

recognizable projects is the Sacramento Sportsplex on Highway 50.

Charlie Fite's accomplishments are many and great, but his life could never be defined by business acumen alone. Instead, Charlie will be remembered most for his honesty, integrity, and generosity. He will be revered and honored not for what he made for himself but for what he selflessly gave to others. Charles Fite was not simply a boss, he was a mentor; he was not just a father, he was a dad. His motto always was, "It's not a good deal unless it's a good deal for everybody." Charlie was a man of great inspiration, and he had an innate ability to lift those up who were around him.

Charles was also a man of deep Christian faith. He helped found Warehouse Christian Ministries and served on the board of Capital Christian Center. Charlie Fite both professed and lived his Christian faith. He was a compassionate and a wise friend whose life will be cherished and remembered by generations yet unborn. He will be profoundly missed, but he certainly will not be forgotten.

May you rest in peace, Charlie.

#### HISTORY OF THE WEST PALM BEACH VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL CENTER

### HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2001*

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, the West Palm Beach Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Florida was inspired by the life, military service and death of Pfc. John Mica. Army Corpsman Mica was born on April 3, 1915 in Binghamton, NY, served as a private in the U.S. Army from 1943-44, and died July 16, 1972 in a crowded veterans hospital in Miami, Florida.

Because of the circumstances of John Mica's death in that veterans facility, which was strained to capacity, his son Daniel A. Mica made construction of a new South Florida veterans hospital one of his goals when elected to the U.S. Congress. From 1978 to 1988, Congressman Daniel Mica, a member of the House Veterans Committee, cited the need for additional veterans medical facilities in Florida at every meeting of that Congressional panel over the decade of his service.

Congressman Daniel Mica, on February 8, 1983 during the 98th Congress, introduced H.R. 1348, "A bill to construct a new Veterans Administration hospital in the State of Florida." Construction of the Palm Beach County Veterans' Hospital was completed in 1994.

This history has been submitted into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD by Congressman JOHN L. MICA in memory of his father, Pfc. John Mica, and also in recognition of his brother Daniel's contribution to the veterans of the State of Florida.

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### MINI OLYMPICS A CREDIT TO MOUNT CARMEL AREA

#### HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2001*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the participants and volunteers in the Mount Carmel Mini Olympics for People with Special Needs, which has grown in each of its seven years. This year's Mini Olympics will be held on June 2.

Last year, I had the opportunity to witness first-hand the dedication of the athletes and the generosity of the many volunteers who make this event possible.

A group of friends initiated the Mini Olympics to allow local special needs athletes the opportunity to participate that might not otherwise be possible due to the travel distance, lodging expenses and commitment of time that are sometimes necessary for the state or national Special Olympics. Building on that success, the Mini Olympics have become an annual event. The number of participants has grown from 44 at the beginning to 184 last year.

Led by Chairman Ron Tanney, the Mount Carmel Mini Olympics for People with Special Needs Committee organizes this inspiring event with the help of many volunteers and community donors too numerous to list them all here.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to call to the attention of the House of Representatives this extraordinary event and the people who make the Mini Olympics possible, and I wish them all the best as they continue with their many endeavors.

I would now like to insert for the record an editorial from the Shamokin News-Item commending the volunteers and participants in last year's Mini-Olympics, words which I am sure will apply equally well this year.

TWO 'CLASS' EVENTS THAT MAKE US PROUD  
[Shamokin News-Item Editorial, June 6, 2000]

Two annual events, both held this past weekend, show the class of area volunteers and the generosity of our area's residents.

The two events, of course, are the Mount Carmel Mini-Olympics for People with Special Needs and the Relay for Life sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

Seldom do we witness the level of unselfishness and the concern for fellow human beings that is so apparent at these two programs.

This was the sixth annual Mini-Olympics and the program keeps getting better every year. Thanks to a cadre of dedicated volunteers who plan the day out of love, those who help out at the events and the generous businesses, individuals, organizations and government officials who support it, the Mini-Olympics is a high point in the lives of the participants and their families. Indeed, the lives of all who are in the stadium are enriched because of the Mini-Olympics. It is truly a celebration of life.

So too is the annual Relay for Life, in which people throughout the region join forces to fight a terrible killer and give moral support to those who fought their own personal fights and to the families of those whose personal battles are over. The camara-

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derie and unity of purpose exhibited by Relay teams should serve as an inspiration for those of us who make the mistake of trying to "go it alone" in tough times.

When cynics claim that this area is "dying," we need only point to the Mini-Olympics and the Relay for Life, events which affirm our love for life and our commitment to each other. These are events that should make us proud to be residents of the Shamokin-Mount Carmel area.

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 24, 2001 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 5

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings on the nomination of Douglas Jay Feith, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; and the nomination of Jack Dyer Crouch, II, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Room to be announced

JUNE 6

10 a.m.

Appropriations

VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the National Science Foundation and the Office of Science Technology Policy.

SD-138

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the legal issues surrounding faith based solutions.

SD-226

JUNE 13

10 a.m.

Appropriations

VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Environmental Protection Agency and the Council of Environmental Quality.

SD-138