years, Mrs. Wilk worked to foster the growth of the Society. In addition to her work with the Bayonne Historical Society, Mrs. Wilk became an active member of numerous civic and educational organizations, playing a vital role in their growth. She served as recording secretary of Marist High School PTA, president of Holy Family Academy Mothers Club, and president of the Holy Family Academy Alumni Mothers Club for eight years. A graduate of Bayonne High School and the Horace Mann School, Mrs. Wilk is currently a trustee on the Board of the Bayonne Economic Opportunity Foundation and is the recording secretary of the Colgate Retirees Association. She is also a volunteer member of the Communications Committee of B21C, Bayonne in the Twenty-First Century.

Mrs. Wilk, wife of the late Henry Wilk, has worked as an advertising representative at the Bayonne Community News for the past 15 years and in the business office of the Bayonne Times for the past 19 years. She is the mother of four children and the grandmother of Evan and Nicolas.

Mrs. Wilk exemplifies what we appreciate most in the human spirit and provides a living example of what we all should strive for in our everyday lives. For her service to the residents of Bayonne, and for her hard work for the Bayonne Historical Society, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mrs. Marge Wilk as “Volunteer of the Year.”

A FOND FAREWELL TO I. MICHAEL HEYMAN

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 1999

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a friend I. Michael Heyman. As his friends and colleagues gather to honor his retirement from the Smithsonian Institution and his years of service to the University of California Berkeley, I would like to share with the House some of the highlights of Secretary Heyman’s distinguished career.

I. Michael Heyman became the 10th secretary of the Smithsonian Institution on Sept. 19, 1994. He heads a complex of 16 museums and, as chancellor, he actively participated in the Board of Trustees from 1993 to 1994. He is also a member of the state bars of California and New York. Born on May 30, 1930, in New York City, I. Michael Heyman was educated at Dartmouth College, earning a bachelor’s degree in government in 1951. After a year in Washington as a legislative assistant to Senator Irving M. Ives of New York, he served in the United States Marines as a first lieutenant on active duty from 1951 to 1953, and as a captain in the reserves from 1953 to 1958.

Secretary Heyman received his juris doctor in 1956 from Yale University Law School, where he was editor of the Yale Law Journal. He was an associate with the firm of Carter, Ledyard and Milburn in New York City from 1956 to 1957. He was chief clerk to Chief Justice Earl Warren from 1958 to 1959.

Over the years, Secretary Heyman has served on and chaired numerous boards and commissions, including almost four years as a member of the Smithsonian’s Board of Regents (1990–1994). He has dedicated more than a decade of service for Dartmouth, his alma mater, as a member of its board of trustees from 1982 to 1993 and as chairman of the board from 1991 to 1993. Heyman has also been a member of the board of trustees of the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights under Law since 1977.

He is married to Thurea Heyman, senior curator on leave from the Oakland Museum in California. Their son, James, is a physicist and teacher.

I join my California colleagues in gratitude and appreciation for Secretary Heyman’s contributions to education, law, culture, and above all, public service. His is a career we can only hope others will emulate. We congratulate him and his school. He is without question an inspiration to us all.

TRIBUTE TO WORCESTER ACADEMY COACH TOM BLACKBURN

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN
OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 1999

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great coach and a tremendous athletic director, Tom Blackburn. Tom will be the recipient of a much-deserved “Banner Celebration” at Worcester Academy’s Daniels Gymnasium. Tom Blackburn came to Worcester Academy in the Fall of 1973 and retired this past spring. He holds the best coaching record in the school’s basketball history, including 7 New England Class A Prep School Championships. As a graduate of Worcester Academy, I am proud to have this opportunity to congratulate Tom Blackburn on his achievements.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in paying tribute to Tom Blackburn for his dedication to his players, his school and his community. He is a treasured friend, and I wish him a happy and healthy retirement.

At this point, Mr. Speaker, I include for the RECORD an article on Tom Blackburn from Worcester Academy’s alumni magazine, The Hilltopper.

THE BLACKBURN ERA COMES TO AN END

Late in the afternoon of February 27, Tom Blackburn made his final substitutions against Bridgton at the last home game of the season as his twenty-six year career as athletic director and coach at Worcester Academy drew to a close. Though Tom would have greatly preferred a different outcome (Bridgton won 73-64), the game itself was mere prelude to an afternoon of moving tributes from former colleagues, players, current faculty, family and friends. Of these it was Dee Rowe ‘74 who seemed to capture the essence of Tom’s career: “I will always be grateful to Tom for distinguished service to Worcester Academy. He is an outstanding educator and a man of great honor and integrity.”

As part of the celebration, a banner was hoisted commemorating Blackburn’s coaching record at the Academy. It is a lofty record indeed. In addition to being the basketball coach with the most wins in the Academy’s history (he has been at the helm for 895 wins Worcester Academy has posted since 1917), coach Blackburn’s team have also made impressive showings in the New England Class A Tournament Championships. Twenty-four of twenty-six squads qualified for post-season play with eleven reaching the finals and seven earning championships. That’s one championship team for every three-and-a-half years of coaching.

Tom Blackburn has also nurtured some great players over his quarter-century career. Former Boston Celtic player and current Indiana Pacers Assistant Coach Rick Carlisle ‘78, ex-LA Clipper Jeff Cross ‘80 and University of Maryland Coach Obama Ekezie ‘93 [as of fall ’99, now of the NBA’s Vancouver Grizzlies] come immediately to mind.

Mr. Blackburn has brought to the Academy the spirit of his alma mater, as a member of its board of trustees from 1982 to 1993 and as chairman of the board from 1991 to 1993. Heyman has also been a member of the board of trustees of the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights under Law since 1977.

Tribute to Retired National Weather Service Central Region Director Richard P. Augulis

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY
OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 1999

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Richard P. Augulis on the occasion of his retirement as Director of the National Weather Service Central Region headquartered in my Congressional District.
A 35-year employee of the National Weather Service, part of the Department of Commerce’s National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Mr. Augulis has always held public safety as the first priority in his career, whether as a forecaster or as an office and regional manager. He recently retired after 12 years as Director of the 14-state Central Region and is currently enjoying his retirement in Las Vegas, where he relocated to be near his family.

Mr. Augulis joined the National Weather Service in August 1961 as a Weather Bureau Student Trainee at WBAS Midway Airport in Chicago while attending St. Louis University. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Meteorology in 1963 and added a Masters Degree in 1967. His distinguished career included a variety of forecasting and management positions with the National Weather Service in Salt Lake City, Utah; to Anchorage and Fairbanks, Alaska; Garden City, New York; and, finally, to Kansas City.

As meteorologist in charge of the new Fairbanks Weather Forecast Office beginning in 1974, Mr. Augulis presided over a staff that operated service programs during the exciting and challenging times of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline construction. Mr. Augulis’ leadership was invaluable to employees during the mid 1970s transition from teletype machines to computers as the Automation of Field Operations (AFOS) communications network was implemented by the National Weather Service.

Mr. Augulis’ last decade with the National Weather Service included the largest modernization and reorganization ever undertaken by the agency. He helped guide his Region through the introduction and implementation of state-of-the-art Doppler radar, computer-enhanced weather modeling and forecasting, and restructuring from more than 300 offices of varying sizes and capabilities to an efficient network of 123 Twenty-First Century Weather Forecast Offices across the United States.

Mr. Augulis served proudly as an employee and a manager of the National Weather Service. He is a distinguished executive branch employee whose accomplishments reflect credit on himself, the National Weather Service, and the United States of America.

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"[T]he young men and women who have died in defense of our country gave up not only the life they were living, but also the life they would have lived—their chance to be parents; their chance to be loved and to love and to marry and to raise their grandchildren. Too often when we speak of sacrifice, we speak in generalities about the larger sweep of history. But it is very important to remember that every single veteran’s life we honor today was just that—a life—just like yours and mine. A life with family and friends, and love and hope and dreams, and ups and downs; a life that should have been able to play its full course."

Taking the President’s words to heart and remembering our fallen heroes, I would like to describe the life of a very special man who bravely fought for this nation: wounded in combat, survived the ardors of war, and came home to live a long life as a husband, a father, and a grandfather. Mr. Augulis’ leadership was invaluable to employees during the mid 1970s transition from teletype machines to computers as the Automation of Field Operations (AFOS) communications network was implemented by the National Weather Service.

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