

Foundation's Leadership Fellows, Troy Asao Kaleolani Cooper and Michael K. Naho'opp'i and their colleagues, Pacific Americans who represent the future for our nation. I wish to commend their leadership that is being felt by millions of Americans today.

It is this very type of selfless service that is lifting the shoulders and chins of the families whose loved ones gave their lives in defense of our freedoms, and it is certainly helping the millions of our military members and their families to know that we care.

We can never forget.

HONORING AL LIFSON'S INDUCTION INTO THE ELIZABETH ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

**HON. JIM SAXTON**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 7, 2001*

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Al Lifson for his April 26, 2001 induction into the Elizabeth Athletic Hall of Fame in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Al has had a distinguished athletic career in basketball at both the high school and college level.

While attending Thomas Jefferson High School in Elizabeth, New Jersey (1949–1951), Al attained a number of impressive athletic distinctions including First Team All County (1951), All State Tournament First Team (1951), and Second Team Group IV All State Team (1951).

After completing high school, Al went on to attend one of the most storied and revered basketball institutions in the nation, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, N.C. At the University of North Carolina, Al continued to attain the highest athletic achievements as a four year starter. As a freshman, Al was the highest scoring rookie in Carolina history. He was also selected three times to the All Conference Team, two times to the All Conference Defensive Team, and served as Co-Captain during his senior year. Al finished his career as the University of North Carolina's all-time scoring leader.

Al's many accomplishments speak not only to his natural ability, but also to his drive and dedication to succeed. Al's athletic career serves as an inspiration to all who strive to be their best.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Al Lifson for his remarkable athletic achievements and most recently his induction into the Elizabeth Athletic Hall of Fame.

IN RECOGNITION OF PAUL KNUE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CINCINNATI POST

**HON. ROB PORTMAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 7, 2001*

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated journalist and a true

friend to the people of Cincinnati, Ohio—Paul Knue. After 18 years, Paul recently stepped down as Editor from both the Cincinnati and Kentucky Post.

Paul has had a long and distinguished career in journalism. In 1970, he started at the copy desk of the Cincinnati Post, the paper he had read growing up. He was named managing editor of the Evansville Press in 1975, then returned to the tri-state area in 1979 to become editor of the Kentucky Post. Four years later, Paul became editor of The Cincinnati Post, and in 1995, assumed leadership of both papers.

Those of us who work in politics are often affectionately called public servants. But the title of public servant seems more appropriate for an individual like Paul Knue. As Editor of the Post, Paul did not sit back and passively assess the goings-on in his community. Rather, Paul used his leadership of the editorial page to help shine a light on important issues, particularly urban development. He helped found both Downtown Cincinnati Inc., a downtown advocacy group, and SouthBank Partners, a Northern Kentucky development organization.

As a native of Cincinnati, Paul brought an extraordinary amount of knowledge and experience to the operations of the Post. During his tenure, the Post broke many important stories—including uncovering a tax break scandal in the County Auditor's office, and spotlighting the deterioration of city playgrounds, which eventually led to increased funding for park facilities.

Over the years, I have had the pleasure of working with Paul on the Coalition for a Drug-Free Greater Cincinnati. His efforts and commitments to the Cincinnati community have helped make the Coalition a big success.

Paul is also an accomplished long-distance bicycle rider. It is not uncommon to see him training on the Little Miami bike trail, leaving others way behind.

The people of Cincinnati know Paul Knue as a leader, but more importantly, they know him as a friend. His contributions at the Cincinnati Post and Kentucky Post will be sorely missed, but I have every confidence that he will continue to make numerous contributions to our community in the years to come.

A PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF THE OHIO PTA

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 7, 2001*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join with me and the citizens of Ohio in celebration and commemoration of the One-Hundredth Year of the Ohio Parent Teacher Association's service to Ohio's children.

Whereas, the Ohio PTA was founded in 1901 as a branch of the National Congress of Mothers to promote the education, health, and safety of the children, youth, and families of Ohio; and,

Whereas, this association has sought to unite the home, school, and community to ensure all children and youth have a high quality education; and,

Whereas, the Ohio PTA has grown in number to over 140,000 members in almost 1,000 local PTA units since its inception; and,

Whereas, the Ohio PTA has been instrumental in incorporating parent involvement into the classroom, securing public education, and the campaign for education for children with special needs; and,

Whereas, the Ohio PTA continues to encourage others to put children first, furthering its mission for the betterment of Ohio's children in "Building the Future . . . Honoring the Past;" and,

Therefore, I invite my colleagues to join with me and the citizens of Ohio in celebration and commemoration of the One-Hundredth anniversary of the Ohio Parent Teacher Association.

GRADUATION ADDRESS OF MIKE BENNETT

**HON. NICK J. RAHALL II**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 7, 2001*

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker. Last Friday night, June 1st, my good friend and our former colleague, Representative Dawson Mathis from the great State of Georgia, attended graduation exercises for his granddaughter Shannon Mathis at Orange Park High School in Clay County, Florida. The President of the Class of 2001, Mike Bennett, addressed his classmates at that event and so impressed former Representative Mathis that he called his remarks to my attention. I would also note with more than a little pride that Mike's father, Ken Bennett, is a native of Huntington, West Virginia, in my Congressional District.

At this point, I would ask that Mike Bennett's address be printed in the RECORD. I wish him the best in his studies at the U.S. Naval Academy this fall.

Address of Mike Bennett: Orange Park High School, Senior Class Graduation, June 1, 2001.

It is not until we have lost everything, that we are free to do nothing.

For thirteen school years, we, the senior class of 2001, have had our lives laid out before us. We have been told what to do, where to go, what to learn, and even when to eat. We have had people take us by the hand, and show us the way. We have been cared for by people that have chosen to ignore our shortcomings, and look past our imperfections. For this we are eternally grateful, and can never truly show our gratitude.

For almost eighteen years of life, our parents, family, and friends have been our North Star. They have cared for us unselfishly, and without fail. They have brought us, and been with us, through both triumph and tragedy. They have given, even when not asked to, advice and love, from which we have flourished. They are the people that have taught us the lessons of life, and the lessons of love.

To our teachers, thank you. You have given so much of yourselves, to people, that only days before, were complete strangers. Your infectious love, and underlying understanding are the reason we are here today. Without your help, I personally would not be the person that I am today. And, I am positive, everyone else, in our class, would be changed as well.