

colleague from Ohio on the Budget Committee, and I know how difficult it is to put together a budget that moves the country forward in a positive direction and remains responsible to the American taxpayer.

I want to take a minute to go back a few years and look at where we have been, and how far we have come under the leadership of the Chairman of the Budget Committee. After 30 years of Congress recklessly spending more than we take in, American voters demanded a change. In 1995, the Republican majority came to Congress to restore discipline to the budget process.

But before he became Chairman in 1995, the Congressman from Ohio was writing his own balanced budget every year. Back then some of the people who had been in Washington for a while, called it tilting at windmills. But what really was going on was he was building a groundwork for the budget discipline the American people would demand, and Republicans would bring to Congress after we became the majority.

In 1991, Mr. KASICH's balanced budget received 114 votes, and the other 303 votes were for a budget that continued to raid Social Security and pile up debt for our children and grandchildren.

In 1993, he was able to win another 21 votes and his balanced budget received 135 votes, and the other 295 votes were for a budget that continued to raid Social Security and pile up debt for our children and grandchildren.

In 1994, he added 30 more votes, and his balanced budget received 165 votes, and the other 243 were for a budget that continued to raid Social Security and pile up debt for our children and grandchildren.

In 1995, the gentleman from Ohio as Budget Chairman passed a Republican budget by a vote of 238-193.

And in 1997, this Congress and the Administration came together in a bipartisan to write the Balanced Budget Act—which once and for all, ended the raid on Social Security, which ended once and for all, the reckless practice of spending more than we take in, and which finally balanced the budget, and put our country's books in order.

I want to thank the Budget Chairman, on behalf of myself and my colleagues and the constituents in my district and across the country for his service to his country. We are going to miss your expertise, your tenacity, your endless optimism, and your vision of a better America now that you have completed your final budget in the House.

As Ohio's Seventh District Representative to the Congress of the United States, I take this opportunity to join with members of the Ohio delegation and members of the Budget Committee to honor the efforts and the many outstanding achievements of Representative JOHN KASICH. His many contributions as a member of the House of Representatives and leadership as a valued Committee Chairman will be remembered.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING ROBERTO GARCIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 27, 2000

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Roberto Garcia, recipient of the Napa County Hispanic Network Lifetime Achievement Award, for his outstanding contributions to the youth of Napa County. He has devoted his life to promoting mutual understanding and respect in our community and is an excellent role model for us all.

Roberto Garcia has placed a high priority on providing much needed positive role models for Latino youth, as well as promoting the importance of learning English and pursuing higher education. Undoubtedly, he is a dedicated educator and community leader. Over the course of his highly successful career, he has worked as a Migrant Education Secondary School Advisor, an "English as a Second Language Instructor" at Napa Valley College and an Outreach Specialist for the Citizenship Project of the Napa County Council for Economic Opportunity. He cares deeply for the problems that face our nation's youth and has worked tirelessly to find long-lasting solutions in the community. To that end, he has helped mediate gang conflicts, including the organization of the largest gang forum in the Napa County.

Our community and our nation have benefited greatly from Roberto Garcia's time, effort, and dedication. He was a cofounder and past president of the Napa County Hispanic Network. Within this organization he founded the Napa County Hispanic Network Scholarship program. He has also served on the Board of Directors of the Mexican Cultural Center for the Bay Area, was a past docent of the Napa Valley Museum Hispanic Trunk Presentations and an active member of the Napa County Chicano/Latino Democratic Caucus.

Roberto Garcia's past achievements in his quest to educate the community have been numerous. He has organized many cultural events including the annual "Christmas in Mexico Festival," Spanish Zarzuela Concerts and art exhibits of Yucatan Mexico. He was instrumental in bringing the Mexican Consul to the Napa Valley several times each year to issue documentation and address concerns of the local Mexican population. In addition, he was honored in 1998 by the Napa County Democratic Caucus as the Democrat of the Year.

Roberto Garcia is a devoted father and has been blessed with two daughters, Christina and Lourdes Xochitl, and one granddaughter, Susan Parks.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Roberto Garcia for his dedication and commitment to so many important and worthwhile causes. He has devoted his life to addressing the concerns of the community and specifically the problems facing Latino youth. He has helped foster awareness and understanding, working to bridge gaps between our diverse community. For these reasons, it is necessary that we honor this leader and my good friend for his continuing distinguished service to the people of the Napa Val-

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ley and for receiving the NAPA County Hispanic Network Lifetime Achievement Award.

TRIBUTE TO MACON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT PAUL R. NAGLE

HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 27, 2000

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I want to pay tribute to a great American and Georgian, Paul R. Nagle, who recently retired as president of the Macon, Georgia Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Nagle has been an inspiration to all of us. Appointed as president in 1991, Mr. Nagle has been a leader and public servant that has always given 100 percent to the citizens of Macon.

Mr. Nagle was born in Hominy, Oklahoma, but serving his country and his professional career have taken him around the country. He graduated from the University of South Carolina in Columbia, South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and a major in Marketing. Additionally, he has given his time and energy to many wonderful causes including Robins Air Force Base 21st Century Partnership, the Macon, Georgia 2000 Partnership and the NewTown Macon Board.

Mr. Speaker, I have had the distinct pleasure of working very closely with Mr. Nagle on many projects, including the very important Fall Line Freeway project. I am confident that his superior accomplishments and lasting legacy will continue to be felt in Macon and throughout Middle Georgia.

I will miss working with Mr. Nagle, at the Macon Chamber, but will continue to wish him the best in his new endeavors.

HONORING MR. JOE BARRERA

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 27, 2000

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today and honor Mr. Joe Barrera, an extraordinary American citizen who served our Nation with honor and bravery during World War II. On November 11, 2000, this Veterans Day, I will proudly present the Purple Heart Medal to Mr. Barrera for his acts of bravery during the War.

Mr. Joe Barrera was born on January 7, 1925 in Los Angeles. He graduated from Polytechnic High School in 1943 and soon after married Rosalie Barrera, his wife of 56 years. On August 9, 1943, he was inducted into the U.S. Army and began his military service.

After four months in basic training, Joe spent 14 months as a TEC 3 Surgical Technician and 14 months as a TEC 3 Medical Aidman receiving a Medical Combat Badge. On December 6, 1944, Mr. Barrera was sent to France for his first experience overseas and served with the Medical Detachment in the