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TRIBUTE TO ASHLEY PERCY OF CAMDEN, MI, LEGRAND SMITH SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

HON. NICK SMITH
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, July 12, 2001

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence she has compiled in academics, leadership and community service, that I am proud to salute Ashley Percy, winner of the 2001 LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation's future.

As a winner of the LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship, Ashley is being honored for demonstrating that same generosity of spirit, intelligence, responsible citizenship, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan.

Ashley is an exceptional student at Camden-Frontier High School and possesses an impressive high school record. She is involved in the National Honor Society, as well as volleyball, basketball and softball. She has received numerous awards for her excellence in academics as well as her involvement in athletics. Ashley also served as a Congressional Page for the United States House of Representatives.

THEREFORE, I am proud to join with her many admirers in extending my highest praise and congratulations to Ashley Percy for her selection as a winner of a LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship. This honor is also a testament to the parents, teachers, and others whose personal interest, strong support and active participation contributed to her success. To this remarkable young woman, I extend my most heartfelt good wishes for all her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING SAM SPECTOR AND THE OSS–101 ASSOCIATION, ROME, GEORGIA

HON. BOB BARR
OF GEORGIA
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Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, the OSS–101 Association Inc. represents the men of World War II Detachment 101 of the Office of Strategic Services (predecessor to today's CIA), who served in guerrilla warfare behind the Japanese lines in Burma. Mr. Sam Spector, of Rome, Georgia, is President of this association. He and the other fighting men of "Merrill's Marauders" have remained extremely grateful to the Kachin people of Burma, for the crucial help provided by them during the war.

By 1942 the Japanese were well experienced in jungle fighting. Burma was one of the world's most hostile environments. It was also the home of a very special group of people—the Kachins. They lived in the northern-most state of Burma, and they cherished their freedom as do we. Though the Japanese occupied most of Burma in 1942, they were unable to secure the Kachin State. The Kachins took a stand, and became what was known as Detachment 101 of the U.S. Office of Strategic Services, also known as the American-Kachin Rangers. This was the first United States unit to form an intelligence screen and employ a large guerrilla army deep in enemy territory.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower commended the Kachins for their sacrifices that were so vital in our victory in the Asian theatre in World War II. I especially salute Rome, Georgia's Sam Spector, who is a leader in this effort.

TRIBUTE TO REAR ADMIRAL GWILYM H. JENKINS, JR.

HON. IKE SKELTON
OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, July 12, 2001

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to inform my colleagues on the upcoming retirement of Rear Admiral Gwilym H. Jenkins, Jr., Deputy for Acquisition and Business Management for the Assistant Secretary of the Navy. In the very near future, Admiral Jenkins will retire after over 30 years in the U.S. Navy. He has distinguished himself, the Navy, and our nation with dedicated service.

Admiral Jenkins began his service in the military in 1966, when he enlisted in the Naval Reserve. Throughout his career, Admiral Jenkins has continued his formal education. He received a bachelors degree in Electrical Engineering from Pennsylvania State University. He received masters degrees from the Naval Post Graduate School and is a graduate of the University of Southern California Program for Executives.

Admiral Jenkins has held many command assignments and honorably served the American people throughout the world. Admiral Jenkins has served on the U.S.S. Savannah, U.S.S. Raleigh, and U.S.S. Puget Sound. He has also served as Supply Officer and Comptroller, Ship Repair Facility, Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines; Procuring Contracting Officer for the A06E TRAM and Business and Financial Manager of the CH–46 and CH–53 Marine helicopters, Naval Air Systems Command, Washington, D.C.

As Director of Contracts at Navy Supply Center, Jacksonville, Florida, and while working at the Aviation Supply Office, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he championed the use of electronic bulletin boards in contracting. Admiral Jenkins also served as Executive Director for Procurement at the Defense Logistics Agency, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, where he was responsible for the implementation of the electric commerce mall on the World Wide Web, significantly reducing unnecessary Department of Defense logistics infrastructure.

Through his work in Navy acquisition, Admiral Jenkins has consistently reached out to communities and to small business owners throughout the United States and has helped bridge the gap between military and civilian America. Admiral Jenkins, through his unique and amiable style, has worked to make this intimidating process easier for Americans to understand. I am especially grateful to Admiral Jenkins for traveling to Warrensburg, Missouri, to take part in my annual Federal Procurement Conference held each year at Central Missouri State University. I know the residents of Missouri's Fourth Congressional District join me in...