

IN RECOGNITION OF ERNEST
PEPPLES AND HIS SERVICE TO
THE U.S. TOBACCO INDUSTRY

HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2001

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize an individual, Ernest Pepples, for his significant efforts on behalf of a valuable yet ever more challenged industry. Ernie has had a distinguished and honorable career within the global and U.S. tobacco industry and deserves the recognition of Congress at the time of his retirement.

Mr. Ernest Pepples joined Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation in 1972 and was appointed vice president and general counsel and became a member of the company's board of directors in 1975. He was named senior vice president in 1980. At the time of his retirement, he was responsible for the company's legislative representation and government affairs efforts including its relations with Congress.

Prior to joining Brown & Williamson, he was partner in the Louisville, Kentucky, law firm of Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs. A native of Louisville, Mr. Pepples is a graduate of Yale University and the University of Virginia Law School. He also is a member of the American, Kentucky, and Louisville Bar Associations.

Throughout his career, Ernie has served in leadership positions for a variety of boards and councils including the board of directors of the Tobacco Merchants Association of Princeton, New Jersey, and the Kentucky Tobacco Research Board of Lexington, Kentucky.

Now, in recognition of his retirement from Brown & Williamson and the tobacco industry after 30 years of service, I believe he should be duly recognized by this body for his integrity and personal efforts to find common ground on many difficult issues. Indeed, Ernie developed a reputation as a leading expert on regulatory and business issues involving not only tobacco manufacturers but also tobacco growers, suppliers, consumers, wholesalers and retailers. My district in Georgia has been a direct beneficiary of Ernie's talent.

It is with this background that I say thank you Ernie for his dedication and service over the years and congratulate him on an outstanding career. He has worked hard for his home state of Kentucky, Georgia and the entire tobacco community within our country. Those of us who have been privileged to work with Ernie will miss his hard work, honesty, and dedication. We will also miss his great smile.

Congratulations Ernie on an outstanding career and best wishes to you and your family upon retirement.

HONORING OSCAR FELDENKREIS

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, it is my very great pleasure to warmly congratulate

Oscar Feldenkreis on being honored for receiving the National Community Service Award by the Simon Wiesenthal Center.

Oscar Feldenkreis has become a successful entrepreneur and civic leader in the South Florida community. Following the wonderful example of success established by his father, Simon Wiesenthal Center Trustee and Miami leader, George Feldenkreis, Oscar diligently worked to build his empire in the apparel field. He began his career while still a student in high school, first in retail sales and then working at the headquarters of Supreme International, the company his father started. He has been President and Chief Operating Officer of Perry Ellis International since 1992.

Oscar is actively involved with the State of Israel Bonds for which he has served as president of the Cuban Hebrew Division. He has devoted his time and attention to the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, Temple Menorah and the Lehrman Day School and is currently the chairman of the Florida Israel Chamber of Commerce.

First and foremost of all his accomplishments, he is the proud and loving father of three beautiful daughters (Jennifer, Erica and Stephanie) and is deeply devoted to his wife, Ellen. I want to join with his family, friends, and colleagues in celebrating this outstanding honor and I wish him every future success.

TRIBUTE TO DOMINIK HASEK

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2001

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the greatest goaltender of all time, Dominik Hasek, for his most generous gift to the city of Buffalo, NY. Yesterday, the Dominator provided \$1 million—the largest single donation ever by a Buffalo athlete—to establish his own charitable foundation called Hasek's Heroes. The money will be used to create a hockey and skating program for underprivileged Buffalo youth.

The program, to go into effect in September, will be overseen by a board of directors and operated by the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo. The program will include a USA Hockey-certified coaching staff, and will initially be open to children ages 6–14.

The plan is to expand the program to those 18 and younger and establish teams that will play a competitive schedule throughout the region.

In closing, I want to once again thank the Dominator for becoming a Donator, and as a loyal Sabres fan I look forward to watching him shutdown the rest of the Eastern Conference in the upcoming NHL playoffs.

A TRIBUTE TO PHILIP COYLE,
PENTAGON TESTING CHIEF

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2001

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like today to pay tribute to Mr. Philip E.

Coyle III, who recently left government service after six years as Director of Operational Test and Evaluation in the Department of Defense. Since he was confirmed in 1994, Mr. Coyle provided the leadership that sought to ensure that our men and women in uniform can feel confident in their safety while using the increasingly complex and deadly weapons systems being developed for the 21st Century.

Before joining the Pentagon in 1994, Mr. Coyle spent 33 years in service at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California, where he was involved in the nuclear weapons testing program. From 1981 to 1984, he was named Associate Director for Test, and from 1987–93 he served as Laboratory Associate Director and Deputy to the Laboratory Director. He was also Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs in the Department of Energy under President Carter.

Since taking over the chief tester job, Mr. Coyle made a reputation for being pragmatic, balanced, knowledgeable, and candid. He has been called upon to effectively test jet fighters that can turn tighter, fly faster and be more stealthy than anything produced by this nation in the past. He has worked with the designers of our National Missile Defense program to devise tests that can gauge the success rate of a system that is often referred to as "hitting a bullet with a bullet." And he has helped ensure that a myriad of other planes, ships and land vehicles operate as effectively and safely as possible, both during training and in actual engagements.

The American military is the most advanced, strongest and best trained in history. Our soldiers, sailors, Marines and pilots are always ready to put their lives on the line to defend our nation and to protect freedom around the world. Their dedication and professionalism is respected and emulated by friend and foe alike. To a very great degree, their confidence in taking up the cause of freedom is based on their faith in the equipment we have provided them. And that faith is based on the knowledge that Mr. Coyle and his testers have done everything in their power to ensure that this equipment will respond when it is most needed.

Mr. Speaker, Philip Coyle has been named the recipient of the "Beyond the Headlines" award by the Project on Government Oversight public interest group, honoring his years of public service behind the scenes. His dedication to the safety and success of those who defend our nation surely makes him deserving of such an award. I ask my colleagues to join me in similarly recognizing him as a valuable public servant, and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BUCKEYES

HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2001

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Ohio State University Women's Basketball program, which on Wednesday night concluded in dramatic fashion its 2001 season by winning the Women's National Invitation Tournament.

The Buckeyes have displayed extraordinary mettle and determination throughout the course of their season, overcoming incredible odds just to reach the postseason. A string of injuries, including the loss of last season's Big Ten Freshman of the Year LaToya Turner, would cause most teams to fold their tents. With a depleted roster, the Buckeyes were forced mid-season to recruit a soccer goalie and a volleyball player just to field enough players to practice.

However, last night in Albuquerque, in front of the largest—and perhaps most hostile—crowd in WNIT history, the Buckeyes indomitable spirit prevailed. Ohio State came back from a twelve-point deficit to capture the WNIT crown, as well as the hearts and imaginations of Buckeye fans nationwide.

While it is important to recognize the achievement of Coach Beth Burns, and the performances of Tournament MVP Jamie Lewis and All-Tournament Selection Courtney Coleman, the Buckeye's victory is best viewed as a celebration of teamwork and camaraderie, and reminds us all of the purity inherent in college athletic competition.

Again, congratulations to the Ohio State Women's Basketball team, and thank you for your inspiring and extraordinary season.

TRIBUTE TO OFFICER TERRY FOSTER

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2001

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of a dedicated police officer, loving husband, father and hero to our community. Only three weeks away from retirement with the Independence, Missouri Police Department, Police Officer Terry Foster gave his life on March 18 while in the line of duty.

Officer Foster was a life long resident of the Greater Kansas City Area and a 32 year veteran of the Independence Police Department. Officer Foster began his service to the Department in 1968, and worked his way up through the ranks to become a detective. Ten years ago he decided he would return to patrol duty, where he felt the community needed him the most. Terry Foster is best remembered by his peers as a people person who always took time to listen. His fellow officers describe him as a genuinely nice guy whose strong work ethic and friendly smile made him a mentor to many of the department's younger officers. "He was a man that did his job well," said Independence Detective Carl Perry, "He's going to be sorely missed."

Terry Foster is the fifth Independence police officer and the first since 1966 to lose his life in the line of duty. This past Thursday, March 22, family, friends, and police officers from across the nation and my community came together to recognize the valor and courage of Officer Terry Foster, and lay his body to rest. "The hundreds of officers who attended the funeral did so out of respect for a man who honored their profession," said Sidney Whitfield of the Jackson County Sheriff's Department. For

the first time in 25 years, the Independence Police Department posthumously awarded Officer Terry Foster the department's medal of valor, which is the highest honor the department can bestow upon an officer.

In the days following this tragic event, our community and the national law enforcement community joined together to mourn the loss of this outstanding man. Officer Terry Foster sacrificed his life for the greater good. Independence Mayor Ron Stewart, a former Independence police officer, described Terry Foster as an officer on the front lines of public service. "As police officers we are charged with providing that first line of defense. He laid his life on the line for his fellow man," said Mayor Stewart. The commitment of Officer Foster leaves a lasting legacy that will further our genuine appreciation and deep gratitude to those who have dedicated their lives to protect and serve. Terry Foster's service to our community will never be forgotten. He made a difference in our lives. May we learn from his tragic death that every day police officers and firefighters risk their lives, and their families may sacrifice a loved one for the safety of all of us. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in saluting this heroic man and extending our condolences and gratitude to his wife Debbie, son, Christopher, daughter, Lori, step-son, Bryan, father, Albert, his beloved dog, Cassie Earlene, and the Independence Police Department.

TRIBUTE TO ROY F. NARD

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2001

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, today, I am deeply saddened to share the news of the passing of Roy F. Nard.

Roy F. Nard was born on May 28, 1923 to James A. and Mary E. Parrish Nard. Besides his wife, formerly Virginia A. Smith, whom he married in 1948, he is survived by two sons, Roy F. Jr. and Kenneth Sr.; a daughter, Barbara Sepesy; and five grandchildren. Mr. Nard's two brothers, Michael and James, are deceased.

Roy worked for 35 years as a roll turner for Youngstown Sheet & Tube and LTV Steel prior to his retirement in 1979. Not only was he a contributing member of the Youngstown community, but also a loyal servant to his country. A veteran of World War II, he served in the elite Ranger Division and fought for our nation's freedom.

He had a tremendous love for America's pastime, baseball. He devoted much of his time to coaching and managing teams in the Kiwanis Little League and Youngstown Pony League. A man with vision, Roy co-founded the Youngstown Babe Ruth Baseball League. In addition to this accomplishment, he was a member of Ohio Football High School Officials Association for 22 years.

His passion for sports drove him to volunteer as an assistant baseball coach and equipment manager for the football team at Cardinal Mooney for 16 years. His remarkable contributions to the school's athletic programs

were rewarded in 1996 with his induction into the Cardinal Mooney Hall of Fame.

The lives of many were enriched by Mr. Nard's life. He always took the time to make people feel extra special with a kind word or a warm smile. He was a wonderful friend and all who knew him looked up to him. Roy F. Nard will be sorely missed by the Youngstown community. I extend my deepest sympathy to his family.

HONORING KENNETH CARPENTER

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2001

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the lifetime achievements of one of Florida's most active nature enthusiasts. Kenneth Carpenter, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel and businessman, died Monday, February 5, 2001 at his home in Oakland Park at the age of 88. Mr. Carpenter was a lifelong outdoorsman and devoted countless hours to developing a 65 mile section of the Florida National Scenic Trail. He will be dearly missed by his community.

Mr. Carpenter was born on September 14, 1912 in Synder, Illinois and married Thelma Danner on September 11, 1935. He graduated from the University of Illinois in 1936 with a degree in education and then obtained his master's of arts degree from Ohio State University in 1937. He was a dedicated teacher whose career was interrupted twice so he could serve his country in World War II and the Korean War.

After retiring from the armed forces in 1961, Mr. Carpenter moved to Ft. Lauderdale and opened an auto supply store and later became a residential realtor. However, he gave up all of his business affairs to devote the rest of his life to canoeing and hiking the Florida and Appalachian Trails, a feat he accomplished at 78. Mr. Carpenter was a trail coordinator for the Broward County chapter of the Florida Trail Association and even during his struggle with cancer continued to make plans and attend meetings concerning the Florida Trail. Further treks have lead him to Peru, Colorado, Minnesota, Utah, and the Yukon. Mr. Speaker, Broward County will be forever grateful for the trails blazed by Mr. Carpenter, and will dearly miss his community leadership.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 1289: THE REGISTERED NURSES AND PATIENTS PROTECTION ACT

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2001

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, today with my distinguished colleagues, JAMES MCGOVERN of Massachusetts and HILDA SOLIS of California, I introduced H.R. 1289—legislation that would restrict the ability of hospitals, including hospitals operated by the Veterans' Administration, to require registered nurses to work mandatory overtime hours as a normal course of