

development of Solano, Napa, and Partners (SNAP); a library consortium that provides patrons in two countries with shared data base and efficient interlibrary loan services.

Ms. Davis cultivated a strong "Friends of the Library" organization which succeeded in raising over \$2 million for building projects and capital funds. Ms. Davis also established a partnership with the Napa Valley Wine Library Association, increasing the library's extensive collection of wine-related books and other resource materials into a nationally recognized collection.

Ms. Davis' commendable career was marked by exceptional customer service as a librarian and Director. A friendly atmosphere and superior service prevailed in both libraries where she worked, a result of her positive outlook that was contagious among her staff. Ms. Davis was particularly attentive to the needs of children and families, ensuring a welcoming atmosphere of warmth and curiosity for every visit.

In addition to her considerable contributions to the public library, Ms. Davis has been a dedicated wife, mother and grandparent. She and her husband Buz have been blessed with three children and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, it has been my great honor to represent Ms. Clayla Davis as her Congressman. Clearly, her life has been one of great public service, dedication and commitment. For these reasons, it is necessary that we honor this woman for her distinguished service to the people of Saint Helena and all of Napa County, California.

MIRIAM G. CANTER MIDDLE
SCHOOL DEDICATION

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 1, 2000

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I recognize the dedication of the renaming of Chicago's Louis Wirth Experimental School to the Miriam G. Canter Middle School. Miriam G. Canter, my constituent and my friend, died on October 22, 1999. However, her dedication and commitment to her community and the public school system, lives on in the lives of the students at Louis Wirth Experimental School.

This school, located in my district, was founded in 1969 by a group of influential parents and community residents, led by Mrs. Canter. As a parent and long time, proud resident of Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood, she had a vision for her community's children. She believed they needed a school that would offer modern, flexible educational programs designed to use children's experiences to enhance their learning.

Over the years, Mrs. Canter's vision has been realized. Since its founding, the school has provided enriching educational programs that prepare children for success in high school and beyond. In addition, Mrs. Canter retained an active interest in the Wirth School long after her own children graduated. She served as president of the Parent Teachers Association and remained an active member

of the Local School Council under her passing. In fact, her last fight was to get a new gym and lunchroom added to the facility.

So, in a lasting tribute, on October 12, 2000, the community, Local School Council and the Chicago Public School System will dedicate the renaming of the Louis Wirth Elementary School to the Miriam G. Canter Middle School. I stand in total agreement with this action and believe it is a most appropriate way to honor this mother, community leader, and public school advocate.

Truly, her work embodies the spirit of advocacy that will ensure educational excellence in the nation's public schools for our children.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 1, 2000

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday afternoon, October 28, 2000, I had a family matter to attend to in my district and I was unable to cast votes on two Motions to Instruct the Conferees on H.R. 4577, the Labor-Health and Human Services Appropriations Act for FY2001.

The first Motion to Instruct the Conferees, which passed the House by a vote of 305-18, instructed that the highest level of funding for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) be enacted.

Mr. Speaker, I fully support this Motion to Instruct the Conferees and had I been present for the vote, I would have voted yes. I have long been a strong supporter of the LIHEAP program. As you know, the LIHEAP program was fully funded in the preliminary conference agreement at the President's requested funding level of \$1.1 billion for fiscal year 2001, plus an additional \$300 million for emergencies. It is my understanding that recent negotiations on H.R. 4577 resulted in an additional \$300 million for LIHEAP, bringing the FY 2001 total to \$1.7 billion. Additionally, Republicans have agreed to advance-fund another \$1.4 billion for FY2002, so that States can begin to plan for next year. The President requested a total of only \$1.1 billion for LIHEAP this year, therefore we are \$600 million over the President's funding request.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I fully support the LIHEAP program and these increased funding levels. Had I been present, I would have voted yes on the Motion to Instruct the Conferees to help my constituents in Chicago and Chicago's South Suburbs cope with rising heating costs and the upcoming winter.

The second Motion to Instruct the Conferees on H.R. 4577 failed to pass the House by a vote of 150-159. This motion would have instructed the Conferees to agree with President Clinton's proposals on classroom size reduction and school construction.

Mr. Speaker, I have long been an advocate of making educating America's children one of our top priorities here in Congress. Preliminary funding levels for H.R. 4577 included more than \$43 billion for federal education funding. This is \$562 million more than the President requested and \$5 billion more than last year.

Special Education Grants would be funded at \$6.3 billion, \$1 billion over the President's request. Impact Aid would be funded at \$1.3 billion, \$258 million more than the President's request, and \$78.5 million more than last year. Head Start is increased \$33 million over the President's request bringing total FY01 funding to \$6.3 billion.

Certainly, I believe that education should be a top priority, as should smaller classrooms and neighborhood schools that are not falling apart. Had I been present for the vote, I would have supported the motion to instruct which encourages the conferees to work with the bipartisan proposal on school construction and efforts being led by Congresswoman NANCY JOHNSON on this issue.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 1, 2000

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, on October 31, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote 585. Rollcall vote No. 585 was on passage of H.J. Res. 121, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on H.J. Res. 121.

IN MEMORY AND HONOR OF
DAUNE MARIE WEISS

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 1, 2000

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, when Andrew called me in Washington and asked me to honor Daune today, I was honored.

In Washington, we still do not have a budget and we are operating on a 24-hour continuing budget resolution—one day at a time—one day at a time.

For Chris and Sarah, Peter, Andrew, Robert Palmos, the Langestaff, Weiss, and Weber families, and for all of us who knew and loved Daune and Dick, we must take it one day at a time—every day will be a challenge—some days, you feel like you cannot or do not even want to get out of bed, to face another day without Daune—without our loved one.

For my family, we know, we still struggle each day without our B.J.

But like Daune—we must move forward each day with all the confidence and gusto. Daune, the mother, the wife, the teacher, the sister, the friend, the community leader and business woman, showed us, taught us with her "can do" attitude to approach each challenge with enthusiasm, because behind that "Buergermeister" smile there was a strong woman who would not be denied, she was a kind, gentle, loving person—a love that engulfed her family and penetrated throughout the Gaylord community.