

EXPRESSING SENSE OF CONGRESS  
THAT AMERICANS SHOULD TAKE  
TIME DURING NATIVE AMERICAN  
HERITAGE MONTH TO RECOGNIZE  
THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
AND CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY  
NATIVE PEOPLES

SPEECH OF

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2001*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues today in supporting House Concurrent Resolution 270. This simple, yet important, statement supports the goals and ideals of Native American Heritage Month to highlight the important contributions Native Americans have made to our history and culture. This resolution also encourages the American people to honor and recognize the accomplishments and heritage of Native Americans, including their contributions in the areas of agriculture, medicine, art and language.

Long before the first Europeans arrived in the upper Midwest, the Dakota and Ojibwe nations called Minnesota home. You can still visit many of the areas where Native Americans created their communities and see examples of this rich history. Pipestone National Monument, a sacred quarry in Southwest Minnesota, is still being used to mine the soft red pipestone that was at one time used to create the ceremonial pipes that were used in dealings between tribes and to honor the spiritual world. The story of this stone and the pipes made from it spans four centuries of Plains Indian life and is inseparable from the traditions that structured their daily routine. Today, carvings are appreciated as much as art as well as for ceremonial use.

The heritage and customs of my state, Minnesota, have been greatly influenced by Native Americans. The name of Minnesota itself comes from a Dakota word meaning "waters that reflect the sky" and many more of Minnesota's cities and counties hold names that represent the Native American heritage that surrounds them.

I commend the authors of this resolution for helping raise awareness of Native American culture and heritage. As a member of the Native American Caucus, I look forward to working with them to make sure the noble goal of encouraging the American people to honor and recognize Native American accomplishments happens not only during Native American Heritage Month but also throughout the year.

ST. VERONICA'S SCHOOL TO CELEBRATE ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 29, 2001*

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, this week one of my district's many fine parochial schools will reach an important milestone. St. Veronica Catholic School, first opened its doors on De-

ember 6, 1906. Two small rooms accommodated the 106 students who attended class on that day.

As the community once known as the Town of Lake expanded, so did St. Veronica's. After surviving the lean years of the Great Depression and World War II, a new 17-room school was dedicated by Rev. Gordon Johnson in 1952. Today, as the school prepares to celebrate its 75th anniversary, it boasts an enrollment of nearly 450.

The Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi, who taught at St. Veronica's from its inception until the late 1980s, instilled in their students the importance of education, God, family and community in their daily lives. Sister Marie Estelle Kuczynski and her faculty and staff the school's dedication to those ideals as they prepare the children of today to become the leaders of tomorrow.

St. Veronica's strives to afford its students the opportunity to acquire the skills necessary to excel in our changing world. New additions are planned for the library, learning center, and computer lab. However, the dedication to academic, spiritual, social and moral development remains unchanged.

And so, it is with great pleasure that I join with the faculty, staff, students, and alumni of St. Veronica School in celebrating 75 years of quality education, and wish them godspeed in all that lies ahead.

TRIBUTE TO DR. LELAND  
HARTWELL

**HON. JIM McDERMOTT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 29, 2001*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for all of us in Seattle to have Dr. Leland Hartwell among us. We are very fortunate to have him as the president of the renowned Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Additionally, Dr. Hartwell is a professor of genetics and medicine at the University of Washington.

I am very proud to extend my warmest congratulations to Dr. Hartwell on winning the Nobel Prize for Medicine. This prize is reflective of many years of hard work and achievement, and a lifetime commitment to saving lives. He won the most prestigious prize in medicine through pioneering research in the genetics of yeast cells, which are much easier to study than human cells.

When Dr. Hartwell first began studying baker's yeast cells over 30 years ago, he and other scientists were not all that confident that the research would apply to human cells. According to Hartwell, the most sophisticated technology they used was often a toothpick. But hard work and determination prevailed.

Dr. Hartwell used genetics to study how cells function, to determine which genes cause cells to divide. That understanding, in turn, is helping researchers understand how cells mutate and perhaps how to prevent or reverse cancerous cell changes. He discovered more than 100 genes involved in cell-cycle control, and documented the existence of cell-cycle "checkpoints." These points ensure that steps

in the process have been completed properly before it proceeds. Interestingly, he discovered that cancer cells bypass the checkpoints.

Indeed, Dr. Hartwell's investigation into complex cellular mechanics paved the way for others to better understand how mistakes in the process result in cancerous cell growth. Advances in clinical therapies build upon the knowledge gained from his research.

Without the fundamental research, advances in science and medicine could never be achieved. I wish to thank Dr. Hartwell for his dedication to curing disease and improving human life.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LITTLE  
WHITE CHAPEL

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 29, 2001*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Little White Chapel in Burbank, CA. The congregation will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Little White Chapel on December 2, 2001.

Founded on Sunday, December 28, 1941, the Little White Chapel has been serving its congregation for 60 years now. In 1941, the Little White Chapel was built even before it had a single member and well before the congregation had been organized. The Greater Los Angeles Church Federation to the Christian Church, guided by the philosophy of, "Build it and they will come," held Little White Chapel Day in 1941 and with the proceeds, erected the current day church.

The first church services were held on Sunday, December 28, 1941, where Dr. Clifford A. Cole presented the church to the people of Burbank and opened its doors to all who would come. As the years went by, the church was able to add Sunday school rooms, a social hall, a kitchen, an annex for overflow crowds, and a Sanctuary.

Throughout the years, the congregation has taken an active role in volunteering and working in the surrounding community of Burbank. The church's congregation has initiated the Good Samaritan Fund to help members of the community in times of distress and need. The fund has given over 36 percent of its funds to causes beyond the local church, especially those dealing with interfaith approaches to alleviating the causes of racism, poverty, hunger, and homelessness.

So today, I ask all Members of Congress to join me in congratulating the Little White Chapel and its congregation on the celebration of their 60th anniversary and thank them for their outstanding participation and service to our community.

DICK VAN NOSTRAND: AN ARTIST  
WITH A CAMERA

**HON. JAMES A. BARCIA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 29, 2001*

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dick Van Nostrand upon his retirement

after nearly 35 years as a newspaper photographer with the Bay City Times in our shared hometown of Bay City, Michigan. I have known Dick for many years and I, along with it seems nearly everyone in the region, have been privileged at one time or another to be the subject of his photographic artistry.

Dick's interest in photography began when he first picked up his dad's 35-millimeter camera as a teen. He learned quickly. By his senior year at the former T.L. Handy High School, Dick was a published photographer and had won several awards for his work. After working for a newspaper in Indiana, Dick returned to his hometown in 1967 to join the Bay City Times as a full-time photographer. A month later, he married Jan and they embarked on a life together in Bay City.

Over the years, Dick's photographs have graced the pages of the Bay City Times and many other publications throughout the world. He has won the admiration of readers and colleagues alike, garnering many awards from his peers in journalism and in the arts. The images he shot of the tragic Wenona Hotel fire earned him a Pulitzer Prize for Spot News nomination in 1978 and his photos of the fire and his slides are still used today as a training tool for firefighters.

His wife, Jan, and children, David and Amy, also deserve credit for providing the love and support so necessary to his professional success and in fostering the talent that manifested itself in his work.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Dick Van Nostrand for his years of journalistic excellence and his unparalleled passion for story-telling through the click of his camera. His vision and talent have served his profession and his community well, and he will be sorely missed by us all.

JOHN P. PERDUYN

**HON. TOM SAWYER**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 29, 2001*

Mr. SAWYER. Mr. Speaker, John P. Perduyn has served the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company for 36 years, and the Akron community nearly as long. He began his career in 1965 as associate editor of "Go" and "Triangle," internal publications serving the company's marketing efforts.

Since then, John Perduyn has served the Research and Development, Shoe Products, and the Chemical Division of Goodyear. For a time, he worked in Goodyear's Midwest Region office in Chicago. Fortunately for us in Akron, he returned as director of public information.

Years of dedication and commitment to the principles of sound business and honest communication with employees and consumers won him the position of Senior Vice President of Global Communications in 1999.

John Perduyn's career with Goodyear has coincided with an era of unprecedented change, reorganization, and acquisitions in the

tire and rubber industry—not just in the United States, but around the world. The globalization of markets in transnational industries has tested many companies—but none more than those in the worldwide tire industry. Few companies or executives in any field have met those challenges, in all their various forms, as well as Goodyear and John Perduyn.

Throughout his career, John Perduyn has served as a mentor for many associates within Goodyear and beyond. He is a member of the National Association of Manufacturers' Communication Council, the Public Relations Society of America, the Vice Presidents Forum, and the Arthur W. Page Society. John embodies the Page Society's credo to tell the truth and prove it with action.

Beyond the corporate world, John Perduyn has continued contributing his time and talents to our community. He is on the board of trustees of the Akron Roundtable and Ohio Ballet, offering sound communications advice and policy counsel to those non-profit organizations for many years.

John Perduyn's wise guidance and strong leadership will be missed at Goodyear. We in Akron can only hope that he will find even more time to devote his energies to the community he has served so long and so well.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TERRY EVERETT**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 29, 2001*

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, I was reviewing tornado damaged areas in my district on Tuesday and thus was unable to vote during the following rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as indicated below.

Rollcall No. 449, H.R. 1259, Computer Security Enhancement Act—"yes," and rollcall No. 450, S. Con. Res. 44, resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day—"yes."

Additionally, due to flight delays on Wednesday, I missed the following morning rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as indicated below.

Rollcall No. 451, on Approving the Journal—"yes," rollcall No. 452, H. Con. Res. 77, Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the efforts of people of the United States of Korean ancestry to reunite with their family members in North Korea—"yes," and rollcall No. 453, H.R. 2722, Clean Diamond Trade Act—"yes."

RAYMOND M. DOWNEY POST  
OFFICE BUILDING

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 29, 2001*

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill to designate the Deer Park Post

Office as the "Raymond M. Downey Post Office Building." New York lost many heroes on September 11th, but the loss of Chief Downey is an especially difficult one.

During the thirty-nine years he was a New York City firefighter, Chief Downey rescued countless people from what befell so many at the World Trade Center. The most decorated member of the City's fire department, he led a FDNY rescue team to Oklahoma City and directed the recovery effort at the World Trade Center bombing in 1993. He will be sorely missed.

I ask my colleagues to support this bill and to join me in remembering Ray Downey.

HONORING THE CENTRAL TEXAS  
LABOR COUNCIL ON ITS 100TH  
ANNIVERSARY

**HON. CHET EDWARDS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 29, 2001*

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, it is fitting that we extend our congratulations to the Central Texas Labor Council on the occasion of its One-Hundredth Anniversary, celebrated in Waco, Texas on October 20, 2001.

Originally chartered as the McLennan County Labor Council on October 31, 1901, the member-unions included the Leather Workers and Horse Goods, Local 45, the Stationary Fireman's Union, the Tailors Union, Local 96 and the Federal Labor Union 8892. Another member, the Typographical Union, Local 188, was first chartered in 1881. In later years, the Musicians Union local represented organists who accompanied silent films in local movie houses.

In the 1920s, local unions held a forty-hour workweek strike, and helped establish that as a basis for all contracts of labor. Other early job actions were for air conditioning, worker respect and safer workplaces.

In 1901, only unions in McLennan County were affiliated with the Council. Over time, it expanded to include eight counties, and in 1992, the name was changed to the Central Texas Labor Council. The organization now includes forty unions representing 14,000 workers.

Mr. Speaker, the nature of collective bargaining and labor-management relations have changed dramatically since the Council was born a century ago. Today, in Central Texas and across the nation, the vital role of labor unions and labor councils have been widely recognized for their contribution to safer and more productive workplaces with highly-skilled workforces, leading to more competitive enterprises, and ultimately, to a stronger and more stable U.S. economy.

Much has changed in one hundred years. However, the Central Texas Labor Council continues to speak, and fight when necessary, for the rights, the interests and the dignity of working men and women.