

Garden Pavilion will be constructed in 1999, featuring a ballroom and meeting space which will accommodate up to 299 guests. During the construction of the new Garden Pavilion, a Garden Tent will also be installed on the estate.

In order to preserve, protect, and restore the Dunsmuir estate, DHGI relies on memberships and financial donations as well as donations and loans of furniture, art, collectibles, books and clothing from the turn-of-the-century.

The Dunsmuir House is truly a source of civic pride and a valuable resource for the community, and I am excited to join in the celebration of the 100th anniversary of its establishment.

THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF RE-ENACTMENT OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 11, UNITED STATES CODE

SPEECH OF

HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 9, 1999

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 808, the Chapter 12 Farm Bankruptcy Bill, of which I am a cosponsor.

During the farm crisis of the 1980's, Congress recognized that the bankruptcy code failed to address the needs of most family farmers. In an effort to fill this void, Congress in 1986 enacted Chapter 12 of the bankruptcy code providing relief designed specifically for family farmers. Chapter 12 enabled family farmers to reorganize their debt and continue to operate, rather than having to liquidate, when they declared bankruptcy.

Chapter 12 is scheduled to expire in 3 weeks, on April 1, 1999. The Chapter 12 Farm Bankruptcy Bill, will extend Chapter 12 of the bankruptcy code for 3 additional months and continue this much needed bankruptcy option until it can be made permanent with the bankruptcy reform legislation that will be heard later this year.

Family farmers, the backbone of our country, deserve an opportunity to reorganize their debts and continue operating after they have declared bankruptcy. I support H.R. 808 and urge it's immediate passage.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE ROBERT HAWTHORNE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 1999

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Mr. Robert J. Hawthorne who passed away on February 19, 1999. Mr. Hawthorne was a motivator, educator, and served as a positive role model for many of the youths in his community.

Mr. Hawthorne received his early education at Jackson Lanier High School. Upon completion, he entered Tougaloo College, my alma mater, in Tougaloo, MS. Mr. Hawthorne's stay

at Tougaloo was temporarily put on hold in order for him to serve his country in the United States Army. After being discharged from the service, he returned to Tougaloo College and received his degree.

In the early 1960's, Mr. Hawthorne moved to the Delta where he embarked on a 36-year teaching and coaching career in the Hollandale School District in Hollandale, MS. The highlight of Mr. Hawthorne's career came when he was inducted into the Mississippi Association of Coaches Hall of Fame. Over the 36-year span, Mr. Hawthorne compiled a football record of 154-110-13 including several conference and district championships. In addition to coaching football, Mr. Hawthorne contributed to the boys and girls basketball teams and the boys and girls track teams. The fruits of Mr. Hawthorne's labor of love have resulted in his athletes going on to become doctors, lawyers, teachers, politicians and successful business persons.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Hawthorne was truly an asset to the Second Congressional District of Mississippi. He served as a pillar of strength and hope for young people in the Mississippi Delta. If there ever was an example for a role model, Mr. Hawthorne would certainly fit the bill. He will be surely missed by all.

CONTINUATION OF AID DENIAL FOR TURKEY

HON. JOHN EDWARD PORTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 1999

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I want to express my support for the continuation of current U.S. Policy regarding economic and military assistance to the Government of Turkey.

Over the past decade, I have worked tirelessly, as a member of the House Appropriations Committee to end the practice of providing scarce U.S. foreign assistance dollars to abusive governments around the world. Turkey is one example where sustained action by concerned Members of Congress has had an important impact. In 1995, despite a deplorable human rights record and consistently poor relations with its neighbors, Turkey was the third largest recipient of U.S. foreign assistance. Through the efforts of Congressman ANDREWS and many other concerned Members, we were able to end direct assistance to Turkey in fiscal year 1999. Today, I call upon Congress to maintain this policy as we begin working on the appropriations bills for the coming fiscal year.

The U.S. State Department and numerous non-governmental organizations both in and outside Turkey, have compiled a thorough record of the serious human rights problems that persist in Turkey to this day. The international community has continuously expressed dismay with Turkey's refusal to withdraw troops from Cyprus, its total rejection of any political solution to the Kurdish problem, and its ongoing mistreatment of the Kurds and other minority groups. Unfortunately, Turkey has done little to address these problems or move any closer to the standards of behavior that are expected of a country which desires

a place in Europe and in the community of democratic nations.

I regret that the Turkish government has refused to accept responsibility for or take steps to correct the problems that hold Turkey back from its potential positive role in the region and the world. Until such time as that government does make a genuine effort to address these serious issues, the U.S. Congress must continue to send a strong message by refusing to permit U.S. taxpayer funds to be squandered on an abusive government that refuses to conform itself to the basic international standards that we hold dear. I do not always agree with the policies of the Administration when it comes to Turkey, but I am pleased to note that there was not a request for economic or military assistance for Turkey in the President's budget for Fiscal Year 2000. I am pleased that the Administration has finally come around to the view shared by a majority of the Members of the House of Representatives on this issue, and I am hopeful that this signals a new willingness on the part of the Executive Branch to work with Members on a more constructive approach to improving Turkey's human rights practices.

HONORING ARTHUR O. EVANS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 1999

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to recognize the accomplishments of a man who has made it his life's work to protect and defend human dignity, and to ensure the safety of our streets for our citizens and our children. On March 12, friends and family will gather to honor the career of Arthur O. Evans, who is retiring after more than 30 years in law enforcement.

It is difficult to imagine what the Flint, MI community would be like had it not been for the influence of Art Evans, an influence which began after he joined the Flint Police Department, following the end of his tenure as a member of the U.S. Air Force Air Police. Art began his career as a police officer in 1968, and rose through the ranks becoming a sergeant in 1974 and a lieutenant in 1984. During his tenure with the Flint police, Art served in divisions such as the Criminal Investigation Bureau, Neighborhood Foot Patrol, and the Inspection Bureau. During this time, Art also attended Flint Junior College and Michigan State University, earning degrees in Police Administration, Criminal Justice, and Criminal Justice Education and Administration. For over 25 years, he also worked as a Criminal Justice instructor at the University of Michigan-Flint, Saginaw Valley State University, and Mott Community College. In February 1985, Art was appointed Undersheriff of Genesee County, thereby giving him a larger jurisdiction and a greater opportunity for public service.

Art has often been involved in groups such as the Genesee County Association of Chiefs of Police, Flint Area Crime Stoppers, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police. He has worked to enhance