

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

Service Award. She has conducted research in collaboration with Tuff's University School of Medicine and the State University Hospital of Brooklyn. Ms. Bolus is married to Henry A. Bolus, and they have two children.

It is an honor to pay tribute to community leaders like Ms. Josephine Bolus.

IN MEMORY OF DON HUTSON

SPEECH OF

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 2, 2000

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I inform the House of the death of Don Hutson, of Lebanon, Missouri. He was 68.

Mr. Hutson was born on November 4, 1931, in Kansas City, MO, to Alpha Henry and Lola Hutson. He graduated as valedictorian from Oak Grove High School and went on to graduate with honors from Central College. In 1958, he earned a juris doctor degree with honors from George Washington University Law School. He then spent 4 years as a staff assistant to Senator Stuart Symington. This gave him an opportunity to work on many legislative issues beneficial to the state of Missouri.

Mr. Hutson was a well known and respected attorney, who practiced law in Kansas City and Lebanon for 40 years. Prior to entering private practice, he was appointed assistant prosecuting attorney for Jackson County, serving as chief trial attorney for most of the major felony cases in Kansas City. He was commended for successfully prosecuting and convicting dozens of organized-crime figures during one of the first national organized-crime drives.

Mr. Hutson was recognized for his numerous achievements throughout his life. He was named in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, Who's Who in America, Who's Who in the Midwest and Who's Who in American Law. In addition, he was active in his community and civic affairs. Mr. Hutson was an ordained minister in the Christian Church and served as a Christian Church minister at Oak Grove, Lone Jack and other churches in Missouri. He was the founder of the Lebanon Arts Council and involved with the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce and the Lebanon Concert Association.

I know the Members of the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to his family: his son, Eric; his three daughters, Sheila, Robin, and Heather; and five grandchildren.

HONORING FIRE CHIEF ANGELO PETRARCA

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 8, 2000

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Fire Chief Angelo Petrarca who retired on January 31, 2000 after 40 years of service in South Chicago Heights.

Fire Chief Petrarca joined the South Chicago Heights Fire Department in June 1970. He became a Lieutenant in May 1971 and was appointed Assistant Fire Chief in May 1973. On May 1, 1974, Mr. Petrarca was appointed as Fire Chief.

Chief Petrarca has been a resident of South Chicago Heights since 1959, and is known to be completely dedicated to his career as well as to ensuring the health and well-being of the community. The major highlight of Chief Petrarca's career this past year involves the improvement of the fire departments response time which was previously, on average 6-7 minutes, before November 1998. The response time is now an impressive two minutes from the time of call to the actual arrival of EMS personnel on site. This is mostly due to Chief Petrarca's decision to staff the fire department with a 24 hour a day on duty paramedic along with another EMS professional on call seven days a week.

Chief Petrarca also believes in giving of his time to various organizations both professionally and for the good of the community. Some of his affiliations include: Member of the Illinois Fire Chief Association; Past President of the WILCO Fire Chiefs Association; Member of the International Association of Arson Investigators; Chairperson of the ETSB; Member of the National Emergency Number Association; and Member of South Chicago Heights Y2K Readiness Committee.

Fire Chief Angelo Petrarca's commitment and impact on his community is not only deserving of congressional recognition, but should serve as a model for others to follow.

At a time when our nation's leaders are asking the people of this country to make serving their community a core value of citizenship, honoring Fire Chief Petrarca is both timely and appropriate.

I urge this body to identify and recognize others in their congressional districts whose actions have so greatly benefitted and enlightened America's communities.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN V. HAYS

HON. HELEN CHENOWETH-HAGE

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 8, 2000

Mrs. CHENOWETH-HAGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Mr. John Hays, president of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association and owner/operator of Rouse Brothers Ranch in Unity, OR. John Hays is a fiercely independent man who is committed to preserving and protecting the rights of America's farmers and ranchers.

Through hard work and dedication, John has had a stellar career championing the rights of private property owners. When John is not fighting to preserve the rights of land owners, he is speaking out against the high levels of agribusiness consolidation and the many related problems affecting agricultural producers, rural communities, and consumers.

After thinking about various events in John's life, I am reminded of a passage in Theodore Roosevelt's letter to Marcus Alonzo Hanna (June 27, 1900): "I am as strong as a bull moose and you can use me to the limit."

Mr. Speaker, I must tell you, it has been an honor to know John and to be his friend. Truly, he is dedicated to preserving the unique integrity of our proud western heritage.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I commend the example of John Hays to my colleagues, and hereby submit to the RECORD for their consideration a January 11, 2000 article appearing in The Bulletin (Bend, Oregon).

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CATTELMEN'S LEADER WORKS TO PRESERVE RANCHING

(By Jim Witty)

JOHN DAY.—It's not easy being a cattlemans in Oregon at the dawn of the 21st century.

To hear John Hays tell it, the Western rancher should join the northern spotted owl, the blackfooted ferret and the gray wolf on the endangered list.

Hays, a bull of a man with a gregarious streak a mile wide and at least as deep, sees red when the topic turns to cows and those who would interfere with their unfettered husbandry.

"We kind of look at ourselves as an endangered species," Hays says. "If you look at the last five or six years, we've been nearly regulated out of business."

Hays, the newly elected president of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, has come out with both guns blazing.

One of his first communiques is illustrative.

Shortly after a federal court ordered the Bureau of Land Management to eliminate cattle grazing along 18 miles of the Owyhee River in Southeastern Oregon, Hays shot out a press release to Oregon media outlets accusing U.S. District Judge James Redden of bias and calling the principal litigant—the Oregon Natural Desert Association of Bend—the "eliminate the food chain group of America."

Hays concluded the news release by declaring: "This type of judgment is why people fled Europe during the time of Hitler. It is a very sad time in my life as president of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association."

Strong words. But Hays is no shrinking violet.

He has vowed to fight a triple threat he believes is ripping the guts from the ranching industry: the Endangered Species Act, which cattlemen complain has produced a spate of unwanted regulations (listings or potential listings of steelhead, salmon and trout species, for instance, have restricted the way ranchers can do business on their property); the buyout of dozens of medium-size packing plants by a couple of large corporations, IBP and Con Agra; and the subsequent homogenization of the market—the loss of ranchers' ability to command a premium for premium beef.

This day, Hays is at the senior center in John Day taking a break from the environmental wars, rallying the troops for an assault on the marketing front.

"We want to get back in control of our market," says Hays, 57, sipping coffee in an anteroom before he's scheduled to outline his plans before several dozen ranchers in the main hall.

To regain that control, the former restaurateur and sports agent is promoting a premium product produced by the state's ranchers, called Oregon Trail Branded Beef, that will be processed in a cattlemen-owned plant. That way, says Hays, ranchers can sell contaminant-free beef that they control from rangeland to retailer.

"People get E. coli and who do they point to?" says Hays. "The cattlemen, right off the