

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. PERCY JULIEN FOR 36 OUTSTANDING YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 1999

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Percy Julien, a resident of the Ninth Congressional District. After 36 years of distinguished service with the Oakland Unified School District, Mr. Julien is retiring.

For the past 11 years, Mr. Julien has served as the Director of the Oakland Unified School District's Office of Adult Education. As Director of Adult Education, he was responsible for over 26,000 students per year and a budget of approximately \$10 million. Mr. Julien had jurisdiction over 5 administrative sites and 140 satellite sites throughout the city of Oakland. His agency was responsible for the educational development of persons ranging from young adults to senior citizens. His most recent accomplishment was the creation, development and building of the Oakland Adult Education and Technology Center, which hosted its grand opening in April of this year. This facility includes a state-of-the-art computer center, and houses many other vocational classes which help students prepare for their future.

Throughout his brilliant career, Mr. Julien has served the Oakland Unified School District in many capacities. These roles have included teacher, counselor, work experience coordinator, leader in the career opportunities program, vice principal, principal, and lastly an administrator. In addition, he was the first elementary school counselor in the Oakland Schools.

Mr. Julien has been recognized and received countless awards from organizations across the State of California. These awards include the Oakland Alliance of Black Educators—the Personal Achievement Award; St. Columba's Church—the Ujima Award for Community Service; and the Baha'i—Annual Human Rights Award.

As an active member of his community, Mr. Julien has served on various boards and committees throughout the city including the Mercy Retirement and Care Center Board of Education; State of California Adult Education Master Plan Strategies Committee; and the St. Paschal Baylon's Board of Education.

The City of Oakland and its surrounding environs owe a great deal of appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Julien for his 36 years of committed service to education. It is for this reason that I take great pride and honor in saluting this education hero and thanking him for his many years of commitment to educating Oakland's students.

TRIBUTE TO KATIE BUFFHAM

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 1999

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I take this time to honor a

woman who has given her time in order to make the community of Maybell, Colorado a better place. For 24 years, Katie Buffham has worked tirelessly as the librarian of the Maybell Public Library.

Katie's story begins in Sterling, CO where she was born, in 1916. Not long after that her family loaded up their Model T, a wagon and saddle horse and headed off for Three Springs, CO. Several years later she and her husband decided to raise their family in Maybell, CO. It was there that this story of a woman's dedication to the community takes shape.

In 1975, the Maybell Public Library was moved from the inside of a bank to a trailer where, shortly after, it was scheduled for closure. Katie Buffham, upon hearing this, took on the amazing responsibility of keeping the library up and running. She did exactly that and more. Just 1 month after she took it over there were 72 people visits to the library. For nearly 22 years she worked tirelessly, all the while earning nothing. Her days were spent going from the farm to the library and back taking advantage of every hour.

Today the library is a modular school house which was brought in from another city. It has modern conveniences and a few employees. They have become interactive with other cities and technologically efficient.

For years Katie Buffham has had the dream of making her community a better place. Thankfully, she fulfilled this dream. The area would have suffered greatly without this institution. So, it is with this Mr. Speaker, that I say thank you to Katie Buffham for her dedication and hard work. She is a great American and I wish her all the best in her well deserved retirement.

MOTHER PEARLIE MAE BROWN

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 1999

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary service of Mother Pearlle Mae Brown, a woman of strong devotion and commitment to her community and our Nation. Pearlle Mae Brown is currently the First Lady of the Greater Bible Way Church in Prince Frederick, Maryland, where she is the most active and most cherished member of its congregation. Her talents have her serving as President of the Field Missionary Board, the New Members Club, as advisor to the all Women's Auxiliaries and President of the newly formed Evangelistic Board.

Her tireless energy and determination in bringing the word of God to all have also taken beyond the boundaries of her own community to the National level where she was the President of the Clergy Wives and Widows for 19 years and currently the President of the International Women's Council. She is also the First Lady of the Maryland-Washington Metropolitan Diocese, the Vice Chair of the Board of the Interdenominational Council of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows of Washington, D.C. and Vicinity and is also involved in the numerous other comprehensive programs throughout the region.

While Pearlle Mae Brown takes part in all of these wonderful service organizations, she takes the most pride in being the First Lady of the Greater Bible Way Church in Prince Frederick and the proud wife of First Vice President Bishop Joseph N. Brown, D.D. Together they have four children and five grandchildren who are all an integral part of their life. It is through the strength of her family that she gains the true inspiration to carry on her mission to serve God and her community.

We recognize all of these many achievements on the eve of the 40th Annual Women's Convention being hosted by the Greater Bible Way Church under the direction of Pearlle Mae from November 10th through November 12th in Prince Frederick, Maryland. This convention, which is held in Prince Frederick every ten years, celebrates women's participation in religious affairs and explores the "total man and women—body, spirit, and soul. This year's convention is expected to include around 800 participants from throughout the Nation in addition to people from Trinidad, England, Africa, and Jamaica.

Pearlle Mae's life has been punctuated with zeal and enthusiasm, commitment and servitude, honor and distinction. She is an example for all to follow and the people of communities far and wide have benefitted from her determination, tremendous dedication and hard work. As she embarks on the 40th annual Women's Convention may she have strength in accomplishing her mission and satisfaction in knowing she has touched the lives of thousands.

HONORING MARTHA AND CARL LINDNER III ON THE OCCASION OF THE TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF CINCINNATI HILLS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 1999

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Martha and Carl Lindner III, friends and constituents who will be recognized at a gala dinner and pageant on Saturday, October 30, 1999 for their leadership as one of the founding families of the prestigious Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy (CHCA) located in Mason, Ohio.

CHCA is one of the fastest-growing schools in the country, and has earned a reputation for excellent academics, competitive sports and extracurricular activities. In 1997, I had the privilege of presenting the U.S. Department of Education's Blue Ribbon School Award to CHCA Elementary. CHCA's goal is to nurture and support each student toward individual growth. The school embraces students, parents and faculty within the care of a Christian community.

Martha and Carl's involvement with CHCA began twelve years ago when they worked to develop a vision for the school, and their deep commitment to CHCA has never wavered.

Carl was instrumental in developing the curriculum, particularly in the area of Biblical Integration. He established the Carl H. Lindner III

Chair of Biblical Studies in 1993, which brings a speaker to the school each year for Spiritual Life Emphasis Week. He was a member of the founding Board of Trustees and Education Committee.

Martha has participated in and led Bible studies at CHCA, served on the Visioning Committee, helped develop plans for the tennis complex and been very involved in numerous PTF and classroom activities. In addition to all this, Martha and Carl are enthusiastic supporters of the activities of their four children—all of whom attended CHCA.

Martha and Carl Lindner are committed community leaders, and I congratulate them on this much deserved honor.

TELEMARKETING VICTIMS
PROTECTION ACT OF 1999

HON. MATT SALMON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 1999

Mr. SALMON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Telemarketing Victims Protection Act of 1999. The bill directs the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to promulgate rules and regulations which require telemarketing firms to notify consumers that they are eligible to be placed on national and state do-not-call lists. If a consumer elects not to be called, the telemarketing firm must report that request to the appropriate state or national authority. Additionally, the legislation prohibits telemarketing firms from blocking the identity of their phone number in order to evade caller ID devices. Furthermore, it requires telemarketing firms to obtain (and reconcile with their own lists) the appropriate do-not-call list. It also amends the time of day telemarketers are allowed to call consumers. Under current law, telemarketers are prohibited from calling consumers before 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m. My bill would amend current law to prohibit pesky telemarketers from disturbing families during dinner hours. And finally, it requires the FTC to study appropriate penalties for telemarketers who repeatedly violate the law. My legislation does not affect organizations already exempt from current law.

As you know, Congress has spent the last decade trying to help consumers cope with an industry that is out of control. Despite Congress' efforts, great advances in technology have enabled bad telemarketers to continue to flourish. According to numerous sources, it is estimated that consumers lose \$40 billion a year to fraudulent telemarketers. As telemarketing operations become more sophisticated, so must our laws governing the industry.

In my home state of Arizona, many consumers—especially seniors—fall prey to fraudulent telemarketers. The Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) estimates that Arizonans have lost roughly \$100 million to fraud during the last five years. And, according to the Arizona Republic and Daniel Drake, Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney, victims from Arizona are lucky if they recover five percent of what they lose. According to FBI Special Agent Jim Whalen, "Arizona continues to be a high target area for illegal telemarketers due to the

State's significant number of elderly residents." Agent Whalen recently reported to the Arizona Republic that the average Arizonan loses \$20,000 to \$100,000, including one man who lost roughly \$1.8 million. In another extreme case, the Arizona Republic reported that one family lost \$2 million of its inheritance to fraudulent investment scams. And, Mr. Drake reported that the last three cases his agency prosecuted involved scams of \$17 million.

Many other states besides Arizona are beginning to recognize the problem. Georgia, Indiana, Maryland, and Pennsylvania (to name a few) have or are considering legislation to set up a do-not-call list. The Direct Marketing Association (DMA) currently maintains a national do-not-call list for the industry. But, too often, fraudulent and pernicious telemarketers target the most vulnerable who are unaware of their right to be placed on these lists. Currently, telemarketing companies are not required to subscribe to the DMA's list and simply putting your name on the list does not guarantee that you won't be called. Besides, most consumers are not even aware of their current rights dealing with professional telemarketers.

Telemarketing fraud seems to be alive and well. That is why I believe that my legislation, particularly the consumer information section, is desperately needed. The FTC has repeatedly reported that the elderly are disproportionately represented among victims of telemarketing fraud. And, a survey by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) found that seniors, on the whole, were less familiar with their consumer rights than younger people, and they were less suspecting of deceptive sales practices. For consumers who know their rights and ask to be placed on a do-not-call list, it usually takes three months before their request is honored—if at all.

The issue is neither partisan nor political. Leaders on all sides of the political spectrum have joined in the fight to help protect consumers against telemarketing fraud. In his national radio address of April 17, 1999 President Clinton declared war on telemarketing fraud. He said that "we must fight telemarketing fraud that robs people of their life savings and endangers their well-being. Every single year illegal telemarketing operations bilk the American people out of an estimated \$40 billion. More than half of the victims are over 50. That's like a fraud tax aimed directly at senior citizens." And, in a speech declaring the first week of May in Texas as Telemarketing Fraud Prevention Awareness Week, Governor George W. Bush said, "Armed with the right information, elderly Texans can take steps to avoid becoming a victim of telemarketing fraud."

I urge my colleagues to join me in the fight against telemarketing fraud.

HONORING RUTH HARTWICK ON
THE OCCASION OF HER RECEIVING
THE WALTER P. REUTHER
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 1999

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, let me say from the outset that the woman whose community

service I wish to recognize here today, Ruth Hartwick of Boyne City, Michigan, understands as well as anyone I know the right and need for workers to organize into unions.

It is Ruth's commitment to that cause that is earning her the Walter P. Reuther Distinguished Service Award, and I rise to pay tribute to her today.

Ruth has served on the organizing committee for UAW Local Union 1403, and she has put in more than 20 years of service to the United Auto Workers.

Ruth was on the bargaining committee and later served as chairperson. She has held the position to president and steward. She has been active with the retirees and was their financial secretary.

Ruth served on the Pension Committee and helped several people with workers compensation problems. She was active on the Community Services Committee and she served on the Local United Way Board. Her union work and her community involvement have earned her the respect of her peers and associates throughout northwestern Lower Michigan.

There are many volunteers who understand the gift of giving and sharing and helping is truly its own reward. I sometimes think, Mr. Speaker, that my northern Michigan congressional district is richer than most in having so many volunteers, people who step up to meet needs and challenges with services not provided by government agencies or chartered organizations.

Among these, I must acknowledge Ruth Hartwick with special affection. She has helped me in many ways since I first ran for this House seat, and I value her close personal friendship and her dedication to organized labor.

I can't think of anyone more deserving of the Walter P. Reuther Distinguished Service Award.

A TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
THOMAS R. LOCK

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 28, 1999

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a good friend, Mr. Tom Lock of my home town of Bay City, Michigan on the occasion of his retirement from the Bay City Commission. In terms of Tom's civic contributions to our community, I can unequivocally state that there are very few individuals who have had such an impact on the quality of life for residents of Bay City. And in terms of friendship, I can say that Tom is much loved in our community because, quite simply, he is a friend that can be counted on at all times.

Tom's entire life has been devoted to public service, even as a student at Bay City Central High School, where in his spare time he managed the Essexville/Hampton Little League team. After graduation in 1961, he joined the United States Navy, and in 1964, he married Ms. Lois Carol Genow. The Locks went on to have a wonderful family, and on July 18th of this year, they celebrated their 35th anniversary.