

honorable court set aside the agreement for a closed sale and open the bidding to provide a clear, honest opportunity for our community hospitals to stay open. Thank you, your honor.

RECOGNIZING MARION SHROYER

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2000

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Ms. Marion Shroyer of Vandalia, Illinois for all her outstanding contributions towards her community.

Marion has received several awards for her outstanding public service. She has received the "Abe Award," which is presented to a person for their outstanding contributions to their community. A tree was planted, in her honor, on the lawn of the Old State Capitol of Illinois for her outstanding citizenship.

She is an active leader in her church and dedicates much of her time to helping the elderly by taking them to the hospital and visiting with them in the nursing homes. Marion is an active leader in the Schoroptomist Club and has been a Real Estate Broker for over 20 years. She is a mother of two, a grandmother of six, a great grandmother of three and a role model for us all.

I want to applaud Marion for all her years of service to the great townspeople of Vandalia. For all you have done and continue to do, I thank you.

RECOGNIZING DR. EDISON O. JACKSON

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2000

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Edison O. Jackson, President of the Medgar Evers College of the City University of New York. Dr. Jackson, a resident of Prospect Heights, Brooklyn, and a member of the Ministerial staff of Bridge Street A.M.E. Church, is a outstanding citizen and a pillar of our community.

Born in Heathsville, Virginia, Dr. Jackson received a B.S. in Zoology, followed by a Master of Arts Degree in Counseling from Howard University. He began his career in education in the field of counseling, where he served for almost four years. In 1969, he was named Dean of Student Affairs at Essex County College in New Jersey, where he distinguished himself to the point that he was promoted to the position of Vice President of Student Affairs. In 1983, Dr. Edison was named Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer at Essex County College. In that same year, he received a Doctorate in Education from Rutgers University with academic emphasis on philosophy, function, role and administration of urban educational institutions. During these many years, Dr. Edison achieved numerous remarkable accomplishments so,

when he accepted the position of President of Medgar Evers College in 1989, he brought with him a wealth of experience and knowledge in administering the affairs of educational institutions.

Dr. Jackson currently holds memberships on a number of civic, educational and community organizations. His affiliations with professional and national organizations run the gamut from the American Association of Higher Education, to the President's Round Table and the National Council on Crime and Delinquency. Dr. Jackson has also written extensively on issues of concern to educators, with particular concentration on minority students and the community, academic preparation and student performance.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I want to note that Dr. Jackson is married to Florence E. Jackson, and is the proud father of two children: Eulaynea and Terrance. Mr. Speaker, I ask you and all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing the lifelong efforts of Dr. Edison O. Jackson, and wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MAJOR R. OWENS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2000

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, I was unavoidably absent on a matter of critical importance and missed the following votes:

On the first amendment to H.R. 4461, the fiscal year 2001 agriculture appropriations bill, introduced by the gentleman from Oklahoma, Mr. COBURN, I would have voted "nay."

On the first amendment to H.R. 4461, the fiscal year 2001 agriculture appropriations bill, introduced by the gentleman from California, Mr. ROYCE, I would have voted "nay."

On the amendment to H.R. 4461, the fiscal year 2001 agriculture appropriations bill, introduced by the gentleman from New York, Mr. CROWLEY, I would have voted "yea."

On the second amendment to H.R. 4461, the fiscal year 2001 agriculture appropriations bill, introduced by the gentleman from California, Mr. ROYCE, I would have voted "nay."

On the second amendment to H.R. 4461, the fiscal year 2001 agriculture appropriations bill, introduced by the gentleman from Oklahoma, Mr. COBURN, I would have voted "yea."

On the amendment to H.R. 4461, the fiscal year 2001 agriculture appropriations bill, introduced by the gentleman from South Carolina, Mr. SANFORD, I would have voted "nay."

IN CELEBRATION OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to spread the word. I spread the word of the many thousands of successful people with dis-

abilities who have benefitted from the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the tenth anniversary of this historic legislation.

On July 26, 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act was signed into law. The nation's handicapped community was presented with perhaps their most important legislation in the history of the United States. With the signing of this bill, handicapped individuals were given the opportunity and the access to have their incredible potential recognized. For ten years now, the ADA has extended the American dream to millions of Americans with disabilities. With this act, America has become a better nation.

Paying tribute to this momentous event, I commemorate the Disability Coalition Movement of Cleveland in creating "ADA Day—A Celebration". In sponsoring this event, the communities of Northeast Ohio are recognizing the previous accomplishments of the ADA, and envisioning the future success that will inevitably come. By bringing together area disabled and non-disabled for a celebration, ADA Day will further encourage a dialogue of anti-discrimination. ADA Day will continue to spread the word for all to hear.

Throughout my district and throughout our nation, handicapped individuals have impacted their neighborhoods. A message of awareness and understanding has been spread, and this message must only get louder.

The tenth anniversary of the Americans with Disability Act is a time commemorating handicapped people and applauding events like ADA Day—A Celebration. My fellow colleagues, please join me in spreading this important word.

HONORING DR. ANTANAS RAZMA

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2000

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, today I commend Dr. Antanas Razma, this year's recipient of the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture Man of the Year Award. This award is given to outstanding individuals who have contributed so much towards the advancement of their fellow man.

Dr. Razma is being honored for his dedication to Lithuania and for establishing the Lithuanian Foundation. As co-chairman of the House of Representatives Baltic Caucus, I want to congratulate and thank him for all that he has done and will continue to do for the people of Lithuania.

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**HON. MAJOR R. OWENS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 12, 2000

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, today's New York Times reports that Democrats are showing greater interest in tax cuts. On the floor of