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 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 honored 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 longtime 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, Janice, 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 unselfish and caring public servant. 

HONORING SKIIHI ENTERPRISES, LTD.  

HON. KAY GRANGER  
OF TEXAS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  

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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 Santa 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 Trimble 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