

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I urge the Congress to enact this legislation to clarify that local employees do not lose the benefit of the grandfather rule merely because they have been consolidated with a State government.

REPRESENTATIVE ROSEMARY  
POTTER—MILWAUKEE NOW  
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 25, 1999

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate this opportunity to offer my congratulations to Representative Rosemary Potter. I look forward to joining Milwaukee National Organization for Women (NOW) on Saturday, February 27th, to honor Rosemary Potter as the Woman of the Year.

Rosemary Potter was elected to Wisconsin's Assembly in 1989, the year I moved over to the State Senate. We worked closely on several occasions, and I was quickly impressed by her drive and her keen eye for policy analysis. She has a skill that every elected official wants: an ability to look at an idea and understand immediately whom it will help, whom it will hurt, and whether it will work at all.

Rosemary has applied her talents to making Wisconsin government more efficient and more responsive. She supported Wisconsin's Student Achievement Guarantee in Education class-size reduction program, and she challenged the administration and her colleagues in the legislature to fully fund the program and fulfill the state's promise to our children. She also played a leadership role in efforts to modernize Wisconsin's electric power production and delivery system.

Rosemary's colleagues recognized her leadership ability by electing her chair of the Assembly Democratic Caucus in 1993. She was the first woman to lead the Caucus while the Democratic Party controlled the Assembly. As Caucus Chair, she earned the further respect of her peers.

I share that respect for Rosemary and admire her for her many talents. Rosemary Potter has consistently raised the bar for Wisconsin government. She has challenged our leaders to expect more of themselves and encouraged our constituents to hold us to a higher standard. She has also paved the way for a new era in Wisconsin politics, an era offering new leadership opportunities for women. Milwaukee NOW could have made no better choice for Woman of the Year, and I offer Rosemary Potter my congratulations on this well-deserved honor.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE SENATOR  
TONY GRAMPSAS

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 25, 1999

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with heavy heart that I now take this moment to recognize

the remarkable life and extraordinary contributions of one of the leading statesmen in Colorado's proud history, State Senator Tony Grampsas. Sadly, Colorado lost this leading member of its political community to cancer on February 8, 1998. While his overwhelming presence will be missed greatly by friends, family and colleagues alike, Senator Grampsas' larger than life persona, and his multitude of personal achievements, will echo in the corridors of the Colorado General Assembly for many years to come.

After his election to the Colorado House of Representatives in 1984—a seat that he would hold until 1998, then Representatives Grampsas quickly became one of the most influential and beloved members in the Colorado legislature. As a legislator, Representative Grampsas rapidly moved through the thicket of the rank and file becoming chairman of two of the Colorado General Assembly's most powerful committees: the House Appropriations and Joint Budget Committees. In these positions, Representative Grampsas served distinguishedly, acutely balancing his fiscal conservatism with his deeply rooted support for social programs like child welfare and education.

After leaving the state House in 1998, Representative Grampsas became Senator Grampsas, again, swiftly rising to positions of great import within the state Senate. In his first session as a State Senator—the current legislative session, Senator Grampsas served as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

Beyond his legislative accomplishments, Senator Grampsas also served distinguishedly in the private sector for 26 years as the director of national affairs for Coors Brewing Company. For 15 of those years, Senator Grampsas admirably balanced the significant time demands of his job with Coors with the weighty requirements of serving in elected office.

While the annals of Colorado history will likely remember Senator Grampsas for his multitude of legislative and professional accomplishments, for those, like myself, fortunate enough to know him as a friend, Senator Grampsas will long be remembered for his wit, wisdom and unyielding charity. In the final analysis, for those who have known him, Senator Grampsas was a genuinely kind and unassuming individual worthy of the proud legacy that he has left behind.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I say thank you to Senator Tony Grampsas for endeavoring tirelessly on behalf of Coloradans and for providing leadership and inspiration to many, including myself, I am hoping that Senator Grampsas' family—particularly his wife Sandy and children Lisa and Samuel—will find strength in this difficult time.

TEACHING AWARD RECOGNIZES  
DR. BARRY TANOWITZ

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 25, 1999

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, it is with special pride that I share with my colleagues the rec-

ognition given to Dr. Barry Tanowitz, professor of Biology at the University of California, Santa Barbara for his teaching skills. The 1999 Teaching Award given by the UCSB Alumni Association recognizes university professors who are able to combine scholarly achievements with pedagogical talent.

Dr. Tanowitz, who received his Masters and Doctorate at UCSB, teaches three popular lower division biology courses, making difficult material both accessible and exciting for over a thousand students every year. In addition, he personally maintains a website in order to provide additional instruction.

We often hear that college professors do not pay enough attention to students or to teaching skills. Dr. Tanowitz is an active leader in efforts to improve university level pedagogy across the campus. And he is still able to find time to devote to his scholarly investigations and writings, and to his family.

Mr. Speaker, this award holds a special place in my heart as well. In 1998 the UCSB Teaching Award was presented posthumously to my husband, Walter Holden Capps. I can attest to the challenges of combining outstanding teaching with the rigors of research and scholarship which is faced by all university professors. I can also attest to its rewards, and the wonderful way in which these rare individuals have managed to touch so many lives. I am proud to join my friends at UCSB in recognizing the wonderful achievements of Professor Tanowitz and with him many, many years of continued success.

HONORING REVEREND FRANK O.  
HOCKENHULL

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 25, 1999

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to rise before you today to recognize the achievements of Reverend Frank O. Hockenhull, of Flint, Michigan. On Friday, March 26, the congregation of Flint's First Trinity Missionary Baptist Church will honor Reverend Hockenhull for the many contributions he has made over the last 30 years to both City and State in the name of the Lord.

It is difficult to imagine what the Flint community would be like today had Reverend Hockenhull not been called to become Pastor of First Trinity on January 5, 1969. We have been truly blessed to have a man with his sense of dedication and selflessness among us. Over the years, Pastor Hockenhull has become a national authority on stewardship, traveling across the country to speak on the subject. He is a constant teacher of the Lord's word, incorporating various Bible studies with his congregation as well as a Bible Clinic, designed to further people's understanding of the Word. The First Trinity family has grown considerably over the last 30 years under Pastor Hockenhull's leadership. The church's congregation settled into a beautiful new facility in 1988, and six men have also entered the ministry as a result of Pastor Hockenhull's influence.

Pastor Hockenhull's time with the ministry has allowed him to develop a strong support