

class, or access to high quality health care." After the Dinkins administration she returned to the practice of law. Throughout the years, Ms. Jacobs has been active in the alumni associations of her college and law school, and she has helped to raise funds for many community and political organizations.

Recently, William F. Green, the Chairman of LBJ's Board of Directors talked with Ms. Jacobs about the changing health care landscape and LBJ's developing role in it. After the meeting Ms. Jacobs reflected on taking the reins of this proud clinic which, for 32 years, has been integral to the health and well being of Bedford-Stuyvesant. She quickly realized that it was the opportunity of a lifetime. And, we are grateful for her ability to seize this opportunity.

Mr. Speaker I ask you and my colleagues to join me in honoring the contributions of Audrey Lee Jacobs. Our community, state, and nation are grateful for her dedicated service.

RIO GRANDE CITY, TX, STUDENTS WIN THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE IN THE ODYSSEY OF THE MIND CONTEST

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 29, 2000

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the Odyssey of the Mind world-champion team members, coaches, and parents of Ringgold Elementary School in Rio Grande City, TX. At the Odyssey of the Mind world championship competition for pre-teens, this select group of 5th graders captured the world title. This banner accomplishment reflects the competitors' academic commitment, keen imagination, creativity, and countless hours of preparation.

Odyssey of the Mind, a worldwide creative problem-solving, engages students in exercises that challenge their critical thinking skills. More than 1 million participants in 50 states and 20 countries around the world compete in various age and subject categories. The world-champion Odyssey of the Mind team members, Jessica Chapa, Ashley Escobar, Justin Guzman, Karah Hiles, Leonel Lopez III, Armando R. Vela, and Valerie Villarreal, demonstrated world-class dedication to earn this international recognition.

I join the people of Rio Grande City, TX, and the United States, to commend the trophy winners for capturing the world championship title of the Odyssey of the Mind competition.

HONORING JACQUELINE Y. SMITH AND DEBORAH L. DYOR AS SMALL BUSINESS PEOPLE OF THE YEAR

HON. ERNIE FLETCHER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 29, 2000

Mr. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, it's an honor to speak today on behalf of two women from

Lexington, KY, who have been named Small Business People of the Year. Jacqueline Y. Smith and Deborah L. Dyor, have within a decade successfully turned their drug-research company, Central Kentucky Research Associates into a million-dollar company.

These two women began their company in 1991 with a mere \$50 and by 1999 had netted sales of \$1.6 million. It's an honor for me to recognize the determination and commitment these two Central Kentuckians have exhibited over the past 10 years. Their company conducts the tests required before the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approves new drugs or approves new uses for drugs already on the market.

The sacrifices of these two women have been enormous, as they resigned positions and ventured out to begin Central Kentucky Research Associates. Their efforts are most worthy of the Small Business People of the Year Award.

Small businesses are the backbone of a community and epitomize the entrepreneurial spirit that has long existed in our country. The hard work of small businesses owners, such as these two women, have allowed many generations of Americans to achieve the successes and rewards our nation offers to all its citizens. I salute Jacqueline Smith and Deborah Dyor for their dedication and drive, which has and will continue to benefit not only the people of Kentucky, but all of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 28, 2000

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, On June 19, 2000, and on June 23, 2000, because I was attending personal family events, I was not present to record my votes on rollcall votes No. 293 and No. 319. These votes pertained to striking language in the Fiscal Year 2001 VA-HUD and Commerce-Justice-State Judiciary Appropriations bills which prohibited agencies of the Federal Government from using funds to pursue lawsuits against tobacco companies.

Because I strongly believe that the tobacco companies must be held responsible for the millions of dollars in health care expenses that the Federal Government has paid for tobacco related illnesses through federally funded health care programs, had I been present for these votes, I would have voted as follows:

On rollcall vote No. 293, 1 would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 319, 1 would have voted "aye".

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO RENAME THE POST OFFICE IN CARROLLTON, GEORGIA AFTER THE HONORABLE SAM ROBERTS

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 29, 2000

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to rename the post office located in Carrollton, Georgia, after the Honorable Sam Roberts.

Sam Roberts was born on April 10, 1937, in Rome, Georgia. After obtaining a degree in insurance and risk management from Georgia State University in 1963, Sam Roberts delved into a career of management, heading Roberts Insurance Agency. After many years in this profession, Sam decided to run for the Georgia State Senate. He won his Senate seat to represent District 30 in 1996, and was re-elected in 1998. His second term was tragically cut short after his untimely death after a long bout with cancer, on January 3, 2000, in Douglasville, Georgia.

Throughout his life, State Senator Sam Roberts was involved in countless community organizations and civic clubs, including: President of the Sertoma Club and the Douglas County Rotary Club; National Director of the U.S. Jaycees (Government Affairs); and State Vice President of the Georgia Jaycees.

He also served on the Board of Directors of the American Cancer Society and the March of Dimes. He was the Chaplain of the Flint Hill Masonic Lodge. Sam Roberts was a member of the Douglas County Development Authority and the Douglas Chamber of Commerce. He was also a youth football coach for 20 years.

Sam Roberts received numerous community and civic awards, such as Who's Who in Georgia, and Small Business Person of the Year from the Douglas County Chamber of Commerce. He was also Associate of the Year of the Douglas County Home Builders Association. Sam was admitted to the Carrollton Trojan Hall of Fame, and was a Jaycees International Senator.

While serving in the Georgia State Senate, Sam Roberts worked extremely hard for swift and strong punishment of criminals, to improve education for children, and to make our state government more efficient. Before he passed away, he had introduced Senate Bill 69, which was pushed through by lawmakers as a tribute to Sam Roberts. The bill dispels the need to carry an insurance card to prove coverage and allows for computerized records of coverage and renewals.

Sam Roberts was a resident of Douglas County for more than 30 years. He was a member of Heritage Baptist Church, with his wife, Sue. Sam is also survived by three children—Sherrie, Beau, and Amber.

Mr. Speaker, the career of Senator Sam Roberts—as a professional, as a legislator, as a community leader, and as a family man—clearly demonstrates why we should name this Post Office in his community, in his honor. I ask you and my colleagues to join me in renaming the U.S. Post Office in Carrollton, Georgia, after the Honorable Sam Roberts.