

and dedication. Through their work they have earned the respect and admiration of their community and peers.

POEM BY BRITTNI BATES

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I am amazed at the many heroic and kind deeds that we have seen since the horrible terrorist attacks of September 11.

The Nation has developed a unity of spirit and patriotism such as I have never seen in my lifetime.

This spirit has been captured in a beautiful way in a poem written by one of my constituents, Brittini Bates.

This poem, entitled "United We Stand," is even more impressive, considering it was written by a 13-year-old middle school student.

This Nation would be a much better place if we had more young people like Brittini Bates, and I would like to call her poem to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

UNITED WE STAND

Blood was shed for this land, many men took a stand.

Now, again we unite. Now . . . again we must fight

We will protect our nation,
and protect our civilization.

Freedom was won with a heavy price.
Now again we must roll the dice.

United we stand for our land.

So now we come to pray,
to our Lord and nation, we will obey.

The deaths of those were pointless and cruel.
United we stand to protect our land.
To banish hate and not discriminate.

And reclaim the declaration to our nation.
Terrorists beware!

You have gone too far!

For United We Stand To Protect Our Land.

God Bless America, Home of the Brave.

—by Brittini N. Bates, age 13, Holston Middle School

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 1900, the Juvenile Crime Control and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2001 which amends current juvenile crime policy and provides quality prevention and accountability programs relating to juvenile delinquency.

Regrettably, juvenile crime is a growing problem in our country. Today's teenagers account for the largest portion of all violent crimes; offenders under the age of 18 commit

more than one-fifth of all violent crime. Furthermore, the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) estimates that murders committed by juveniles will increase by 145%, forcible rapes by 66%, and aggravated assaults by 129% by the year 2010 as the number of juveniles increases dramatically.

In the wake of the rash of school shootings which our nation has endured over the past few years, I believe it is more important than ever to protect our children and communities from violence. Accordingly, H.R. 1900 will expand existing after-school programs for at-risk youngsters as well as providing innovative treatment for juvenile offenders.

H.R. 1900 will also fund programs related to the organization and maintenance of school violence hotlines and programs designed to reduce the unlawful acquisition and illegal use of guns by juveniles. This program directs much-needed resources to a social issue in which all Americans have a stake. Our children are the future of this country. Let us give them the tools and guidance to resist criminal activity and to improve their lives. Accordingly, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 1900.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN N. HARDEE

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to John N. Hardee of South Carolina, who is a respected member of the South Carolina Transportation Commission for the 2nd Congressional District. He has been a member of the Transportation Commission since 1997. Mr. Hardee's career achievements and accomplishments exemplify his extraordinary contributions to the state of South Carolina.

Currently, Mr. Hardee is the Director of Governmental Affairs at Lamar Advertising. He has served as the President of the Outdoor Advertising Association of South Carolina since 1989.

In 1995, Mr. Hardee was appointed to represent South Carolina on the Scenic Highways Committee. As a member of the committee, he assisted in the drafting of regulations that established the necessary criteria for Scenic Highways. Mr. Hardee has served as the Chairman of this valuable committee since its inception. Mr. Hardee was awarded the Order of the Palmetto, the State's highest honor, in 1998, in recognition of his dedication to the field of transportation through his service to the Transportation Commission and Scenic Highways Committee.

At the request of the Central Midlands Council of Governments, the South Carolina Transportation Commission voted to name the proposed seven-mile airport connector road between I-20 and I-26 in Lexington County as the John N. Hardee Airport Expressway, in recognition of his efforts to obtain funds to support the project.

Along with Mr. Hardee's service to the field of transportation, comes his service to the community.

As a member of the First Baptist Church in Florence, South Carolina, he served on the

Board of Deacons from 1985-1988 and 1990-1992, and was chairman of the Board in 1988. He organized the first prayer breakfast in Florence, as well. As a member of the First Baptist Church in Columbia, South Carolina since 1993, he has served on the Board of Deacons and Stewardship Planning in 1994.

He has served as a member of the Florence Chamber of Commerce from 1973-1992 and served as president in 1985. He was a member of the Florence County Economic Development Commission from 1988 to 1992, and was the chairman from 1990 to 1991. He was also a member of the Florence Planning Commission from 1981 to 1992, and chairman for almost five years.

Mr. Hardee has also served as a member of the Florence Lion's Club, and as its president in 1984. From 1980 to 1992 he served as a member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board, and as chairman from 1983 to 1986. He is currently a member of the Five Points Rotary Club and is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me today in honoring Mr. John N. Hardee for the incredible service he has provided for the residents of South Carolina. I sincerely thank Mr. John Hardee for the outstanding contributions he has given to the state of South Carolina through his distinguished service to the field of transportation. I congratulate him on his recent accomplishment of having the airport expressway named on his behalf and wish him the best in all of his future endeavors.

HONORING JANICE LEE ROHLF

HON. FELIX J. GRUCCI, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. GRUCCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 60th birthday of Janice Lee Rohlf.

On September 18, 1941, Janice Lee Rohlf (nee Janice Smith) was born and raised in a remote, rural area in Northeast Pennsylvania. A high school teacher/guidance counselor encouraged Janice to attend college; he even gave her the \$15.00 to apply to what was then the East Stroudsburg State Teachers College. Janice was the first in her family to attend college, majoring in mathematics, with a minor in social studies.

Upon graduation, Janice came to LI to teach in the Islip school district. After one year, she married and began raising a family. Janice has three wonderful children, Justin, Jason and Janine. Janice divorced and returned to work, starting in Suffolk County Government. During this time, Janice also earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration at Stony Brook University, and moved through four positions in three years in Suffolk County: Investigator in the Child Support Enforcement Bureau, Labor Technician in the Department of Labor, Administrative Assistant in Medicaid, Legislative Aide in the County Legislature and, finally, an Administrative Assistant in the County Executive's Office. While in her last position in the Suffolk County Government Janice began work on a Master's Degree in Social Work at Stony Brook University, which she completed in December of 1989. Janice