

the federal government was not prepared. We were caught napping. We got complacent." The Administration, which seems to have no problem attacking American companies they suspect of being a monopoly, refuses to use its current legal arsenal to sanction foreign countries that collude in monopolistic alliances to fleece the American people.

Last year, I requested that Congress look into OPEC's price fixing scheme. And last night, Congress took a small step towards helping American consumers by passing H.R. 3822, which encourages the President to use his current authority to stop OPEC from inflating gas prices. But, I believe we can, indeed we must, do more.

First and foremost we should have included a mechanism in this legislation to penalize countries for gouging our constituents. Secondly, we should have repealed the 4.3 cent gas tax that President Clinton and Vice-President GORE included in their tax increase package of 1993. And finally, we should have examined cost effective ways to increase domestic oil production.

Looking forward, we need to pursue the development of alternative energy sources that will reduce our dependence on foreign oil. To that end, we should support tax credits for people who purchase environmentally friendly, energy efficient solar heating equipment. We should also support funding for research on solar, wind, biofuels, geothermal, and other environmentally friendly alternative forms of energy.

Perhaps we will revisit this matter when our constituents are paying \$2.50 for a gallon of gas. H.R. 3822 is a first step towards resolving the current crisis. But, Congress should have done more. Americans should not have to pay more at the gas pump, or for groceries, or to heat their homes, simply because we did not do enough to stop foreign nations from artificially increasing the price of oil. We've been far too passive for too long.

CONGRATULATING ELDER ANTHONY G. GREEN I, OF SIKESTON, MO, ON HIS RECOGNITION BY THE DAUGHTERS OF SUNSET

### HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, March 25, 2000, Elder Anthony G. Green I is being honored by the Sikeston, MO Daughters of Sunset at their 16th Annual Recognition Program. I would like to extend my congratulations to Elder Green who is being recognized on this day for his community involvement.

Elder Green is a graduate of Sikeston High School. He earned an associate degree in engineering from ITT Technical Institute in St. Louis, MO and is currently attending Green Memorial Biblical University and Andersonville Baptist Seminary. Elder Green is currently chief executive officer and pastor of Rhema World Breakthrough International Ministries of Cape Girardeau, MO and is president of the Sikeston Branch of the NAACP. He was also

honored by the Department of Justice National Symposium on Civil Rights in Washington, DC.

Elder Green is the cofounder and editor-in-chief of the African American Informant, Inc. Newspaper of Sikeston, MO. His many community activities include the Neighborhood Improvement Association, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration Co-Coordinator, Citizens Home Mission tutor and mentor, Green Memorial Biblical University Board of Directors, and the Hundred Men Rally Committee speaker and co-coordinator. Elder Green also is a member of various organizations including the NAACP, Justice League, Weed & Seed Steering Committee, Jurisdictional Djutancy Church of God in Christ, and Bootheel Healthy Start.

Elder Green has received training in a number of fields, including Community Development Training Ad Hoc Group Against Crime, Advisory Council Legislation Training, Missouri Division of Family Service—seminar on recognizing child abuse, and Southeast Missouri State University seminars in time management, cultural diversity, and conflict resolution.

Elder Green is married to Vanissa McCauley-Green and is the father of one son, Anthony Green II.

Congratulations, Elder Green, on your recognition by the "Daughters of Sunset." Your lifelong dedication to family and community is truly inspirational.

### TRIBUTE TO MICHELLE RAKERS

#### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, today I commend a former constituent of mine, Michelle Rakers of Aviston, Illinois. Michelle now plays trumpet for the elite United States Marine Band.

As one of eleven children, Michelle comes from a very musically inclined family where all her siblings played an instrument. Michelle's determination is a testament to her success. Let me explain. She auditioned five times before she was selected as a member of the band. She never took no for an answer. I want to congratulate her for her success and thank her for her determination—we can all learn a lesson from her example.

### IN HONOR OF KRISTEN STRYKER

#### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Kristen Stryker of Canton. Kristen has been named as one of Ohio's top two student volunteers for the year 2000 in the fifth annual Prudential Spirit of Community awards.

Kristen, an eighth grader at Faircrest Middle School, has a vegetable garden in her backyard. The harvest from this garden is donated to needy Native Americans in her area. Kristen's grandmother is 50 percent Native

American and through this Kristen feels a connection to those who share her heritage. When she heard that the nearby Allegheny Indian Center was a beneficiary of the national "Plant a Row for the Hungry" program, Kristen was eager to participate. After planting rows of zucchini, yellow squash and green and purple beans, she worked 1 hour every morning and evening from March through August weeding, watering and mulching the garden. The people who received the vegetables were able to enjoy the health benefits and the Allegheny Indian Center was able to purchase other necessary items with the money saved. Now Kristen hopes to encourage her 4-H club to adopt "Plant a Row for the Hungry" as its countywide service project. "I think this project has helped me become more sensitive to the needs of others," says Kristen.

Kristen was nominated by Stark & Summit Counties Extension 4-H in North Canton, OH for her ingenious service project. As a State honoree she will receive \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion, and an all-expense paid trip in May to Washington DC.

Please join me in honoring Kristen for her outstanding leadership and service in her community.

### RECOGNITION OF TERRY WARD AS RECIPIENT OF DISTINGUISHED CAREER INTELLIGENCE MEDAL

#### HON. BUD SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an honor for distinguished public service being accorded today to Terry Ward, a former constituent of mine. The Central Intelligence Agency is honoring Mr. Ward for over thirty years of distinguished government service in a wide range of dangerous and sensitive intelligence assignments in Southeast Asia, Europe, and Latin America.

Mr. Ward was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1961. Following ROTC training, Mr. Ward joined the U.S. military and joined the U.S. Embassy staff in Laos. In 1964, Mr. Ward was transferred to the CIA's Western Hemisphere Division. During the next thirty years, Mr. Ward served his country honorably and well in numerous dangerous overseas assignments in Latin America.

In my capacity as a Member of the House Intelligence Committee, I met Terry when he served in Honduras. I saw first-hand how he contributed in significant ways to fighting the efforts of the Sandinista regime in Nicaragua to destabilize its democratic neighbors. Contrary to some new reports, Terry worked hard to ensure that U.S. assistance to the Nicaraguan democratic resistance was closely managed and appropriately directed. Today, Nicaragua is a democratic ally and trading partner of the United States in no small measure to the efforts of Terry and other officers who served in the CIA's clandestine service in Central America during the 1980s.

As some may know, Mr. Ward was one of the subjects of a 1995 CIA Inspector General

investigation into allegations of improper conduct by CIA officers in Guatemala in the deaths of U.S. citizen Michael Devine and Guatemalan terrorist Efrain Bamaca. The IG report, and a subsequent review by President Clinton's Intelligence Oversight Board found no information whatsoever that any employee of the CIA was either involved in the murder of Mr. Devine or in the disappearance of Bamaca. After the IG report was published, Mr. Ward was effectively forced to retire from government service by then-DCI John Deutch.

When Dr. Deutch announced his disciplinary decisions regarding the Guatemala inquiry on September 29, 1995, he stated that Mr. Ward was "respected" and "otherwise had made important contributions throughout his career." Importantly, Dr. Deutch said that he intended that Mr. Ward's retirement would involve "no loss of appropriate recognition for previous service."

Despite what you might have read in some newspapers during the past few weeks, Mr. Ward is one of the unsung heroes of the Cold War. These press accounts note that he served as the CIA's station chief in Honduras from 1987-89—what they don't say is that his efforts there and elsewhere in Central America during the mid to late 1980s contributed significantly to the strengthening of democratic governance in Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador.

These unsung heroes of our intelligence community neither ask for nor expect the American people to know how they protect us from terrorists, narco-traffickers and other threats to our nation's security. The CIA's recognition today of Terry Ward's honorable service to his country is long overdue and fully merited. I applaud DCI George Tenet for doing the right thing for our country and for those who bravely serve its interests in our clandestine service.

CHUCK LEWIS WAS A TRUE HERO

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to ask that we all pause for a moment to remember a man who will live forever in the hearts of all who knew him and many who didn't. Chuck Lewis will be remembered as a wonderful entrepreneur and mentor. He had a great love of the outdoors and of skiing. His wife, Penelope, and children, C. Randall, Christina and Vonda, brought him endless joys.

Chuck was a native of Colorado and attended the University of Denver. His fiscal wizardry led him to the ski industry where he was able to turn around the troubled Eldora Mountain Resort. Lewis was also a former chairman of the Colorado Wildlife Commission, founder of Cooper Mountain and model rancher. He is regarded by many as the best chairman of the Colorado Wildlife Commission, because he cared about nature and people.

Chuck Lewis is remembered as a person who would cherish any moment he could squeeze out of his busy schedule to spend on a river with a fly rod in his hand. He had a

wonderful touch for people. His family and friends will miss the man that they enjoyed spending time with. The rest of us will miss the man who exemplified the selflessness that so few truly possess. But, when we lose a man such as Mr. Lewis, being missed is certainly no precursor to being forgotten.

EXPRESSION OF SORROW FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE MASSACRE IN THE VILLAGE OF CHATI SINGHPORA

**HON. DAVID E. BONIOR**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2000

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my profound sorrow at the horrific massacre of 35 Sikh men in the Kashmiri village of Chati Singhpora.

Today in Chati Singhpora, 35 families are mourning the loss of their fathers, their brothers and their sons. These men are victims of an inhumane war, suffering an unspeakable death before the eyes of their loved ones. The assassins who inflicted this punishment upon the families of Chati Singhpora are unknown. Regardless of their nationality and religion, they have covered this Kashmiri village with the blood of their victims and have taken 35 innocent men from the arms of their loving families.

Hundreds of villages like Chanti Singhpora are trapped, guilty only of unfortunate geography. I call upon all people to end the slaughter of innocents, to halt the violence which has divided Kashmir, and to search for common ground upon which a just and lasting peace may be erected. No more families should know such horror. I ask all of my colleagues here today to pledge themselves to peace in Kashmir, and to stop at nothing until the bloodshed has ended.

CONGRATULATING HARRY G. SHARP, III, OF SIKESTON, MO. ON HIS RECOGNITION BY THE DAUGHTERS OF SUNSET

**HON. JO ANN EMERSON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2000

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, March 25, 2000, Pastor Harry G. Sharp, III is being honored by the Sikeston, MO Daughters of Sunset at their 16th Annual Recognition Program. I would like to extend my congratulations to Harry who is being recognized on this day for his community involvement.

Harry is the son of Ruth Felker and the late H. Garwood Sharp, Jr. and is one of six generations of the Sharp family who have lived and been involved in the community of Sikeston, MO. Harry is the pastor of the Smith Chapel United Methodist Church in Sikeston. As the pastor of Smith Chapel and an active member of the Sunset community, Harry appreciates the work of those generations that helped make Sikeston a better place to live.

Graduating from Sikeston High School, Harry attended and earned a degree from Westminster College and Florida State University. He is a Vietnam era veteran of the Army Corps of Engineers, has taught mathematics at Florida State and Spelman College, operated a consulting business in Atlanta, taught physics at Sikeston and Kelly High School, and consulted with the Sharper System. After two tours in the Army, Harry joined IBM Corporation in St. Louis.

During most of his adult life, Harry has been involved in mission and outreach activities in countries from Korea to Russia, Haiti to Hayti, and he has found that people are much the same everywhere. His travel experience includes passing a peace pipe with the Menominee Indians one year before our Nation's bicentennial and talking about what this country has meant to each of us. Whether it was working with folks in the coal mining regions of Appalachia, hurricane ravaged people in the Caribbean, orphans in Korea, or refugees from Nicaragua, Harry found that volunteer hands accomplished much more than government programs.

An early supporter of Sikeston area organizations such as Weed & Seed, Bootheel Healthy Start, and Save Our Children, Harry has continued his family's active involvement in their community. Harry has observed that his involvement as the pastor of a church in Sunset has prompted many people who didn't know each other to meet, enjoy fellowship, and strengthen ties across the community of Sikeston. To quote Harry's words, "There are very few problems here, or anywhere, that cannot be solved if we just sit down to a meal of fellowship with one another."

Harry and his wife Anita returned to Sikeston in 1993. His son, Woody, brought his family to Sikeston the following year providing the enjoyment of three grandchildren. Anita's son and daughter attend college in Georgia, and the couple has an adopted Russian daughter who has been part of Sikeston and has hosted Anita and Harry in Russia.

Congratulations, Harry, on your recognition by the Daughters of Sunset. Your lifelong dedication to family, community and fellowship is an inspiration to us all.

HIGHLAND COUNCIL CHAPTER OF THE CATHOLIC FRATERNAL LIFE INSURANCE

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2000

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to commend a great organization in my district, the Highland Council Chapter of the Catholic Fraternal Life Insurance organization. Catholic Fraternal Life is a 115 year old, member owned, life insurance organization. It is also the largest volunteer organization in the United States, with 10 million members, representing thousands of volunteers.

The Highland Council recently participated in the "Hearts and Hands" project by adopting a needy family for Christmas. They were able to donate \$600 dollars in gifts for this family.