

As we adjourn today, Mr. Speaker, let us do so in memory of this extraordinary woman, Jeanie Gale-Anderson.

HONORING THE BERGER HEALTH SYSTEM IN CIRCLEVILLE, OHIO

**HON. DAVID L. HOBSON**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I recognize the achievements of the Berger Health System in Circleville, Ohio, which is being honored this week by the American Hospital Association.

As Representative to Ohio's Seventh Congressional District, I am pleased to honor the volunteers of the Circle of Caring community service program for their devotion and generosity to the elderly and disabled community in Circleville.

The Circle of Caring program at Berger Health System is dedicated to providing basic daily care including housekeeping and transportation for the elderly and the disabled. Volunteers assist the elderly with domestic chores and contribute their time and services to improving the quality of life for those in need of medical attention or individual care. The volunteers of the Circle of Caring program are committed to providing the elderly with the sense of independence and dignity they have earned.

The Circle of Caring program was awarded the Hospital Award for Volunteer Excellence (HAVE) by the American Hospital Association which commends the volunteers' contributions to the local elderly community. A local volunteer effort such as Circle of Caring demonstrates to the rest of the nation the kind of care and empathy deserving of all elderly, and serves as a model for other community endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, I join the American Hospital Association in recognizing the efforts of the Circle of Caring at Berger Health Systems.

HONORING MAX A. BACON, A COMMUNITY LEADER IN THE SEVENTH DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

**HON. BOB BARR**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I honor a community leader from the Seventh District of Georgia. Max Bacon is a true leader in our community.

After devoting 6 years to the city council of Smyrna, GA, Max was elected mayor of Smyrna in 1985, following in his father's footsteps. Arthur Bacon served as mayor of Smyrna from 1976 to 1977, and again from 1982 until his death on October 26, 1985. Max was appointed by the city council to complete his father's unexpired term, and was elected mayor in his own right in 1985.

Aside from his duties at city hall, Mayor Bacon serves as the postmaster of the Mableton Post Office. In fact, he has been an

employee of the U.S. Postal Service for more than 30 years. Mableton, a community near Smyrna, has experienced tremendous growth and change in recent years, as have most communities within the Greater Atlanta Area, and Max has witnessed this growth throughout his service at the post office and at city hall.

Recently, Max Bacon was asked by the U.S. Postal Service to step into a vacancy in the post of postmaster in Rome, GA, located in the northern part of the Seventh Congressional District. Management of the U.S. Postal Service called on Max to assist in working through a very difficult situation in the Rome Post Office. Max commuted to Rome from Smyrna for several months. During this time, he was able to resolve many issues, and once again bring much needed harmony to the postal employees, management, and indeed, the postal patrons as well. His willingness to assume this responsibility was very much appreciated by the citizens of Rome and Floyd County, GA.

Max is a member and past president of the Cobb Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the Smyrna Downtown Development Authority. He is a member of the Brawner Hospital Board of Directors, the Smyrna Business Association, and the Georgia Municipal Association. He was the recipient of the 1993 Georgia Municipal Association Community Leadership Award, and was selected as the Cobb County 1997 Citizen of the Year by the Marietta Daily Journal in January 1998.

I know I speak for many thousands of citizens of Georgia's Seventh District, in honoring Max Bacon today for his many contributions to his community, to the U.S. Postal Service, and the people of the Seventh District.

IN RECOGNITION OF BILL AND HELEN WILLIAMS

**HON. ROB PORTMAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute to Bill and Helen Williams, friends and community leaders, who will be honored by St. Joseph Orphanage at the 2000 Scholar of Life Banquet, on May 19. They were selected for the Scholar of Life Award for their life-long charitable work assisting needy children and their families, their support to St. Joseph Orphanage, the significant and meaningful impact they have had on young people, and for their support to cultural institutions in Greater Cincinnati.

The contributions made by Bill and Helen go back a long way. Bill, who is currently chairman of the board of Western-Southern Life Insurance, says that when he first began selling insurance, he saw that some children did not always have the basic necessities. Bill said, "I remember my father taking orphans to Coney Island, [and my family] helping to organize donations through the downtown churches." In the 1950's and '60's, Helen says that "a group of women and I would take some of the children at Washington Park Elementary School to Old St. Mary's Church . . . adding a spiritual side to their lives they would not otherwise have had."

The Williamses have improved the quality of life and education for the Cincinnati area's most needy in many ways. Over 10 years ago, Bill set out to improve the housing for the less fortunate in downtown Cincinnati. He has had tremendous success since then, improving the living standards for hundreds in Over-the-Rhine.

Believing a solid education to be one of the keys to living a meaningful life, the Williams family sponsors scholarships for children who need financial assistance at Xavier University, the University of Notre Dame, and Georgetown University. In addition, Bill supports the Catholic Inner City Schools Education [CISE] organization where he has served as chairman of its annual campaign. CISE is a non-profit group that provides financial aid to inner city schools, and Bill helped to forge a working program between Hoffman Elementary in the Cincinnati Public School System and CISE. In addition, Bill has administered the O'Brien Fund through the Williams Foundation, which helps children in need. Last year, he was inducted into the Greater Cincinnati Business Hall of Fame. In 1995, he received the Great Living Cincinnati Award.

Helen also has had a profound impact on our area, and she has been very active in many charitable causes, serving as a trustee of St. Margaret Hall, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Mercy Hospital Foundation, Wilberforce University, and Summit Country Day School. Helen formerly served on advisory boards at Mt. St. Joseph College and Christ Child Day Nursery. She also was a trustee and past president of the Beechwood Home for Incurables.

All of us in Cincinnati are most grateful to Bill and Helen Williams for their leadership, service, and commitment to our community.

HONORING DOROTHY HARBER

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize an outstanding citizen of the Fourth District of Texas, Dorothy Harber, Dorothy and her husband, Lacy, are among the most admired and appreciated—and, yes, loved—couple in Texas. Dorothy was recently awarded the Outstanding Hunting Achievement Award from the Dallas Safari Club—the club's most prestigious honor—for her outstanding success as a big game hunter. Begun in 1980, the Safari Club's award is not necessarily given every year, and it is given only for outstanding feats in the hunting world.

Dorothy and Lacy have been avid hunters for many years and also are strong advocates of hunter education, conservation, and humanitarian assistance. Dorothy has established exhibits at several local banks to educate children and adults about various wildlife throughout the world. During their many travels on safaris, they also have brought clothes and books to those in need in those countries. They have enriched all of the areas of the world they traveled and hunted in. No one can imagine the value of a gift of a jeep, equipment, tents, or one of the other numerous articles (coats, gloves, boots, hats, etc.) they take