IN HONOR OF DAVID O. FRAZIER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH
OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of David O. Frazier, on his incredible accomplishments in the arts and contributions to theater in Cleveland.

Frazier began his musical profession the old-fashioned way by performing in a recital for his piano teacher. Little did he know that this was the starting point of an amazing career that would span more than five decades and take him around the world. Fate eventually led him to Cleveland where his professional career took off with his performance at the Cleveland Playhouse, America's oldest resident professional theater. His dedicated work kept him busy at the Playhouse for 34 years during which he performed in over 150 productions.

When Cleveland's Playhouse Square was threatened with demolition, Frazier took a leave of absence from his career to aid in rescuing it. He appeared in the record breaking production of "Jacques Brel Is Alive and Well and Living in Paris", which became the longest running show. The production saved Playhouse Square. Now 27 years later, Playhouse Square has become the second largest performing arts center in America.

Together with his partner and collaborator Joe Garry, they have accomplished many awwestruck performances. Recently, they have performed on the Cunard liners, QE2, Caronia and Seabound Sea, There they sail the world, perusing the remains of Cleveland friends and including them in the performances.

Frazier, being privileged to perform one man concerts at private functions for diverse people like Pulitzer Prize Playwright John Patrick, has produced over 15 musicals, and operas. Together with his partner, they have actively produced 15 musicals. They have received many prestigious awards, including being inducted into The Cleveland Play House Hall of Fame for their many years as actor in repertory there, and for performing both nationally and internationally.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members of the House of Representatives to join with me in recognizing David O. Frazier, a man who exemplifies the best that Cleveland's stages have to offer.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HONORABLE JOE KELLEJIAN

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM
OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Honorable Joe Kellejian, a member of the Solana Beach City Council, who recently received a President's Service and Safety Award from Amtrak. Councilman Kellejian was recognized as a State Partner, which means that he has been a leader in promoting the growth and expansion of passenger rail service at a regional and state level. Joe has been a constituent and personal friend to me for many years, and it is an honor to see him recognized for his contributions to rail service in California.

Promotion and expansion of mass transportation is an important part of the continued growth of the economy of southern California, and Councilman Kellejian has been a champion of this effort. As Chairman of the North County Transit Development Board, he played a key role in the development of the Coaster, a successful commuter service for southern California that is run by Amtrak and owned by the North County Transit District. Councilman Kellejian also serves as a member of the San Diego Association of Governments, and chaired the High-Speed Rail Task Force subcommittee, which provides recommendations for the 20-year Regional Transportation Plan for San Diego County.

As a member of these organizations and as an individual advocate for the enhancement of the passenger rail service in southern California, Councilman Kellejian has raised millions of dollars for the funding of various rail projects. Recently, Joe and I were successful in obtaining a $1 million appropriation for the Solana Beach Intermodal Transit Station Structure. This money is to be used to initiate a funding package for parking expansion and other improvements at the Solana Beach station, in order to help increase the use of the San Diego Coaster.

Since much of southern California and especially San Diego County are such large, sprawling areas, finding efficient public transportation methods proves to be a challenge. Thanks to the efforts of citizens like Councilman Kellejian, above-ground commuter rail service has flourished in recent years, providing, for less congested roads, cleaner air, a healthier environment and an overall better quality of life. I hope that everyone in the city of Solana Beach and in the 51st District will join me in congratulating Joe for his achievements in improving rail service in San Diego County.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members of the House of Representatives to join with me in recognizing Joe Kellejian, a man who exemplifies the best that California's stages have to offer.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET HEARING ON ECONOMIC AND BUDGETARY EFFECTS OF NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY

HON. ANDER CRENshaw
OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 26, 2001

Mr. CRENshaw. Mr. Speaker, last week, the House Budget Committee held an informative hearing on the economic and budgetary effects of our nation's energy policy. Energy has always been a necessary ingredient—either directly or indirectly—to all our goods and services. Particularly as our economy becomes more and more dependent on technology, energy is increasingly the crucial ingredient.

As if to punctuate this point, the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2001, passed by the House in March, would dramatically reduce the nation's energy dependence on foreign sources, as well as recommendations for the development of energy supplies for the 21st Century.

Furthermore, for the most part, the President has made a serious effort to take into account local concerns and interests where they intersect with the nation's interest in an energy policy that crosses geographic boundaries. I do, however, hope to have the opportunity to work with the President and his administration to find a compromise to the proposals to develop oil and gas exploration in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico that is consistent with the wishes of Floridians. Florida is renowned for its pristine and beautiful beaches and oceans. Our economy relies upon that reputation remaining intact and vibrant. In fact, 40 million tourists traveled to Florida in 1999, spending $46 billion in Floridians' hotels, shops, restaurants, and attractions. It is because of our commitment to the environmental and economic health of our state that Floridians have consistently opposed any oil and gas development less than 100 miles off the shores of Florida. This is a position that has had the support of Republicans and Democrats alike.

There is currently under consideration within the Administration proposals to explore within this safe harbor that Florida has requested. While I am pleased by the healthy and productive ongoing debate on this matter, I remain opposed to drilling within this safe harbor. I have been encouraged by the seeming willingness of the Bush Administration to work with the State of Florida to seek further moratoriums in the Straits of Florida region by the famous Florida Keys. And, I am very hopeful that the Administration will work with the State to consider restricting lease sales in the Eastern Gulf so that oil and gas exploration can be pursued for the nation while respecting the concerns of Florida.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members of the House of Representatives to join with me in recognizing Joe Kellejian, a man who exemplifies the best that California's stages have to offer.

A TRIBUTE TO JOEL BUCKWALD, NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

HON. JERROLD NADLER
OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 26, 2001

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Joel Buckwald, a Senior Archivist in the New York office of the National Archives and Records Administration whose