

September 19, 2000

RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 19, 2000

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the city of Santa Clarita, California, for its activities on behalf of preserving the Santa Clara River, located in my district, and for its activities recognizing National Pollution Prevention Week.

The City of Santa Clarita will hold its annual "River Rally" at the Santa Clara River on September 23, 2000. This event will highlight the importance of the Santa Clara River. During this annual event, citizens from throughout the city and the greater Santa Clarita Valley gather and pick up trash from the banks of the river. The River Rally raises awareness of the river and pollution prevention measures. The city and the many business and individuals who participate in the River Rally deserve our thanks.

The City is holding the River Rally during National Pollution Prevention Week, which is September 18–24. We all value a clean environment. In order to achieve that goal, the city of Santa Clarita has developed a pollution prevention program that is aimed at protecting the environment and encouraging economic competitiveness.

Santa Clarita is to be commended for taking these steps to safeguard our environment and raise awareness of the importance of pollution prevention.

HONORING RENEE ROSE

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 19, 2000

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a very special person, Renee Rose of San Francisco, California, who is a dedicated wife, daughter, mother, grandmother, colleague and friend.

Renee Rose is one of those rare individuals who takes care of everyone she knows. Whether you are simply stopping by her office to drop something off, or you are a second cousin of a second cousin looking for a place to stay—Renee will take care of you. She takes care of everyone, and she is wonderful at it. In a day and age when people do not even exchange eye contact, Renee is a beautiful reminder about what people should be all about. And everyone lucky enough to fall into her care is truly blessed. If only we had more Renee's.

On behalf of the many that have benefited from your numerous kindnesses, Renee Rose, we rise to celebrate you and your 60th birthday. We wish you 60 more!

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

INTRODUCTION OF THE BENIGN BRAIN TUMOR CANCER REGISTRIES AMENDMENT ACT

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 19, 2000

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, since 1973, there has been a federal cancer data collection process in existence. Unfortunately this process failed to include "benign" brain tumors. I have introduced legislation to include benign brain tumors in the data collection of cancer registries.

This data will directly help the entire medical system including public health agencies, scientific research labs, health system public policy groups and of course the brain tumor groups. The medical system organizations use cancer data in funding decisions, investigations, research, and care facilities.

I am pleased to announce the introduction of the Benign Brain Tumor Cancer Registries Amendment Act.

Brain tumors are the second leading cause of cancer death for children and the third leading cause of cancer death in young adults ages 15–34.

The greatest increase in brain tumors has been among people 75 years of age or older.

Only 37 percent of males and 52 percent of females survive five years following the diagnosis of a primary benign or malignant brain tumor.

Each year, approximately 100,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with a primary or metastatic brain tumor. Nationwide, the incidence of brain tumors has increased by 25 percent since 1975 and the reasons for this increase are unknown.

For many types of tumors, the distinction between benign and malignant is significant. For tumors of the brain, this distinction is not as clear.

A tumor, whether malignant or benign, is a collection of cells that grow as rapidly as malignant tumors, however based on location and size, even benign brain tumors can be life threatening.

Benign brain tumors account for almost 40 percent of all brain tumors. Not including these tumors in the cancer registry, underestimates the incidence of brain tumors in the general population.

Roughly half of all brain tumors are benign. All brain tumors, both cancerous and benign, are potentially life-threatening.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this bill and support the thousands of Americans plagued with this disease.

TRIBUTE TO DR. GEORGE W. TEUSCHER

HON. JAMES C. GREENWOOD

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 19, 2000

Mr. GREENWOOD. Mr. Speaker, in its annual meeting in San Antonio, on October 28, 2000, the American Society of Dentistry for

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Children will honor the life's work of George W. Teuscher. Born in 1908, Dr. Teuscher received his dental degree from Northwestern University in 1929. Subsequently, he became an MSD degree in pediatric dentistry, an MA in educational psychology and a PhD in education, with major areas of study in administration, and English and American Literature. Since the 1930s, Dr. Teuscher has been a dental clinician, researcher, educator, dental school dean, writer, editor, and lecturer to dentists all over the world. In 1968, he became Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Dentistry for Children. In the thirty two years since, Dr. Teuscher's editorials regarding child advocacy have expounded on preventive dentistry and medicine, child behavior, parental concerns, the importance of education, special needs patients, ethics, social responsibility, and other topics—all relating to children and their well being. His writings in the Journal have served as a veritable archival conscience for the dentist: a thought provoking stream of awareness regarding children in modern societies. Dr. Teuscher's writings, along with articles he has selected for publication, have made the Journal of Dentistry for Children the most widely read and important international publication in the field. Likewise, his leadership in the American Society of Dentistry for Children has made it a renowned and respected child advocacy health organization. To this day, with undiminished vigor and enthusiasm, 92-year-old Dr. Teuscher reviews and edits scholarly submissions to the Journal, from dozens of countries. His skills and talent for this endeavor seem to increase with each published issue of the Journal, as the years have gone by. As one of dentistry's great leaders of the 20th century contemplates retiring from his work with the American Society of Dentistry for Children, it is with great respect, gratitude, admiration and affection that the people of the United States and members of the United States Congress pay tribute to Dr. George W. Teuscher.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 19, 2000

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, on Monday September 18, 2000 I was unavoidably detained in Southeast Missouri. I was reviewing a critical flood control project with the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Dr. Joe Westphall. Had I been present I would have voted aye on roll call votes 477 and 478.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HELEN CHENOWETH-HAGE

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 19, 2000

Mrs. CHENOWETH-HAGE. Mr. Speaker, on September 18, 2000, I missed two roll call votes because of unavoidable obligations in Idaho. Had I been present, I would have voted

"yea" on roll call vote 477 (Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 5173) and "yea" on roll call vote 478 (Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 5010).

TRIBUTE TO CHAPLIAN (COLONEL)
WILLIAM C. MORRISON, JR.

HON. ROBERT E. WISE, JR.

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 19, 2000

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to Honor Chaplain (Colonel) William C. Morrison, Jr., who is retiring from the United States Army after 24 years of active duty and to congratulate him on being selected as the new Regional Minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Florida.

William C. Morrison, Jr., has served this great country with dignity, integrity and honor. He is a native of Charleston, West Virginia, and an ordained minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

He graduated from West Virginia State College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. He completed his theological studies at Howard University School of Divinity in Washington, D.C. where he earned the Master of Divinity Degree. He also graduated from Golden Gate University in San Francisco, California, with a Master of Business Administration Degree in Management.

Chaplain Morrison received a direct commission into the United States Army Chaplain Corps on June 15, 1976. He is a graduate of the Chaplain Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Division Chaplain Course, Installation Chaplain Course, U.S. Army Drug and Alcohol Abuse Team Training, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College. He has served as an Army Chaplain in assignments at Fort McClellan, Alabama, Republic of South Korea; Fort Knox, Kentucky; Washington, DC.; Frankfurt West Germany; and Fort Bliss, Texas. He also served as the Staff Chaplain of the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee for the 1984 Presidential Inauguration of Ronald Reagan and George Bush. During Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, he served as the Brigade Chaplain for the 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade.

Before attending the U.S. Army War College, he was the Division Chaplain for the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Upon graduation from the Army War College, he served as the Mobilization, Training, and Military operations Chaplain, U.S. Army Forces Command, Fort McPherson, Georgia. He also served as the Deputy Command Chaplain, U.S. Army Forces Command. Prior to his current assignment as Command Chaplain, U. S. Army Materiel Command, he was the Installation Staff Chaplain, Fort Stewart, Georgia, he is currently serving as Command Chaplain, U.S. Army Materiel Command. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit Medal, Bronze Star Medal, seven awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Com-

mendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal (with three stars), Liberation of Kuwait Medal, and the Air Assault Badge.

I am especially proud of his accomplishments as a distinguished Army Officer and Chaplain from my district in Charleston, West Virginia. His accomplishments speak to his courage, compassion, integrity, and loyalty to his country.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this house please join me in recognizing, honoring, and congratulating this outstanding army officer, soldier and clergyman.

CALIFORNIA'S SESQUICENTENNIAL

SPEECH OF

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2000

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, today, I join my colleagues in celebrating California's 150 year anniversary of statehood. This is a monumental time in our history not only as a people from a state but as a constantly growing and ever changing nation. I am proud and honored to be a part of such a special event.

Throughout my life, I have been lucky enough to call the 46th Congressional District in Southern California home. It's experience has been an honor to not only serve my constituents, but enjoy the many opportunities that our state has to offer.

Orange County, California is known the world over for it's performing arts, education and the Anaheim Angels major league base ball team. Anaheim, California is home to Disney Land, the "Happiest Place on Earth" which has entertained families for over fifty years.

For over a century, my state has been a leader and the very backbone for economic opportunity in almost every major field. It is this nations leader in trade and shipping as well as a model for education, environmental initiatives, and the world's largest entertainment industry.

The 46th District in California is culturally diverse and represents the best of what California has to offer. I am deeply honored to represent those from the 46th Congressional District in California, and I will continue my responsibility to all who call Orange County, California home.

HONORING THE HEROES OF THE
44TH INFANTRY DIVISION

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 19, 2000

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the brave Americans of the 44th Infantry Division. From September 21 to September 24, 2000, the 44th Infantry Division Association will be celebrating the 55th anniversary of the end of World War II at the Midway

Hotel near Chicago, Illinois. This venue is very appropriate, as the State of Illinois contributed over eleven hundred soldiers to the 44th Division. Today, it certainly gives me great honor to remind my colleagues and the American public of the sacrifice these great men gave for the freedom and prosperity that is enjoyed by so many.

Maj. General William F. Dean commanded the 44th Infantry Division of roughly fifteen thousand men, comprising about one-fifth of the 7th Army. On September 15, 1944, the 44th Infantry landed at Cherbourg, France, to relieve the 79th Division that invaded Normandy on D-Day.

Forty days later, the 44th received their first attack from axis forces east of Luneville, France. In midwinter 1944, the 44th Division fought through the Maginot line, as well as the Vosges Mountains in northern France. In fact, the first United States soldiers to reach the Rhine River between France and Germany were members of the 44th Infantry Division. Along the way, the 44th held off several savage assaults from German Panzer divisions. In addition, the 44th was called to relieve two divisions of allied forces that were to be employed in the Ardennes Forest counteroffensive.

In the beginning of 1945, the 44th Infantry Division was forced into a defensive posture, as three German divisions, including the elite 17 SS Panzer Grenadier Division, conducted an all-out attack on United States forces. Amazingly, the brave Americans held off the brutal attack that would have cut off the allied forces in Alsace, as well as the Vosges and Hardt Mountains. In mid-March 1945, the division earned a well-deserved 2-day rest after other allied divisions passed through their fortification for the final assault on Germany. I should note that the 44th had undergone 144 days of continuous commitment.

On March 27, 1945, the 44th finally crossed the Rhine and provided for the capture of Mannheim and Heidelberg. Soon later, the 44th reached the Danube River and joined with the 10th Armored Division. On April 25, 1945, these joint forces captured the ancient German city of Ulm. Finally, the 44th swept into the Austrian Alps, after which Victory in Europe was gratefully won.

Mr. Speaker, the 44th Infantry Division fought for 203 incredible days. They captured over 44,000 enemy prisoners, and destroyed thousands more. During the European campaign, the 44th lost roughly 2,000 men in combat. Since the end of World War II, another 6,000 have passed on. Today, our country is graced with over 5,000 survivors of the 44th Infantry Division. With roughly 1,000 World War II veterans leaving us each day, I am very pleased to see these veterans enjoying the years that they earned so courageously. Mr. Speaker, I hope these brave Americans will continue to relate their incredible experiences gained during the greatest, most noble war ever fought by man.