

As communities continue to struggle with uncontrolled growth and the loss of sensitive environmental lands, this legislation provides states with the resources they need to address these issues. Many of us in Congress have been working hard to make our communities more livable. CARA takes us one step closer to making communities across the country more livable.

As I travel across Rhode Island, my constituents urge me to make their communities more livable by improving the environment in which they live. In the northern part of my state, I continue to hear that we need more green and open space, more parks for their children to safely play. This legislation will provide the funds that communities, such as my home town of North Kingstown need to provide additional parks and open space.

In the southern part of my State, the coastal areas, I continue to hear that we need to take further action to address coastal erosion, and prevent further damage to sensitive wetlands and salt ponds. As many of you know, Rhode Island is subject to severe winter storms and hurricanes. These storms do untold damage to habitat and salt ponds, and increase coastal erosion. This bill will provide Rhode Island with several million dollars per year to address the problems resulting from these storms.

Many Members have taken to the floor to talk about the environmental importance of this bill. I agree. I would also like to address the potential economic benefits. For a state who's economy and way of life is largely dependent upon the Atlantic Coast and Narragansett Bay, preserving and restoring critical habitat and coastline is not only important to Rhode Island's environmental health but vital to its economic stability. Protecting our coastline will undoubtedly result in cleaner water which in turn, yields improved fish stocks for both the recreational and commercial fisheries. Both are significant economic generators for Rhode Island.

One of Rhode Island's largest economic generators is the tourism industry. People from all over the world come to Rhode Island to sail, visit its beaches, and experience the natural beauty of its coastal landscape. Taking steps to protect the State's natural beauty will undoubtedly result in an improved tourism industry.

Mr. Chairman, CARA is good for our environment, it is good for our economy, it will ease growth pressure on our communities, and I strongly urge my colleagues to support it.

A TRIBUTE TO ANGELINE
MCKELVIE

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 15, 2000

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, today I remember the life of Angeline M. McKelvie, who on April 20, 2000, died of a heart attack at the age of 62. Angeline was a dedicated public servant and lifelong resident of Cudahy, WI.

Angeline, mother of four, was not content to be an observer when it came to her children's

education. She became an active participant by running for the Cudahy School Board which served as the foundation for her political career. She set an example in the relationships she formed with area residents and became known as someone who cared about people.

It was here school board experience that enabled her to move into the broader circle of politics. Angeline believed that a female perspective was needed on the all-male common council. After a few setbacks at the polls, in 1990 she became the first woman to serve on the Cudahy Common Council, paving the way for other women to become involved. While in office, she worked diligently to win the trust of her constituents.

Even though her struggles with diabetes eventually led to the amputation of both legs, Angeline continued to work hard for the people in her beloved city, Cudahy. When it was time for a vote to be cast, Angeline knew what the people in her district wanted. Along with her desire to help people, she had a gift for listening. It was her determination and commitment to the people of Cudahy that enabled her to remain in office for 10 years.

Mr. Speaker, and colleagues, I ask that you join me in paying tribute to the life and work of Angeline McKelvie.

TRIBUTE TO JERRY A. KING

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 15, 2000

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, throughout towns and cities across our nation there are individuals who are willing to step forward to dedicate their talents and energies to making life better for their friends and neighbors. The citizens of California are fortunate to have such an individual in Jerry A. King.

Jerry King's involvement with the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region, and community, began in 1983 when he was first appointed by Governor George Deukmejian. As a Regional Board member Jerry represented the community's concerns, set priorities for projects and plans of action, allocated funds, and made decisions essential to the future of water quality in southern California. His endless energy is displayed by his long list of business and community involvements including: President and owner of J.A. King & Associates, Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Orange County Transportation Authority, board member of the Industrial League of Orange County, President of the Newport Beach Conference and Visitors Bureau and countless other local charitable and civic associations and organizations.

Jerry King has made, and continues to make, a lasting and positive impact in the southern California community. His involvement and leadership have established a path for those individuals following in his footsteps. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jerry for his dedication, influence and involvement in our community. He has served as an outstanding representative of community leadership. It is a great pleasure for me to con-

gratulate Jerry King for the outstanding job he has done as a member of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board.

IN HONOR OF LEONARD "LEFTY"
GORDON

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 15, 2000

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay my final respects to one of San Francisco's finest leaders, Leonard "Lefty" Gordon. Mr. Gordon dedicated his life to helping young African-Americans get a better chance in life and became a respected community figure in the process. A talented athlete with an agile mind, Lefty Gordon could have achieved personal fame or amassed great wealth, but he chose instead to live his life in service to his community.

Born in Mississippi, Lefty moved with his family to San Francisco when he was three years old. Growing up in the Western Addition neighborhood, Lefty excelled at any sport he tried, but he became particularly known for running track.

Upon graduation from high school, however, he decided to pursue his education rather than athletics. Mr. Gordon first earned a bachelor's degree from San Francisco State University and then earned a Master of Sociology degree from the University of California at Berkeley.

While pursuing his education, Lefty always made time to work with young people. Upon his graduation, this part-time work became his vocation. As a counselor at the Booker T. Washington Community Center, Mr. Gordon dedicated himself to mentoring young African-American men. He encouraged them to get an education and tied to provide them with opportunities, but, more than anything else, he respected them.

In 1983, Lefty became the Executive Director of the Ella Hill Hutch Community Center. Under his leadership, the Center became a dynamic place where students received tutoring, where children and senior citizens learned to use computers, where the unemployed received job training, and where the neighborhood's young people found guidance and caring.

Lefty was a mentor to the young, but he was also a leader among his peers. The Ella Hill Hutch Community Center became a meeting place for the city's African-American elected officials and city department heads. Working together, these leaders sought to improve the lives of their fellow San Francisco residents, and it was Lefty who brought them together.

The unexpected passing of Lefty Gordon leaves a void in the city of San Francisco. Lefty was a true friend to his community, and he was loved for it. His talents are not easily replaced, and his caring heart will never be. We will miss him greatly.

My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Scarlett, his son, Gregory, and all of his family and friends.