currently in the process of a major expansion of the park to include a regulation soccer field, loop trail and a plaza with additional parking. Another service to residents is the drop-off recycling program that was begun in 1991 for the Mountain Top area.

The community has planned an extensive celebration of its 150th anniversary and America’s independence that includes a concert, fireworks and a festival with food, entertainment, games and crafts.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent the people of Wright Township, and I am pleased to call our community and patriotic spirit to the attention of the House of Representatives on the occasion of the township’s 150th anniversary.

A TRIBUTE TO NORMA STEWART HAMILTON
HON. BOB ETHERIDGE
OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 28, 2001

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of America’s great teachers, Mrs. Norma Stewart Hamilton of Dunn, North Carolina, in my congressional district, who is retiring from teaching on June 29th after 39 years of service to the children and communities of Harnett County. I want to take this opportunity to thank her for her hard work and service.

Norma Hamilton teaches home economics. She is known for her disciplined teaching style, but she possesses an ability to make her classroom an enjoyable place to learn. Recently, several of her former students joined together to celebrate her life’s work at the 39th annual Western Harnett High School Mother-Daughter Banquet. They recalled her classes, the exams she gave, and most importantly, her willingness to listen and give sage advice. One of Mrs. Hamilton’s former students, Mrs. Rebecca Collins Hunter, herself a home economics teacher, remembered that Mrs. Hamilton never allowed teaching subject matter to supersede her goal of teaching the individual.

It has been said that “The mediocre teacher talks. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. And the great teacher inspires.” As the former Superintendent of my state’s schools, I know the difference that an outstanding teacher can make in the lives of young people. Great teachers, like Norma Hamilton, not only teach academic lessons, they teach life lessons. They strengthen the moral fiber of their students and of the communities where they teach. They challenge their students to strive for excellence.

In almost four decades, she touched and shaped the lives of over 4,000 children. She inspired more than a generation of students to achieve their dreams and make their own unique impression upon the world.

Mr. Speaker, when Norma Hamilton retires at the end of this week, she will take on a new role in the Harnett County community. Although he will no longer teach in a classroom, I know she will continue to contribute to the lives of those around her because great teachers never stop teaching. Today, I honor her for her dutiful service, and on behalf of a grateful state, I thank her for inspiring us with her great teaching.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE OF JOHN PITTARD
HON. BART GORDON
OF TENNESSEE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 28, 2001

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the long and distinguished career that my friend John Pittard has had in the public service arena. John has served on the City Council in my hometown of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, for 19 years, as well as other civic boards and organizations within the city. John’s pride for his community is obvious. He has helped guide the city through a period of tremendous growth, not only in population but also in quality of life. He is one of the most honorable public servants I know, and I’ve known him most of my life. In fact, we went to high school and college together.

John’s devotion to public service comes honestly. Both his mother, Mabel Pittard, and his father, the late Homer Pittard, were long-time educators and gave much of themselves to their community. A Murfreesboro school—the Homer Pittard Campus School—was even named after John’s father.

Murfreesboro owes a huge debt of gratitude to John, who never became disillusioned or cynical during his two decades of public service. He served the city because of his love for the community, nothing else. John’s wife, Jane, and his daughters, Emily, Mary and Sarah, are fortunate to have such a good man in their lives.

I have a deep admiration for John and congratulate him for his many accomplishments. His decency transcends both his public and private life. Thank you, John, for being such an unfussful and caring public servant.

HONORING SKIIHI ENTERPRISES, LTD.
HON. KAY GRANGER
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 28, 2001

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize a great Texas company, SKIIHI Enterprises, Ltd., on its 20th anniversary. Over the past 20 years, SKIIHI has built a reputation as one of Texas’ leading mechanical/industrial contractors. I want to extend my congratulations to the company’s founders, Richard Skipper and Tom Hicks, and to everyone else who has had a hand in SKIIHI’s success.

In 1981, Richard Skipper and Tom Hicks formed SKIIHI. Mr. Skipper and Mr. Hicks had both worked in the industry for many years, which gave them the experience and knowledge they needed to create a successful business together. They started with a simple business plan, focusing on not over-extending SKIIHI’s limited resources and on steady, controlled growth. Because of these wise business practices and high quality work, SKIIHI has become one of the best respected mechanical/industrial contractors in the state of Texas.

Today, SKIIHI is a full service mechanical/industrial contractor with over 220 employees. The company has a 38,000 square foot headquarters and fabrication shop in Fort Worth, Texas, and opened an office in Lubbock, Texas two years ago. SKIIHI’s volume was $1 million in its first year, $4 million in the second year, and was over $33 million in 2000.

SKIIHI has worked on many large construction projects in Texas. One of SKIIHI’s first projects was renovating the Tarrant County Courthouse in downtown Fort Worth. SKIIHI has also done extensive work in North Texas on Burlington Northern Sante Fe’s corporate headquarters, Nestle’s Texas Distribution Center, the James West Special Care Center for Alzheimer’s Disease, the University of North Texas Health Science Center, Alcon Laboratories, and the Dallas-Fort Worth Rental Car Facility. In recent years, the company has also completed many projects outside of the Fort Worth area. The most notable is the United Spirit Arena at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

SKIIHI also gives back to the industry and community. In conjunction with the Construction Education Foundation, SKIIHI provides workforce training classes at North Lake College and Trimmble Tech High School. The Construction Education Foundation is a coalition of North Texas contractors that trains approximately 600 apprentices each year. SKIIHI sends employees to high school career days and job fairs to promote the construction business. The company also provides on-the-job training for young men and women interested in a career in construction.

Additionally, SKIIHI is an active member of the Associated Builders and Contractors. The company has been awarded for its quality work by the Associated Builders and Contractors on numerous occasions. Most recently, SKIIHI was awarded First Place on the local level for the 2000 Associated Builders and Contractors Excellence in Construction Awards for its work on the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport Rental Car Facility.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate SKIIHI Enterprises, Ltd., for 20 years of success. I know that the next 20 years will be even more productive.

HONORING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR ECTODERMAL DYSPLASIAS
HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 28, 2001

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 20th anniversary of the National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias (NFED) in Mascoutah, Illinois.

The NFED is the only organization in the United States providing comprehensive services to individuals affected by the ectodermal
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EDS affects many more people that had

been originally thought by Darwin. Today, the

umber of those individuals affected by EDS has been estimated as high as 7 in 10,000

births. Individuals affected by EDS have ab-

ormalities of the sweat glands, tooth buds, hair follicles and nail development. Some

types of EDS are mild while others are more

devastating. People with EDS have been iden-
tified has having frequent respiratory infec-
tions, hearing or vision defects, missing fing-
ers or toes, problems with their immune sys-
tem and a sensitivity to light. In rare cases,
the lifespan of a person with EDS may be af-
fected. Many individuals affected by EDS can-
not perspire, requiring air conditioning in the

home, at work or in school. Some individuals

may have missing or malformed teeth or prob-
lems with their upper respiratory tract. EDS is
cased during pregnancy, as the baby is de-
veloping. During the formation of skin tissues,
defects in formation of the outer layers of the

baby's skin may lead to ED.

At this time there is no cure for ED. The

NFED, incorporated in 1981, is the sole orga-
nization in the world providing comprehensive

services to families affected by EDS. The

NFED is committed to improving lives by pro-

ving information on treatment and care and

promoting research. There are more than

3000 individuals served by the NFED in 50

states and 53 countries. They have provided

more than $115,000 in financial assistance to
families for their dental care, medical care, air
conditioners, wigs, cooling vests and other

needs. The NFED has provided patient access

and granted more than $237,000 to research-

ers studying the various aspects of EDS. These

grants have supported more than 2 mil-

lion dollars in ED research. They continue to

host continuing educational programs on ED

for health care professionals and provide the

most comprehensive and current information

on ED in the world.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me

in honoring the 20 years of service of the Na-

tional Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias and it's aid and comfort to those affected by

this terrible disease.

EIGHT-YEAR-OLD SHOWS COURAGE UNDER PRESSURE

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2001

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, the words courage-
ous and heroic are sometimes used without

thought or care. In the Sixth District of North

Carolina, however, those adjectives and more

should be applied to one of our young citizens

who bravely came to his mother's rescue. For

his efforts, eight-year-old Michael Mathis from

Denton, North Carolina, was recently awarded

the North Carolina 911 hero award, and he

was recognized by the National Emergency

Number Association. Young Michael was

caught in a terrible predicament, which re-

quired him to show great courage while under

severe pressure. Michael didn't let his young

age hold him back from stepping up to save

the life of his mother.

On February 6, 2001, Michael was riding

with his mother Cathy Surratt on a road near

High Point. Michael's mother suffers from a

thyroid condition and she has constant mi-

graine headaches. During the course of the

drive, Cathy began to see swirls in her eyes,
pulled to the side of the road, then lost con-

sciousness. Michael immediately got out his

mother's cell phone in order to call his step-

father, but unfortunately the phone went dead,
due to the fact that their minutes had expired.

Knowing that a call to 911 was free, he then
called the emergency number for help. Mi-

chael tried to tell the dispatcher where they

were located, but with only trees and grass

visible, he was only certain that they were on

Highway 109.

Shortly after that, the car, which was a stick

shift, began to roll forward. Michael's voice

suddenly turned to panic, and he pleaded with

the dispatcher to have someone find them.

The dispatcher instructed him to take the key

out of the ignition. Though he was overcome

with fear, Michael managed to get the key out,

and the car stopped. The dispatcher told Mi-

chael to honk the horn and flash the lights in

the hope that a passing car would stop. Mi-

chael quickly complied with the dispatcher's

orders. Finally, a car stopped, and to his good

fortune, the passengers in the car were an

emergency worker and a trained nurse. When

Michael's stepfather arrived, the car was sur-

rounded by people who were there to help.

Cathy Surratt was taken to an area hospital

where she was successfully treated and re-

leased.

The Davidson County Sheriff's Department

named Michael a 911 hero, and he was awar-
ded a plaque at a special ceremony. This

week, the National Emergency Number Asso-
ciation recognized Michael at its 20th annual

conference, along with other National 911 he-

roes. I am very pleased to be able to recog-
nize Michael as one of our North Carolina 911

heroes. On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth

District of North Carolina, we offer our per-

sonal congratulations to Michael Mathis—a

true hero.

HONORING THE SAYERS FAMILY

OF CLARK COUNTY, OHIO

HON. DAVID L. HOBSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2001

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to

recognize the members of the Sayers Family

from Clark County, Ohio and their combined

commitment to shared American values. I rise
today to recognize the fact that four chil-

dren of Charles and Virile Sayers have each

married and raised their own families for a

combined total of 231 years. The Sayer Fam-

ily provides an excellent example for our com-
munity in Ohio, as well as for the country as

a whole, of the importance and benefits of a

strong family heritage.

In today's society, it is very uplifting to hear

stories such as these and to see the commit-

ment this Ohio family has made to one an-
other. It was through the Sayer Family's

strong foundation that they understood the

meaning of hard work as well as the value of

family. Growing up, the children were encour-

aged to be good students, trained in music,

and helped run their family farm. They under-

stood the meaning of responsibility and the

importance of strong family ties.

I want to take this opportunity to recognize

the Sayers' for preserving such a strong family

bond and for their traditional values and mor-

als.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES E. ZINI, D.O.

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2001

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to

pay tribute to a great Arkansan and out-

standing Osteopathic physician. I am proud to

recognize James E. Zini, D.O., in the Con-

gress for his invaluable contributions and serv-

ice to his community, to our state, and to our

country.

Dr. Zini epitomizes the Osteopathic profes-

sion. With his application of Osteopathic prac-
tices and principals, he personifies the model

D.O. physician—practicing in a small rural
town taking care of people, not just treating

symptoms. He started his family practice in

rural Mountain View, Arkansas, in 1977. In his

Mountain View and Marshall clinics, along with

partner David Burnette, D.O., office manager

Judy Zini, and the Zini Clinic staff, Jim makes

sure that each patient visit—approximately

13,000 annually—is remembered as excellent,

quality D.O. care.

Dr. Zini is Board Certified in Family Practice

by the American College of Osteopathic Fam-

ily Physicians and is a fellow of the college.

Jim is also Board Certified by the American

Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Re-

view Physicians.

As a founder and leader of the Arkansas

Osteopathic Medical Association (AOMA), Dr.

Zini tirelessly worked to advance the Arkansas

Osteopathic profession: to promote the Osteo-

pathic family in all areas affecting D.O.'s; and

to protect the licensure, practice and edu-

cational interests of all Arkansas D.O.'s.

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Committee Chairperson, Member, and he re-

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Award in 1989. Jim is also the first D.O. to

serve on the Arkansas State Medical Board—
a position designated by law that he worked to

enact.

Dr. Zini furthered his commitment to the Os-
toepathic profession at the national level: serv-
ing as an Arkansas delegate to the American

Osteopathic Association (AOA) House of Dele-
gates; numerous House committees; AOA

Board of Trustees; several key AOA commit-
tees and chairmanships; and 2001–2002 AOA