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TRIBUTE TO BILLY AND ALICE
NIX ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two people who I am proud to call my friends, Billy and Alice Nix, on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Billy and Alice Nix for 4 years. When I'm in Sidney or Ash Flat for parades, Billy drives me in one of his antique cars. Billy and Alice are always ready to do their part for the community, school, church or business. The Nixes have been active members of the community of Ash Flat, Arkansas for over 40 years, where they own and run the Ash Flat Livestock Auction. Billy has served on the Sharp County Fair Board and the Northeast Arkansas District Fair Board. Alice gives her time at the Ash Flat Historical Society where she helped the organization publish a book about the history of Ash Flat. The Nix family is also involved in the Church of Christ.

The Nixes cherish their family including their three wonderful children Mike, Jan, and Beverly; and their 10 grandchildren and five great grand-children. They are perfect examples of good neighbors, friends, parents and grandparents. The integrity and dedication of the Nixes is a living example to all that know them, especially to institutions like marriage. Our community is a better place to live and work and raise a family because of their efforts and the care and the dedication of Billy and Alice Nix.

CALIFORNIA RAISIN MARKETING
BOARD

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the debut of the California Raisin Marketing Board, CRMB. The CRMB has taken the place of CALRAB, the California Raisin Advisory Board.

CRMB is planting its first roots in tomorrow's raisin sales with restaurant projects, back-to-school campaigns, food service and produce marketing trade show participation, retail and trade advertising, website development, health and nutrition research and promotions, and the rebirth of the California Raisin, a new character replacing all previous Dancing Raisin Art.

The new character will bring life to raisins and CRMB will launch California raisins into the twenty first century with new ways to promote their product. One of the first major outings for the new character will be a Denny's Restaurant promotion, debuting in January 2000.

The California raisin industry has come far as the world raisin leader. CRMB will bring true glory to the raisin industry in the years to come.

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Mr. Speaker, I applaud the California Raisin Marketing Board for their new innovative plan and character to bring us into the new millennium. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing CRMB a bright future and many years of success.

HONORING JOHN JORDAN "BUCK"
O'NEIL ON HIS 88TH BIRTHDAY

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a fellow Kansas Citian, and a man who has come to embody the ideals we share as a nation. As a player and coach for the Negro League's Kansas City Monarchs baseball team, as coach and scout for the present day Kansas City Royals, and as a community activist promoting reading and education to children, John Jordan "Buck" O'Neil has come to represent some of our most noble values: determination and dignity, humility and excellence. "Buck" has been a pioneer and trailblazer throughout his life and illustrious career, and demonstrates in his everyday actions and words that determination is the pathway to success. He is a role model for our children and a champion for our country.

As a player, Buck had a career batting average of .288, including four .300-plus seasons at the plate, and led the Kansas City Monarchs to victory in the 1942 Negro World Series. After 12 years as a player, Buck changed hats and managed the Monarchs to four more league titles in six years. Following his career with the Kansas City Monarchs, Buck joined the major leagues as a scout for the Chicago Cubs. In 1962 the Chicago Cubs made him the first African-American to coach in the major Leagues. Buck is credited with signing hall of Fame Baseball greats Ernie Banks and Lou Brock to their first pro contracts, and is acknowledged to have sent more Negro League athletes to the all-white major leagues than any other man in baseball history.

Buck is currently the Chairman for the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City and spends his time promoting the achievements of African-American baseball players who played for love of the game, despite being shut out of the majors because of the color of their skin. As a member of the 18-person Baseball Hall of Fame Veterans Committee, he continues to tear down racial barriers by advancing deserving Negro Leaguers for induction to the Hall. In addition to his duties in Cooperstown and at the museum in Kansas City, Buck is finding new ways to enjoy life and share his wonderful exuberance. As a player, coach, scout, writer, and volunteer Buck represents a magnificent example to our generation and the next.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in saluting John Jordan "Buck" O'Neil, a distinguished ambassador for baseball and symbol of African-American pride, a true hero for all of America, and a favorite son of Kansas City. Congratulations, Buck on the 1999 John Stanford Education Heroes Award. It is an honor to help celebrate your 88th birthday and dem-

onstrate the Negro League's commitment to education through "Reading Around the Bases." I salute you for your lifetime of achievement, and am both proud and honored to call you my friend. Thank you, Buck, for all you have done, and for all you continue to contribute to our lives.

IN RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS'
VOICES AGAINST VIOLENCE

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 1999

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two individuals from my district who attended the Voices Against Violence Congressional Teen Conference. Sadly, teen violence has dominated the headlines of our newspapers around the country.

Marilyn Coto, a senior at Malibu High and Lana Borkin, a sophomore at Valley Alternative Magnet School in Van Nuys, have proven themselves leaders in our community in promoting a peaceful learning environment for all students. They were instrumental in working with lawmakers, to draft legislation during the conference and offered idea on how to combat this problem of violence in our schools. I would also like to commend the alternates chosen by the Committee: Monica Crooms and Jorge Lobos. Honorable Mention was awarded to Nicole Yates and Juliana Hermano. These teens are the future of our nation and it is imperative that their ideas and voices be heard in this national debate concerning youth violence.

I would also like to acknowledge the Youth Violence Advisory Committee, brought together to choose the attendees of the conference. These distinguished individuals were selected to serve on the panel based on their commitment to not only raising awareness of violence, but also their efforts with children and others toward developing solutions. They will continue to work with students in the coming months to implement the ideas discussed at the conference.

The Committee includes: Committee Chair, Ralph Myers, crime victims advocate, Advisory Board member for the Nicole Parker Foundation and Justice for Homicide Victims; Larry Horn, a Professor of Sociology at Pierce and Mission Colleges; Carlos Morales, co-leader of Parents of Murdered Children, Inc. San Gabriel Valley Chapter; and LAPD Detective Joel Price from the Community Resources Against Street Hoodlums (CRASH) Unit, and member of the Board of Directors of the Nicole Parker Foundation.

We must support our teens and encourage them to express their ideas, especially on this national issue of youth violence. They are directly affected by the things we only read about in the paper. As such, they have the experience to aid our legislators in establishing a safe environment for our students. Their leadership and contributions will make a significant impact on our country and ensure safety and peace for future generations.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join me in honoring Ms. Coto and Ms.

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