

HONORING THE STUDENTS OF
LAKESHORE ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 1999

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the students of Lakeshore Elementary School in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. I want to recognize their true concern and compassion for the innocent children in Kosovo.

The story of Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes, by Eleanor Coerr, is a story of strength and courage of one young child diagnosed with leukemia after being exposed to radiation from the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan on August 6, 1945. Sadako tried to make 1,000 paper cranes, which according to legend, would bring her long life. The students of Lakeshore Elementary School gathered together on May 10, 1999, after watching a movie about Sadako and successfully made 1,000 paper cranes in honor of the children in Kosovo. Through their dedication in making these 1,000 paper cranes, the students in my district have become active participants in the international community. They have become messengers of peace and have shown the importance of supporting the children of Kosovo during this time of difficulty.

I hope to visit the Balkan region in the near future and personally deliver some of these special paper cranes and inform some of the children of Kosovo that there are children in the United States who are concerned about their fate. On behalf of the students of Lakeshore Elementary School, I will be able to offer the children of Kosovo these paper cranes as symbols of courage and long life. I salute the Lakeshore Elementary School students, faculty and staff including Dr. Mary Seitz, and Lucianne Boardman for inspiring peace and understanding throughout the world.

TRIBUTE TO KARL F. BAUMANN

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Karl F. Baumann for his outstanding dedication to the growth of Mariposa County. Karl was a "strong and commanding" man who had a vision to develop the barren acres of Cathey's Valley into a town successful in both business and community.

Karl ventured into Cathey's Valley from Southern California 16 years ago when he purchased an 800-acre ranch. It was then that Karl had a vision to develop this ranch into something more. To fulfill his vision of a sound and safe community, Karl subdivided his ranch and built The Whispering Oaks Estates, currently home to many Mariposans. The next project that Karl embarked upon led to the creation of the Cathey's Valley business park. Since then, the business park has contributed

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greatly to the economy of Cathey's Valley and Mariposa County.

Karl's leadership was also noted by his membership in the #98 Masonic Lodge in Hornitos, the Mariposa County Board of Realtors, and as owner of the Cathey's Valley Realty and Development. Karl has been credited for the amazing growth of Cathey's Valley by many of his colleagues and friends.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to recognize Mr. Karl F. Baumann for his leadership and strength in paving the way for a successful community to grow and flourish. His contribution to the San Joaquin Valley is incomparable. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing the Baumann family and Cathey's Valley continued success for the years to come.

A TRIBUTE TO DUANE
ROHMALLER

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to honor Duane Rohmaller of Christ Lutheran Church and School in Costa Mesa, California upon the announcement of his retirement following forty-one years as a valued Lutheran educator, administrator and friend.

Mr. Rohmaller's friends and admirers are planning a weekend celebration to honor his many contributions to our children, our communities, our faith and our future.

I know Mr. Rohmaller best from his service as my eighth grade teacher at Holy Cross Lutheran School in Collinsville, Illinois. When I reflect on all that he taught me, I am reminded of Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Thank you Mr. Rohmaller for your teachings, your values, your commitment and your love of our faith. Your life's work will continue to make a difference for generations to come.

PENALTIES FOR EXPOSING THE
IDENTITIES OF INTELLIGENCE
AGENTS

HON. TOM DeLAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 1999

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I insert the following speech for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

MANDATORY PENALTIES FOR EXPOSING THE
IDENTITIES OF U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENTS

Mr. Speaker, I commend Congressman Sweeney for bringing this subject to our attention. The nation is being confronted every day it seems with graver and more alarming revelations about breaches of our national security at our weapons labs and other facilities. It should not be overlooked that it was due in large part to the efforts of our intelligence agents that these breaches were first suspected and then subsequently investigated by the FBI and others.

So, it is appropriate at this time to increase the protection for both current and former covert intelligence officers around the world by increasing the criminal penalties for those who willfully divulge their identities to the world. Anyone who deliberately puts American agents' lives, those of their families, and America's security at risk should face a minimum sentence in prison as well. Mr. Sweeney's amendment does that by establishing mandatory minimum sentences for willfully identifying covert agents.

As many of us recall, the current law, the Intelligence Identities Protection Act, was passed after the CIA Station Chief in Greece, Richard Welch, was assassinated after Counter Spy exposed his identity. Ex-CIA agent Phillip Agee was also responsible for repeated disclosures of the names of intelligence personnel and the Supreme Court held that such disclosures are not protected under the First Amendment.

The amendment also addresses the absurdity in the law that allows people to obtain information about former U.S. intelligence activities under the Freedom of Information Act, but does not prohibit people from turning around and identifying intelligence agents who have retired.

To address this shortcoming, the amendment expands the law to include former covert agents under its protections because identifying former agents, their activities and locations not only compromises on-going intelligence efforts, but exposes the former agents and their families to danger and retaliation from our nation's adversaries.

Any individual who has served our country at considerable risk to themselves and their families deserves all the protection we can provide under the law—not only while they serve, but when they retire as well. In this day of vicious, global terrorism, exposing current or former intelligence agents should be subject to severe and mandatory criminal penalties.

The amendment does that and I urge members to vote for it.

TRIBUTE TO RUSSELL "RUSTY"
BERRY

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 1999

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great Arkansan and great American.

He is my wonderful brother Russell (Rusty) Berry. Rusty was the last of four children born to Eleanor and Lloyd Berry in the Bayou Meto community of Arkansas County, Arkansas. They would be filled with pride to see him today, successful and responsible.

Since he was ten years younger than his siblings the opportunity to be spoiled was great. He managed to overcome the influence of his siblings to become an accomplished attorney and stepfather.

The loss of both parents before he finished high school presented a situation that could have been quite negative, but because of strong character passed on to him from our wonderful parents, he managed to successfully negotiate the treacherous waters of the seventies.

As a country lawyer he continues to serve all the people with great skill and not just the