

Mr. Speaker, Sister Nancy Linenkugel is an inspiration. Through her hard work, dedication, and determination, she has made Providence Health Systems one of the best in Ohio and the country. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting her and wishing her the very best in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTINE DIEMER  
IGER

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute and honor the accomplishments of Christine Diemer Iger, Esq.

Christine Diemer Iger, Chief Executive Officer for the past twelve years at the building Industry Association of Southern California/Orange County Chapter, will be resigning this post in August, 2001, to join the law firm of Manatt, Phelps and Phillips, LLP.

Mrs. Iger will be remembered for her dedication to making the BIA the spokesperson of record for the Orange County homebuilding industry. She interfaced closely and successfully with local, state, and federal officials to resolve Orange County's diverse and complex land use and building development issues. Prior to joining the Building Industry Association, Orange County Chapter, she served in the administration of Governor George Deukmejian from 1986-1989, as Director of the California Department of Housing and Community Development, and from 1983-1986 as Deputy Attorney General before the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court. Her legal career began in 1977, as Law Clerk to United States Magistrate Edward A. Infante in San Diego. She also served as Assistant Legal Director for the California District Association in 1979.

Mrs. Iger is a past board member of the Federal National Mortgage Association. She currently serves as a board member and audit committee chair of the Keith Companies, a successful engineering company and environmental land-use planning firm.

Mrs. Iger has an outstanding record of service to her community. She is a member of the executive committees for the University of California, Irvine, CEO Roundtable and Foundation, member of the Board of Directors for the Orange County Business Council, Orange County Performing Arts Center, Pacific Symphony Orchestra, and Opera Pacific.

Christine Diemer Iger's exemplary professional service has earned the admiration and respect of those who have had the privilege of working with her. I would like to congratulate her on these accomplishments and wish her well in her new endeavor.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN MEMORY OF MR. JEFFREY  
LEBARRON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of a great man, Jeffrey LeBarron. Mr. LeBarron has had a distinguished career working in both public and private sectors for Cleveland's economic development. During his career he has held a wide variety of positions ranging from executive assistant to former Cleveland Mayor Voinovich, director of retail real estate for the Richard E. Jacobs Group, to executive vice president of the Downtown Cleveland Partnership.

Mr. LeBarron graduated from Chagrin Falls High School in 1973. In 1977 he graduated from Boston University. He then continued his education earning a law degree in 1981 and then a master's degree in 1982 in business administration from Case Western Reserve University.

During his time in the Voinovich mayoral administration, he held the positions of assistant safety director and chief assistant law director, between 1981 and 1990. Mr. LeBarron then took a job with what was then Jacobs, Visconsi, & Jacobs Co. During his time with this development firm, he worked on the development of major real estate projects such as South Park Center and Chagrin Highlands. After he left Jacobs, Visconsi, & Jacobs Co., he joined with the Downtown Cleveland Partnership, a non-profit organization focused on downtown real estate development plans.

All of the hard work and dedication that Mr. LeBarron has displayed during his career is exemplary. He was an extraordinarily bright and an incredibly genuine person.

Mr. Speaker, please rise today and join me in applauding an individual who has made numerous contributions to the Cleveland area, Mr. Jeffrey LeBarron.

HONORING FRANK CAMMARATA  
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM  
THE CLEARLAKE CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Frank Cammarata as he retires from the Clearlake Chamber of Commerce. Frank, a true friend of mine, has served the people of Clearlake, California at the Chamber since 1994. He originally joined the Chamber after he retired in 1982 from a successful career in Italian Foods.

During Frank's tenure working with the Clearlake community he has been instrumental in bringing light industry and jobs to the area. He has also helped establish a DMV office in Clearlake as well as a State Park and new community senior center. In addition, he has been credited with starting many events, such as the annual Lake County Wine Auction

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Gala, the city Jazz Festival, Christmas parade, and city hall tree lighting. He will also continue to work to bring Kaiser Health Plan to his community. His initiative and commitment is truly an asset to Lake County and an inspiration to our entire country.

In recognition of his work for the community he was named Clearlake's Man of the Year and Grand Marshall for the Fourth of July parade in 1997. He was also named Lake County's Man of the Year in 1999 for his determination in making Clearlake "the safest, friendliest town in California." This collection of awards is testimony to the value that Frank adds to the community of Clearlake. All citizens from Lake County have benefited from Frank's dedication and hard work.

Frank's involvement in the program "Toys for Kids" has made the program into a tremendous success. Every Christmas, "Toys for Kids" delivers toys and clothing to over 400 low-income kids in Clearlake. Without Frank's energy and enthusiasm we would not be experiencing such great success in helping the children of our community.

Frank and his wife, Alva, have been married for over 40 years. He has four children—Frank V, Chris, and twin daughters, Anna and Cindy—and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Frank Cammarata for his contributions and unwavering service to the community of Clearlake. He is a model citizen whom we can all admire and emulate.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO PHYLLIS  
AND ELMER WELLMAN ON THE  
OCCASION OF THEIR 50TH WED-  
DING ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 19, 2001

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to congratulate Phyllis and Elmer Wellman, of Delphos, Ohio, on the recent celebration of their golden wedding anniversary.

Elmer J. Wellman married Phyllis A. Davis on July 16, 1951. After they were wed, the Wellmans settled in Delphos, Ohio. Their first priority throughout their lives have been their three children: Pat, Jim, and Mark, my Chief of Staff. They are also the devoted grandparents of four grandchildren.

Both Elmer and Phyllis were raised in farming families during the Great Depression. That common experience gave both of them an appreciation for the truly important things in life. They have also distinguished themselves as accomplished professionals and have generously contributed to their community.

Elmer recently retired from farming. He has also been active in civic positions including the Van Wert County Hospital Board, the former Peoples National Bank of Delphos, the Delphos Country Club and is a retired high school basketball referee.

Phyllis recently retired from her third career. After raising her three children, Phyllis returned to the profession of teaching. Her patient, yet demanding teaching style helped

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prepare countless students for the working world. She retired from teaching in 1978, only to serve in the administrative office of Wellman Seeds, Inc. until her retirement last year.

Mr. Speaker, the institution of marriage provides the strength that holds our communities together. Maintaining a marriage requires sacrifice, understanding, patience, and sometimes forgiveness by both husband and wife. Marking the fiftieth anniversary of a marriage is a very special occasion for not only the couple, but also for the family, friends, and community they have touched.

It has been my privilege to know Phyllis and Elmer Wellman for more than twenty years. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending to them our very best on their golden anniversary and to wish them many more years of happiness together.

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TRIBUTE TO JENNETTA HARRIS

**HON. GARY G. MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 19, 2001*

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute and honor the accomplishments of Jennetta Harris, of Alta Loma, California.

Ms. Harris has been employed by Southern California Edison for twenty-eight years. In her role as Public Affairs Region manager, she has provided support to many organizations and the community at large. Ms. Harris has received numerous, well-deserved honors for her legendary giving of time and self to professional, civic and youth organizations. She was recently honored by the American Red Cross for her outstanding leadership as chair of the Pomona Valley Chapter.

Past awards and honors include: NAACP Legal Defense Fund Black Woman of Achievement; Los Angeles African American Women's Political Action Committee; Mary Church Terrell Award; 1999 AOH Woman; Pitzer College Learning Center Achievement Award; YMCA Leadership Award; Inland Valley News Publisher's Celebration of Excellence Award; American Woman Business Association Community Service Award; Boys and Girls Club C.J. Tuck McGuire Award and San Gabriel Valley Branch NAACP Black Women of Achievement Award.

Ms. Harris serves as a minister, Sunday School Teacher and editor for her parish, Greater Bethel Apostolic Community Church in Riverside, California. She enjoys spending time with her children, Elijah and Jennell, writing poetry and traveling.

Ms. Harris' impressive record of community service has earned the admiration and respect of those who have had the privilege of working with her. I would like to congratulate her on these accomplishments and thank her for the service she has provided to her community.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF ST. THEODOSIUS  
ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 19, 2001*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the anniversary of the construction of the St. Theodosius Orthodox Cathedral. This architectural wonder has housed this faithful congregation for ninety years.

In addition to celebrating their anniversary, the Cathedral community has been engaged in a comprehensive restoration and improvement project. The beautiful Neo-Byzantine murals are being cleaned and restored. In addition, new gold leaf gilding, marble floor, and carpet are being installed and an entry-way will be constructed that will be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Over 500 individuals call St. Theodosius their spiritual home. The church community traces its history back to its founding in 1896 as the first Orthodox Community in Cleveland. Since then, this historic church has served the Tremont neighborhood and the rest of the Cleveland community in countless ways. Recently, it has been active in helping the needy by providing a Food Pantry every month along with hot lunches and holiday meals.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this congregation and their architectural marvel. May they serve their community faithfully for another ninety years and beyond.

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HONORING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPEN DOOR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 19, 2001*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 30th Anniversary of the Open Door Community Health Centers. Open Door began in 1971 as a volunteer clinic providing health, legal and other social services. Their mission has always been to provide high quality, affordable health care to all without regard for financial, geographical, or social barriers.

In its thirty-year tenure, Open Door has grown tremendously, presently operating eight community health centers in Humboldt and Del Norte counties. Open Door provides quality care to 32,000 patients a year and employs 250 people. The Mobile Health program serves over thirty school and community sites, bringing care to remote areas that would otherwise remain underserved.

In addition to providing two million dollars a year in free or reduced-fee services, Open Door has acted as an incubator for many new programs that have since become key service agencies for our community. Open Door has been instrumental in identifying the health needs of rural communities and in bringing them to the attention of state and federal legislators.

The committed staff of the Open Door Community Health Centers strives daily to provide

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the utmost in quality care for our community. Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize and honor their dedication on this 30th Anniversary of the Open Door Community Health Centers.

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DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE,  
JUSTICE, AND STATE, THE JUDICIARY,  
AND RELATED AGENCIES  
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

SPEECH OF

**HON. JERRY MORAN**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2001*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2500) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes:

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to speak in favor of the Small Business Administration 7a Loan program.

Currently, 40% of all long term business loans of \$1 million or less through private sector lenders have SBA involvement. Because of inadequate federal resources, SBA has had to rely on increased user fees. This results in higher costs and many lenders quit providing SBA loans because they are not profitable. This often means that small businesses are denied long term credit.

Over the last eight years, over 5,500 small business loans were made in the state of Kansas. If SBA had not been available to finance these loans, most would not have been made. Small businesses are vital to the small communities in my district. Without the availability of these long term loans, many small businesses would never get off the ground. If SBA must continue to rely on user fees to fund SBA, the future of small businesses will be jeopardized.

I urge my colleagues to support increasing SBA funding under the Commerce, Justice, State Appropriation bill.

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H.R. 2562, THE MINORITY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ACT OF 2001

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 19, 2001*

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill that will help minorities better prepare for tornadoes, floods, and other disasters, thereby raising the level of protection for segments of the population hit the hardest. This bill is entitled the "Minority Emergency Preparedness Act of 2001" and already has 25 original co-sponsors. I feel this initial response is a testament to the importance and value of this legislation.

This bill will establish a research program to assess the impact of man-made and natural disasters on minority populations, especially