THE PASSING OF DR. FOSTER KIDD

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, September 6, 2001

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Dr. Foster Kidd. Dr. Kidd was a true Texas community leader. He was tirelessly dedicated to improving the health of all Americans. He was the first African-American dentist appointed to the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners and made great strides toward helping the community understand the importance of oral health care. During his life, he chronicled the achievements of African-American dentists through numerous publications, including "Profile of the Negro in American Dentistry." He was a dentistry expert, activist, historian, mentor, father, husband and friend to many.

Dr. Kidd was a leading authority on African-American orthodontic history, collecting scores of documents that tell the story of black dentists. He was an extraordinarily effective mentor, using his love of golf to mentor local youths. Dr. Foster Kidd was a true Dallas hero.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Foster Kidd moved on to do his work in a better place on August 21, 2001. Those who knew him, however know that his work will continue to live on through his research, his books and the lasting impact he had on all who met him.

SHIRLEY ROBERTS: BRINGING FAIR WINDS TO BAY CITY

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend, Bay Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director Shirley Roberts, and to express the gratitude of an entire community for her outstanding work in promoting my hometown of Bay City, Michigan. 1, along with the citizens of Bay City, am especially appreciative of Shirley’s herculean efforts in bringing the Tall Ships Celebration 2001 and Maritime Festival to town this summer.

As one of the founders of BaySail, Inc., Shirley deftly navigated any and all obstacles to provide safe harbor for more than a dozen historical schooners to drop anchor in Bay City for an unprecedented nautical exhibit that truly put the community on the map as a destination point for tourists from near and far. Her efforts helped hundreds of thousands of visitors discover Bay City, significantly enhancing the prosperity of the summer season for many small businesses, restaurants and tourist attractions. In addition, the event provided a wonderful opportunity for residents and others to get a glimpse into Bay City’s legendary maritime history and its many contributions to the shipping industry.

Bay City has come to expect a lot from Shirley because she always delivers. Employing all the vim and vigor that she consistently has applied to other community endeavors, Shirley dove right into the Tall Ships project to ensure smooth sailing for seafarers and landlubbers alike. Moreover, Shirley’s keen understanding that the success of any voyage depends equally upon the leadership of the skipper at the helm and the quality of the crew went a long way to making the event a smash hit.

Shirley has always been the first to acknowledge the role others have played in her accomplishments and her modesty is perhaps one reason for her remarkable ability to recruit and retain enthusiastic and hard-working paid staff and a legion of volunteers. In fact, it is a testament to her team-effort approach that so many volunteers answer the call whenever she asks. Shirley also enjoys the whole-hearted and energetic support of her husband, David, and daughters, Michelle and Erika, and typically credits them for their role in her success.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in praising Shirley Roberts for her gung-ho spirit and unwavering devotion to Bay City and surrounding communities. I am confident she will continue to bring fair winds and Godspeed to any and all undertakings on behalf of the citizens of Bay County, Michigan.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING BILL MAZEROSKI

HON. ROBERT W. NEY
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, September 6, 2001

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Bill Mazeroski will be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame on Sunday, August 5, 2001 at 1:30 in the afternoon at the legendary Cooperstown, New York; and,

Whereas, Bill Mazeroski grew up in Turkeyfoot and Rush Run, Ohio where his dedication to the game lead him to perform arduous tasks for his Uncle so that he could earn enough money to purchase his first baseball glove; and,

Whereas, his professional career began as a second baseman for the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1956 and ended 17 great years later in 1972; and,

Whereas, Bill Mazeroski is an eight time Gold Glove winner and holds the major league record for the most double plays for a second baseman; and,

Whereas, Bill Mazeroski became the first player ever to end the World Series with a home run; and,

Whereas, Bill Mazeroski is a National League all-star, National League batting champ, and, National League home run champion; and,

Whereas, his career total included 2,016 hits and a .293 field percentage at second base; and,

Christo’s “RUNNING FENCE”

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, September 6, 2001

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor those who worked on Christo’s “Running Fence” on the occasion of its 25th anniversary. A project of the internationally renowned artist Christo and his wife Jeanne-Claude, the “Running Fence” was completed in Sonoma and Marin Counties on September 10, 1976, after 42 months of collaborative efforts.

These efforts included participation of the affected ranchers, 18 public hearings, three sessions at the Superior Courts of California, the drafting of a 450 page Environmental Impact Report, and the temporary use of the hills, sky, and ocean. The “Running Fence” was 18 feet high and its 24.5 miles in length crossed 14 roads, 59 ranches, and the town of Valley Ford. It extended from near Freeway 101 in Sonoma County to the Pacific Ocean at Bodega Bay. As promised, the project was removed 14 days after its completion and all the materials given to the ranchers.

The beauty of the “Running Fence”, constructed of 240,000 square yards of white nylon, and the beauty of the California countryside complemented each other perfectly to create a breathtaking artistic vision.

Mr. Speaker, although the “Running Fence” was designed to be temporary, Christo’s project will live forever in the imaginations of those who saw it and in its identification with the landscape of Sonoma and Marin Counties.