

have instilled their values and generosity in their children and grandchildren. Ann and Norman raised 3 beautiful children, who all graduated from La Porte High School—daughter Georgia and sons Scott and Todd. Ann and Norman's grandchildren are: Jennifer, Jessica, Meghan, and Charlie.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Ann and Norman Malone on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary and commend them on a lifetime of achievement. Their commitment not only to one another, but to others as well, is an example for all of us. May the coming years bring good health, happiness, and time to enjoy their children and grandchildren. On this joyous occasion, I am pleased to join their family, friends, and community in saying congratulations and thank you.

REPORT OF THE NORTHEAST-MIDWEST CONGRESSIONAL COALITION

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2000

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, today I apprise members of the House of issues that were raised during the May 5th Northeast-Midwest Congressional Coalition field hearing I chaired in Pittsburgh. This field hearing examined the future of the U.S. Steel and the role of Technology, and was held in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Industrial Technologies Steel Showcase. I, along with Representative KLINK, Representative MAS-CARA, and Senator SANTORUM, gathered testimony from steel company executives and their partners regarding initiatives designed to increase the competitiveness of U.S. steel makers by developing advanced technologies for steel production. For the record, I am including an executive summary from the field hearing as part of my statement.

The panelists at the Pittsburgh Steel Showcase field hearing described the role of steel in the United States economy at the beginning of the 21st century. In compelling detail, Robert Riederer, CEO and President of Weirton Steel, fleshed out the struggle to surmount challenges to the continued viability of an industry that remains as vital today to our national security and American manufacturing as it has in the past. Paul Wilhelm of U.S. Steel spoke candidly of the need to protect the environment without adversely affecting the industry. Collectively, from the panelists' testimony emerged a vision of a bedrock industry competitive in world markets, environmentally and technically advanced, but threatened on two fronts: waves of imports dumped by countries reeling from constricted domestic markets, desperate to prop up exports, and heightened environmental standards at home. In response to this discussion, members of Congress and panelists explored the following solutions: tighter enforcement of anti-dumping provisions, close monitoring of steel scrap to ensure the purity of recycled steel, increased funding for various offices within the U.S. Department of Energy for research and develop-

ment of new steel production technologies, and tax credits for investment, research, and development.

It is my hope that all House members will take time to read the full report as it contains a host of important information. And as always, I stand ready to work with my colleagues on issues in support of the steel industry.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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HONORING REDWOOD COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2000

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 20th Anniversary of Redwood Community Action Agency in Eureka, California. Since its establishment in 1980, RCAA has lead the way in serving Humboldt County's low- and moderate-income residents. The agency has developed programs to help people become more self-sufficient and to improve their own lives. Over the years tens of thousands of individuals have received assistance and in return given back to our community.

Redwood Community Action Agency has successfully competed for grant funds to create jobs, provide affordable housing, assist with housing rehabilitation and improve the environment. They have provided emergency shelter for the homeless, job training and employment readiness programs, as well as crisis intervention for Humboldt County youth and their families. Through their commitment, expertise, and diligence, they have brought over \$75 million into our community over the past twenty years.

Redwood Community Action Agency is an extraordinary example of success. Through

their collaboration with other organizations and governmental entities they identify human and environmental needs, work to improve current services, and seize every opportunity to serve low and moderate-income people in our region.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate that we honor the accomplishments of the Redwood Community Action Agency and their success in improving the lives of so many in Humboldt County, California.

IN TRIBUTE TO JACK F. PARR

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2000

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man who has been described as "The newsmen other newsmen listened to". Jack F. Parr, a long-time resident of Monterey County in California, passed away on Monday August 7, 2000, at the age of 77.

Born on August 15, 1922, Jack Parr was a veteran of World War II, where he received the Purple Heart for injuries received on D-Day. After serving his nation, he returned to the Central Coast and began working in radio. In all, he worked for three separate radio stations in Monterey County at different times—KMRL, KIDD and KNRY—ensuring that his distinctive voice and thorough reporting would be well-known and loved on the Monterey Peninsula and beyond. He could be found at any event where news was happening, and was a central figure for many people in the county. Print news and T.V. news reporters would listen to Jack's morning news report and use his leads as the agenda for news stories. Before the internet, he was the wireless wire for news. Asked how he did it, he would reply "I get up at 4:00 A.M. and cover the nightly police reports—everything evolved from there."

Jack Parr was "a jolly soul who never seemed to see the depressing side of things," as Joe Fitzpatrick, a former local reporter, put it. His humor and voice will be sorely missed by his daughters, Jacquelyn Parr Pitcher of St. Charles, Illinois and Karen Parr of Burbank, California, as well as the radio audiences of the Central Coast.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF DEPUTY CHIEF CHARLES L. BIDWELL OF THE BRIGHTON AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. DEBBIE STABENOW

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2000

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, today I pay special tribute to Deputy Chief Charles L. Bidwell for his 50 years of outstanding service to the Brighton Area Fire Department. His colleagues and friends will be hosting a dinner on September 19 in recognition of his wonderful career.

Deputy Chief Bidwell has been an active, on-call firefighter with the City of Brighton Fire