

Deputy Sheriff Boyarski's memory will also be perpetuated at the county courthouse in Wilkes-Barre with a plaque and a display of photographs and news clippings. In addition to these memorials and the award, a scholarship in his name will help students to pay for the six-month course at Lackawanna Junior College's branch campus in Hazleton that certifies them to become deputies or police officers.

Every day, our law enforcement officers put their lives on the line to protect our communities. Too often we take their service for granted, and I am pleased that Deputy Sheriff Boyarski's courage will continue to be remembered and honored in Luzerne County.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to call to the attention of the House of Representatives these efforts to honor the memory of the Boyarski family, and I commend all those who worked to created this lasting memorial.

CONGRATULATIONS DON AND MARY LOU JACOBS

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2001

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Don and Mary Lou Jacobs of Bay City, Michigan, as they prepare to celebrate fifty years of marriage and a life-long commitment to each other and their nine children. The Jacobs' dedication and loving relationship serves as an excellent model for their family, friends and neighbors.

Don and Mary Lou met at LaLonde's Ballroom on Center Avenue in Hampton Township, Michigan. After a year and a half of courtship, Don proposed, and Mary Lou accepted. They were married on the twenty-sixth of May, 1951, and their marriage has been blessed with nine wonderful children: Maureen, Marie, Marlene, Donald, Darrell, Michele, Darin, Duane and Marcia. Mary Lou has devoted her life to raising and nurturing the children and providing a stable and supportive family environment. Don had a long and distinguished career in the automobile industry and, in 1988, retired from the UAW International staff giving him more time to spend with Mary Lou, their children and their grandchildren.

In today's society, it is a rare and praiseworthy occasion for a couple to spend fifty years together. Over the years, Don and Mary Lou have had many good times and much happiness to celebrate. Like any strong relationship, they also depended upon each other and their family to overcome some hardships. Their enduring love helped them make it through those times of strife and only served to deepen and enrich the joy of their partnership.

A good marriage is one of life's greatest covenants because it represents a declaration of love, and, as Paul said in his Letter to the Corinthians, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels, but do not have love, I am nothing." Don and Mary Lou exemplify the promises outlined in the marriage pledge that so many others have invoked: through sickness and health, for richer or for poorer, their

commitment and their love has remained strong.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Don and Mary Lou Jacobs for the strength of their commitment to their family and to each other and in wishing them many future years of happiness.

TRIBUTE TO CYRUS M. "RUSS" JOLLIVETTE

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2001

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who has dedicated himself to the advancement of higher education and public service, Cyrus M. Jollivette, who is affectionately known as "Russ."

For 24 years, Russ Jollivette has compiled a remarkable record of achievement as the representative of the University of Miami, not only in these halls and in this city, but throughout Florida and the nation. He has announced his decision to leave the University now in further pursuit of his many interests. He leaves at the same time that the University's beloved president, Edward T. Foote, retires after 20 years at this institution. They leave together, two very extraordinary men whose mutual trust, skill, hard work and vision have left a permanent mark on the University and our entire community.

Russ is long-time personal friend and one of the finest men that I know. He has had a remarkable impact on improving the lives of students at U of M and creating new opportunities for dozens of talented students and researchers in fields like biomedical research, international education and development and marine sciences. Through Russ' efforts, the University has secured almost \$200 million in federal support for cutting-edge education, training and research objectives. He has worked with me on minority health and education issues, cancer, diabetes and marine research and environmental science issues. His abilities as a problem-solver are legendary. There are very few University representatives who have Russ Jollivette's professionalism, knowledge, commitment judgment and persuasive ability, or who can match his success.

But his achievements do not begin or end with his service to the University. He is a special leader in the world of higher education and public service, and a leader in the African-American community. He understands the meaning of friendship in the truest sense. He comes from a prominent S. Florida family with a long history in our

Russ Jollivette's name is synonymous with academic service and excellence. He holds a Masters in Business Administration and a law degree. At the University of Miami, he served for more than two decades as Vice President for Government Relations, as the Secretary of the University, as Director of Public Affairs, Director of the Foundation and Corporate Relations, and, for many years, as the Executive Assistant to the President. In recognition of this service to the University, Russ was just

awarded the 2001 Alumnus of the Year Award. Standing ovations at that ceremony and at meetings of the University's Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees reflect the depth of feeling and respect for him throughout the University.

In Florida, Russ Jollivette's reputation for public service and civic activities go well beyond U of M. Russ helped to shape the Florida Education as its Board Chairman and a Director—a fund dedicated to the advancement of African-American students with special promise to seek advanced degrees in many fields. He has served as a Chairman and Trustee for the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and as a Chairman and Trustee of the Public Health Trust of Miami-Dade County. He serves as Board Member and Secretary-Treasurer of the Miami Coalition for a Safe and Drug-Free Community and a member of the Orange Bowl Committee. He was a Board member of The Dade County Foundation and We Will Rebuild coalition following the devastation of Hurricane Andrew. The list goes on and on.

Mr. Speaker, the University of Miami; the Florida Congressional Delegation and the Congress; the world of higher education and countless young lives have been well-served by Russ Jollivette. I know my colleagues join me in thanking him and wishing him well. We can hardly wait to see what he will accomplish next.

MILITARY PAY

HON. CASS BALLENGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 24, 2001

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill to restore a small measure of balance to the way military retired pay is handled during a divorce.

Under the Uniformed Services Former Spouses Protection Act, courts were given the authority to divide military retirement pay as property. This has resulted in certain injustices to many divorced military retirees. Chief among them is the fact that former spouses continue to receive a share of the retired pay even after one or more re-marriages—unlike other federal agency pensions, such as those of the CIA and Foreign Service, which terminate after a spouse remarries. Moreover, since there is no limitation on when former spouses can seek a division of retired pay, some former spouses seek this action many years after the divorce.

My bill has four principal components addressing problems created by the original legislation. First, it would terminate payments made as a division of property from retired pay upon remarriage of the former spouse. Second, it would require computation of the former spouse's portion of retired pay based on the servicemember's rank and year of military service at the time of divorce, not at the time of retirement. Third, it would limit the period of time after divorce in which a former spouse may seek a division of retired pay. Fourth, it would protect any veterans' disability compensation from division with the former