

JONES COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE
BOBCATS

HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the Jones County Junior College Bobcats for winning the state championship. I am very proud of JCJC which is in my home county. Both of my parents are alums of Jones County Junior College and I was raised supporting the school and its athletic programs. The Bobcats finished the season with 10 wins and 1 loss. Congratulations are in order for Jones County head coach Parker Dykes, his staff and his team. Their victory brings pride and respect not only to the athletic program, but to the college as a whole. Jones County Junior College continues to set the standard not only in athletics, but in academics as well. The technical and vocational training provided at JCJC equips students with the necessary skills to enter the 21st century workforce and become successful members of their community. I am always pleased to see our junior colleges excel. Again, congratulations on an outstanding season.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RICH
KOLECKI

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Rich Kolecki and thank him for his contributions to the Boy Scouts of America and the community of Glenwood Springs, Colorado. For the past eighteen years, Rich has served in a number of leadership positions in the Boy Scouts and his dedication is certainly worthy of recognition from this body.

Rich began volunteering when one of his sons joined the Cub Scouts in 1983. That led to an eighteen-year career, which was recently recognized by the Scouting community for his time and volunteering efforts to the program. He has served as a Cub Master, Troop Leader, and Assistant Scoutmaster. While serving in his leadership roles, his sons Ricky and Matthew have achieved the highest honor in Scouts, the coveted rank of Eagle Scout.

The Boy Scout program is designed to introduce young men to the outdoor environment and establish them as civic volunteers. As a Scout Leader, Rich participates side by side with his scouts allowing him to share the same experiences with his troop. It is Rich's hope that participation in these programs will instill leadership qualities in the young men they can draw on later in their future endeavors. The overall goal of the entire program is to produce well-rounded individuals for the community.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Rich Kolecki for his contributions to the Boy Scouts and the community of Glenwood Springs, Colorado. It is people like Rich, who

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volunteer their time and effort, who ensures the creation of future leaders for this nation. Keep up the good work Rich and congratulations on your achievement.

COMMEMORATING THE RETIREMENT OF JAMES BEAVER, SERGEANT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of James Beaver. Sergeant Beaver has served with distinction for nearly 30 years as a member of the Police Department at California State University, Long Beach.

Sergeant James Beaver came to the CSULB Police Department after serving our country in Vietnam as a member of the Army. Upon his return, Sergeant Beaver found a calling in public service that appealed to him strongly, and joined the Campus Police on September 6, 1972.

During his tenure, Sergeant Beaver has provided University students, staff and guests with the highest levels of professional police service. He has distinguished himself in perhaps the highest order of being an unparalleled mentor of colleagues and new officers for nearly three decades. Sergeant Beaver has been a model member of both his profession and his community.

Sergeant Beaver will close his professional police career effective December 31, 2001. When he retires, Sergeant Beaver will look back on a career that spanned a period of unprecedented change in our country, and extraordinary dynamic growth in our nation's colleges and universities.

So best wishes to Sergeant Beaver. He will be missed but not forgotten by all those friends and colleagues who will gather on December 22 to wish him the very best for a long, active and healthy retirement.

GENERAL AVIATION INDUSTRY
REPARATIONS ACT OF 2001 (H.R.
3347)

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the good work of Aviation Subcommittee Chairman JOHN MICA. Today, he introduced the "General Aviation Industry Reparations Act," in an effort to compensate general aviation businesses that were closed by government edict after the tragic events of September 11. I am pleased to join Chairman MICA as an original cosponsor of this much-needed legislation.

As a result of the terrorist attacks, this segment of the aviation industry was grounded significantly longer and was saddled with

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greater flight restrictions than the larger air carriers. In some cases, certain general aviation airports are still unable to operate. On October 17th, the Aviation Subcommittee heard testimony from those affected by the government shutdown, where we learned that direct compensation is the only hope left for many small companies. Drawing from these hearings, Chairman MICA's legislation allows qualified companies that have suffered economic losses due to the government's actions, to ask for reasonable compensation. This legislation directly provides the much-needed cash infusion these small businesses require to stay in business, while making sure only eligible companies receive funds.

This legislation will affect the constituents of almost every Member of Congress, because general aviation operates at more than 5,300 public airports across America. More than 92 percent of the roughly 225,000 civil aircraft registered in the United States are general aviation aircraft. More than 500,000 of the nation's 635,000 pilots fly general aviation aircraft. General aviation is comprised of private business owners, large and small, that rely on our national airspace for their livelihood. Many of these companies are mom and pop flight schools, parachute schools, scenic tour operators, and the people who gas up planes and tie them down at night.

On October 3, I introduced the "General Aviation Small Business Relief Act" to help out the struggling industry. My bill would allow the Small Business Administration to provide direct grants and low-cost loans to general aviation small businesses directly affected by the terrorist attacks to help them make it through this tough time. I am proud to report that 50 of my colleagues, including Chairman MICA, have joined in the effort to provide relief to general aviation businesses.

This is why I am pleased to join with Mr. MICA today, in trying to help out the general aviation industry. Congress acted swiftly to stabilize the large carriers after the tragic events of September 11. It is time to address the financial crisis facing the general aviation industry. I fully support Mr. MICA's efforts and am proud to be an original cosponsor of his legislation.

MEMORIALIZING MAYOR BILL
MANNING

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2001

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the late Bill Manning, a decorated war hero, a faithful public servant and my friend.

A California native who settled in Tennessee with his wife Jane, Mr. Manning served two tours of duty in Vietnam and was wounded both times. During his second tour in 1968, he lost both his left arm and right hand as a result of a rocket grenade attack. Mr. Manning had a prosthetic left arm and shoulder, and he designed and patented the Accra Hook to replace his right hand so he could maintain its functionality. Those disabilities did