

A TRIBUTE TO HEIDI CUYLER,
AMBER LARRISON AND SARA
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HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 1999

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention today the fine work and outstanding service of three wonderful and gifted young ladies from California's beautiful high desert. Heidi Cuyler, Amber Larrison and Sara Trudeau have made remarkable contributions to the Vista Campana Middle School in Apple Valley as 3-year members of the Associated Student Body (ASB).

When Heidi, Amber and Sara decided to run for ASB 3 years ago, they were required to complete a rigorous process; the election, itself, is far from a popularity contest. Candidates must maintain a 3.0 grade point average, get letters of recommendation, write a statement explaining why they want to serve, and complete a personal interview. In addition, each candidate must give a speech in front of their peers before they are selected.

For most students between the ages of 10 and 13, let alone many adults, this would seem like much too much work just to plan student activities at the school. Most remarkable is that Heidi, Amber and Sara completed this process three straight years and were successful. According to Patti Stueland, the activities Director at Vista Campana Middle School, "They are my first and only officers up to this point to be a bulldog ASB Officer for all three years they have attended V.C.M.S."

In the 3 years that they served, these young ladies helped create and develop school assemblies, noon-time activities, school dances, spirit rallies, staff appreciation days, sold dance tickets, served as tour guides for school visitors, and publicized school events through the school bulletin. In addition, they have presented student body activities to the Parent, Teacher, Student Organization, at monthly staff meetings, and school board meetings. In these, and many more activities, Heidi, Amber and Sara all demonstrated tremendous leadership skills through public speaking and working with the local community. As a result of the work of these students, Vista Campana Middle School is recognized for having one of the most outstanding student activity organizations in the high desert.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me and our colleagues in recognizing the remarkable commitment and tremendous contributions of these three fine young ladies. Heidi Cuyler, Amber Larrison and Sara Trudeau have made a wonderful difference in the lives of those in their school and local community and it is only fitting that the House of Representatives recognize them today.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 1999

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, April 22, I was unavoidably detained during rollcall vote No. 96, the motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1141 offered by Mr. OBEY. Had I been present for this vote I would have voted "aye."

DONALD EDWARD WATSON

HON. ROBERT A. BORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 1999

Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of a truly dedicated public servant and my good friend, Mr. Donald Edward Watson. Donald Watson's commitment to his country and community in Philadelphia spans over four decades.

Don Watson graduated in 1953 from North Catholic High School and attended the University of Missouri. After his graduation from college he began his career in public service by enlisting in the U.S. Army. In 1962, he was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant.

After departure from the military, Don became active in both the politics and community of the City of Philadelphia. He was the committee person in the 35th ward for 35 years and also worked as the ward chairman. He dedicated 25 years of service to the office of the Register of Wills where his work showed high quality, attention and diligence. In the area of community public service, Don Watson excelled for 20 years as the president of the Summerdale Boys Club. He also dedicated 10 years of his time to Northeast Mental Health as a director on the board.

Despite his many commitments to public service, Don is deeply involved and dedicated to his family. Together, with his wife Carol, Don has two children, Terri and Joseph. Also, he has two beautiful granddaughters Lauren and Lindsay.

Don Watson is the type of citizen that strives to improve the city he is in, this not only has helped Philadelphia to prosper, but also the nation. I sincerely hope that Don enjoys his move into retirement and realizes how deeply his many years of dedicated service are appreciated.

IN RECOGNITION OF BILL ERWIN

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 1999

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise in recognition of a very special person to Bryan-College Station, Texas—a unique leader, Mr. Bill Erwin.

Not only recognized as a significant contributor to the community of the Eighth District of

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Texas, Bill is somewhat of a celebrity in the Bryan-College Station area. In fact, he has been supporting volunteer services in the Bryan-College Station area for thirty-five years. It is for these efforts that the Governor of the State of Texas awarded Bill with the Lonestar Achievement Award for his volunteerism and community service last month. I think his own words speak volumes for the attitude that won him this recognition. Upon hearing the news, Bill said, "this will be great for the community"—and great for the community he is.

Elected as the Volunteer of the Year and the Citizen of the Year by the Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce, he remains dedicated to bettering the community in which he lives, thus bettering the world. His list of credentials include serving as president for a number of non-profit organizations in the area, such as the United Way, Chamber of Commerce, Better Business Bureau, the Boys' and Girls' Clubs of the Brazos Valley, the Brazos Chapter of the Texas Manufacturers Association and the St. Joseph Foundation. It was said by Christine Shakespeare of the Texas Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service that the judges said "it was so amazing that whenever he identified a need he went to work to resolve it and that he didn't stop to wonder who was going to get credit for it" and that they were "honored to give this award to him because of the amount of work he has done."

Mr. Speaker, I commend Bill Erwin and those like him that take the time to give back to their communities more than they take for themselves. I, as well as the citizens of Bryan-College Station, applaud Bill for his tireless dedication and perseverance to serving this remarkable community. He has set an example for us all to follow.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE DIGITAL
SIGNATURE ACT OF 1999**

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 27, 1999

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce the Digital Signature Act of 1999. The purpose of this legislation is to require the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to develop minimum technical standards and guidelines for Federal agencies to follow when deploying digital signature technologies. In addition, the legislation authorizes the Under Secretary of Commerce for Technology to establish a National Policy Panel for Digital Signatures to explore the factors associated with the development of a National Digital Signature Infrastructure based on uniform standards to enable the widespread utilization of digital signature systems in the private sector.

I want to make clear that this legislation is technology neutral. Rather it encourages federal agencies to use uniform criteria in deploying digital signature technology and to ensure that their system are interoperable. It also encourages agencies to use commercial-off-the-shelf software (COTS) whenever possible to meet their needs.