

IN RECOGNITION OF HAROLD  
NICHOLSON

**HON. JOHN P. MURTHA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 2, 2000*

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a dedicated and hardworking gentleman on the occasion of his retirement. Harold Nicholson devoted thirty-three years of his life to the Somerset Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., in Somerset, PA. He was its manager for the past nineteen years, longer than any other manager in the entity's sixty-one year history.

But Mr. Nicholson not only managed the cooperative, he was in many ways its heart, soul and voice. Originally hired to provide member services, he started the SREC's monthly newsletter for which he also wrote and photographed. It became the precursor of the statewide Penn Lines magazine. Mr. Nicholson served on numerous committees within the National Rural Electric Association and was chairman of its Marketing and Energy Management committee. Additionally, he was active with the statewide Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association, where he served on the Power Supply and Engineering Committee, Transmission Policy, and Risk Management Committees and co-chaired its Consumer Choice Marketing and Consumer, Employee and Board Education Task Force committees.

He has been named Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association Man of the Year (1992), the organization's highest honor.

In addition to his many career-related credits and initiatives, he has served his community in a variety of other capacities. They include Managing Editor of the Meyersdale Republican; board member and past president of the Meyersdale Lions Club; on the Economic Development Committee of the Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission; was a charter member and secretary of the Long Range Planning Committee with the Somerset County Vocational Technical School; served on the board of the Appalachian Intermediate Unit 8 serving the area's school districts; served for sixteen years including as president on the Meyersdale Area School Board; member of the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce; and a member of the Partnership for Rural Industrial Development Enterprises (PRIDE) as Secretary.

Harold Nicholson has been and continues to be an outstanding member of his community. I wish him all the best for a fulfilling and happy retirement to enjoy with his wife, four children and nine grandchildren.

IN HONOR OF THE FRANCISCAN  
FRIARS

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Franciscan Friars. The Franciscan Friars of the Santa Barbara Province have

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been compassionately responding to the needs of San Franciscans since 1887. It is my pleasure to honor them for their tremendous contributions on the Fiftieth Anniversary of one of their most successful projects, the St. Anthony Foundation.

The Franciscan Friars improve our city through their work at St. Boniface Church. For years, they have been feeding the poor and homeless and caring for those in need. In particular, the Friars have ministered to the immigrant communities of San Francisco's Tenderloin District, first with the German community and expanding more recently to the Hispanic, Vietnamese and Filipino communities.

The St. Anthony Foundation was founded by Franciscan Friar Alfred Boeddeker, while pastor of St. Boniface Church, to "feed, clothe, heal and shelter the needy, empower the powerless, and promote a social order in which all persons flourish." Today, the Foundation serves an extraordinary number of people with their drug rehabilitation, food, health, housing, and other social service programs. The Franciscan Friars have provided the spirit, vision, and direction for the St. Anthony Foundation to complete 50 years of service to the most marginalized in our community.

The Franciscan Friars and the St. Anthony Foundation make San Francisco a better place. Their selfless dedication to those in need calls us to a higher standard. It is my honor to commend them on fifty years of service through the St. Anthony Foundation.

THANK YOU TO ADAM TUNE FOR  
SERVICE ON MY STAFF

**HON. BART GORDON**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 2, 2000*

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I want to give thanks and special recognition to an intern in my office, Adam Tune

Adam attends my alma mater, Middle Tennessee State University. While still in high school he managed to work 25 hours each week, took college level preparatory courses and maintained good grades.

Interns play an invaluable role in helping congressional offices function efficiently and effectively, often performing the most thankless but essential tasks required. Adam pitches in where ever and when ever he is needed, never complaining and always accomplishing his work on-time and of the higher quality.

Adam loves politics and admires this institution. This high regard is reflected each and every day in his attitude and dependability.

Adam has been an invaluable member of my staff and deserves the highest praise for his contribution.

It has been a pleasure to have Adam Tune serve in my office and I join my staff in thanking him for all his hard work.

TRIBUTE TO ROXCY BOLTON

**HON. CARRIE P. MEEK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 2, 2000*

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a special tribute to Florida's pioneer feminist, a great woman, and a friend, Ms. Roxcy Bolton. There are not many people around like Roxcy, and I am so proud to recognize her many accomplishments.

She is a trail blazer, a persistent advocate, a remarkable woman. She put the spotlight on women, showcased their problems, and encouraged other women to take action and expand the fight for equal rights. She has proven time and again that one person can make a difference.

Roxcy O'Neal Bolton was born in 1926 in Mississippi. She became a businesswoman and was active in community and political organizations. She married Commander David Bolton U.S.N. who was later president of Men for the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA).

In 1966, Bolton helped form Florida's National Organization for Women, serving as charter president of the Miami Chapter and National Vice President in 1969.

In 1972, she founded Women in Distress, a non-profit agency providing emergency housing, rescue service and multi-discipline assistance to women in situations of personal crisis. It was the first women's rescue shelter in Florida.

In 1974 she was instrumental in establishing the Rape Treatment Center, the first of its kind at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami. That same year, Bolton organized Florida's first Crime Watch program to help stem crime against women.

She also founded the Women's Park in Miami and has been the recipient of numerous awards relating to her work in women's rights. In 1984, she was inducted into the Florida Women's Hall of Fame.

Less trumpeted are her countless acts of compassion: for the woman about to be replaced in her job by someone younger and better connected; for the man who is demoted from his city job because he cannot read; for the prostitute working to earn her high school equivalency diploma; for the woman who sleeps and eventually dies on the steps of a downtown church.

It is no wonder why any letter addressed simply Roxcy, Coral Gables, Fla. arrives in due course at Bolton's house.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Bolton has been called, and rightly so, South Florida's "Mother of Feminism". I strongly believe that my state of Florida is a much better place for women . . . and all people . . . because of Roxcy Bolton. On behalf of the people of the 17th Congressional District, I salute her.