

action. Based on a mission statement adopted on July 31, 1991, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures was formed. On November 23, 1981, its charter officers were named during an organizational planning session held on the island of Guam. Senator Edward R. Duenas of Guam served as APIL's first president with Senate President Olympio T. Borja of the CNMI as his vice president. Senator Elias Thomas of the FSM was designated as secretary and Senator Moses Ulodong of the Republic of Palau was named treasurer.

Issues currently at the forefront of APIL's agenda include Resources and Economic Development, Commerce, Legislation, Energy, Regional Security and Defense, Communications, Cultural Appreciation, Health and Social Services, Education, Agriculture, Air and Sea Transportation, Aquaculture, Sports and Recreation, Youth and Senior Citizens, Tourism, Finance, Political Status, External Relations, and Development Banking. For almost two decades, APIL has remained dedicated towards promoting regional concerns. I congratulate the officers of this term, Senator Carlotta A. Leon Guerrero of Guam, President; Senator Renster Andrew of the FSM, Vice President; Senator Herman P. Semes of the FSM, secretary; Representative Ana S. Teregeyo of the CNMI, treasurer; and Senator Haruo Esang of the Republic of Palau, advisor, for their hard work and dedication. Let us continue our united efforts in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING TIMOTHY E. HOEKSEMA, RECIPIENT OF THE 1999 INSTITUTE OF HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD

### HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 9, 1999*

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Timothy E. Hoeksema, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Midwest Express Airlines, Inc., who is the recipient of the 1999 Institute of Human Relations Award from the American Jewish Committee.

Mr. Hoeksema is a leading figure in the community and an example of the values of his hometown, Milwaukee, which esteems hard work, honesty and a genuine love of people. Under his leadership the company has distinguished itself as a dynamic and innovative force in the airline industry.

Mr. Hoeksema's support of community groups and functions seemingly knows no boundaries and includes Betty Brinn Children's Museum, Midwest Athletes Against Childhood Cancer, Next Door Foundation, Milwaukee Art Museum, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee, Eastown and Westown Associations, Habitat for Humanity, Esperanza Unida, Project Equality, American Cancer Society, Florentine Opera, Circus Parade, Skylight Opera Theater, First Stage, Greater Milwaukee Open, Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, Make-A-Wish Foundation, and Riversplash.

Mr. Hoeksema is duly recognized by the American Jewish Committee, which has

worked toward intergroup understanding to strengthen a community in which diverse cultures and traditions can flourish. In that regard, he is a fitting recipient of the Institute of Human Relations Award, which is presented to leaders of the business and civic community whose distinguished leadership demonstrates their profound commitment to preserving our democratic heritage.

Each year the American Jewish Committee's Institute of Human Relations honors an outstanding corporate citizen, and it is a fitting tribute, Mr. Speaker, that Timothy A. Hoeksema, who has done so much to support the diverse social fabric of the community, should receive this outstanding recognition.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF GORDON JOHNSTON

### HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 9, 1999*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of a community leader from Longview, TX, the late Gordon Clayton Johnston, Sr., who gave generously of his time and energies to a variety of worthy community causes prior to his death on March 17 of this year.

Mr. Johnston was born in Norphlet, AR, on July 24, 1925, but grew up and lived a majority of his life in Longview. He served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theater and returned to Longview to marry Mildred McHaney in June 1946. He then attended Kilgore Junior College, serving as drum major for the Ranger Band, and following graduation entered the School of Business at the University of Texas at Austin.

Upon his return to Longview, he entered the oil business with his father, the late E.C. Johnston, Sr. He was a charter member of the First State Bank of Longview Founding Board (presently Longview Bank & Trust) and retired at the end of 1991 after 33 years of service. He also was a charter member of the Longview Savings and Loan Board, which he served for 19 years.

Throughout his life he was active in community service. He was a charter member of the founding board of the Longview YMCA and served continuously for more than 20 years, including two terms as president. He was an officer of the Longview Chamber of Commerce and Junior Chamber of Commerce. He was a community advisor for the Junior Service League (now Junior League of Longview) and served on the United Way Budget Committee. He was a longtime member of Pinecrest Country Club, charter member of the board of the Summit Club and a member of the Cherokee Club.

Mr. Johnston also was devoted to the First Christian Church, where he had been a member since 1946. He served as a deacon and an elder for a number of years and in 1987, along with his wife, Mildred, he received the honor of being named elder emeritus. He served for many years on the church's board and served as chairman for 2 years.

An outdoorsman by nature, he was an ardent supporter of fish and game conservation

in Texas, Colorado, and Alabama. He enjoyed ranching, raised and showed Appaloosa horses, and was a member of several hunt clubs.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred; children, Kathy Jackson, Gordon Clayton Johnston, Jr., Mark Johnston, Elaine Kauffman, Beth Ylitalo, and Kent McHaney Johnston; 16 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and his brother, E.C. Johnston, Jr., of Longview.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Johnston is missed by his many friends and his family, but his memory will live on through the legacy that he leaves to his community, his church, and his family. It is an honor to pay my last respects to Gordon Clayton Johnston, Sr.

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 9, 1999*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, Thursday, November 11, 1999, marks the observance of Veterans Day, honoring all veterans who have pledged allegiance to their country and all of its endeavors. This day is set aside to recognize the boldness and bravery of those who have fought to uphold the standards of democracy.

On this Veterans Day, a special ceremony titled, "Salute 1999: An American Patriotic Celebration" will be held at the Radisson Star Plaza Theatre in Merrillville, Indiana. This celebration of patriotism and pride will honor eight local veterans for their dedicated military service. Those veterans that will be honored include: Stanley Bliznik, Eliseo Castaneda, Alonzo Swann, Jr., Charles Swisher, Zenon Lukosius, Marion Brzezinski, Walter O'Keefe, and Douglas Dettman.

Stanley Bliznik of Highland, Indiana, is a World War II Veteran of the United States Army. He served our country from October 7, 1941 to July 31, 1945 as a member of the Army's 20th Combat Engineer Battalion. Eliseo Castaneda of East Chicago, Indiana, is a United States Marine Corps Veteran. He enlisted in the Marines in July of 1948 and was discharged July, 1952. He arrived in Pusan, Korea the first day of September 1950 and participated in the Pusan Perimeter action, the battle of Kimpo Air Field, and the battle securing Seoul, South Korea. Serving in the Navy during World War II, Alonzo Swann, Jr., of Gary, Indiana is a fine example of one of our American heroes. He received the Victory Medal, American Theater Medal, Purple Heart, Bronze Star Combat V, Asiatic Pacific Medal three stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon two stars, and the Navy Cross for his dedicated military service. Additionally, Charles Swisher of Crown Point, Indiana, served in the United States Army during World War II on the battlefield in France. He served as a member of the 976th Field Artillery Battalion. Zenon Lukosius of South Holland, Illinois, courageously served our country during World War II. As a member of the United States Navy, Lukosius defended against enemy planes, helped bombard enemy shores, and was involved in the capture of enemy submarines. Marion Brzezinski