

rights and oppression in Vietnam; rollcall No. 134: H. Con. Res. 304, condemning Belarus; rollcall No. 135: requiring continued Endangered Species Act reports.

COAST GUARD GETS AN A

HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 4, 2000

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, the Government Performance Project (GPP) is aimed at expanding the public's understanding of management challenges facing the government. The GPP rates federal agencies on five areas: managing for results, financial management, human resources, information technology and, where appropriate, capital management. The grades are assigned by a team of scholars and journalists and are based on a survey and interviews with agency officials.

The GPP issued its second annual report earlier this year, and twenty federal agencies received an average grade of B-minus. In the two years that the project has been underway, only two agencies have received A's for their performance: the Coast Guard and the Social Security Administration. I want to commend these agencies, particularly the Coast Guard, for their outstanding performance.

No agency has more wholeheartedly committed itself to results-based government than has the Coast Guard. It has been working to improve its quality management for over ten years and has overhauled its strategic planning and capital asset management. Today, the Coast Guard represents one of the taxpayers' best investments, and as a result of its efforts, it has received numerous Hammer Awards.

I want to take this opportunity to salute the hardworking men and women of the United States Coast Guard.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "QUALIFIED PERSONAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS CLARIFICATION ACT OF 2000"

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 4, 2000

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, during consideration of the 1986 Tax Act, Congress made a decision that enabled certain Qualified Professional Service Corporations to retain use of the cash accounting method for tax purposes.

I am introducing legislation today that is intended to ensure that companies currently eligible to use cash accounting are able to continue doing so. This is required due to state of the art changes in the type and delivery of those professional services required for developing and implementing the vital water, transportation, infrastructure, communications, and environmental projects upon which our citizens and our economy depend.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING CAMP SUNSHINE DURING THEIR ANNUAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON

HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 4, 2000

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize a very special group of young people visiting our Nation's Capital today, Camp Sunshine. Camp Sunshine is an organization in Georgia dedicated to children with cancer from all over the State. Julianne and I have been blessed to know this fine group over the years.

I would like to thank you, Mr. Speaker, and each of my colleagues who take the time each year to visit with these special kids. It is always a treat for me to host their visit to Washington each year and visit with them in Georgia each summer. They are indeed a very special group of bright, well-rounded young people. It is truly an honor for me to be involved with a special organization like Camp Sunshine.

My friends visiting this year include Russell Conover, Sarah Corbitt, Brad Doty, Anthony Grant, Jamaal Grayson, Tony Jones, Adam Kessler, Stephanie Kruse, Barbara Little, Joseph McConnell, Wesley Robbins, Job Steffins, Holli Tanner, Shanna Thomson, Joey Tripp, Michelle Winn, Matthew Winslow, Casimiro Ybarra, Jennifer Johnson, Ashley Palmer, Keenan Duron, and Camp Sunshine's Executive Director, Sally Hale. I would also like to send my best to Wesley Robbins and Barbara Little, who were unable to make the trip.

We had an exciting day at the Capitol, and I look forward to many more visits in the future from Camp Sunshine.

HONORING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF WSJS-AM RADIO

HON. RICHARD BURR

OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 4, 2000

Mr. BURR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize WSJS-AM radio on its 70th anniversary. Since the first broadcast on Easter weekend of 1930, WSJS remains a treasured source of information and entertainment to the Winston-Salem community.

Over the years the station has changed format, its broadcast hours, its transmitter power, its frequency and even its owners. But, the trusted service and the call letters have remained the same.

Getting their start without a network affiliation, WSJS filled its air time with local programming, treating listeners to a variety of community talent—from the Winston-Salem Concert Orchestra to Jack Hawkins playing old favorites on his musical saw. Now a member of a national network conglomerate, WSJS communicates national issues with a local flavor.

Preserving 70 years of tradition, local personalities like Mike Fenley and Glenn Scott

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have upheld their community reputation as a classy operation. The all-talk format is supported by an enthusiastic staff that continues to attract thousands in the Piedmont Triad to the medium of news radio. On behalf of the citizens of the 5th District of North Carolina, I honor the WSJS radio station for 70 years of quality radio programming.

TRIBUTE TO MEREDITH ARENSMAN

HON. ANNE M. NORTHUP

OF KENTUCKY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 4, 2000

Mrs. NORTHUP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor a young Kentucky student from my district who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in her community. Meredith Arensman of Louisville, has been named one of my state's top honorees for The 2000 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism.

Meredith, a senior at Louisville Collegiate School, has organized the annual Louisville Girls Leadership Conference for the past three years, and is now the event chairwoman. Meredith was approached by women in the Louisville area who were concerned about the lack of leadership programs for girls. They wanted Meredith's help in putting together a conference that would help girls choose careers and make life choices with confidence and enthusiasm. Meredith started by creating a planning committee of fellow students who shared her passion for women's rights. They selected workshop topics on mental and physical self-defense, the negative connotation surrounding feminism, and the movement of women into non-traditional careers. Meredith handled public relations, secured an event location, identified speakers and sponsors, and organized volunteers. More than 500 girls and 400 adults, including Gloria Steinem and Geraldine Ferraro, have participated in the conference. As Meredith said, "We must work to make sure that no one is inhibited by their race, religion, or gender."

It is my honor to pay tribute to someone who has made a difference to so many other young women. In light of numerous statistics that indicate Americans today are less involved in their communities than they once were, it is vital that we encourage and support the kind of selfless contributions this young citizen has made. Young volunteers like Meredith are inspiring examples to all of us and are among our brightest hopes for a better tomorrow.

Meredith should be extremely proud to have been singled out from such a large group of dedicated volunteers. I heartily applaud Meredith for her initiative in seeking to make her community a better place to live and for the positive impact she has had on the lives of others. She has demonstrated a level of commitment and accomplishment that is truly extraordinary in today's world and deserves our sincere respect and admiration. Her actions show that young Americans can, and do, play