

Richard Mize has always had a love for skiing. At Western State College in Gunnison, Colorado he took advantage of every opportunity to go skiing. It paid off when he was awarded the 1956 Don Johnson Memorial trophy, which is given to the outstanding American skier in the NCAA cross country championships. He also became a two time, All-American cross country skier. Since college, Richard has gone on to accomplish feats that are equally, if not more, impressive. He competed in the World Biathlon Championship in 1958 and 1959. Also, in 1960 he earned a spot on the U.S. Olympic Biathlon Team, where he placed 21st in the inaugural year of the event in the Olympics. Since 1983, Richard Mize has competed on the Masters Circuit and, in every year since 1988 he has earned at least one first place finish in the U.S. Masters Division. In 1988, at the World and U.S. Championships in Lake Placid, New York he won the World Championship in the 20K freestyle and 10K classic races. As you can see, this man is a fierce competitor—his accolades however, do not stop there. Richard has won his age group seven times in the last nine years at the Tour of Anchorage 50K Freestyle competition.

Mr. Speaker, there are few people in our time that have accomplished so many amazing feats. Richard has done this and he has continued to do this well into his later years. So it is with this that I say congratulations to this man on his induction into the Mountaineer Sports Hall of Fame.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
MURIEL DARLENE GIST WINGATE

**HON. JULIAN C. DIXON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 7, 1999*

Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize and celebrate the life of Muriel Darlene Gist Wingate, a wonderful and loving mother and grandmother, who for more than 25 years served with distinction as a loyal and outstanding assistant to internationally acclaimed Howard University Hospital oncologist and general surgeon Dr. LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr.

Muriel, or "Meme" as she was affectionately known to her family and many friends, passed away on Tuesday, June 8, 1999. Kind, patient, and always ready with a reassuring word, Muriel was the person to whom hundreds of Dr. Leffall's patients turned in times of difficulty. She was the glue that helped many of them hold sway while dealing with troubling medical diagnoses.

For the hundreds of residents and medical students who secured a coveted spot on Dr. Leffall's rotation, she was the surrogate mother, the woman who provided constant encouragement and assurance that with determination, perseverance, stamina, and the same trademark sense of humor which had endeared her to so many and helped her too during periods of difficulty, they would indeed make it through their medical school and/or surgical residency program. As a show of how much she was loved, many of the young doctors and medical students whom she supervised while working with Dr. Leffall, returned to

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pay their respects at the service celebrating her life, which was held on Thursday, June 17, 1999, at Hemingway Memorial A.M.E. Church in Chapel Oaks, Maryland.

"Miss Wingate," as she was respectfully and fondly known to so many of Dr. Leffall's patients, was born in Washington, D.C., on November 11, 1941, to Ruby N. Gist and the late Sherwood Gist. She graduated from Fairmont Heights High School in 1959 and set course on a career in the field of health care. She loved to travel to exotic places, and often regaled others with stories about her adventures. She had a smile that simply illuminated the room, and an eternally optimistic outlook that would become an important and essential asset in her work with Dr. Leffall's patients.

Muriel Darlene Gist Wingate was beloved by many, but cherished most of all by her lovely daughters, Joy Arminta Diggs and Kelly Lynn Wingate, and granddaughter, Camille Nicole Wingate. Her untimely passing also leaves to mourn her loving mother, Mrs. Ruby N. Gist; three sisters: Shirley A. Courtney, Elaine T. Johnson, and Janiero L. Dougans; three brothers: Dennis, Milton, and Gregory, and a host of other relatives.

Mr. Speaker, to have the love, admiration, and respect of your family, friends, and colleagues, is, I believe the ultimate measure of success. Muriel Wingate was blessed with all of these. I am proud to have the occasion to celebrate her memory with my colleagues, and ask that you join me in extending our heartfelt condolences to her family, friends, and colleagues on the passing of a truly exceptional woman.

RECOGNIZING COMMANDER  
ARTHUR J. OHANIAN

**HON. JOHN S. TANNER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 7, 1999*

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Commander Arthur J. Ohanian, United States Navy. Commander Ohanian will retire after 20 years of distinguished and superior service to our country.

In his most recent position he served as the Manpower and Personnel analyst for the Programming, Planning and Development Branch, Chief of Naval Operations Staff. A P-3 Instructor Pilot, Commander Ohanian served in a number of leadership positions in the fleet, including the Commander Naval Education and Training Mobil Training Team. He also served in a number of different positions within squadrons deployed in the Mediterranean.

Commander Ohanian is the recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, and the Navy Achievement Medal.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I am proud to extend my best wishes to Commander Arthur J. Ohanian. May you continue the success you have enjoyed and thank you for your faithful service from a grateful Nation.

*October 7, 1999*

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1906,  
AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT,  
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION,  
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS  
ACT, 2000

SPEECH OF

**HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 1, 1999*

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1906. H.R. 1906 contains funding for many vitally important programs in agriculture. This bill provides appropriations for those programs that were authorized in the 1996 farm bill. Furthermore, this bill provides important funding for the foundation of agriculture research. Continued research will provide answers that enable farmers to continue to improve efficiency in providing food for our table.

Specifically the bill includes funds for the National Center for Peanut Competitiveness, a program that establishes a broad-based research program directed toward assuring the competitiveness of U.S. peanuts in the world market. Also included is funding to allow the University of Georgia to research tomato spotted wilt virus, a plant virus that has become a major yield-limiting constraint on many important food crops in South Georgia. The bill also contains funds for peanut allergy collaborative research as well as onion research.

In addition, our farmers have once again faced another disastrous year. Farmers who were fortunate to have a crop are faced with the lowest prices in decades. Adverse weather conditions have resulted in another disaster. This bill also contains disaster assistance for farmers who have suffered yet another crop failure. My farmers cannot afford to wait any longer on relief.

Mr. Speaker, I am disappointed that dairy and sanction provisions were not included in the current appropriations bill. The funds appropriated in the bill will aid farmers in surviving another year of adverse weather conditions and low commodity. Peanut and tobacco farmers will all receive aid in the form of market assistance payments, market loss payments or direct payments. The bill also includes funds to replenish the step two cotton program. In addition fruit and vegetable growers along with dairy and livestock producers will receive assistance from this package and other essential measures that are critical to our producers.

This bill is not a cure all. However, it is imperative that we don't delay this funding any longer. I urge all my colleagues to support passage of conference report.