

The Helsinki Commission, which I have now had the honor of chairing for the past 5 years, has sought for over two decades to inform Members of Congress, the U.S. Government and the American public, of developing issues in countries of Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia. Hopefully, with timely and well-informed attention, we can more effectively and quickly respond to a potential crisis, and perhaps save lives.

HONORING THE CAREER OF GENE
DIXON

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 8, 2000

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the long-time service of Gene Dixon of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, who will soon retire as the golf professional at The Country Club at Stones River. Gene has been a tremendous ambassador for the game of golf throughout Tennessee and the nation.

A native Tennessean, Gene attended the University of Memphis. His college roommate was 1975 U.S. Open Champion Lou Graham. Gene was the 1958 Tennessee State Amateur Champion, the Memphis City Champion and finished fourth in the NCAA Championship.

After serving his country in the U.S. Army, Gene arrived at Stones River Country Club in 1967. An outstanding golfer in his own right, winning numerous PGA Chapter Championships and participating in four Senior PGA Championships, he has helped develop and mentor many young golfers. Several of these youngsters earned collegiate scholarships, and two have been Tennessee State High School Champions.

Described by Tennessee PGA Executive Director Dick Horton as "the cream of the crop", Dixon will leave a void in the state golfing community when he retires. I congratulate Gene Dixon on his admirable and distinguished career and wish him well in his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO CLEO DUNAWAY
CRAIG

HON. DAVID D. PHELPS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 8, 2000

Mr. PHELPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Cleo Dunaway Craig. Later this week in Marion, Illinois, she will celebrate her 110th birthday. Cleo Dunaway Craig was born on February 12, 1890 in Marion, to Thomas and Emma Dunaway. In 1909 she married Edgar Craig and together they had one daughter, Elizabeth, who passed away when she was fifty-five years old. Edgar passed away in 1958. She has two grandsons, Craig Brosi who resides in Hackessin, Delaware and Brian Brosi, who lives in Marion and visits his grandmother daily.

Cleo Craig taught for one year at Lincoln Grade School and during World War I she

worked as a reporter for her hometown newspaper. In 1928 she and her husband moved to Metropolis, Illinois and in 1930 her family moved to Chicago until the passing of her husband. After Chicago, Cleo moved back to Marion and lived with her sister until she was one hundred years old. In 1990 she moved to Fountains Nursing Home and still is residing there. Everyday Cleo reads the Chicago Tribune, every week she reads Newsweek. She is an avid sports fan and every summer she robustly cheers on her favorite baseball team: the Chicago Cubs, who have not won a World Series since she was 18 years old. I hope she will not have to wait another 92 years to celebrate a Cub's World Series victory!

Mr. Speaker, Cleo Craig is a living example of the involvement of our country as the strongest nation in the world. She represents the spirit of America: hard work, perseverance and a positive outlook. Perhaps the most amazing thing about Cleo, is that besides some hearing loss, she is in perfect health and does not take any medications. Everyone at the Fountains Nursing Home will be celebrating this momentous birthday with her on Friday. She is truly an inspiration to us all. Lastly, Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all of my colleagues to join me in wishing Cleo Craig a happy 110th birthday and God's Speed.

RECOGNIZING THE SUPER BOWL
CHAMPION HIGH SCHOOL OF
COMMERCE FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 8, 2000

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the wonderful accomplishments of the football team from the High School of Commerce in Springfield, MA. The Commerce football team finished the season 10-1 and captured the first State title in school history. This was the first Super Bowl game for Commerce since 1978, and the players made the most of their chance by beating Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical 33-15.

The Commerce team became the Division IIIA Super Bowl Champions on the strength of their defense which was able to come up with three fumble recoveries and an interception. The Red Raiders scored three touchdowns in just 42 seconds during the second quarter and never looked back. Commerce amassed over 200 yards on the ground behind the superb running of Julius Walker, who gained over 100 yards by himself. Credit must be given to the offensive line. Although they are accustomed to throwing the ball, the Commerce offense adjusted to the Bay Path game plan and ran the ball successfully.

Head Coach Todd Kosel leads a program which recently endured a winless season. However, Coach Kosel has turned all of that around and now has a team feared and respected for its intelligence, its determination, and its commitment. The depth of this squad can be seen on the score sheet as touchdowns were scored by five different players: Alfonso Dixon, Brandon Bass, Wister Figueroa, Julius Walker, and Michael Vaz.

Mr. Speaker, once again, allow me to recognize and congratulate the Super Bowl Champions from the High School of Commerce. I wish all of the student-athletes on this team the best of luck in 2000 as they return to defend their title.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPHINE BOLUS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 8, 2000

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the accomplishments of Ms. Josephine Bolus. As a registered nurse (RN) in New York, she has served her community well.

Ms. Bolus started her community activities during the "Korean conflict", as a member of the Civilian Air Patrol, monitoring the New York City skies for foreign aircraft. She then became a volunteer for the American Red Cross; and later became a licensed practical nurse, under former President Kennedy's educational initiatives. Deciding to further her education, she attended New York City Community College, and graduated in 1971 with a degree in nursing. After graduation she started working at Brooklyn's King's County Hospital Center, and remained there until her retirement in December of 1997.

During those 27 years, Josephine continued her education and with the combined help of a new program offered by King's County Hospital and the State University Hospital of Brooklyn, she became a pediatric nurse practitioner in 1975. She testified before New York Senate Committees on the need for prescriptive privileges for nurse practitioners, as well as the need for New York State Nurse Practitioner Certification. Both issues were enacted into law by the New York State Legislature. As a member of the American Nurse Association, she also serves as the congressional liaison to the 10th congressional district.

She is an active member of the New York State Nurses Association [NYSNA] which represents over 35,000 RNs. After serving in numerous positions, she now serves on the NYSNA Board of Directors and is vice-chair of the NYSNA Political Action Committee. Josephine is also a member of the Women's Caucus, a volunteer organization of women who work on Brooklyn community services projects; the Brooklyn College Alumni Board of Directors; and the Dr. Susan Smith McKinney Community Advisory Board. She is also on the board's health committee and does special projects for New York State Senator John Sampson.

Depending on the day of the week, Ms. Bolus can be found volunteering in my office, as well as the offices of New York State Assemblyman Frank Seddio, and the campaign of Hillary Rodham Clinton. In her "spare time" she has organized health fairs, CPR courses, tennis lessons for asthmatics, and diabetic counseling groups. She has also created unique cloth dolls, which she exchanges for donations to her church.

Josephine is the recipient of several awards, including the 1999 NYSNA Delegate Assembly, the Central Baptist Church's "Humanitarian Award", and the Maggie Jacobs RN