

Sam died on November 30, 2000, apparently of a heart attack, near a memorial garden in Rancho Peñasquitos that has been dedicated to his daughter. He was 63. He is survived by his wife, Joyce; daughters, Cynthia Knott of El Cajon and Cheryl Knott, a professor at Harvard University; a son, John of Pacific Beach; as well as, sisters, Julia Knott Fago of San Diego and Jean Thompson of La Mesa; brothers, Dr. Jim Knott of North Park and Joe Knott of Del Cerro; and three grandsons.

Let the permanent RECORD of the Congress of the United States show that Sam's life exemplified commitment and service to community, and that he leaves behind this legacy for his family, friends, and fellow Americans to emulate.

CONGRATULATING URSULINE
IRISH HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2000

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, today I want to congratulate the Ursuline Irish High School Football Team and Coach Jim Vivo on their first Division IV State Championship. The Irish defeated Coldwater, at Fawcett Stadium, with a 49–37 victory.

The Irish broke ten championship game records and tied one. Running backs Delbert Ferguson (freshman) and Terrance Graves (sophomore) combined for 499 yards and seven touchdowns.

The team went 9–1 in the regular season and 14–1 overall to win the state title. I would like to extend my congratulations to Coach Jim Vivo, the Ursuline Irish Football Team, Principal Pat Fleming and the students of Ursuline High School as they celebrate this memorable achievement.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID S. BURGESS

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2000

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating David S. Burgess on the occasion of his being honored this month on National Human Rights Day by the Benicia Healthy Cities Task Force for his lifetime achievements of social justice.

David S. Burgess, a resident of the city of Benicia, CA, since September 1990, has been honored by the publication of his biography, "Fighting for Social Justice." David represents the best of Christian social activism in our times, having given so much of his time, talent, and treasure to building a more just and caring society for more than seven decades.

Dave's commitment to social justice began in his teens and continued throughout his activist student years at Oberlin College and Union Theological Seminary in the late 1930's and early 1940's. He and his bride, Alice,

worked side by side with, and ministered to, migrant workers in southern Florida and New Jersey in the early 1940's, learning first-hand about life on the edge, life without hope, antiblack cruelties, and company indifference to workers' basic needs.

Continuing to conduct farm camp church services, Dave became a labor union representative in the hope of making a practical difference. Through the next few years he combined his role as a minister and budding farm labor champion, assigned to locations by his church. He finished seminary and was organized into what became the United Church of Christ in 1943, ready to jump in as a full-time Christian activist on the union front. Between 1944 and 1947, he worked with tenant farmers and sharecroppers in New Jersey and Arkansas to revive hope by strengthening unions that had been bullied into silence. He learned to work with plantation owners, the victimized poor, Pentecostal preachers, members of a complacent middle class, and conservative mainline congregations.

Dave's diplomatic and fund-raising work in Arkansas resulted in his saving from a second assault 579 workers' homes, which had been built by the Farm Security Administration in 1940 with the assistance of Eleanor Roosevelt. His success in saving the Delmo Homes brought visitors—labor officials, columnists, and church workers—seeking the secrets of his success.

Dave then accepted a job from the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) as chief organizer for the textile workers' union in South Carolina. He fought hard, not only against the companies

His acquaintance with Victor Reuther led to Dave accepting the job as the CIO's labor attache to the American Embassy in India, where from 1955 to 1960 he helped the now combined AFL–CIO as it attempted to strengthen India's steel unions. Dave became the chief of the India-Burma division of the United States Agency for International Development in 1961, where he worked on a recommendation for United States aid in education, agriculture, public health, and industrial development that became the foundation for United States foreign aid policy in Indonesia for the next three decades.

In 1963, Sargent Shriver asked Dave to head up the first Peace Corps program in Indonesia, a job fraught with challenge as the country was in political turmoil. He returned to work in the Peace Corps offices in Washington, DC, where he successfully opened up the Peace Corps to blue-collar workers with practical and manual skills.

Dave was the area director and deputy regional director of UNICEF in East Asia from 1966 to 1972, in Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, and Hong Kong. His work focused on improving the welfare of poor children, youth, and mothers, supporting grammar schools, training teachers, and establishing rural health centers. In his last 2 years in the area, Dave worked in war-torn, flooded Bangladesh, getting food and medical supplies to mothers and children.

He ended his UNICEF career as a major spokesman for the organization in both the United States and Canada, changing its public image from that of an emergency relief agency

to one with the broader mission of bettering long-term health care and improving the quality of life in poor countries.

As pastor of two blue-collar churches in Newark, NJ, through the 1980's, Dave returned to his early mission of working for racial integration and saving low-income housing. As executive director of the Metropolitan Ecumenical Ministries for 6 years, Dave focused the group's energy on the problems of racism, poverty, and injustice. His proudest achievement in Newark was saving the remaining 6,500 units of public housing after 812 of them had been dynamited by the city, with plans to raze the rest.

Moving to Benicia, CA, after a heart attack, Dave devoted himself in the 1990's to establishing low-income housing in his new hometown. He founded the nonprofit Affordable Housing Affiliation, which has broken ground for a small cooperative complex that is the first low-income housing built in Benicia in nearly two decades.

On December 10, 2000, many friends and family members will be joining Dave as he is honored on National Human Rights Day for his commitment and dedication to the issues of social justice, poverty, discrimination, inequality, and the needs of working people. I know that every Member of this House joins me in thanking Dave for his many decades of devoted service and the significant contributions that he has made to this nation and to the City of Benicia.

Dave's life has been a truly remarkable and admirable journey that will stand as a lesson to present and future generations on the important difference that one person can make in our society.

TRIBUTE TO MARY ALICE CARTER
ON HER 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 4, 2000

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in honoring a very special person, Ms. Mary Alice Carter, as she celebrates an important milestone in her life.

Mary Alice Carter was born 80 years ago, on December 31, 1920, in Alamance County, North Carolina. Her proud parents were William and Maude Howard, and she was the 5th of four brothers and four sisters. Since her earliest years, her strong, living and vivacious personality has placed her at the center and circle of family and friends.

Seeking opportunities for herself and her family, she left the familiarity of her North Carolina home in 1964 and moved to Newark, New Jersey, and began a new life. Hard work has been the hallmark of Mary Alice's life, and to ensure the best life possible for her two daughters, she worked in a number of positions in hospitals and jails, and as a domestic. Her hard work enabled her daughters to pursue their goals, and both remain grateful to her for her sacrifices on their behalf. Mary Alice joined the New Hope Baptist Church right away after arriving in the North. Next to