayley Cole, 2, of Springfield, and Vivian Smith of Kansas City. Lebanon Mayor Bud Allen, State Sen. John T. Russell and State Rep. Beth Long attended the celebration where a proclamation was signed making June 16, 1999, Dr. J.M. Saeger Appreciation Day in Lebanon. Dr. Saeger has served on the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Lebanon for 30 years, serving as board president for many years. He served his country in the military and as a veteran of World War II. He served as the official Lebanon weather observer for the National Weather Service for 26 years. Dr. Saeger earned his doctorate in chiropractic medicine and continues to practice.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. CAROLYN McCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 29, 1999*

Mrs. McCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, if I had been present on Friday, June 25, 1999 I would have voted in support of H.R. 1802—The Foster Care Independence Act of 1999.

**EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS**

WINNERS AT THE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH AND DEBATE TOURNAMENT

**HON. JAMES M. TALENT**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 29, 1999*

Mr. TALENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize six outstanding students from my district. These students set their sights high, and as a result, competed in the National High School Speech and Debate tournament.

Two thousands students from all over the country competed in the tournament this year. To qualify these students first competed in rigorous district competitions. Marquette High School's speech and debate team, coached by Mrs. Kim Cranston, sent six talented students to national competition.

First, Edward Tulin was named National Champion of Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking for 1999. Mr. Tulin has been competing in speech and debate for four years and spoke in 13 rounds of competition to win the title.

Second, there were five other students who competed and excelled at the national level. These students were: Justin Kempf who placed 8th in Student Congress' Senate division. Emily Vreeland who was a Semifinalist in Student Congress' House division. Jane Diecker and Edward Tulin who advanced to the 2nd level of competition in Policy Debate. Kane Huang and Elise Manning who competed in the Duo Interpretation competition.

And finally, I would like to recognize Mrs. Kim Cranston whose dedication and tireless efforts have aided in the success of these students and many more. Her commitment to education and belief in the potential of each student is an example of excellence in teaching.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to be able to recognize these extraordinary young people for their achievements. Their success is a true reflection on not only their drive and determination, but also on the parents, family members, and teachers who have supported their hard work and determination. These students are an excellent example of what young people will achieve when given the opportunity.

IN HONOR OF THE LATE WARDELL YOTAGHAN

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 29, 1999*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a real hero. No, he did not hit 70 home runs, steal any bases, slam dunk any basketballs, nor was he an actor. No, he was for real. He was Wardell Yotaghan, a man who lived and worked, who spent his life trying to make life better for people who lived in public housing. Mr. Yotaghan died of a heart attack at the age of 53, much too young, before his time; but that's not unusual for African-American males. Black men have the lowest life expectancy rate of any large group in America.

Wardell did not live long, but he lived well. He lived well enough to help countless others through very difficult times. His wife said, "He went 24 hours a day," and understood that what he did would ultimately help him and his family as well.

In the early 1990's, Wardell helped lead a campaign that resulted in the Federal Government granting some Chicago Housing Authority residents a level of control over their own buildings. Wardell filled many roles over the years, including president of his building at 2450 W. Monroe. His wife said, "Wardell was like a father to the people here." They wouldn't make a move unless they talked to him, wouldn't sign anything unless they confirmed it with Wardell. Everybody knew that he would do the right thing.

Wardell worked at Malcolm X College as a security aide and for 10 years was a Cook County Sheriff's Deputy. Here was a man who truly understood what leadership was really about. "First of all, servant of all," he has now transcended all and leaves a wonderful wife Marie, who shared in his work, three daughters, two sons, two sisters, and eight grandchildren.

Wardell died, but his will and drive to save Public Housing will continue to live on. Wardell was able to bring people together, was full of patience and has a genuine desire to see democracy work. He was love in action.

IN SUPPORT OF PEACE IN KASHMIR, H. RES. 227

**HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 29, 1999*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing H. Res. 227, legislation expressing the sense of the Congress in opposition to the Government of Pakistan's support for armed incursion into Jammu and Kashmir, India.

The Government of Pakistan has long supported terrorism in India. However, this latest incident is far beyond the usual murder of innocent civilians on a train or at a wedding party. The Pakistan Army, intelligence service and government has moved thousands of men and materials up to the Pakistan side of the LoC and sent hundreds of army regulars across the line. The Pakistan Army is laying down artillery fire in support of the Pakistani invaders.

For many years, India has been suffering from Moslem extremist attacks originating from Afghanistan and Pakistan which are supported by the Pakistani government. Last year Americans received a bitter taste of what India experiences on a regular basis in Kashmir when those same terrorist groups killed our diplomats in two of our embassies in Africa.

The Government of Pakistan gives political, material and moral support for terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir. The Pakistani government supports training camps for terrorists that operate around the world. And as I have stated, many Americans have died as a result of their attacks.

Pakistan is the backbone behind the Taliban fundamentalist group in Afghanistan. The Pakistani government gives critical military,