

The Sisters have done just that and so much more. The Sisters current work is their Special Ministry to the Aged under the auspices of Catholic Charities. This ministry provides and arranges for basic human needs such as food, shelter, health care, and social services. The ministry is staffed by five sisters with professional backgrounds in nursing, social work, and occupational therapy, 24 hours a day. The Sisters have also developed a "Phone Companion Reassurance Program" where volunteers are trained and connected to homebound elderly who have little or no family support.

The Sisters have served Cleveland selflessly and are an incredible asset to the entire community. They have come to serve and be a presence to many poor and frail elderly. Please join me in honoring the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate on this very special occasion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in my district on Monday, May 21, 2001, and I would like the RECORD to indicate how I would have voted had I been present.

For rollcall vote No. 126, the resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, I would have voted "yea".

For rollcall vote No. 127, the Section 245(i) Extension Act, I would have voted "yea".

HONORING A MAN OF GREAT ABILITY JAMES E. HAUN—AN EXEMPLARY LIFE AND MAN

HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. WAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise to talk about an exceptional man in my district, James E. Haun. Jim has served as an electrician for 40 years, with unwavering dedication. Throughout his outstanding career, Jim has demonstrated remarkable ability not only to perform the duties of an electrician but also to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his peers and superiors. He was born in Harriman, Tennessee on November 16, 1935 and moved his family to Oak Ridge, Tennessee where he graduated from the Oak Ridge High School in 1955. He enlisted in the United States Air Force following graduation and served four years as a jet engine technician. He also served a tour of duty in French Morocco.

Following his discharge, Jim decided to enter the electrical field. Terrell Electric hired him in September of 1959, as an Electrician's Helper. Jim became a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 175 located in my district. He

served a five-year apprenticeship and graduated as an Inside Wireman in 1966. Because of his outstanding abilities, he was offered a position as a 2nd Year Instructor with the Apprenticeship School and he remained in that position until he accepted the position of School Training Director in 1992. Jim has served Local 175 in many capacities including the title of Treasurer from January 1992 to October 1992 and held membership on the I.B.E.W. Credit Union Committee.

Jim's dedication to his family, country, community and his profession is exemplary of the type of character and spirit he possesses. He is truly a remarkable man. I am very honored to represent Jim Haun in the Third Congressional District of Tennessee.

Mr. Speaker, I am honoring Jim Haun today in honor of his retirement from a full life well lived. On behalf of a very proud district, I extend to him my very best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE ARNOLD ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT CENTER ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. VAN HILLEARY

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. HILLEARY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the United States Air Force's Arnold Engineering Development Center at Arnold Air Force Base, Tennessee, which celebrates its 50th Anniversary on June 25, 2001.

The test center is named after 5-star General Henry 'Hap' Arnold, World War II commander of the Army Air Corps, and the father of the United States Air Force. In 1944, General Arnold asked Dr. Theodore von Karman to form a scientific advisory group to chart a long-range research and development program for the Air Force. After World War II, members of this group visited Germany to view its research and development facilities. They were disturbed to find that the German scientists were years ahead of the United States in the development of aerospace technology. Fortunately for us, Germany had made these technological advances too late in the war, and had to surrender before it could take full advantage of them. Even today, it is chilling to think what might have happened if the Axis powers had been able to hold out just a little longer.

General Arnold knew that America was unlikely to be that fortunate again, and determined that in order to keep America's Air Force prepared to fight and win our nation's wars, we needed a first class flight simulation test facility. In 1949, Congress authorized \$100 million for the construction of such a facility at the Army's old Camp Forrest between Tullahoma and Manchester, Tennessee. On June 25, 1951, President Harry S Truman himself dedicated AEDC, declaring that, "Never again will the United States ride the coat tails of other countries in the progress and development of the aeronautical art."

In the 50 years since, the world's largest and most complex collection of flight simula-

tion test facilities has made good on that promise. AEDC's wind tunnels, jet and rocket altitude test cells, space chambers and ballistic ranges have played a vital role in the development and sustainment of every American high performance aircraft, missile and space system in use today. Twenty-seven of the center's 58 test facilities are unique in the United States. Fourteen can be found nowhere else in the world. But what makes AEDC special can't be measured simply in nuts and bolts. It also lies in the unsurpassed quality of the engineers, scientists, technicians, craftsmen and support personnel who work there.

Thanks in part to the tireless efforts of these dedicated men and women, the Cold War that President Truman and General Arnold prepared for has been won. But now, America faces an uncertain world of emerging threats, requiring the development of an advanced American space and missile defense, and a new generation of manned and unmanned aircraft. As it has since its inception, AEDC will lead the way in the U.S. Air Force's efforts to protect American liberty by remaining the world's preeminent aerospace power.

I salute the hard work of the men and women of AEDC, both past and present, and look forward to AEDC's next 50 years as America's premier flight simulation test facility.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES FRANCIS FITE

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to recognize and honor the life of Mr. Charles Francis Fite of Fair Oaks, California. I was blessed to have known Charlie for a number of years, and am truly grateful to have counted him a friend. Charlie Fite passed away on May 10, 2001, at the age of 89—leaving behind his loving wife of nearly 70 years, Hazel, two children, five grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren.

Born in Paris, Arkansas, Charles Fite's life is a shining example of the American dream. As a young man, Mr. Fite toiled in the coalmines of northwestern Arkansas and contributed to the war effort as a master electrician in the naval shipyards of Long Beach. Later, Mr. Fite immersed himself in the world of finance and banking. Mr. Fite was instrumental in the founding of the world's first fast food franchise, Dairy Queen, where he served as president.

After retiring from Dairy Queen, he and Hazel moved to the Sacramento area in 1969. In 1970, he and his son Bruce entered into real estate development along with grandson, Chet Fite. In 1980, he founded HCF, Inc., and continued real estate development with his daughter, Barbara, and grandson, Greg Hardcastle.

Charlie's work has left an indelible mark on the Sacramento area and has been instrumental in the region's development and positive growth. The business enterprises and projects for which Charlie is responsible are too numerous to name, but one of his more