

were bought; in 1981 three vans were purchased; 1989 two additional vans were bought and from 1989 to 1999, additional vans and bus were acquired, bringing the church's fleet of vehicles to five.

Pastor Rouse holds workshops and institutes for members of the community. In 1977, the Nursing Home Visitation Team was organized and continues to go into the various nursing homes in the region providing spiritual guidance to their patients. Mt. Zion continues to be active in the needs of senior citizens. The Voices of Zion held its first concert at Powell Symphony Hall in St. Louis, Missouri in July 1983.

Mt. Zion continues to serve the community by providing Thanksgiving meals. During the South End Flood, church facilities were used by the Red Cross to feed flood victims. Mt. Zion also operates a food pantry, which is open to the public twice weekly.

Mt. Zion's membership continues to grow. Under Rev. Rouse, he has also ordained some 16 new ministers. In 1994, the New Day Jail ministry was started going into various correctional facilities. They are responsible for providing spiritual guidance to inmates as well as providing Christmas gifts to children of the incarcerated.

The church's bookstore opened in 1996 and the Inspirational Voices Youth Choir finished their first CD recording out of the church itself. During this year, a ground breaking was held in June in preparation for the construction of new Classroom and administrative buildings.

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist continues to grow and prosper, providing the spiritual needs and guidance for many people in the region.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 100 years of service of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church and salute the members of the church's congregation both past and present.

TRIBUTE TO WYNN PRESSON

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2001

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding leader of the Kansas City community, Mr. F. Wynn Presson, who will retire as Vice Chairman of the Board of Health Midwest, on November 30, 2001.

Wynn has served as Vice Chairman of the Board of Health Midwest since 1993; prior to that he served as President and Chief Executive Officer. Health Midwest employs over 17,000 people, and has over 100 care/delivery sites, including 15 hospitals with over 3,295 licensed beds. The system has 40 primary care physician practices employing over 150 physicians, 8 occupational medicine clinics, and 60 corporations. The Health Midwest system links together acute and ambulatory care, physician affiliations, education, occupational health, mental health, long term care, contracted clinical and support services, wellness and fitness, and patient transportation systems. Wynn Presson was the founder and visionary of the Health Midwest system, having served

for a total of 24 years with Health Midwest and its predecessor organizations.

Just as important, though, is the literally thousands of hours that Wynn Presson has devoted to serving our community and the entire Kansas City metropolitan area during his 24 years with us. The list of his current community leadership positions is impressive: member of the Blue Valley School District Educational Foundation; member of the Executive Committee [and former Chairman of the Board of Directors] of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Kansas City; Chairman-elect of the Board of Directors of the Full Employment Council; member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the Greater Kansas City Sports Commission; member of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of the Labor-Management Council; Co-Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Mayor's Corps of Progress; and member of the Board of Directors of the Minority Suppliers Council, among others.

Equally as important and valuable have been Wynn Presson's contributions to the Kansas City area in years past, through his dedicated service in positions including: former Chairman of the Board of the Greater Kansas City Area Chamber of Commerce; President of the Board of Directors of the Kansas City Club; member of the Board of Directors of the Civic Council of Greater Kansas City; Colonel in the Kansas Cavalry; member of the Executive Committee of the Kansas City Area Development Council; Co-Chairman of the Public Policy Committee of the Mainstream Coalition; and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Midwest Bioethics Center.

Mr. Speaker, Wynn Presson is an excellent example of the kind of public-spirited, community-minded citizen who does so much to foster our communities. As this far-from-complete listing of his many public service activities demonstrates, he has been a vital participant in countless civic and charitable activities in the Kansas City metropolitan area. I commend him for his distinguished record of performance with Health Midwest and for his peerless history of community service.

Mr. Speaker, I join with my constituents in Kansas' Third District in wishing Wynn Presson an enjoyable and most well-earned retirement, although I anticipate he will not shirk from further opportunities to be of service.

HONORING LARRY BLACK UPON
HIS RETIREMENT FROM
BAYFIELD SCHOOL BOARD

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, those who seek to improve the lives of others in the community play a very important role. Larry Black is such a person and upon his retirement from the Bayfield School Board, I would like to acknowledge the priceless contributions that he has made to Bayfield and to those that he has touched.

Larry is a man of compassion and holds an elevated understanding of citizenship. Part of

this comprehensive understanding is service to his country. Larry volunteered for the infantry in Vietnam and because of his bravery he earned a bronze star and a campaign medal. During this time, he served for two years in the infantry but continued to serve in the California Air National Guard for four years. Larry has also volunteered much of his free time to the United Way, helping those less fortunate.

According to his wife, Tempe, the most fulfilling work he has done is having the opportunity to serve on the Bayfield School Board. Prior to serving on the Board, he was an active member of the PTSA and also a committee member on the District Advisory Committee and the Student Accountability Committee. The past four years Larry has sat on the Bayfield School Board and filled this role with enthusiasm and charisma. He looked at this opportunity as a chance to give back that which others gave him when he was a child. Additionally, Larry is active member of the First Baptist Church of Bayfield and is a devoted husband and a loving father.

Mr. Speaker, Larry Black has been an outstanding leader for the Bayfield community and has helped to enhance the futures of many students through his service. To give of yourself unselfishly, as Larry has done, certainly deserves the praise and admiration of us all. I wish to offer my congratulations to Larry at this time of celebration on his retirement and extend my warmest regards and best wishes in many years to come.

CONGRATULATING PAUL DUFAULT
ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2001

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Paul Dufault on his retirement from the United Food and Commercial Workers local 1445.

For 45 years, Paul has been a passionate and effective voice for working families in Massachusetts. During a time of dramatic change in our nation's workforce, Paul has shaped the labor movement in our state to reflect modern realities.

While his strategies may have evolved, his principles have never wavered—namely, that working men and women deserve decent wages, deserve decent and affordable health care and other benefits, and deserve to be treated with respect and dignity. He has worked just as hard as the workers he represents, and has done his job with dignity, class and grace.

While I'm sure his activism will continue in retirement, I also know that Paul's wife Judy, his four children and seven grandchildren will be very happy to spend more time with him.

Mr. Speaker, I know all of my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating Paul Dufault on his retirement and thanking him for his years of tireless service to the people of Massachusetts. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.