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presidential campaign thereafter. He is president and founder of the Black Public Relations Society of Washington, which was established in 1993.

Mr. Dukes has served as an adjunct professor at Howard University for seventeen years and was instrumental in establishing the University's public relations curriculum. For the past eight years, Mr. Dukes has been an adjunct professor in the School of Communications at The American University. He is responsible for inspiring hundreds of students to enter public relations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me today in honoring Ofield Dukes for the incredible services he has provided to his students and the field of public relations. I sincerely thank Mr. Dukes for his outstanding contributions, congratulate him on becoming a recipient of the 2001 Gold Anvil Award, and wish him well in all of his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO JAY HENSLEY

HON. CHARLES H. TAYLOR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2001

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Jay Hensley, a newspaperman of old-school traditions who spent much of his career with the Asheville Citizen-Times, died Wednesday, September 5, at the age of 75. Hensley was with the Citizen-Times from 1956 until 1997. He covered politics, courts and crime, local government and civil rights, took feature photos and editorialized on local, state and national issues.

It is perhaps Hensley's political coverage that he will be best remembered for. Hensley covered every state legislative session from 1967 until 1979 and was a familiar face around the state capital.

"Jay would ask that second and if necessary that third question to get to the heart of things," said former Gov. Bob Scott, who served from 1969-73. "He asked the tough questions but was always fair. At that time, the capital press corps was a crusty bunch of guys. But when the day was done and they'd filed their stories, it was a professional job."

Former Citizen-Times executive editor Larry Pope described Hensley as "an encyclopedia on local and state politics," adding "Jay probably knew more about politics than some of the people who held office."

Jay Hensley, once a three-pack-a-day smoker, chronicled his battle to quit smoking and his resulting respiratory problems in 1990 article titled "A Smoker's Last Chance."

Jay Hensley was a World War II veteran, serving with the 32nd Special Seabees in the South Pacific and China. A Madison County native, he had a degree in journalism from Natonson University in DeLand, FL.

I know all my colleagues join me in expressing our condolences to Jay Hensley's family members: Surviving are his former wife, June Murphy Hensley of Asheville; his son, Dick Hensley of Raleigh; his daughter, Teresa

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Hensley Wall of Asheville; grandsons, Jeremy Jay Oland and Ryan Lee Wyatt; his sisters, Pansy Watts of Asheville and Mary Sawyer of Cincinnati; and his brother, Jack Hensley of Greer, SC.

HONORING JOHN C. FREMONT HOSPITAL

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to John C. Fremont Hospital for 50 years of service to the Mariposa community.

In 1947, the Mariposa county voters overwhelmingly approved the formation of the John C. Fremont Hospital District. Shortly after, the 1st meeting of the Board of Directors was held and they proceeded to purchase 20 acres of land to build a facility. In 1951, the John C. Fremont Hospital opened a 24-bed facility. As the community grew, so did the hospital facilities. A 10-bed skilled nursing facility was created in 1964. Additionally, the Ewing Wing has been added. The Ewing wing is a "home" facility that has beds to accommodate 28 residents.

In 1975, a Home Health Agency was established to serve patients with at-home health needs. In 1981, the hospital was designated a primary health service hospital by the state of California and a sole community provider by the Federal Government.

In 1994, the hospital received a complete face-lift. Revenue bonds totaling \$5.84 million allowed the hospital to expand their emergency services, build a new clinic, enlarge a heliport pad, reopen surgery capabilities, and add additional facilities. In 1995, a hospice was added to serve the terminally ill and their families.

John C. Fremont is one of the few California hospitals granted the "Critical Access Hospital" designation, which allows the health care district to receive a higher reimbursement for its Medicare patients. The John C. Fremont Health Care District supplies education to the community by conducting CPR courses, Certified Nursing Assistant programs, and Licensed Vocational Nurse prerequisite programs. The health care district is one of the largest employers in the area with 168 employees.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor John C. Fremont Hospital for serving the health care needs in Mariposa County for 50 years. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing John C. Fremont Hospital many more years of continued success.

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100TH ANNIVERSARY OF LEXINGTON ELKS LODGE, LEXINGTON, MISSOURI

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2001

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to congratulate my friends at the Lexington Elks Lodge, Lexington, Missouri, who recently celebrated their 100th Anniversary as a lodge.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge 749 has served a proud role in the city of Lexington since the lodge's chartering in 1901. The Elks have played a vital and active role in the community, sponsoring programs aimed to better the town, the people, and the people's safety.

The Elks organization is primarily involved in two community service programs, drug awareness and veteran services. Lexington Elk's are strong supporters of the D.A.R.E. program in Lexington schools. They have sponsored the purchase of D.A.R.E. signs and drug awareness programs. The Elk's also show support and appreciation to the veterans of our nation.

The Lexington Elk's Lodge has sponsored numerous other community projects. They have distributed fire alarms, hosted community Christmas dinners, donated to organizations such as the Ministerial Alliance and they sponsor a yearly scholarship for graduating high school seniors.

Mr. Speaker, the Lexington Elk's Lodge has contributed to the city for a century. I know that the Members of the House will join me in congratulating them and wishing them continued success.

SALUTE TO AL ROSS

HON. MARK FOLEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2001

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who has served his country bravely and who also serves as a role model in his community.

I speak of Al Ross, one of my constituents and the youngest surviving veteran of the First World War. Al, the son of Russian immigrants, enlisted in the United States Navy in 1917, when he was only 16 years old. He served as a Seaman First Class aboard the U.S.S. Richmond. In fact, Al is the last surviving member of Barracks 507, a West Palm Beach World War One veterans group.

On October 11, 2001, my friend Al Ross turns 100 years old. He is a frequent speaker at veterans', civic, and school events and is best known for his talks about "Why We Pledge the Flag." Mr. Ross gives these talks in his original U.S. Navy uniform, which still fits him perfectly.

Al Ross has been a teacher and organizer for the National Amputee Foundation. He has