

earn both his M.A. and Ph.D in mathematics education. Gene moved to Wilmington, Delaware, where he served as the Supervisor of Mathematics for their public schools from 1959–1961.

It was in 1961 that Professor Smith moved to Michigan to join the faculty of Wayne State University as a Professor of Mathematics Education. Gene established the M.A. and Ph.D program in mathematics education and served as the department chair for 28 years. After 30 years of service at Wayne State University, Professor Smith held a part-time Visiting Professor position at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. After nearly sixty years of teaching our children, Professor Smith has decided to retire.

During his tenure as a teacher and professor, Gene has held numerous leadership positions including President of the Columbus Council of Teachers of Mathematics, President of the Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics and President of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Gene's many honors include Ohio State University's Centennial Medallion for outstanding contributions to education and teaching, the Mu Alpha Theta Award for Wise Counsel and Leadership in Mathematics Education and, 1994, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics awarded Gene the Mathematics Education Trust Lifetime Achievement Award for Teaching.

Mr. Speaker, as Gene leaves teaching after sixty years of service, I would ask that all my colleagues salute him and his leadership.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 11, 2000

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I respectfully request a leave of absence for today, December 11, 2000. Due to a terrible case of the flu, I am unable to be present to take part in the House of Representatives' legislative activities.

ON REVEREND JIM MITULSKI

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 11, 2000

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to pay tribute to the Reverend Jim Mitulski, a true friend and hero to thousands of people in need. For 15 years Reverend Mitulski has lead the congregation at the metropolitan Community Church (MCC) in San Francisco. Through his caring and compassion, his action and his deeds, he epitomizes the real spirit of Christianity.

Fifteen years ago, when Reverend Mitulski first came to MCC, situated in the heart of San Francisco's Castro District, the city was facing the onslaught of the AIDS epidemic. Reverend Mitulski recognized the needs and rose to the challenge, providing sanctuary and sustenance—physical, spiritual, emotional, and psy-

chological—to his congregants and other members of the community. He provided a safe haven, support, acceptance, and love for the sick and dying, some of whom had been rejected by their own families. He ministered to those in need with unflinching compassion and enabled them to live out their lives with dignity. Over the course of his service at MCC, Reverend Mitulski presided over 500 funerals of his parishioners. He never gave up hope and he never stopped serving as a source of faith and inspiration to the survivors.

Mr. Speaker, I join the other members of the San Francisco community who have met Reverend Mitulski's decision to resign with a mixture of sadness and happiness. We are sad that he is stepping down, but happy that he is finding new ways to contribute to our community and to grow. Mostly, however, we are grateful for his leadership, his spirit of Christianity, his unselfish offering up of everything he had, and his untiring willingness to work within a community in crisis as it faced untold losses. Rev. Jim Mitulski is an example of the best of what San Francisco has to offer. We have been blessed by his years of service and wish him all the best in his new endeavors.

CONGRATULATING THE MARYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL RED REBEL FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 11, 2000

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, on December 2nd of this year, the Maryville High School Red Rebel football team became the 1999–2000 Class 4A state champions after defeating East High School of Memphis, 33–14, at this year's championship game in Murfreesboro, TN.

This is a remarkable accomplishment for this team, as they started this year's season with a record of 0–4. Against all odds, the team pulled it together with unparalleled strength and determination and came back to win their 2nd state championship in 3 years. Their last championship came in 1998.

The spirit of this team reminds me of the story of former Baltimore Orioles' third baseman Brooks Robinson, a Hall of Famer. Robinson once said that there were only a few in the Hall of Fame who got there mostly on superior athletic ability. Robinson said that the other 600 or so got here because of drive, determination, discipline, and desire. This team possesses the same qualities.

In an address to a jubilant crowd at a homecoming celebration at Maryville High School, George Quarles, Head Coach of the Maryville Red Rebels football team said, "To our team, I want to say thank you for not giving up. It would have been so easy to quit after going 0–4, but you didn't. The biggest lesson is not to give up. I am proud to be your coach."

Mr. Speaker, I ask the readers of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and my fellow colleague to join me in congratulating Head Coach George Quarles and the Maryville High School Red Rebel football team for their glorious victory. I also include the following news article

printed in the Knoxville News Sentinel. The team's leadership, strength, and determination should be recognized by all, and their sportsmanship and dedication are at a level that should be followed by every high school team in this Country.

[From the Knoxville News Sentinel,
December 10, 2000]

MARYVILLE PLAYERS LAUDED FOR "TEAM EFFORT"

(By Ken Garland)

The Maryville High School football players never gave up, their coach said. They hung in there and went for the gold.

And they got it. A gold football trophy declaring them to be the Class 4A state football champions came their way after last weekend's state championship in Murfreesboro.

The Red Rebels defeated East High School of Memphis, 33–14, in the championship round Saturday night, Dec. 2.

They came home with that championship trophy, their second in three years, to the adoration of their fans in the community and at the school. Those fans came together Thursday morning in the MHS gymnasium for a celebration.

Meanwhile, across the county, fans of Alcoa High School were gearing up for a celebration honoring their football team. The tornadoes won the Class 2A state championship and were honored at a reception at Alcoa High School Saturday.

Read more about that reception in the sports section of today's News-Sentinel.

Maryville Head Coach George Quarles said the state win came as a surprise to him.

"Nobody was more shocked to be here than me," he told students and guests at the celebration.

After losing the first four games of the season, Quarles figured the team had no chance in the world of making even the playoffs. But, he said, the team proved him wrong.

The state championship gives the seniors on the team an impressive history, said Athletic Director Jerry Thompson. The seniors have "played on a (state) runner-up team and on two state championship teams," he said.

The Red Rebels won their other state championship game in 1998. They have won several other state championship games in years past.

Shortly after that 1998 game, the team lost its head coach to another school. School officials named Quarles, who had been offensive coordinator for six years, as the new head coach.

At the ceremonies, Quarles thanked school officials who "took a chance on an untried head coach" and promoted him.

Over and over, the officials who spoke, and some who didn't, kept attributing the state championship to the team's "never-say-die attitude."

"What a remarkable turnaround," Thompson said. "Never in the history of Tennessee football has this happened."

Maryville Mayor Steve West, who presented the team with a proclamation naming Thursday as Maryville High School Day, said it was a "team effort."

"It's a team effort that makes you go to the championships," he said, "Maryville High has always been known for team effort."

"You all did a fabulous job."

Quarles, who also was named Class 4A coach of the year, told the team members he was proud of them.

"To our team, I want to say thank you for not giving up," he said. "It would have been so easy to quit after going 0-4, but you didn't. The biggest lesson is not to give up."
"I'm proud to be your coach."

TRIBUTE TO RAYMON AYALA

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 11, 2000

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a unique and outstanding American, Norteno artist and five-time Grammy Award nominee Raymon Ayala, who is one of the most popular artists in regional Mexican music today. He celebrates his birthday today, and I ask the House of Representatives to join me in offering him our good wishes.

Ayala, who began his exemplary career at the age of 18, has been one of the great entertainers of his generation. His skill at the Mexican "conjunto" music (music with an accordion base) is unparalleled in the industry. His steady rise and his continuous output of inclusive music has made him a favorite of fans throughout the Southwest and in Mexico.

In the 30 years that Raymon Ayala has graced the charts, he has recorded over 75 albums, never straying from his conjunto roots.

Ayala's success has turned on precisely the same elements that ensure the success of any musician in the industry: a straightforward style, balanced music, and lyrics with universally understood themes. His music touches on tragedy, loneliness, broken relationships, and experiencing love in all its complicated nuances . . . the sort of music that appeals to all music lovers, regardless of their favorite format.

Raymon has taken great care to ensure that the material on his albums reflects the excellence that has been his lifelong trademark. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing this talented patriot a happy birthday.

AMERICAN HOMEOWNERSHIP AND
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT OF
2000

SPEECH OF

HON. PATSY T. MINK

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2000

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5640, especially subtitle B of title V. The title expands housing assistance for native Hawaiians by extending to them the same types of Federal housing programs available to American Indians and Alaska Natives. The provision authorizes appropriations for block grants for affordable housing activities and for loan guarantees for mortgages for owner- and renter-occupied housing. It authorizes technical assistance in cases where administrative capacity is lacking. The block grants would be provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands of the government of the State of Hawaii.

This is the fourth time this year that the House will consider a bill containing these important provisions for Native Hawaiian housing.

I thank the chairman of the Banking Committee [Mr. LEACH], ranking member [Mr. LAFALCE], the chairman of the Housing Subcommittee [Mr. LAZIO], and the ranking member of subcommittee [Mr. FRANK] and the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. BEREUTER] for their assistance in incorporating the provisions for native Hawaiian housing in the bill. They have worked tirelessly to craft a bill that both Houses can support so that Congress will be able to enact a housing bill this year.

Passage of this bill is critical because within the last several years, three studies have documented the housing conditions that confront native Hawaiians who reside on the Hawaiian home lands or who are eligible to reside on the home lands.

In 1992, the National Commission on American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Housing issued its final report to Congress, "Building the Future: A Blueprint for Change." In its study, the Commission found that Native Hawaiians had the worst housing conditions in the State of Hawaii and the highest percentage of hopelessness, representing over 30 percent of the State's homeless population.

In 1995, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development issued a report entitled, "Housing Problems and Needs of Native Hawaiians." This report contained the alarming conclusion that Native Hawaiians experience the highest percentage of housing problems in the Nation—49 percent—higher than that of American Indians and Alaska Natives residing on reservations (44 percent) and substantially higher than that of all U.S. households (27 percent). The report also concluded that the percentage of overcrowding within the Native Hawaiian population is 36 percent compared to 3 percent for all other U.S. households.

Also, in 1995, the Hawaii State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands published a Beneficiary Needs Study as a result of research conducted by an independent research group. This study found that among the Native Hawaiians population the needs of Native Hawaiians eligible to reside on the Hawaiian home lands are the most severe. 95 percent of home lands applicants (16,000) were in need of housing, with one-half of those applicant households facing overcrowding, and one-third paying more than 30 percent of their income for shelter.

H.R. 5640 will provide eligible low-income Native Hawaiians access to Federal housing programs that provide assistance to low-income families. Currently, those Native Hawaiians who are eligible to reside on Hawaiian home lands but who do not qualify for private mortgage loans, are unable to access such Federal assistance.

I look forward to enactment of the bill because it is so important to the native people of Hawaii.

BUSH VERSUS GORE IN THE U.S.
SUPREME COURT

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 11, 2000

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following articles, which appeared in the New York Times on December 11, 2000 and the Washington Post on December 9, 2000, into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

[From the New York Times, Dec. 11, 2000]

TO ANY LENGTHS

(By Bob Herbert)

And so the Supreme Court intervened, not with wisdom and grace but with a clumsily wielded hammer, to protect the interests of George W. Bush and the Republicans by thwarting any further movement in the Florida vote toward Al Gore.

Mr. Bush and his party have made it clear to the country and the world that their greatest fear—the scenario they dread above all others—is that somehow, someway, all of the votes legally cast in Florida would actually be counted.

They have demonstrated their willingness to go to almost any lengths to prevent that from happening. And that resolve was given the unfortunate imprimatur of the nation's highest court on Saturday when, in a 5-to-4 decision, the court ordered the hand recounts in Florida to stop.

But the Bush team's appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, which will hear oral arguments this morning, is just one prong of the G.O.P.'s dangerous assault on the spirit of democracy that has served this nation so well for so long. The truth is that while Mr. Bush and the Republicans will be more than happy to accept a final Supreme Court ruling in their favor, they are already prepared to take extraordinary steps to circumvent a ruling that goes against them.

In short, they are not willing to accept any set of circumstances that would result in Al Gore winning the White House.

Former Secretary of State James Baker was asked on "Meet the Press" yesterday if the Bush campaign would accept the results of a recount in Florida if, after hearing the arguments today, the Supreme Court ordered the recount to resume.

Mr. Baker told the moderator, Tim Russert, "Of course we'll begin the recount again if that's the ruling of the United States Supreme Court."

Mr. Russert said, "And will you abide by the result?"

Mr. Baker, clearly uncomfortable with the question, said "Well, I'm not sure I understand what you mean, 'Will we abide by the result?' The result will be there."

Mr. Baker knows as well as anyone that the Republican-controlled Florida Legislature is poised to trash any semblance of justice and fair play by designating its own slate of 25 presidential electors committed to Mr. Bush if, under any scenario, Al Gore wins the popular vote in Florida.

Mr. Baker said of the Legislature, "They have an interest here that is a constitutional interest granted to them under Article 2 of the Constitution, and it is not up to me or anybody else to rule that out or rule it in."

Mr. Russert said: "But your campaign has been working in concert with them, giving them legal advice. Both sides admit it."