

There, he was sent to minister to a small group of Saints in Miles Heights, Ohio, who were attempting to build a church. As an example of the dedication and devotion Dr. Claude Cummings has shown throughout his years of service, he and first wife, Faith Cummings, shared their resources to complete the church-building project which had since halted progress. They worked untiringly to get the edifice completed, only to see it destroyed in a tornado shortly after its dedication. Despite the disaster, Dr. Cummings assumed the role of general contractor, and worked even harder to build the edifice which now stands.

Dr. Cummings has always endeavored to further his education, particularly within his own faith. Because of this love of the Word, he attended many colleges, including Aeon Bible College, Fenn (Cleveland State), and Grace Bible College. An obvious advocate of life-long learning, he currently continues his studies at Ashland Bible College and the Moody Bible Institute. Dr. Cummings is known not only for his breadth and depth of knowledge of the scriptures, but also for his gift of sharing the Bible through his commanding preaching and his extraordinary way of bringing the Bible to life during Bible Classes.

Dr. Claude Cummings is affiliated with the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, an organization in which he holds several offices; and the Apostolic Fellowship Conference. He was also one of the originators of the Cleveland Apostolic Ministerial Fellowship known as CAMF. A man of faith, Dr. Cummings is also a man of family. A loving father of five and grandfather to eight, he takes pride in both his personal and spiritual families.

Let us honor Dr. Claude Cummings for his tremendous dedication to the many people he has led, and let us recognize his tireless service to faith.

HONORING THE AMERICAN DENTAL HYGIENISTS ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS

**HON. ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 19, 2000*

Mr. BLAGOJEVICH. Mr. Speaker, as another session of Congress comes to a conclusion, we are reminded of the many important and difficult issues which are dealt with on a daily basis in the Congress of the United States.

As we consider the responsibility with which we are entrusted to represent the people who send us here, it is important that we recognize the essential role of citizen participation in our form of government. Just one example of the practical application of this concept which I am honored to bring to the attention of my colleagues is the work done by the American Dental Hygienists' Association, the members of that organization from across Illinois and especially those in the 5th Congressional District of Illinois which I am honored to represent.

I want to recognize the tremendous work performed by these dedicated professionals

who promote total health through quality oral care. Every year, they take time from their busy schedules to come to Washington and make sure that their voice is heard in the national debate over health care and other important issues of the day. In addition to taking continuing education courses, these leaders of the profession set policy for the association and strategize as to how to best fulfill the association's mission to improve the oral health of the public.

In 1923, the American Dental Hygienists' Association was established to enhance communication and mutual cooperation among dental hygienists. Today, ADHA is the largest national organization representing the professional interests of the more than 100,000 registered dental hygienists (RDHs) in the United States.

ADHA members work to improve the public's total health and to advance the art and science of their profession. In doing so, they play a critical role in meeting the needs of so many people in this country.

I appreciate their commitment and commend to my colleagues their example of civic participation and professional dedication.

HONORING BARBARA CASEY OF WASHINGTON STATE

**HON. JAY INSLEE**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 19, 2000*

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I honor Ms. Barbara Casey for a long and dedicated career in improving the educational system in Washington State.

Ms. Casey, in her professional career and voluntary activities, has shown a commitment to improving the lives of students at home and in school. She began her work in education as a technical operator for a weekly public radio talk show on education issues. Then she moved her volunteer work into the school. She has served as a health room volunteer, classroom volunteer, library aide, reading aide, phoneathon volunteer, C2B2 Committee member and lobbyist. Barbara has also been the Legislation Chair for the Issaquah PTSA Council and Sunset PTA Board of Directors.

Her presence in the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is especially notable. She has served as the Sunset PTA Board President and received the Golden Acorn Award twice from the Sunset PTA and Issaquah PTSA Council. In addition, Barbara has volunteered on an impressive list of education organizations. Her work is well known on the Sunset Elementary Shared Management Team, Big Idea Grant Committee, State PTA Legislation Committee and Issaquah Family Service Network Task Force. Her outstanding contributions to the Community Health and Safety Network brought gubernatorial recognition.

Since 1994, Barbara has served as the first Government Relations Director of the Washington State PTA. Though an unusual position on a state PTA, it reflects the progressive nature of her work for education. Instead of merely reacting to the decisions of other education administrators, she has been proactive

in her advocacy of children's education needs. Barbara has been a model of the PTA mission to speak on behalf of children in schools and the community, assist parents in developing skills to raise their children and encouraging parent and public involvement in public schools.

Mr. Speaker, I want to voice my appreciation and commendation for Barbara Casey. She reflects the best of what parents and other education advocates bring to our schools.

IN MEMORY OF MISSOURI GOVERNOR MEL CARNAHAN

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 19, 2000*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I inform the House of the death of my good friend Governor Mel Carnahan, of Rolla, Missouri.

Governor Carnahan, 66, the fifty-first Governor of the State of Missouri, his son Roger Andrew "Randy" Carnahan, and a long-time advisor, Chris Sifford, died in an airplane crash on October 16, 2000, in rural Jefferson County.

Born in the small Ozark town of Birch Tree, Missouri, in 1934, Governor Carnahan lived his early years in Shannon and Carter Counties. He was the son of rural schoolteachers, and he carried on a longstanding family commitment to education during his distinguished career of public service. His father, the late A.S.J. Carnahan, a contemporary of President Harry Truman, served in the United States Congress for 14 years before being named by President Kennedy as the first U.S. Ambassador to Sierra Leone. His mother, the late Mary Carnahan, was an inspiration to hundreds of school children during her many years as a high school English teacher.

Governor Carnahan began his lifelong commitment to public service at the young age of 26, when he was elected municipal judge in his hometown of Rolla in 1961. Two years later, he won a seat in the Missouri House of Representatives and was elected Majority Floor Leader in his second term. Following his four years in the Missouri House, he returned to his hometown of Rolla where he built a successful law practice. In 1980, he was overwhelmingly elected State Treasurer and served in this position for four years. The Governor returned to public office in 1988, becoming Missouri's 42nd Lieutenant Governor. In a landslide victory in 1992, he won the Governor's office and Missouri voters returned him to office for a second term in 1996.

Governor Carnahan was running for the United States Senate, after two remarkably successful four-year terms as Governor. Among the major accomplishments of his administration were the Outstanding Schools Act, a comprehensive package of reforms, new resources and accountability measures to improve Missouri's public schools; major tax relief for working families; welfare reform; some of the toughest anti-crime laws in the nation;