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And as an African-American, I am proud that an African-American holds such an im-
posing NFL record. His rushing record shows that an African-American holds such an im-
posing NFL record. His rushing record shows that anyone can achieve lofty goals, regard-
less of race. It is a record that will stand for many years and will remain a testament to
Payton’s excellence.

Teammate Mike Singletary, one of five who

offered a tribute at Payton’s service, said if

Payton saw people crying he would say: “Hold

everything—I’m on hallowed ground, I’m run-

ning hills, I’m running on clouds. I’m running

on stars. I’m on the moon.”

“He affected so many people in a positive

way, not only through athletic prowess, but

through his generosity and for the way he

lived his life,” said Ditka, the coach of that

Bears team that went 18–1. “Yeah, it isn’t fair.

Forty-five years on this Earth, you should be

in the prime of your life. But I think it warns

us that tomorrow is not promised.”

We will remember Walter Payton and his fa-
mous jersey number “34” that he wore first at
Jackson State and then with the Bears. We
also will remember Payton in his Chicago uni-
form with his trademark white headband.

But most of all, we will remember Walter
Payton for his pleasant smile, his warmth of
character, and his will to achieve.

IN HONOR OF ANDREW SHARP

PEACOCK

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to
say farewell to a good friend and great leader.
Australian Ambassador, Andrew Peacock.
Ambassador Peacock will retire from his duties as
the Australian Ambassador to the United States.
There will be a celebration in his honor to
commemorate the many accomplishments
and his lifetime service to his country and
to the world’s diplomatic corps.

Ambassador Peacock has had a brilliant ca-

career and has succeeded in every endeavor, at
every level, and has done so with a joy of life.
His life in public service began at the young
age of 17, when he joined the Young Liberals
in his native country, Australia. In just a few
short years, his incredible leadership skills and
great wit carried him to the position of Presi-
dent of the Young Liberal Movement. Shortly
afterwards, Mr. Peacock became Vice-Presi-
dent and then President of the Victorian Divi-
sion of the Liberal Party. Andrew Peacock
made a great endeavor and entered Federal
Parliament in 1966. As a parliamentarian, Mr.
Peacock was instrumental in the nation’s for-

eign affairs and industrial relations for almost
30 years. He redefined the Liberal Party in
Australia and has proved his love of Australia
throughout his career.

Mr. Peacock came to the United States from
Australia in February 1997 after resigning from
the Federal Parliament. His accomplishments
here have been many. He was a member of the
American-Australian Committee and a mem-
ber of the United Nations Committee on
Disarmament, where he has been active in
many areas as a scholar and an intellectual.
Ambassador Peacock has helped pre-
serve the outstanding relationship between the
United States and our loyal ally, Australia. Re-
cently, Australia and the United States were
able to move side by side in the peace-keep-
ing efforts in East Timor, thanks to the envi-
able diplomatic skills of Ambassador Peacock.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in hon-
oring Ambassador Peacock for dedicating his
life to his native land of Australia, to the cause
of human dignity, and to the cause of world
peace. Not only has Ambassador Peacock
proven to be a true hero in Australia but also
a great friend to America through his
great efforts as Ambassador. On a per-
sonal level, I am blessed to consider him a
friend of many years, and I will miss his pres-
ence in our nation’s capital. His laugh, his
charm, and spirit has touched this city in so
many ways. He has had a profound effect on
Australia, America, and the world. I wish him
well on all of his new endeavors.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF DUB HAYES

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 1999

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is an
honor for me to rise today to pay tribute to an
outstanding individual and close personal
friend, James W. “Dub” Hayes of Whitesboro,
Texas, who died suddenly on October 3 of this
year. Dub was the known as a people's person in
Whitesboro and Grayson County as a promi-

nent community leader who genuinely cared
about people. His influence will be felt for gen-
erations to come.

Dub was honored as Outstanding Citizen of
Whitesboro three times—in 1965, 1978, and
1994—a testimony to the contributions he
made to the life of his home town. At the time
of his death he was serving as a director of the
Grayson County College Foundation, treasurer of Whitesboro Citizens for Excel-
lence in Education and a member of the
Whitesboro Economic Development Corpora-
tion Board of Directors.

He was an ardent proponent of education,
having served for 33 years as a Trustee of
Grayson County College and as past presi-
dent of the board. He served on the Board
from 1965, the year the school opened until
1997.

Dub also served as a charter member of the
Texoma Blood Bank Board of Directors, a
member of the Grayson County Airport Board
and the Texoma Regional Planning Commis-
sion, past president of the Chamber of Com-
merce, Rotary Club and Quarterback Club in
Whitesboro. Dub was active in the First Bap-
tist Church of Whitesboro, where he served for
many years as deacon, treasurer and Sunday
School teacher.

Dub and his brother, Ed, owned and oper-
ated a retail pharmacy business in Whitesboro
for 26 years. Dub also worked as a phar-
macist for 15 years at Wilson N. Jones Hos-
pital—and continued working until his death as
a relief pharmacist and consultant. Dub will be
lovingly remembered as one of those phar-
macists who was willing to get up in the mid-
dle of the night to fill prescriptions for those
who were sick.

He was a member of several professional
organizations, including the Grayson, Collin,
Cook Pharmaceutical Association, the Texas
Pharmaceutical Association, the Texas Society
of Hospital Pharmacists and the American So-
ciety of Hospital Pharmacists.

Born in 1925 in Whitesboro, the son of the
late James Albert Hayes and Ruth Cherry
Hayes, Dub graduated from Whitesboro High
School, attended North Texas Agricultural Col-
lege in Arlington and received his Pharmacy
degree from the University of Texas. He
served his county during World War II in both
the Pacific and European theaters. In 1949 he
married his wife of 50 years, Ruth Helen
Acker.

Dub is survived by his wife, Helen; three
children, Diane Hayes Gibson and her hus-
band, Mark; Dr. Jim Hayes of Dallas; and Bill
Hayes and his wife, Kelly; four grandchildren,
Laura and Robert Gibson and Sarah and
Charlie Hayes; brother, Ed Hayes; his wife, Pat;
sister-in-law Marjorie Acker Laney and her
husband, Bobby, three nieces and two nephews.

Mr. Speaker, Dub Hayes was a truly great
man who lived a life of devotion to his family,
his community, his church, and his profession.
He was a community leader who led an exem-
plary life—and he was loved by all who knew
him. We will miss him—but his memory will
be kept alive in our hearts and in our thoughts—
and his legacy will continue to be felt in
Whitesboro and Grayson County. Mr. Speak-
er, as we adjourn today for the last time dur-
ing this century, I ask my colleagues to join
me in paying our last respects to this out-
standing man and great American—James W.
“Dub” Hayes.

INTRODUCTION OF THE TELE-
HEALTH IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1999

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 1999

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to
announce the introduction of H.R. 3420, the
Telehealth Improvement Act of 1999. As we
are learning, telemedicine services can dra-
matically improve upon the range of health
care services available in medically under-
 served areas through the use of telecommuni-
cations technologies and services. Telemedi-
cine can improve the delivery and access of
health care services, and is especially useful
when a patient needs a specialist who is un-
available in his or her area.

By relying on technologies ranging from
interactive video, e-mail, computers, fax ma-
chines, and satellites, patients will be able to
 communicate with their doctors and receive
the health care they need regardless of their
physical location. These telemedicine tech-
nologies can be used to deliver health care,
diagnose patients, read X-rays, provide con-
 sultation, and educate health professionals,
among other things.

Telemedicine services reduce the cost of
health care by increasing the timeliness of
care, reducing emergency transportation
costs, improving patient administration, and
strengthening the expertise available to pri-
mary-care providers. Telemedicine services
also help to bring services to medically underserved areas in a quick and cost-effective manner, and can enable patients to avoid traveling long distances in order to receive access to health care.

While the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 includes a provision that provides for some Medicare reimbursement for telemedicine services, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) has interpreted it too narrowly and as a result, has severely limited the services which are covered. The Telehealth Improvement Act of 1999 will clarify the intent of Congress regarding Medicare reimbursement for telemedicine services and increases telemedicine access to medically underserved areas. This legislation makes improvements to the way telemedicine services are currently regulated and reimbursed through the Medicare program, and applies to rural, underserved, and frontier areas, including areas designated as health professional shortage areas under the Public Health Service Act.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues in the House to support and cosponsor the Telehealth Improvement Act of 1999. We must continue to provide access to health care to underserved areas and provide adequate reimbursement to the hospitals and providers that are currently providing these services.

HONORING THE LATE D.R. MILLER, “MR. CIRCUS”

HON. WES WATKINS
OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, November 17, 1999

Mr. WATKINS. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to the late D.R. Miller, known as “Mr. Circus” to those who knew him best, for his decades of service to his fellow citizens, and for his lifetime of providing laughter and fun to children of all ages.

D.R. Miller was born on July 27, 1916, in Smith Center, Kansas. But it was Hugo, the town in Oklahoma’s Third Congressional District that serves as the winter headquarters for his Carson & Barnes Circus, that D.R. called home.

D.R. Miller passed away on September 8, 1999, in McCook, Nebraska—the very town where D.R.’s father and mother took D.R. and his brother to see their first circus, on August 24, 1924.

In 1937, after numerous business ventures, D.R., his father and brother, founded the famed Al G. Kelly Miller Bros. Circus, advertised as the 2nd Largest Circus in America, and toured the U.S. for years. When Ringling Bros. abandoned big top tents for buildings in 1956, the Al G. Kelly Miller Bros. Circus became the World’s Largest Big Top Circus.

After several business and personal set-backs in the 1960s and 70s, D.R. roared back with the Carson & Barnes Circus, which grew and evolved into the 5 Ring Extravaganza that continues to entertain and amaze children of all ages.

In addition to his founding of two circuses, D.R. gave of himself to make this world a better place. D.R. served his country as a proud member of the Army’s 273rd Artillery Division during World War II. He founded the Endangered Ark Foundation, a non-profit association dedicated to the preservation and propagation of endangered animals. He established the D.R. and Isla Miller Scholarship Fund to provide scholarships to deserving Hugo High School graduates. D.R. established the nonprofit Showman’s Rest Trust Fund to provide plots, burials and proper markers for indigent show people. D.R. provided countless opportunities to circus artists and fellow dreamers. He was a friend to all. In January, 1995, he was inducted into the Circus Ring of Fame in Sarasota, Florida, with his wife and partner Isla Marie Miller, who preceded D.R. in passing. D.R. Miller was an entertainer, a showman, a family man, a veteran, and a model citizen whose example of success and hard work shines like a beacon for all Americans who aspire to improve their own lives and the lives of others. D.R. Miller was believed by all who knew him.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that today the House pay tribute to Mr. Circus: D.R. Miller.

A TRIBUTE TO ISRAEL POLICY FORUM

HON. NITA M. LOWEY
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, November 17, 1999

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my thanks to Israel Policy Forum. Since its founding in 1993, IPF has been a vigorous and effective advocate for Middle East peace and Israel security. Few organizations have done so much to shape public attitude about the peace process or to educate decision-makers about the significance of American international leadership.

On November 20th, the directors, members, and friends of Israel Policy Forum will hold their second Tribute Dinner. In addition to celebrating recent progress in the Middle East peace negotiations and welcoming Prime Minister Ehud Barak, this event will also be an occasion to recognize the outstanding contributions of several remarkable individuals.

Nathan Gantcher has devoted his considerable intellect and energy to the challenges of business, education, and community service. A towering figure in the world of finance, he is widely respected for his exceptional professional skills and deep devotion to principle.

Robert Lifton has contributed to remarkable range of fields, including law, real estate, entertainment, finance, and health care. His personal commitment to American-Israeli relations is evidenced by his leadership of groups as the American Jewish Congress, AIPAC, the Council on Foreign Relations, and many others.

Norman Pattiz is the founder and Chairman of Westworld One, the undisputed leader in the radio industry, with some 7,000 affiliated stations worldwide. His business acumen is matched by a powerful commitment to quality programming, and a creative understanding of the media’s role in shaping a stronger society. His devotion to promoting Middle East Peace is prodigious, and he has pursued this goal both through personal involvement with Middle Eastern leaders and through tireless activism in the American Jewish community.

Peggy Tishman is a nationally-recognized philanthropic leader, whose devotion to the Jewish community has been particularly inspiring. She was the first President of the merged UJA-Federation, where she helped lay a strong foundation for the future success of the organization, and where she demonstrated the character and charisma that would make her such an invaluable resource to a range of civic endeavors.

I am very pleased to join in this special tribute, to express my enormous pride in IPF’s fine work, and to salute the examples of dynamic public advocacy IPF’s honorees and leaders set every day.

CONGRATULATING ST. SAVA’S SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

HON. PETER J. VISCOSKY
OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, November 17, 1999

Mr. VISCOSKY. Mr. Speaker, It is with great pleasure that I congratulate St. Sava’s Serbian Orthodox Church in Merrillville, Indiana, as it celebrates its 85th Anniversary as a parish this Sunday, I therefore would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Reverend Jovan Todorovich on this glorious occasion.

On November 20th, St. Sava’s Serbian Orthodox Church will open its 85th Anniversary celebration at 9:30 a.m. at the church. Reverend Todorovich will begin with a liturgy, followed by a blessing of a new icon painting, and a Parastas, or ceremony for the dead. Beginning at noon in the church’s small banquet hall in Hobart, Indiana, the celebration will continue with a Pomen ceremony, a wreath laying, taps, and a service by the American Legion in honor of all veterans. St. Sava’s congregation. A banquet will be served at 1:00 p.m. in the main hall in Hobart. Entertainment will be provided by Drina Tamburitza, and Nikola P. Kostich will be the guest speaker at this gala occasion. Nikola Kostich is an attorney from Milwaukee and is the lead counsel for the Serbian Republic and for the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

A church of humble beginnings, St. Sava’s Serbian Orthodox Church was founded in 1914 in Gary, Indiana by about 200 immigrant families. Today, it is home to 650 families. During the past 85 years, the congregation at St. Sava’s has worshiped in five different locations and weathered a major disaster when one church building was destroyed by a fire. The history of the parish, from both a joyous and sorrowful perspective, will be remembered Sunday when the church celebrates its 85th Anniversary.

The church’s roots go back to a group of Serbian immigrants who first formed a choir. In 1914, the choir members began meeting for church services at a hall located near 13th Avenue and Washington Street in Gary. By 1915, they had built and consecrated a church in Gary at 20th Avenue and Connecticut Street. In 1938, a new church was built at

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