

their respective tribal communities. Because these two institutions are not eligible to receive funding under the Tribally Controlled College or University Assistance Act and are vocational in nature, Section 117 of the Carl Perkins Act was created in 1990, to offer them a source of core operational support and is key to their existence.

The proposed Senate amendment (numbered 426) reaffirms the original intent of section 117, to provide institutional support for these two tribally controlled vocation institutions. While increased funding for Indian vocational education programs is greatly needed, section 117 is not the appropriate vehicle to address this funding disparity.

AIHEC directly advocated for the creation of section 117 and herein state our intent to do everything possible to continue to protect its original purpose.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of this serious issue. We look forward to working with you on this and other issues that impact our tribal colleges.

Dr. JAMES E. SHANLEY,
President, AIHEC
Board of Directors
and Fort Peck Community College, Poplar, MT.

IN HONOR OF CONGRESSMAN
RALPH REGULA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my distinguished colleague in the Ohio Congressional Delegation, Congressman RALPH REGULA for dedicating more than 45 years in public service.

Congressman REGULA started his distinguished public career early in life as an Ohio State Representative in 1964 and then State Senator. He moved on to serve as a member of the United States House of Representative where he now serves as the Subcommittee Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

Before entering public life, Representative REGULA served as a school teacher and principal with Stark County schools and later served on the Ohio Board of Education. Representative REGULA recognizes the value of a good education and continues to support education on the federal level as the chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education. He has received many honors for his work in education such as the Stark State College of Technology Founder Award and is a trustee at Mount Union College. He has recently been inducted into the Ohio Federation of Independent Colleges Hall of Excellence.

Representative REGULA has also been dedicated to advocating on behalf of the elderly as Co-Chair of the Older Americans Caucus. In 1994 he was recognized by the Administration on Aging as the first recipient of the Older Americans Month Congressional Award for his work such as extending flu shot coverage under Medicare and authoring legislation to provide coverage for preventative services to the elderly.

Representative REGULA has been a friend and a colleague for many years. I have tremendous respect for him as a legislator. It gives me great pleasure to publicly recognize the achievements of Representative REGULA.

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHARLES H. MILBY HIGH SCHOOL

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Milby High School. This is a school in East End Houston named after Charles H. Milby who was an important advocate for the creation of the Houston Ship Channel.

Charles H. Milby was born in Indianola, Texas on August 29, 1852, the seventh and youngest child of William P. and Mary Y. Milby. Charles' father was a member of the Texas Congress from 1842 to 1844. Throughout his life, Charles H. Milby was always concerned about improving the economy and welfare of his community. He served as a member of the original committee that presented the U.S. Federal Government with the idea of a deep-water port for Houston. Mr. Milby died on July 1925 and in 1926, Charles H. Milby High School was named in honor of his many contributions to the East End area.

In 1926, Milby High School opened its doors with 212 students and 13 teachers. Today Milby High School has over 3,000 students and is considered the oldest and largest school in the Houston Independent School District. With its proud colors of blue and gold, and its mascot of the fighting buffalo, Milby High School has educated hundreds of alumni veterans who fought in World War II, Vietnam, and the Korean War.

Today, Milby is known for their legendary basketball coach, Boyce Honea, class of 1959. He has been with the school for nearly 25 years, has won many district championships, and 9 victories in the annual 32-team J. C. Tournament. Their school spirit is also evident in their cheerleading squad which participates in yearly competitions and is sponsored by two national cheerleading companies. Most notable, however is Milby's Science and Engineering Magnet Program which attracts many students each year from all over Houston.

Mr. Speaker, in celebration of Milby's 75th Anniversary, there will be a 21-gun salute for the veterans and former students who died in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, on June 2 at 1601 Broadway. A 4-foot-by-16-foot granite memorial wall will be donated in their honor by the Milby Anniversary Alumni Association.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to congratulate Milby High School on its 75th Anniversary. I would also ask that my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating the dedicated teachers, administrators, some of whom are alumni, parents and students for 75 years of work and dedication to the East End and our Houston community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent on Monday and missed rollcall votes No. 126 and 127. Had I been here I would have voted "yea" on both rollcall 126 and 127.

A TRIBUTE TO ALVIN M. PETERSEN: THE INSPIRATION BEHIND CAMPUS MINISTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, today I want to pay tribute to Pastor Alvin M. Petersen and to the legacy he built: the Lutheran Student Center at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln (UNL).

Even though the University of Nebraska is not in my Congressional District and even though it is a long way from California, I want to honor Pastor Petersen, because he is the father of my Senior Legislative Assistant, a woman who has worked on my staff for almost twenty years.

This coming June 9th and 10th, a celebration will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska to commemorate the 50th birthday of the Lutheran Student Center and the work of "Pastor Pete", as he has been called for decades by the university students. Also honored are his wife, Edel, also known as "Mom Pete", who was an integral part of the Center, and the three subsequent pastors: Bruce Berggren, Roger Sasse, and the current pastor, Larry Meyer, who completed his seminary internship serving under Pastor Pete.

The Lutheran Campus Ministry at UNL was begun, with Pastor Pete at the helm, in 1940. Through his diligent efforts, money was raised to build the current building, which opened in 1951, in the center of the UNL campus. In 1958, a chapel was added to the original structure, and Mom Pete lovingly wove banners that still hang over the altar.

The Lutheran Student Center provides worship services, a place for students to belong and to matter in a large university setting, and a training ground for future pastors. The Center has the largest Evangelical Lutheran Church of American (ELCA) worshipping community on any state university campus in the nation.

The Sunday morning worship services and mid-week Vespers are at the heart of the ministry. Bible study, counseling, participation in the choir, fun and fellowship with movie nights, the spring break ski trip, retreats, volleyball and softball are all available to students.

In the past five years, an extensive renovation project was undertaken to bring the building into the 21st century. After \$400,000 was raised by Pastor Meyer, the current minister, so that there would be no debt, the Center has been updated, remodeled, and made