

community in 1968 when he was transferred to Local 374 in Hammond, Indiana. His sense of dedication and professionalism that was formed in the Heartland came to fruition in Northwest Indiana with his many positive contributions in our community. We often seek in traditions a reflection of American ideals: reliability, loyalty, and an unwavering commitment to a strong work ethic. The Clift family yields to us all an example of uncompromising dedication to this ethic—his father before him and his daughter after him are both distinguished Boilermakers. Mr. Clift has provided the constituents of the First Congressional District with a positive standard after which they can model themselves.

As a testament to his dedication to the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Mr. Clift was appointed to the position of Assistant Business Manager of Local 374 in 1995. For the six years he served in this position, he represented Local 374 with the same integrity that he has devoted to his career, his family, and his friends.

With his induction into the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Mr. Clift became a member of a family of professionals that spans the globe. His efforts to serve his international brothers and sisters to the best of his abilities are the reasons we honor him today. Yet these obligations do not curtail his involvement with those who have supported him in these endeavors. The Clift family should also receive some of the praise offered today. His wife, his five children, and his ten grandchildren have selflessly shared this man with our community and they are also deserving of our gratitude.

On this special day, I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Michael Clift. His large circle of family and friends can be proud of the contributions this prominent individual has made. His work in the labor movement provided union workers in Northwest Indiana opportunities that might have remained undiscovered. Mr. Clift's contributions kept the labor force strong and his loyalty and sincerity embody all that is admirable in America's workforce. I sincerely wish Michael Clift a long, happy, and productive retirement.

TRIBUTE TO MR. MARTIN MURPHY

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2001

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Mr. Martin Murphy. Mr. Murphy resides in Youngstown, Ohio and is a long-time U.S. History and Civics teacher at Chaney High School.

For years, Mr. Murphy has worked to promote the traditions and institutions of the United States to the children of Youngstown. He has provided students with the opportunity to meet veterans and hear their stories. He has taught the students the importance of celebrating our liberties by holding ceremonies around the flagpole and at cemeteries for those that gave their lives to ensure our freedom. He has taken students to African American History and Voice of America competi-

tions, which test their democratic values and beliefs.

Recently, Mr. Murphy was nominated as Teacher of the Year for the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

I would like to thank Mr. Martin Murphy for dedicating many invaluable years to our young people. It takes a special person to teach them the significance of the freedoms that Americans are so fortunate to have.

HONORING PROFESSOR GARY JOHNSON

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2001

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an old and dear friend of mine, Dr. Gary Johnson. Dr. Johnson was instrumental in helping me become who I am today. As my advisor in the San José State University Counselor Education program, he helped me develop the sense of mediation and personal interactions which are so important in the work I do as a Member of Congress. This Friday evening, December 14, 2001, Dr. Johnson will be honored at a celebration of his impending retirement from the faculty of my alma mater. The College of Education and the Department of Counselor Education at San José State University will gather together to pay tribute to Dr. Johnson for his 32 years of dedicated service to the Counselor Education program and to the betterment of our community and public schools.

Dr. Gary Johnson has been a leader in the design and implementation of the graduate program in the Department of Counselor Education at the College of Education at San José State University since 1969. He has served as a faculty member, program director, and division chairperson. In these capacities, he has motivated and inspired students from diverse backgrounds to maximize their individual potential for the good of our collective communities.

Since 1957, the innovative Graduate Department of Counselor Education has trained and graduated over 2,000 diverse professionals. It has maintained a recruitment and training emphasis focusing on cross-cultural issues, community partnerships, career life-span development, non-traditional counseling services, and historically under-represented student populations since 1970. Starting in 1978, the department has supported a bilingual emphasis in its students, a bilingual capability in its faculty, and a cross-cultural emphasis in its curriculum delivery.

Many students have chosen Counselor Education as the field in which to re-enter their university studies, receiving their Masters Degrees and going on to pursue successful careers in private industry, education, and community organizations. Many Counselor Education graduates have pursued leadership roles as school administrators and educational reformers. The professional work of these individuals is a testimony to the invaluable work of Dr. Johnson's long and distinguished career. Along with so many others, I take this oppor-

tunity to commend Dr. Gary Johnson for his outstanding contributions to the Graduate Department of Counselor Education at San José State University, and his outstanding contributions to my life and my professional development and career.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 3484, THE PROMPT UTILIZATION OF WIRELESS SPECTRUM ACT OF 2001

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2001

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to be an original cosponsor of H.R. 3484, the Prompt Utilization of Wireless Spectrum Act of 2001. The bill's title aptly describes the critical need for this legislation to turn wireless spectrum, which has been tied up in litigation for years, into a useful, performing asset for the American people.

For some five years, these personal communication services spectrum licenses have been the subject of a contentious dispute between the original licensee, an entity known as NextWave, and the Federal Communications Commission, regarding their rightful ownership.

In 1993, the Communications Act of 1934 was amended to permit the FCC to sell licenses and construction permits through a competitive bidding process and allow the successful bidders to pay for their licenses in installments. Pursuant to this authorization, auctions of certain licenses were held in 1996. NextWave successfully bid approximately \$4.7 billion for a substantial block of these licenses.

Subsequently, however, the market value of these licenses became depressed in response to various events, which in turn, adversely impacted the ability of some licensees to obtain funding for their purchases and operations. After making an initial payment of approximately \$500 million, NextWave failed to obtain financing for the balance it owed to the government and filed for bankruptcy relief under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in 1998. It thereafter made no other payments to the FCC for the licenses. Eventually, 20 other licensees also filed for bankruptcy relief under Chapter 11.

Extensive litigation over NextWave's licenses dragged on for several years. The FCC ultimately canceled the licenses and re-auctioned them in January of this year, with winning bids of nearly \$16 billion. Nevertheless, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia subsequently found the FCC's cancellation of the licenses violated the Bankruptcy Code and thereby rendering their reauction null and void.

In an effort to resolve the various issues presented by the disputed ownership of these licenses, the FCC, NextWave and certain other interested parties have entered into a comprehensive settlement agreement late last month. The agreement provides, in essence, for the transfer of the licenses by NextWave to the FCC, which in turn will convey them to the successful reauction bidders. In exchange for agreeing to transfer the licenses, NextWave