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of America join with me in paying tribute to the life of Rita Cestaric, and expressing gratitude for her love of country and her service to community.

TRIBUTE TO MR. AND MRS.
WILLIE MCCOY

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, October 3, 2000

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Willie and Agnes McCoy on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. Sixty years of marriage is an accomplishment that is worthy of recognition, and I'd like to add my wishes for a happy 90th year to Mr. Willie McCoy. He celebrated his 90th Birthday on the 4th of September.

In June of 1940, Willie McCoy and Agnes Green met in Jacksonville, Florida. After an instant connection and brief courtship, Willie and Agnes were married on November 16, 1940. They were wed in the home of a friend by Rev. H.H. Robinson, whose words to them were "always respect each other, and never be too proud to say I'm sorry." Upon this foundation of respect and humility, coupled with love, honesty, and trust, an exemplary marriage was forged.

Throughout their many years together, they have been blessed with seven children, sixteen grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, and a number of wonderful nieces, nephews, and close friends. One of their children, Willie, is a very good friend to me and my family.

To each other, they are gifts from God. To us, they are an example of true love and friendship. Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. and Mrs. Willie McCoy on their 60th wedding anniversary, and Mr. Willie McCoy on his 90th birthday.

RECOGNITION OF YOUTH CIVIC LITERACY MONTH AND THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY'S CIVIC LITERACY PROJECT

HON. DEBBIE STABENOW

OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, October 3, 2000

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the Youth Urban Agenda/Civic Literacy Project of Wayne State University. As a result of their efforts to encourage youth participation in the political process, the month of October 2000 is being recognized as Youth Civic Literacy Month in Wayne County Michigan.

The Youth Urban Agenda/Civic Literacy Project started at Wayne State University in 1986 in an effort to promote programs to teach students about civic responsibility and provide them with the tools they need to build a real political agenda. This month the Project will convene an international telecommunications event entitled "A Youth Urban Agenda in the New Millennium." The event will be held

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in Detroit, Michigan with the participation of students and teachers from one hundred twenty middle schools, high schools, adult education programs and post-secondary institutions in Southeast Michigan. They will be linked with teachers and students from major U.S. and non-U.S. cities.

In an era when so many people have become disillusioned with the political process and have stopped participating, it is vitally important that we energize our young people to become involved. It is my pleasure to acknowledge and commend Wayne State University and the Youth Urban Agenda/Civic Literacy Project for its leadership and vision in preparing young people to fully participate in the political process.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, October 3, 2000

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent yesterday, Monday October 2, 2000, and as a result, missed roll call votes 503 through 505. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on roll call vote 503, "yes" on roll call vote 504, and "yes" on roll call vote 505.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB RILEY

OF ALABAMA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, October 3, 2000

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 503, H.R. 4049, the Privacy Commission Act. Had I been present I would have voted "yea". Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 504, H.R. 4147, the Stop Material Unsuitable for Teens Act. Had I been present I would have voted "yea". Furthermore, Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 505, H.R. 3088, the Victims of Rape Health Protection Act. Had I been present I would have voted "yea".

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, October 3, 2000

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

On H.R. 4049 (rollcall No. 503), to establish the Commission for the Comprehensive Study of Privacy Protection, introduced by the gentleman from Arkansas, Mr. HUTCHINSON, I would have voted "Nay"

On H.R. 4147 (rollcall No. 504), to amend Title 18 United States Code, to increase the age of persons considered to be minors for the purposes of the prohibition on transporting

obscene materials to minors, introduced by the gentleman from Colorado, Mr. TANCREDO, I would have voted "Yea".

On H.R. 3088 (rollcall No. 505), to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide additional protections to victims of rape, introduced by the gentleman from Pennsylvania, Mr. WELDON, I would have voted "Yea".

IN HONOR OF JOSEPH A. BALZANO

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, October 3, 2000

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I make special note of a very important person who has served the State of New Jersey, the City of Camden, and the Delaware River port community for 50 years.

Mr. Joseph A. Balzano, or Joe as we call him, serves as Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the South Jersey Port Commission, Port of Camden. The South Jersey Port Commission hired Joe in 1951 as an equipment operator. He quickly moved into management, serving as the Port Operations Manager from 1961 to 1982, then as Deputy Director of the Commission from 1982 to 1989, and finally as Executive Director and CEO since 1989. On August 22, 2000, he began his 50th year working for the Port of Camden.

My friend Joe has had a very interesting career with many highlights. One of these highlights was his integral role in helping to bring the retired Battleship USS *New Jersey* (BB-62) to its namesake home of New Jersey, and to its final resting place as a national museum docked in the Port of Camden.

Joe was born and raised, attended school, married and raised his family in the City of Camden. He has received many honors and awards over the years—too many to list here—and is among the best senior executives in the maritime industry.

The Port of Camden is thankful that Joe Balzano's knowledge, wisdom, leadership and dedication have blessed New Jersey and the Delaware River port community for five decades. Moreover, we are fortunate that his presence will continue to grace the streets of Camden for years to come.

On behalf of the United States Congress and the 3rd Congressional District of New Jersey, I thank Joe Balzano for his distinguished service and dedication to the Port of Camden and to the State of New Jersey.

COMMEMORATING UNITY DAY

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, October 3, 2000

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I commemorate Unity Day, which is being celebrated in Germany today. October 3, 2000 marks the 10th Anniversary of Germany's Reunification.