

TRIBUTE TO WINFIELD H.S.

**HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 12, 2001*

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Winfield High School in recognition of their achievement as an "exemplary" school.

Winfield High School has been selected as one of the top 50 schools of West Virginia. "Exemplary" status is based on Stanford Achievement Test results, attendance, drop out rates, and writing exam scores.

I commend the leadership and faculty on their dedication to the children that walk through their doors each day. They have set an incredible example for the other 817 schools in West Virginia.

I equally commend the students and parents of Winfield High School for their commitment to a quality education and a bright future.

Efforts to bring superior education to all of West Virginia and America are among our top priorities.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Winfield High School.

IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE  
ROBERT HYDER

**HON. IKE SKELTON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 12, 2001*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I inform the House of the death of Robert Hyder, former mayor of Jefferson City, Missouri. He was 91.

Robert Hyder was born on February 26, 1910, in West Plains, Missouri, a son of L. M. and Mae Hyder. He was married May 18, 1957, to Ruth Lockwood. Robert graduated from Drury College with a degree in geological engineering and from the University of Texas with a law degree. During World War II he served in the Navy as a frogman.

After graduation from law school, Robert served as assistant state attorney general in Missouri and as assistant U.S. attorney general. He then went to work for the Missouri Highway Commission retiring as chief legal council after 23 years of service. Robert then started a private law practice in Jefferson City before deciding to run for mayor.

Robert Hyder served as mayor of Jefferson City for four years, beginning in 1975. His colleagues remember Robert as, "one of the finest mayors I ever worked with" and "a real people person." After leaving office, Robert served on the Cole County Industrial Development Authority board. He was also head of the V.F.W. and the American Legion in West Plains. As a commemoration to his work as mayor, the Jefferson City Housing Authority dedicated the Robert Hyder Apartments and Addition.

Mr. Speaker, Robert was a valuable leader in his community and will be missed. I know the Members of the House will join me in extending heartfelt condolences to his family: his wife, Ruth, and his children, Robert and Mary.

**EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS**

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

**HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 12, 2001*

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, December 11, 2001, due to an illness I was unable to travel to Washington and was therefore unable to cast votes on rollcall Nos. 483 through 485. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: "yea" on rollcall No. 483; "yea" on rollcall No. 484; "yea" on rollcall No. 485.

I ask unanimous consent that the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD reflect my intended votes. Furthermore, Mr. Speaker, I ask that record reflect that I am a cosponsor and strong supporter of H.R. 10, the Comprehensive Retirement Security and Pension Reform Act.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. VITO FOSSELLA**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 12, 2001*

Mr. FOSSELLA. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 483, 484 and 485. I was in the hospital with my son.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on all three.

TRIBUTE TO HIGHLAWN  
ELEMENTARY

**HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 12, 2001*

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Highlawn Elementary in recognition of their achievement as an "exemplary" school.

Highlawn Elementary has been selected as one of the top 50 schools of West Virginia. "Exemplary" status is based on Stanford Achievement Test results, attendance, drop out rates, and writing exam scores.

I commend the leadership and faculty on their dedication to the children that walk through their doors each day. They have set an incredible example for the other 817 schools in West Virginia.

I equally commend the students and parents of Highlawn Elementary for their commitment to a quality education and a bright future.

Efforts to bring superior education to all of West Virginia and America are among our top priorities. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Highlawn Elementary.

*December 13, 2001*

KEEPING THE SOCIAL SECURITY  
PROMISE INITIATIVE

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 11, 2001*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in favor of House Concurrent Resolution 282, Keeping the Social Security Promise Initiative.

I support this resolution because I believe that Congress needs to pass a Social Security reform plan that protects the current program. That means I will support reform plans that protect Social Security's guaranteed lifetime benefits, maintain its yearly COLAs, strengthen its important anti-poverty role and improve its protections for low-income earners, minorities and women.

This resolution is very timely. Yesterday, the President's self-appointed Commission to Strengthen Social Security released its final report on Social Security reform. It recommended three plans all of which reduce Social Security benefits in order to divert money to create individual accounts.

Today's Resolution puts this Congress on record as rejecting the President's Commission to Strengthen Social Security recommendations—which include benefit reductions—and hopefully provides the Congress with starting point for reform.

If President Bush and the House Majority are serious about reforming Social Security, they should sit down and engage in an honest debate with representative of all parties to arrive at an outcome that makes the current Social Security system solvent for generations to come while not cutting Social Security benefits.

As Congress acts on Social Security reform, I urge Republicans to keep their "Social Security Promise" by protecting Americans' Social Security benefits for current and future retirees.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 12, 2001*

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to speak out of order on Rollcall Nos. 483, 484, and 485, which occurred yesterday on December 11, 2001. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond my control I was unable to be here to vote on the following bills. I would like to take this opportunity to record for the record that I would have voted yes on:

H.R. 10, the Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act of 2001 which will provide benefits to railroad employees and their beneficiaries;

H.R. 3282, honoring former Senator Mike Mansfield by designating a Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse in his honor; and

H. Con. Res 281, honoring the great sacrifice of Johnny Michael Spann, the first American killed in combat in the war against terrorism.