

Nona worked for ten years at Wini's Fashions. She was a charter member of the Junior Sorosis, the WIN Investment Club and is a member of the Versailles Women's Civic Club. Nona was very active in organizations that benefit the children of Versailles. She was involved in Girl Scout and Boy Scout activities, was a member of the Parent Teacher Association and participated in numerous door-to-door solicitations for community fund drives.

Nona and Bill are both members of the Morgan County Historical Society and the Versailles United Methodist Church, where Nona has served as a Sunday School teacher and President and member of the Young Mother's Circle. They also are Charter Members of the Rolling Hills Country Club and have served several years on the Long Range Planning Committee. Nona served as President and Board Member, President and Golf Chair of the Ladies' Rolling Hills Organization and is Treasurer of the Fifty Plus Women's Golf Association of Central Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, Nona and Bill have set an example in the Versailles community for all Missourians to follow. I know that my colleagues in the House will be pleased to join me in congratulating them for their outstanding work.

FLOYD D. SPENCE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHERROD BROWN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 18, 2000*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4205) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the Whitfield/Strickland amendment. Workers in the nuclear weapons complex serve in our nation's defense, and it is time to make amends to those who have fallen ill in the line of duty.

In the 1940s, the City of Lorain, Ohio in my district was home to a beryllium plant that produced nuclear weapons components. Exposure to beryllium dust can cause chronic beryllium disease, which is incurable and results in a lingering death.

Although the Lorain plant burned down in 1948, the effects of beryllium have not been forgotten, and I continue to hear many tragic stories of the deaths of loved ones from beryllium disease. A few former workers are fighting for their lives even today.

Non-workers in Lorain also fell ill. The Ohio health department identified 16 cases of beryllium disease in people who did not work in the plant, but lived across the street or washed their husbands' dusty clothes. These individuals or their survivors should also be eligible for compensation.

Mr. Chairman, I strongly support this amendment. I also urge prompt hearings and

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committee action on H.R. 2398, the Energy Employees Occupational Illness and Compensation Act.

CONGRATULATING JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**HON. MARGE ROUKEMA**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 19, 2000*

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Jefferson Elementary School in Bergenfield, New Jersey, on the dedication of its new Garden of Love, Hope and Friendship. This peaceful, serene garden has been created as a place of meditation and reflection intended to help prevent a repeat of the horrible tragedies of gun violence that have plagued our nation's schools in recent years.

The focal point of the 30-by-70-foot garden is three dogwood trees, one each to symbolize the themes of love, hope and friendship. Azaleas ring the perimeter of the garden to represent each of the students killed in school shootings, while six rose bushes have been planted in memory of school faculty members who have died. Each Jefferson student will be involved by planting impatiens around the dogwoods. Plaques will be placed in memory of victims of the shootings. Gravel paths and wooden benches complete the setting.

The garden could not have been created without the help of the community. The project was headed by a 19-member committee of parents and other supporters, some of them former students at Jefferson. Grimm Landscaping and Standish and Sons Landscaping Inc. both contributed material and labor.

The garden is typical of Jefferson Elementary, an innovative and progressive school led by Principal Joseph Miceli. A cooperative effort between students, parents, faculty and administration focuses on connecting learning to life through activities such as Family Fun Night, Community Education Day, Author's Day, Celebrity Reader Day or Volunteer Appreciation Day. The school's mission is "to promote a lifelong love of learning."

We face a terrible problem in our communities—the alarming number of children dying from gun violence. Jonesboro. Springfield. Columbine. These cities and schools have become symbolic of troubled children bringing guns to school and killing other children or teachers. Firearm deaths among children under age 15 are 12 times higher in the United States than the 25 other industrialized nations combined. Our schools face enough problems today without becoming a combat zone.

We in Congress have come forth with many proposals for fighting school violence. I support closing the gunshow loophole, trigger locks, smart guns when the technology becomes available, mental health screening for youthful offenders and other steps. But legislation alone is not enough. We need more of these community-based activities, where teachers and other role models work with young people to change attitudes about violence and provide alternatives for troubled youth.

*May 19, 2000*

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the students, parents, faculty and staff of Jefferson Elementary School on this exemplary project. If it is successful in keeping only one young boy or girl from going astray, it will have been well worth the effort.

SUPPORT OF THE SAFE PIPELINES ACT OF 2000

**HON. JENNIFER DUNN**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 19, 2000*

Ms. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, earlier this year, I joined Representative METCALF in support of H.R. 3558, the Safe Pipelines Act of 2000, to improve safety and provide states greater discretion to review and inspect interstate liquid pipelines. This vital legislation requires pipeline companies to inspect the pipelines both internally and with hydrostatic tests. To improve access to information, this legislation requires the U.S. Department of Transportation to post the location of all pipelines on the Internet and inform the public of accidents, leaks, and spills.

While the June 10th accident in Bellingham, Washington, has caught our attention, we must examine how to improve the integrity of the pipeline and instill public confidence that we are adequately protecting those who live near a pipeline. I remain supportive of hydrostatic testing as a method to ensure the integrity of the pipelines. However, we must also review the regulatory, maintenance, and day-to-day operations of the pipelines comprehensively to better serve our communities.

On May 13th, I held a public meeting to discuss efforts to improve the pipelines. With a panel of experts, we discussed the need for better communication between local elected officials and the pipeline companies servicing the Puget Sound area. We must remain vigilant in protecting our neighborhoods not only today but also in the future. Congress can help in this process by passing meaningful pipeline legislation this year.

HONORING HOWARD J. MORGENS

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 19, 2000*

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Mr. Howard J. Morgens, a retired chief executive officer of the Procter and Gamble Co. and also a donor of property that made the construction of the Hospice of the Central Coast possible. Mr. Morgens passed away at the age of 89.

Born in St. Louis, Howard was a graduate of Washington University and Harvard Business School. Howard then moved to Carmel Valley with his wife Anne in 1962. The couple moved permanently to Pebble Beach in 1990. Beginning in 1933, Howard worked for Procter and Gamble serving as chief executive officer from 1957 to 1974. He retired as chairman emeritus