

"Jam Session" where local musicians who had played with Sonny over the past 50 years shared his favorites, such as "Sunny Side of the Street." His fellow musicians said Sonny was all about sharing when he played. It was love he was sharing—his love through music. An example of Sonny's love for music was his appearance earlier this year at The Levee where he "jammed" with fellow artists while battling his health issues.

In his eulogy, Reverend Sam Mann of Saint Mark's Church spoke from the Book of Numbers in the Bible, Chapter 6, verses 24 to 26 referring to Sonny's sweet face and the scripture's message: ". . . the Lord make His face to shine upon you . . . lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace." Rev. Mann said, "Whenever you saw Sonny's face, his countenance was one of purity, graciousness, and peace, his face would shine." Sonny's face revealed his innermost insight and when he met persons, he looked at them "face to face."

We all will remember Sonny for his musical genius and his contributions to the music industry. Some of his works include writing, arranging, conducting, and producing, "Never Give Up On Love," and "Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow." His last CD titled "Peace, Love, and Happiness" embodies his life and willingness to give back to others, especially our children. Sonny, a loving and caring human being who always looked at life with smiling eyes. I will remember him as a true humanitarian who championed a cause very dear to my heart, music education. He spent countless hours in schools throughout our community inspiring the next generation of music greats.

He toured throughout the country allowing his gifts to enrich the lives of others. He attained a national following from engagements at venues which included the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles, the Apollo Theater in New York, Bop City in San Francisco, and prestigious settings in Baltimore, Washington, DC, New Orleans, Philadelphia, and with the U.S. Armed Services 8th Division Band in Germany. He appeared and recorded with world renowned artists such as Sam Cooke, Quincy Jones, Mahalia Jackson, Big Joe Turner, and Jay McShann to name a few. Whether it was jazz, classical, or rock, Sonny Kenner's recordings and performances were widely recognized and enjoyed.

In addition to his own six children, he was loved by the children of Kansas City because as his daughter said, "Sonny was Love to them." He was all about love. He was all about sharing. When he played, it was love he was sharing through his music. He leaves behind a legacy of unmatched talent and service to the music industry, to Kansas City, and to the hearts of all who knew him.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating a great musician and great humanitarian who will be remembered by music lovers, friends, and fans everywhere for the warmth of his smile shining from the "Sonny side of the street." His jam sessions at The Levee have ended, but he's puttin' it together for the artists when they join him in his new gig.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO JOHN B. HUMPHRIES

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 2001

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to congratulate a remarkable gentleman, John B. Humphries, for his outstanding 30-year career with the Federal Protective Service. John is completing his career as assistant director for the Federal Protective Service, where he was responsible for directing all FPS activities within the Rocky Mountain Region. John's contributions to the citizens of Colorado are great in number and deserve the recognition of Congress.

John is an extraordinary model of the ideal citizen. John has not only had an exceptional career at the federal protection service, but he's also been highly active in his community. John started his career at FPS in 1972 in Cheyenne, Wyoming. He was transferred around the country until he landed in Denver in 1972. After arriving in Denver, he held an array of positions from Line officer to his present position as Director. During his career, he was a model of selfless service, focusing his energies and time on the betterment of his community.

As a member of the Telephone Pioneers, he also assisted in providing various activities throughout Colorado for the hearing and vision impaired. He worked on events such as the Easter Egg Hunt for the visually impaired and wiring of seats at the Barnum and Bailey Circus for the visually impaired. He also took part in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics, both as a runner during the torch run or as a volunteer at the events. Moreover, he coached numerous sports from baseball to football and bowling for underprivileged children. John has also worked on Wilderness on Wheels providing a boardwalk up Kenosha Pass for wheelchair access and allowing for all to enjoy the wonders of wilderness. For all these reasons, and many more, John deserves the commendation of this body.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I say thank you to John for his dedication and service to his community over the years and congratulate him on an outstanding career. He has worked hard for our community and for our great state.

IN MEMORY OF JAMES L. SMITH

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 2001

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I inform the House of the death of James L. Smith of Marshall, Missouri.

James Smith was born on March 28, 1917, in Marshall, Missouri, a son of George and Louise Ross Smith. He attended Missouri Valley College and was an Air Force veteran of World War II.

I had the opportunity to serve in the Missouri General Assembly with Jim, who served as a State Representative from 1974 to 1984.

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In addition, Jim and his wife, Mildred, owned and operated the Valley Drive-In in Marshall for 22 years. He was also a sales representative for the Heynen Monument Company for 30 years.

Jim was a member of the First Christian Church, where he served on the church board and as a deacon.

Mr. Speaker, Jim was a valuable leader of his community and a long time friend of mine. He was a role model for younger people interested in public service. I know the Members of the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to his family: his wife, Mildred; his two children, Jamie and Clyde; and his three granddaughters.

HONORING CHARLES HENNINGER

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 2001

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, today I honor an outstanding volunteer who is using his life to improve the lives of others. Charles Henninger is a big man with an even bigger heart. After retiring from his job as a director of a Civic Center in Greenwich, Connecticut, Mr. Henninger didn't look to slow down, he went looking to serve.

For the past seven years since his retirement, Mr. Henninger has served as a volunteer at the Catholic Charities Northern's homeless shelter in Fort Collins, Colorado. He sees his work at the shelter as a way to directly assist people and serve their specific needs and as he says, "you get to see immediate results."

Mr. Speaker, it is important for all Americans to follow the lead of those special individuals who give to the needs of the less fortunate. Charlie Henninger challenges us all to look around us and find ways to serve others and lend a helping hand. Mr. Henninger can recount many stories of the people he's met and helped. I'm certain he would tell us that each memory is a treasure of his life.

At the Catholic Charities Northern homeless shelter, Mr. Henninger and the other volunteers aid those that government never could. If a traveling family's car breaks down, the state police bring them into the shelter and they are fed and the volunteers get them bus tickets to their destination. This year for Christmas, Mr. Henninger and his wife Joan, who also works at the shelter, organized volunteers to deliver hot meals to over 300 homebound residents in the Fort Collins area.

Mr. Speaker, in offering this tribute to Mr. Henninger, I am certainly recognizing a great man, and powerful Christian example.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FAMILY EDUCATION FREEDOM ACT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 2001

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Family Education Freedom Act, a bill