

take to heart President Roosevelt's reminder that it is the sacred duty and great privilege of the living to honor and remember those who have died to protect the American ideals of freedom, democracy and liberty. The men and women who have died in service to America, and especially the 50 heroes aboard these fateful EC-121H flights, deserve no less.

THE DEATH OF MICHAEL P.
MORTARA

HON. JAMES A. LEACH

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 15, 2000

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, I wish to note the passing of an individual of considerable stature in the history of this nation's financial system, Michael P. Mortara. Mr. Mortara, who was the victim of an aneurysm last month, was instrumental in the creation of mortgage-backed securities, a market now valued at over \$2 trillion. By devising a means for banks to package and sell mortgage loans to the broader capital markets, he helped enlarge the pool of credit available to millions of middle and low income American families, making it possible for them to purchase their first homes at affordable mortgage rates. Asset securitization, as the technique that Mr. Mortara helped pioneer is called, is the primary tool Ginnie Mae, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have used to carry out their missions—the establishment and maintenance of a stable and fluid nationwide secondary mortgage market essential to widespread, affordable housing finance. This technique was also adapted with success by the Resolution Trust Company, saving American taxpayers millions of dollars, and it has served as a model for housing finance markets around the world.

In addition to his contribution to our country's economic well-being, Mr. Mortara was dedicated to the community in which he lived, the community in which he worked, as well as to his family—his wife Virginia and his two sons, Michael and Matthew. At his death, Mr. Mortara was a senior member of the Wall Street firm Goldman Sachs. There and wherever he came into contact with them, he mentored and guided hundreds of young men and women throughout their careers. He served on many educational boards, including those of Georgetown University, The Taft School, Rumsey Hall School, and the Connecticut Junior Republic. Mr. Mortara was the embodiment of a free-enterprise minded American citizen—a proponent of free markets, education, and family values.

Mr. Speaker, what Mr. Mortara's life symbolizes is the mark an individual can make in the private sector that has positive ramifications for society as a whole. It is innovations in finance that have helped curb inflation and in the case of the secondary housing securities market made access to home ownership available to millions who would otherwise be precluded from participation in the American dream.

Mr. Mortara will be much missed by this family and colleagues and so many who never

knew him but benefited from the innovations in finance that he pioneered.

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP JAMES T.
McHUGH

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 15, 2000

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, today, a great man of God, a brilliant writer of homilies and incisive commentary, an extraordinary humanitarian, a courageous defender of human life, Bishop James T. McHugh—will be buried. After a long battle with cancer, Bishop McHugh passed away on December 10th. Consistent with how he lived his life, Bishop McHugh faced death like he faced life—with courage, dignity and an unwavering faith that inspires us all. Prior to his assignment at Rockville Center, Bishop McHugh served with dedication and effectiveness as Bishop of the Diocese of Camden, New Jersey, and area which borders my district.

Mr. Speaker, I have had the privilege of knowing this holy man of God and calling him "friend" for over 25 years. By his words and extraordinary example, Bishop McHugh lived the Gospel of Jesus with unpretentious passion and humility. Bishop McHugh radiated Christ. He recognized evil and deceit in the world for what it was—yet he never ceased to proclaim reconciliation and renewal through Christ, the Sacraments and the Church. Clearly among the best, brightest and most wise, Bishop McHugh nevertheless was humble and soft spoken. His courage to press on against any and all odds was without peer. He was a spiritual giant, and we will miss him dearly.

A graduate of Seton Hall University and the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Darlington, New Jersey, Bishop McHugh began his service to the church early in life. Ordained in 1957, Bishop McHugh's impact has been felt in countless ways. His constant and unyielding defense of the unborn will serve as a pillar of strength to all of us who carry on the fight for life. At the time of his death, Bishop McHugh was a member of the US Bishop's Committee on Pro-Life Activities as well as a consultant to the Pontifical Council on the Family. His dedication to the pro-life movement knew no bounds, and his representation of the Vatican at international meetings and at the United Nations on population control and pro-life matters served as not only an inspiration for myself, but upheld the convictions and beliefs of the Church and believers worldwide.

Bishop McHugh's courage and convictions could not have been more evident than just recently, when he ordered that no public officials or candidates who supported abortion be permitted to appear at Catholic parishes. Although Bishop McHugh was criticized by the media, he was upheld in high esteem among those of us who hold that all human life is precious. Bishop McHugh held strong to clear Christian teaching on the sanctity of human life and the duty of all men and women of goodwill, especially politicians, to protect the vulnerable from the violence of abortion.

Early in his career, Bishop McHugh worked on staff of the National Conference of Catholic

Bishops and was named director of the Division for Family Life in 1967 and director of the bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life activities in 1972. Bishop McHugh did advanced theological studies at the Angelicum in Rome and earned his doctorate in sacred theology in 1981.

Bishop McHugh must be commended for this outstanding work as Vatican delegate to numerous international conferences, including the 1974 International Conference on Population in Bucharest, Romania, the 1980 UN World Conference on Women in Copenhagen, Denmark; the 1984 UN World Population Conference in Mexico City; the 1990 World Summit for Children in New York; the 1992 International Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo, Egypt.

HONORING OKLAHOMA STATE
UNIVERSITY

HON. WES WATKINS

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 15, 2000

Mr. WATKINS. Mr. Speaker, these are momentous days for academic excellence at Oklahoma State University. Last week, Oklahoma State University (OSU) received national recognition for its outstanding record in producing world-class scholars and leaders.

OSU celebrated being named a Truman Scholarship Honor Institution—an award bestowed on only five universities in the nation this year. OSU is one of only 37 universities in the nation to have ever received this distinction. No other Oklahoma university has ever received the honor. This year's other award recipients are the University of Texas, the University of Kansas, the University of Minnesota, and Willamette University.

The Truman Scholarship Honor Institution award recognizes colleges and universities that have developed a long history of producing outstanding student scholars and leaders. The award specifically recognized OSU for: Exemplary participation in the Truman Scholarship program—six Truman Scholars in the last seven years. Active encouragement of outstanding young people to pursue careers in public service. Special attention to helping the most promising students at OSU achieve their goals through participation in national fellowship competitions such as the Rhodes, Marshall, Truman, Goldwater and Udall scholarship programs.

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation awards 75 to 80 merit-based scholarships each year to college juniors who wish to attend graduate school in preparation for careers in public service. The merit-based Truman Scholarships are recognized as the most prestigious undergraduate scholarships in America. Each Truman Scholar receives up to \$30,000 in scholarship support, plus other academic and career benefits.

Oklahoma State University is rightfully proud of its academic success. OSU has produced 10 Truman Scholars, one Rhodes scholar, six Goldwater scholars, one Marshall scholar and

one Udall scholar. Many of these awards were won during the past seven years. OSU student scholar award winners include:

Truman Scholars—Bryan Begley, Shannon Ferrell, Kent Gardner, Wren Hawthorne, Jr., Jeannette Jones-Webb, Kent Major, Angela Robinson, Kim Sasser, Chris Stephens, Carla-Kaye Switzer.

Rhodes Scholar—Blaine Greteman.

Goldwater Scholars—Belinda Bashore, Michael Holcomb, Ross Keener, Michael Oehrman, Ward Thompson, Mario White.

Marshall Scholar—Chris Stephens.

Udall Scholar—Phoebe Katterhenry.

During last week's festivities, OSU inducted its prestigious scholarship winners into the university's new "Scholars Hall of Fame." As reported in the university's award-winning student newspaper, *The Daily O'Collegian*, "Flashbulbs and applause erupted Friday as an orange and black ribbon was clipped—unveiling Oklahoma State University's latest tribute to its academic heritage of excellence. OSU President James Halligan and Board of Regents Chairwoman Lou Watkins cut the ribbon and ushered a number of OSU's prestigious scholarship winners into the Scholars Hall of Fame in the Student Union."

Eighteen of OSU's national scholars returned to OSU for last week's festivities, traveling from as far away as England. Included were all ten Truman Scholars.

TRIBUTE TO BUD DEMEREST

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 15, 2000

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep regret that I inform our colleagues of the recent passing of one of my truly outstanding constituents.

William McNeal Demerest, known to his many loved ones, friends, and admirers as "Bud", was a school teacher for 37 years. He was respected by his students because he not only taught them that community service is the greatest work of life, but he also led them by example. Bud served as Supervisor of the Town of Chester, N.Y., for twenty years, from 1950 until 1970. In those days, Orange County was governed by a Board of Supervisors and Bud was extremely active in that capacity. He also served as the Board of Supervisors minority leader for most of the years he served on that panel.

Bud will especially be remembered for his extraordinary efforts, after the close of World War II, in establishing the Orange County Community College (OCCC). The movement to establish two-year colleges had not yet caught fire nationwide at that point, but Bud was a prophet in foreseeing the benefit it would present not only for students but also for the economy of the whole region. When OCCC was established in 1950, Bud was appointed to their Board of Directors and served in that capacity for 23 years.

Bud Demerest was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II. He was also a 50-year member of the Walton Engine and Hose Company, a life member of the Orange

County Volunteer Firemen's Association, and the New York State Firemen's Association. He was also active in the American Legion, the Masons and Shriners, the Chester Historical Society, the Chester Little League, and many other community organizations.

Bud was predeceased by his lovely wife Ruth, but is survived by one son, one daughter, six grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and several nieces and nephews. William "Bud" Demerest served the public in many capacities, but each was outstanding as a good neighbor and friend. He will long be missed.

EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE JULIAN C. DIXON, MEMBER OF CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2000

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in sharing my deep sense of shock and loss for our beloved JULIAN DIXON.

JULIAN was a warrior and a statesman. I met JULIAN in 1975 when I worked as a member of Congressman Ron Dellums' staff, who I know joins us in remembering this great human being.

I will always remember how JULIAN treated me as a staff member—with respect and dignity. I know today, his staff would want me to say that JULIAN was a wonderful boss and demonstrated with them as he did with us his tough love. His fierce strength kept many of us centered and thinking clear about any issue.

As a member, JULIAN counseled me many times on the tips of the trade. Whenever an issue relating to my district came before appropriations, JULIAN would check up with me first to consider my views. He didn't have to do that. He never let me get blind-sided. Some of my most special moments with JULIAN were riding home with him. We live around the corner from each other.

During these rides we talked about so many things he cared about like his constituents; the people of California; and the people of his native home, Washington, DC. He always reminded me that I should not let the business of my life in Washington, DC get in the way of my personal friendships. All of us need to remember his words of wisdom and I thank him for his friendship. I want to thank Bettye and JULIAN's family and his home district for sharing this great leader with us and wish them God's blessings. May JULIAN's soul rest in peace.

EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE JULIAN C. DIXON, MEMBER OF CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SPEECH OF

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2000

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to express my deep sadness for the passing of my friend, mentor, and fellow Angeleno, JULIAN DIXON.

I had the privilege of knowing JULIAN DIXON for many years, including the years he served with my father, Congressman Edward R. Roybal, in the 1970s and 80s.

JULIAN served his Los Angeles-area community and the state of California as a member of the California State Assembly and in Congress with distinction.

JULIAN DIXON's achievements during his nearly three-decade tenure as a legislator are too numerous to recount. He was chairman of the House Ethics Committee, maintaining bipartisanship on a traditionally partisan committee. A fighter in the struggle for civil rights, he brought that commitment to his chairmanship of the District of Columbia Appropriations subcommittee where he was a strong advocate for the rights of DC residents. Recognizing his leadership capabilities, JULIAN was elected Chairman of the influential Congressional Black Caucus in the 1980s. More recently, he served as ranking Democrat on the prestigious and demanding Select Intelligence Committee.

When I was appointed to the Appropriations Committee two years ago, I was delighted at the opportunity to serve with JULIAN on the Commerce-Justice-State-Judiciary Subcommittee because I knew my staff and I would benefit greatly from his expertise and knowledge of the agencies, programs and issues that would come before the committee.

JULIAN was extremely skillful at getting straight to the heart of a policy question. While he never hesitated to express his displeasure with any administration official—be they Attorney General or Secretary of State—he always did so in a calm, dignified and respectful manner. He did not view his role on the subcommittee as solely partisan, but rather to make sure that the government was doing its job to serve the interests of his constituents and the American people as a whole.

One anecdote in particular illustrates the way JULIAN worked and the high degree of respect accorded him by Democrats and Republicans alike. Last year, which was my first year on the Appropriations committee, the Los Angeles police department was involved in a series of controversial shootings involving officers. Learning of the incidents, JULIAN immediately understood how critical it was to the future of Los Angeles and law enforcement to ensure that such shootings were thoroughly investigated. As a result, JULIAN worked with city officials and the district attorney's office to develop a program for "roll-out teams" to quickly respond to these shootings and ensure a thorough and impartial investigation.