

During WWII, the Post was active in promoting a flag program and displaying flags throughout the community. Members showed their continuing patriotism by serving as Auxiliary Police, Boy Scout leaders and organizing the Rocky River High School Cadet Drill Corps. Following the war, activities were held in conjunction with other veterans organizations to benefit the Marine Hospital. In addition, recreational activities such as legion baseball and bowling teams were coordinated for veterans.

Currently the Post has 300 members and continues to grow and attract new members through its active participation in community projects. Post 451 has always placed greater emphasis on community service, especially in the areas of youth and veterans. The group currently works with local school systems on flag education, the Americanism test, and the Legion Oratorical Contest. In addition, the post sponsors high school students to attend Boys State in Columbus, Ohio, where they learn about government.

The organization supports the academic achievement of local students and is in its 5th year of sponsoring a \$10,000 scholarship program for Rocky River High School, awarding the top 100 students with a \$100 scholarship. The Legion is also active in the Gifts for Yanks program, which provides Christmas gifts to patients in veterans hospitals.

Mr. Speaker, I salute the members of the Rocky River Post No. 451 for bravely serving their country and continuing to serve their community.

HONORING SIGURD OLSON

HON. BRUCE F. VENTO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 1999

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Wilderness Act today, I think it is equally fitting to honor the centennial birth of Sigurd Olson—one of America's true modern conservationists and a man who called Minnesota his home.

Sig's long list of outstanding accomplishments include advising former Senator Humphrey and Wilderness Society Executive Director Howard Zahniser on the introduction of the first Wilderness Bill in 1956, serving on the Department of Interior's Advisory Board on National Parks, Historical Sites, Buildings and Monuments, and receiving national acclaim as writer and environmentalist. In addition, he received numerous awards and honors from the Wilderness Society, the Sierra Club, and the Izaak Walton League. Although he became involved in many conservation issues nationally, his true love lay in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCA), and his tireless efforts to protect its natural beauty and true wilderness character. It was through his efforts to halt the use of float planes and secure appropriations for the Forest Service to purchase resorts and in-holdings within the BWCA that brought him to the forefront of a burgeoning national conservation scene in 1947.

Sig was a true environmentalist and realized the importance that wild areas hold for all of

us, both physically and spiritually. His ideals and attitudes are increasingly becoming a rare quality in the political world. Although there are those of us who strive to adhere to these ideals, it takes a majority in Congress to implement them. It is time that we set aside this political partisanship and listen to those who elected us—the American people, 88% of which feel that many of our country's special places may be lost forever unless they are protected.

Congress must revive the tradition of protecting America's wild places. We need to look back at forgotten ideals and move forward with an agenda that will protect increasingly fragmented wildlands. In the end, no one more eloquently pleaded a case for wilderness preservation that Sig when he spoke before the citizens of Ely, Minnesota who sought to motorize the BWCA. Sig said, "Some places should be preserved from development or exploitation for they satisfy a human need for solace, belonging, and perspective. In the end we turn to nature in a frenzied chaotic world, there to find silence—oneness—wholeness—spiritual release." It is time we work together and make his wilderness vision a reality.

GENENTECH, INC.—SETTING THE
EXAMPLE AS ONE OF AMERICA'S
BEST COMPANIES FOR WORKING
MOTHERS

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 1999

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, Genentech, Inc. of South San Francisco, California, is known around the world for its leadership in the field of biotechnology. Throughout the past two decades this innovative company has shattered barrier after barrier, using revolutionary science to develop and manufacture biotech products that have saved an untold number of lives. Genentech created the first pharmaceutical based on DNA technology (recombinant human insulin) and was the first company to bring a bioengineered medicine from research to the market (a recombinant human growth hormone). Its medicines have provided immense benefits to individuals suffering from breast cancer, non-Hodgkins lymphoma, cystic fibrosis, and a wide range of other diseases. With this record of groundbreaking success, Genentech has richly earned its international reputation for excellence.

The twenty-first century character of this outstanding company, however, extends well beyond its innovative products. Genentech's biotechnology leadership is mirrored in its devotion to corporate citizenship and to the welfare of its employees. Recognition of this commitment is found in the October 1999 issue of Working Mother magazine, which named Genentech one of the "100 Best Companies for Working Mothers." This is the ninth time Genentech has made this impressive list.

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Arthur D. Levinson, Ph.D., clearly expresses the corporate philosophy which resulted in Working Mother's commendation: "At Genentech, we believe that creating a work environment

that is responsive to our employees' needs is one of our most important priorities." This creed is epitomized by the company's Second Generation program, one of America's largest corporate-sponsored, on-site child care facilities. Operated by Bright Horizons Family Solutions and accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Second Generation attends to the needs of Genentech employees' sons and daughters with dedication and warmth. It provides hundreds of youthful participants (aged 6 weeks to 6 years of age) with quality care, developmental activities, play curriculum, daily activity reports and parental support.

Mr. Speaker, Second Generation's forward-thinking approach is only one of the benefits for which Working Mother cited Genentech. The company offers important family-friendly benefits such as paid maternity leave for new moms, paid sabbaticals, and an employee concierge service. Genentech's willingness to invest in the well-being of its employees is truly extraordinary, and I am proud to have such a fine corporation in my congressional district.

Genentech's corporate citizenship betters the lives of Peninsula communities and our country as well as its employees in many ways, in addition to its efforts to help working moms. Under Dr. Levinson's guidance, this fine company has repeatedly demonstrated that innovative growth and compassionate concern for employees can flourish together. Genentech has established uninsured patients' programs to enable underprivileged Americans to obtain every one of its marketed products, supplying more than \$200 million worth of medications since the program was created. To help our nation's youth better understand the latest scientific advances, Genentech developed the Access Excellence web site to aid biology teachers and their students.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Genentech, Inc., on its outstanding benefits for working mothers and for its exceptional record of service to its community.

LIBERTY DAY

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 1999

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call to the House's attention an event—actually, a celebration—which is expanding across the country. The celebration is Liberty Day, which honors the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. Liberty Day was begun by the Colorado Lions and now represents a collaborative project among service clubs. It is totally nonpartisan and supported by all political parties in my state, has been unanimously endorsed by the state legislature, teachers, the state board of education and many others. Booklets containing copies of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence are printed with private donations, and are distributed to school kids by elected officials who visit classes and speak about the importance of the founding documents.