125TH ANNIVERSARY OF PEMBERVILLE, OHIO

HON. MARCY KAPTUR
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a significant milestone for a community in my district. Pemberville, Ohio celebrates its 125th anniversary this year. The town recently celebrated the 125th anniversary of its incorporation, which took place on June 8, 1876.

The fertile farmland region in Wood County, Ohio was home to pioneering settlers for three generations prior to the establishment of Pemberville—first known as the forks because it was near a fork in the river—in 1854. Well before Pemberville became a town, William Henry Harrison made his camp at the site—which was strategically situated on the Portage River—during the War of 1812. Later, many families found it desirable and by the time it was incorporated in 1876, the town grew from a crossroads for fur traders and a few adventurous farmers into a viable community. Upon incorporation, it became known as Pemberville, named for one of its founders, James Pember.

The town further prospered when railroad lines were completed in 1875 and oil was discovered in 1881. In fact, only a year after being formally incorporated, Pemberville boasted a population of 500. Those earliest citizens were united in their effort to establish Pemberville as a regional hub, and its prime location on the river, along with the development of both roads and rail, helped the growth.

Pemberville became home to many churches and businesses and provided a well-developed school system. Today it remains a vibrant community, rich in tradition, with a small-town, folksy feel. It is a community looking forward while proud of its past. It moves forward through the seasons, adjusting to fit the times, but never losing the essence of the best of small town America: neighborliness, friendliness, and a timeless quality.

Oliver Wendell Holmes said “Where we love is home, home that our feet may leave, but not our hearts.” Pemberville is a town that illustrates this sentiment: Though many of its sons and daughters have traveled far afield, often settling elsewhere, still that inexorable feeling of community and home brings them back time and again, whether it is in fact or in mind. I know that they, along with the citizens who assembled at this year’s sesquicentennial, are proud of Pemberville and proud of its journey through the past to the present. I am pleased to join those who gather at this 125th anniversary celebration to celebrate that past even as we see a vision of Pemberville’s future.

A PROCLAMATION CONGRATULATING MELANIE KIDDER

HON. ROBERT W. NEY
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, with great pride and satisfaction I commend the following article to my colleagues:

Whereas, Melanie Kidder, should be recognized for her outstanding achievement; and,

Whereas, Melanie Kidder proudly represented her community as Belmont County’s delegate to the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee, held in Washington, D.C., and

Whereas, having advanced to the fifth round, she rose to be among the very top of her 248 competitors from across the nation; and,

Whereas, she showed grace, courage and uncommon maturity as she achieved great success before a national television audience in the final round of the spelling competition; and,

Therefore, I ask you to join with me and the citizens of Ohio, in recognition of Melanie Kidder’s outstanding performance.

CONCERNING THE DEATH OF KATHARINE GRAHAM

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, for the world, it may be enough to remember that Katharine Graham was a great publisher, humanitarian and path breaker for women, but no summary of her life is complete unless it includes the contributions that made her a great Washingtonian.

Notwithstanding her world class accomplishments and worldwide fame, Kay Graham always lavished love and attention on her hometown. She stood for full equality when this was a segregated southern town, and she stood for full democracy and congressional representation until the day she died. The Washington Post was only the most visible instrument of her support for the District and its people. Those who live here will especially cherish the countless ways that Kay Graham was devoted to this city as a public advocate and private citizen. In short, Katharine Graham was one of us.

 Tribute to California State Assemblywoman Elaine Alquist

HON. ZOE LOFGREN
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the achievements of California State Assemblywoman Elaine Alquist, my fellow legislator from the Silicon Valley.

Throughout her career, Assemblywoman Alquist has been a defender of women, children, families and seniors. The first Greek-American woman elected to the California State Legislature, she is now the senior member of the Assembly’s Santa Clara County delegation.

A former algebra and trigonometry teacher, Assemblywoman Alquist is the chair of the Higher Education Committee and co-vice chair of the Joint Committee to Develop a Master Plan for Education-Kindergarten through University. Assemblywoman Alquist is also the chair of the Select Committee on the Aging of Baby Boomers.

Assemblywoman Alquist was the 2001 recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Women’s Fund, and has been named the Legislator of the Year by such organizations as the American Electronics Association (in 1999 and 2000), the Alzheimer’s Association, California Council, the California Association of Psychologists, and the California Association of Homes and Services for the Aging.

I thank Assemblywoman Elaine Alquist for her years of friendship and offer the warmest congratulations from my family to hers.

Personal Explanation

HON. DAVID VITTER
OF LOUISIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Mr. VITTER. Mr. Speaker, due to a flight cancellation on Tuesday, July 17, 2001, I was unable to be present for the following Roll Call Votes: # 229, the vote on S. 360, a Bill to Honor Paul Coverdell; and # 230, the vote on H. Res. 195, Commending the United States military and defense contractor personnel responsible for a successful in-flight ballistic missile defense interceptor test on July 14, 2001.

I ask that the RECORD show that if I were present, I would have voted “yea” on Roll Call # 229 and “nay” on Roll Call # 230.