Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is a sincere pleasure to recognize the finalists of the 2001 LeGrand Smith Scholarship Program. This special honor is an appropriate tribute to the academic accomplishment, demonstration of leadership and responsibility, and commitment to social involvement displayed by these remarkable young adults. We all have reason to celebrate their success, for it is in their promising and capable hands that our future rests:

Jonathan Andert of Battle Creek, Michigan.
Jared Bignell of Reading, Michigan.
Rachel Carpenter of Eaton Rapids, Michigan.
Leslie DeBacker of Pittsford, Michigan.
Jeremy Fielder of Blissfield, Michigan.
Andrew Grasley of Deerfield, Michigan.
Nicole Hephner of Hillsdale, Michigan.
Lindsay Karthen of Lansing, Michigan.
Gabriel Lopez-Betanzos of Lansing, Michigan.
Alison McMullin of Battle Creek, Michigan.
Timothy Miller of Quincy, Michigan.
Anna Watkins of Coldwater, Michigan.
Julie Porter of Addison, Michigan.
Josh Richardson of Brooklyn, Michigan.
Meghan Silventes of Charlotte, Michigan.
Anna Watkins of Coldwater, Michigan.

The finalists of the LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship Program are being honored for showing that same generosity of spirit, depth of intelligence, and capacity for human service that distinguished the late LeGrand Smith of Somerset, Michigan. They are young men and women of character, ambition, and initiative, who have already learned well the value of hard work, discipline, and commitment. These exceptional students have consistently displayed their dedication, intelligence, and concern throughout their high school experience. They are people who stand out among their peers due to their many achievements and the disciplined manner in which they meet challenges. While they have already accomplished a great deal, these young people possess unlimited potential, for they have learned the keys to success in any endeavor. I am proud to join with their many admirers in extending our highest praise and congratulations to the finalists of the 2001 LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship Program.

The House in Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2330) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes:

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Chairman, I fully support H.R. 2330, because it provides funding for programs that will help assure the vitality of agriculture in America and particularly in Georgia. This bill allocates funding for essential programs, which allow further development and progress in food production. In addition, H.R. 2330 provides financial support for agricultural research that is crucial for finding solutions that will allow and promote more cost-effective production methods and higher quality results. By allocating funding for research, this bill will help resolve problems inhibiting productivity and development. More specifically, research in pest and disease control, such as nematode and tomato spotted wilt disease research will enhance strategies used to combat crop yield losses. Also, funding is included for the development of more efficient agricultural water usage that is critical to locations in south Georgia where agricultural water usage comprises 50% of all water consumed. Furthermore, the bill includes funding for the improvement of cotton fiber quality. Funding is necessary for purchasing equipment that would be used in developing a research cotton micron in evaluation of cotton fiber in Georgia. Also, funding for pecan scab research is important to explore diseases that limit and inhibit pecan production. Support for these research efforts, coupled with funding for promotional and marketing efforts, will help enable farmers to practice more efficient methods and minimize the devastating losses with which they have become all too familiar. I urge my colleagues to vote for this bill and support American Agriculture.

I want to personally thank Ruth Hyman for being a leader of the Jewish community and an excellent role model for our youth.
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 Tracy Egnatuk, winner of the 2001 LeGrand Smith Congressional Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who exhibit the highest-ranking Senate official next to the Speaker and the highest-ranking House members. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Senator Hugh Marion Gillis, Sr. for his dedicated service to his country and to the state of Georgia. This year Senator Gillis has attained a distinction achieved by no other member of the Georgia House or the Senate: He is the only one of the state legislators in the nation by completing 50 years of service in the Georgia General Assembly.

Senator Gillis comes from a proud family tradition of public service. Without opposition he won the Senate seat that his father left and was then elected President Pro Tem, a seat his father too held. Senator Gillis served 12 years as a member of the House of Representatives from 1941–44, and again from 1949–56, and he first served in the Senate from the 16th District in 1957–58 and returned as the Senator from the 20th in 1963, where he has served with dedication and diligence for 38 consecutive years.

Gillis was born in Soperton where he graduated from Soperton High School and then went on to study at Georgia Military College and earn a B.S. degree in agriculture from the University of Georgia.

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He has served in the General Assembly longer than any other Senator currently in office. Senator Gillis is by all accounts the nation's longest-serving legislator. His combined Senate and House terms exceed 50 years. In his years of service, Senator Gillis has served as the Chairman of the Senate Natural Resources Committee and a member of the influential Appropriations Committee. Other committees Senator Gillis has served on are the Reapportionment Committee and the Finance and Public Utilities Committee as well as the Economic Development, Tourism and Cultural Affairs Committee. He has also served for six years as the Senate President Pro-Tempore, the highest-ranking Senate official next to the Lieutenant Governor.

Senator Gillis is known for his legislative work and also for his civic volunteering and community service. Senator Gillis has received numerous awards for his civic work, such as the title of Treutlen County Citizen of the year. Senator Gillis has served on the boards of Private Colleges, The Georgia Poultry Federation, Georgiaviron Forest Association, and Future Farmers of America.

Senator Gillis is also a deacon at Soperton First Baptist Church and a member of the Lion's Club. He has served as chairman of the Treutlen County Hospital Authority for 22 years.

Senator Gillis, a widower is the father of two sons, Hugh Jr. and Donald; and a daughter, Jean Marie. By profession, he is a farmer and timber grower.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to call to the attention of the House of Representatives the many accomplishments that have followed in the path of Senator Gillis' career. I am privileged to know such a dedicated and upstanding citizen and to call him my good friend. I thank him for his efforts to improve the lives of so many others across Georgia.

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Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to California's Senior Supreme Court Justice, the late Stanley Mosk.