

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

S.T.O.P.

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 10, 1995

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, on February 2, 1995, I was pleased to be included in a critically important briefing. I was proud to help cosponsor a Safe Tables Our Priority [S.T.O.P.]—Safe Food Coalition briefing on foodborne illness.

Last Thursday's briefing marked the second anniversary of the 1993 west coast E. coli outbreak. Fortunately, a forum was created to allow the individuals and families who have suffered from the E. coli illnesses to visit Washington, DC, to examine the ongoing epidemic and discuss plans for preventing future outbreaks of foodborne illness.

The tragic events of 2 years ago are still fresh in my mind. While the incident still upsets me, I can only imagine the constant pain endured by the families who lost a child or who experienced the serious illness due to the contamination of ground beef with E. coli 0157:H7 bacteria. That is why I will always be grateful for the organizations, such as S.T.O.P., that seek to change the system in order to right a wrong. When it comes to a life and death situation, every endeavor to correct the system is welcome.

Until the tragedies were highlighted a few years ago, I do not believe that people were aware of the inherent dangers associated with the consumption of raw meat products. It is unfortunate that a number of deaths occurred before significant changes were made to the current food handling processes. Therefore, we must ensure systematic, science-based prevention of harmful contamination into the operation of every meat and poultry plant. Industries must be held accountable for meeting its food safety obligations. I believe that positive steps can be taken by animal producers to processors to retailers to consumers in order to reduce the risk of illness.

The only benefit of this issue is that significant policy changes are being made and will continue to be made as additional information and technology become available. Serious attempts have been made of late to preserve the quality of meat consumption in both our homes and restaurants. I am encouraged that the Department of Agriculture has established the principle that any contamination of raw ground beef with E. coli 0157:H7 is unacceptable. The Department has strictly enforced zero tolerance for visible signs of contamination of beef and poultry carcasses. It is now mandatory to apply safe handling and cooking labels on every package of raw meat and poultry. Antimicrobial rinses and hot water treatments will also be allowed without prior approval of the Food Safety and Inspection Services. After carcasses have passed inspec-

tion and prior to their reaching the coolers, last minute rinses and water treatments will further reduce the chance of reducing levels of E. coli 0157:H7.

I urge my colleagues to support organizations such as S.T.O.P., dedicated to the prevention of foodborne illness. We cannot rest until everything is being done to protect the safety of our food, and ultimately provide for the well-being of our loved ones.

TRIBUTE TO JUANITA LOCHNER

HON. MICHAEL R. McNULTY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 10, 1995

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Juanita Lochner is a resident of East Greenbush, Rensselaer County, NY. She is currently serving as president of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of New York, and as a member of the Gerald O'Neil Unit No. 1683.

As a member of the largest women's patriotic organization in the world, assisting veterans has always been her priority. Her project this year is called Special Touches.

Because of budgetary cutbacks, the hospitalized veterans at VA Hospitals are unable to receive those extra comfort items that were previously provided. Her request to the Auxiliary members throughout the State is that we give veterans our help. "They were there when we needed them, and now it's our turn to help them," she says.

Through her efforts, funds are being collected to benefit each VA Hospital in New York State.

Travelling throughout the 62 counties in the State, Mrs. Lochner also emphasizes strongly the support needed for passage of a constitutional amendment to protect our flag from desecration.

The American flag has long exemplified the spirit of those who lost their lives, as well as those who fought and survived. Our flag is a symbol that unites us, and I am proud to be a cosponsor of House Joint Resolution 14.

I am also honored to represent Juanita Lochner—a dedicated and patriotic American.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN T. McDONOUGH

HON. WILLIAM P. LUTHER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 10, 1995

Mr. LUTHER. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, January 23, the State of Minnesota and the city of Stillwater lost one of our great public servants. The Honorable John T. McDonough passed away at the age of 72 after a full life of dedication to his community. Judge

McDonough was born in Stillwater and lived the rest of his life there as a citizen, patriot, legal scholar, and philanthropist.

The Judge was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. His commitment to our country later led him into public service.

At the age of 26, Judge McDonough was the endorsed candidate for Lieutenant Governor in the State of Minnesota on the 1948 DFL ticket headed by Hubert H. Humphrey. Later, he was appointed Probate-Justice Judge for Washington County by Gov. Orville Freeman in 1956 and served as a judge in Washington County until 1974. He served on the Minnesota Parole Board with distinction for 7 years and was appointed to the Minnesota State Social Services Committee. Judge McDonough was appointed Special Adviser to President John F. Kennedy's Commission on Crime and Delinquency by the late Attorney General of the United States, Robert F. Kennedy.

The Judge was a true philanthropist. He founded the Father Francis J. Miller Memorial Foundation to build a nondenominational chapel at the Minnesota State Prison. He was also a forerunner in the 1960's in recognizing alcohol/drug abuse as a prime contributing factor to crime delinquency, family violence, and divorce.

Since 1980, McDonough served as chief legal counsel to Hubbard Broadcasting, Inc.

The Honorable John T. McDonough was more than an author, veteran, judge, philanthropist, and legal counsel. His neighbors and coworkers will remember him best as a great character. The Judge's combination of enthusiasm and commitment will be greatly missed by the country, State, city, and people he served.

CONCRETE SUPPORT FOR THE WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 10, 1995

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, next week the United Nations begins another review of the budget needs for the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. This tribunal has already faced numerous obstacles to its establishment and considerable bureaucratic and political barriers to its staffing; worse still, it continues to face opposition from those who would rather negotiate with war criminals than see them in jail. In spite of numerous political and procedural roadblocks, the tribunal issued its first indictment in early November, is proceeding with investigations, and is expected to bring cases to trial later this year.

This progress by no means guarantees long-term success, Mr. Speaker. In fact, in an

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article published in the Washington Post, Tom Warrick, an attorney who assisted the head of the United Nations War Crimes Commission, points out that the results of a relatively obscure U.N. committee may determine "whether those ultimately responsible for ethnic cleansing are ever to be brought to justice." And, as those who oppose this tribunal have learned, what they can't defeat openly through the political process, they may be able to gut in the United Nations closed-door budget negotiations.

Nongovernmental experts have already suggested that the \$28 million sought by tribunal officials may be too low, given the costs of gathering testimony from the thousands of victims of the extensive list of deplorable war crimes and in light of the on-site investigations that the effective prosecution of war criminals will require. Nevertheless, it appears that securing even these funds may be an uphill battle with the U.N. bureaucracy.

Accordingly, I have written to the President, along with the Cochairman of the Helsinki Commission, Senator D'AMATO, and Representative STENY HOYER, the former chairman of and now ranking House minority member on the Commission, urging the President to instruct the U.S. delegation to the United Nations to press vigorously at these upcoming budget meetings to ensure adequate funding for the tribunal. The establishment of this body, against so many odds, is a credit to strong U.S. leadership. But, without proper funding, Mr. Speaker, the tribunal will never be able to execute the historic tasks that have been set for it. We have also indicated our support for an additional voluntary contribution to the tribunal by the United States of an amount not less than the \$3 million cash contribution provided last year.

Mr. Speaker, as the Bosnian Prime Minister, Haris Silajdzic, stated at the Helsinki Commission's hearing just 2 weeks ago, war crimes and genocide continue in Bosnia even now, during the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. I cannot overstate my conviction that holding war criminals accountable for the heinous crimes they have committed in this conflict will be an essential element for any long-term resolution of this tragedy. If the United States, at this juncture, inexplicably reduces the level of financial support it has provided to the tribunal, it might send a regrettable signal of weakening U.S. resolve to see war criminals held truly accountable. We must not let that happen.

TRIBUTE TO NAOMI FISHER

HON. WILLIAM F. CLINGER, JR.

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 10, 1995

Mr. CLINGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Naomi Fisher of Mill Hall, PA, who has been selected as Blind Worker of the Year. I am pleased to have this opportunity to recognize this great accomplishment.

Ms. Fisher was nominated for this award by her coworkers at North Central Sight Services, Inc. I am sure this is quite an honor for Naomi to be recognized by her fellow employees. Her

coworkers, however, are not just ordinary colleagues. These individuals have experienced, and will continue to experience, many of the same trials and tribulations that Naomi does. Although every employee in this workplace deserves credit for rising above their physical challenges, Naomi is being recognized for her certitude in accepting diversity. Her ability to inspire and help those who are in a similar situation is a true testimony to her character.

This award, sponsored by the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Program, appropriately reflects the goals of this organization. The JWOD Program is designed to provide employment opportunities and services for thousands of blind Americans throughout the United States. Each year the National Industries for the Blind, the central nonprofit agency for industries participating in the program, selects one outstanding worker for this well-deserved award. The significance of this award is only realized when you consider how many people are worthy of consideration.

Ms. Fisher was selected as the Blind Worker of the Year not only for her outstanding job performance, but also for her activities off the job. She stays very busy at her family farm and also at the local church. As we all can see, she deserves this award for her many accomplishments. I applaud the hard work she has performed both in the work place and in our community. Her determination and dedication is an inspiration to us all.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize Naomi Fisher for receiving this prestigious award. Once again, I congratulate her and offer my best wishes for continued success.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN A. FLINN

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 10, 1995

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated member of the federal financial management community upon his retirement as Director of Operations for the Department of Defense Comptroller after more than 30 years of service to his country. Mr. John A. Flinn is most deserving of our tribute. He has consistently demonstrated the qualities expected of our finest public servants. His efforts have been a primary factor in the effective formulation and presentation of the Department of Defense Operation and Maintenance budget for more than 20 years, and the fact that our military today is the finest it has ever been is in no small part due to his efforts.

Mr. Flinn's Federal career commenced in 1961 with the Department of the Navy. He served in many responsible positions with the Navy before being selected to work in the Office of the Secretary of Defense in 1974. Since 1986, Mr. Flinn has served as Director of Operations, the primary DOD Comptroller interface with Congress and the Military Departments for the Military Personnel and Operation and Maintenance appropriations. His knowledge and expertise in operating budgets is unequaled in the Defense Department. During his 8 years as Director for Operations, he

has gone beyond his regular duties to play a major role in the Department's transition to operations in a post-cold-war environment. The high esteem accorded Mr. Flinn by myself and my colleagues is reflected in the many times he was requested by name to testify before the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. He always provided candid and accurate testimony.

Mr. Flinn was the primary focal point within the Comptroller for developing budgets to support Desert Shield/Desert Storm. The unprecedented funding mechanism in which many nations provided both financial and in-kind resources, required the establishment of new and innovative approaches to meeting the service's funding requirements. Mr. Flinn was able to develop and implement this innovative funding mechanism because he had the respect and confidence of the Military Departments and our staff. Mr. Flinn's most enduring contribution, however, will always be his steadfast advocacy in support of our soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines, and their families.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor for me to present the credentials of Mr. Flinn before the Congress today. It is clear that Mr. Flinn has played a key role in ensuring effective financial management for the Defense Department and for the taxpayers of the United States. We wish him success in his coming endeavors. He will be missed.

SALUTING BILL AND ELLEN CARTER OF HOUSTON, TX

HON. JACK FIELDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 10, 1995

Mr. FIELDS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, they were not born in Houston, or even Texas, but Bill and Ellen Carter personify the "can do" spirit that has made Houston a great city and Texas a great state. In the 36 years since they moved to Houston—and as a result of their own hard work and sacrifice—Bill and Ellen Carter have enjoyed tremendous success as business owners. Their success demonstrates that even today, Texas remains a place in which a person can advance as far as his talent, dedication and hard work can carry him.

Bill and Ellen Carter were recently profiled in a feature story in the Houston Post that detailed their love of Houston, as well as their amazing business acumen in the 35 years since they scraped together \$15,000 to purchase a gun club in north Harris County. Today, the Carters own four retail gun stores, a public shooting range, as well as three commercial game ranches. Carter's Country's sales have increased from \$32,000 in the first year of operations to approximately \$25 million last year.

Mr. Speaker, as a longtime and loyal Carter's Country customer, I want to add my voice to those paying tribute to this remarkable couple.

Raised in a small farming community in central North Carolina, Bill Carter joined the National Guard when he was just 14 years old—adding a few years to his age in order to enlist. Following his discharge from the National Guard, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine

Corps. In the National Guard and the Marine Corps, his lifelong interest in firearms deepened.

Bill was sent to Korea and briefly considered a military career but ended up leaving the Corps with the intention of getting a college degree. Instead, he became a merchant seaman and, in the course of his travels, visited Houston often. He met his future wife in New Jersey and, eventually, Bill convinced his bride to move with him to Houston.

He worked as an iron worker while Ellen worked as an emergency room nurse at Hermann Hospital. Soon, Bill was making firearms for his coworkers out of a makeshift shop in his garage. Many weekends, in order to test his firearms, Bill would arrive at a local shooting range at sunup. He spent so much time there, in fact, that the owner eventually offered to sell him the shooting range for \$15,000. And so was founded the Carter's Country empire.

As a result of their hard work and dedication, Bill and Ellen Carter's business expanded rapidly in the 1970's and 1980's. Today, despite this expansion, Carter's Country remains a family business serving the needs of hunters and sportsmen throughout the greater Houston area. Carter's Country employs 100 associates, who Bill Carter calls "the heart and soul of Carter's Country."

Mr. Speaker, Bill and Ellen Carter's story is the quintessential Texas story of humble beginnings; of hard work and initiative and dedication; and of well-deserved success. I hope you will join with me in saluting Bill and Ellen Carter and wishing them and their family continued success and happiness in the years ahead.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD L. ROUDEBUSH

HON. ANDREW JACOBS, JR.

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 10, 1995

Mr. JACOBS. Mr. Speaker, Dick Roudebush was the veteran's veteran.

His military record was one of selfless sacrifice and defying danger. He was an extraordinary patriot. And he was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 10 years beginning in 1961.

As can be seen by the following, he was also head of the Veterans' Administration. Any veteran who got his disability check on time during the seventies owes some gratitude to the fine administration provided by Dick Roudebush.

More important, he was a nice man, pleasant and friendly.

All Americans are diminished by the passing of the Honorable Richard L. Roudebush. He was my friend.

[From the Indianapolis News, Jan. 30, 1995]

RICHARD L. ROUDEBUSH, CONGRESSMAN, VA
CHIEF

NOBLESVILLE, IN.—Richard L. Roudebush, 77, former five-term congressman who became director of the Veterans Administration, died Saturday.

Mr. Roudebush died of complications from pneumonia at Doctors Hospital in Sarasota, Fla., where he also kept a home.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Randall & Roberts Logan Street Chapel, with calling from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday.

Burial will be in Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1974, President Gerald R. Ford nominated his former Republican congressional colleague as administrator of veterans affairs. Mr. Roudebush's nomination was confirmed by the Senate Oct. 1, 1974.

The agency served more than 29 million veterans, had 200,000 employees and an annual budget of about \$14 billion.

Mr. Roudebush returned to his Noblesville farm in January 1977 after the election of Democratic President Jimmy Carter.

In May 1982, President Reagan signed a law renaming the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Indianapolis as the Richard L. Roudebush Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Mr. Roudebush graduated from Butler University in 1941 with a degree in business administration. He was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity. In 1969, he received an honorary doctorate from Butler.

He enlisted in the Army about a month before the attack on Pearl Harbor and was shipped out in September 1942 to Egypt, where he was assigned to the Suez Canal Command and served with British forces during five major battles in North Africa.

In the invasion of Italy, his landing craft was sunk. Mr. Roudebush joined the newly formed 15th Air Force and helped clear explosives from captured enemy airfields.

After his discharge at Camp Atterbury in October 1944, he became a service officer with the Department of Indiana Veterans of Foreign Wars and was stationed at the Indianapolis VA Regional office seven years.

He also served eight years on the Indiana Veterans Commission and chaired that body six years.

He became state commander of the Indiana VFW Department in 1953. In 1954 he became chief of staff in the National VFW and was elected national commander in chief at the VFW convention at Miami Beach in 1957.

Mr. Roudebush first was elected to Congress in 1960.

In November 1970, Mr. Roudebush, the GOP nominee for the U.S. Senate, lost to former Sen. Vance Hartke by 4,000 votes out of nearly 2 million cast.

In the House of Representatives, he was on the House District Committee and the House Un-American Activities Committee. Mr. Roudebush was best known as a ranking member of the House Committee on Science and Astronautics and for his work on countless bills benefiting veterans.

A personal friend of all the early astronauts, Mr. Roudebush was instrumental in pushing through America's early space program from Alan Shepard's pioneering liftoff on through Mercury, Gemini and Apollo efforts. He was awarded the VFW National Space Award in 1971.

He was seriously injured in a private plane crash Aug. 19, 1968, while returning to Indiana from the Republican National Convention at Miami. Campaigning from his hospital bed, he won the November 1968 congressional election by his widest margin ever and led the entire Republican slate in Indiana.

In January 1971, he became a consultant to the administrator of veterans affairs, and on June 7, 1971, he was named to the No. 4 position in the VA as assistant deputy administrator. On Jan. 18, 1974, he was promoted to deputy administrator of the VA.

In September 1979, he was elected chairman of the advisory board for Veterans Insurance Services, a subsidiary of the National Liberty Group of companies in Valley Forge, Pa.

Mr. Roudebush was awarded life memberships in the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans and AMVETS.

He was a member of Refuge Christian Church, Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Survivors: wife Marjorie Elliott Roudebush; son Roy "Chip" L. Roudebush; daughter Karen Roudebush; brother William Roudebush; a granddaughter.

THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION'S FAILED BOSNIA POLICY

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 10, 1995

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, 2 years ago today, Secretary of State Christopher unveiled the Clinton administration's Bosnia policy while lamenting the fact that the West had repeatedly missed earlier opportunities to effectively address the conflict and prevent it from deepening.

During his presentation, Christopher outlined United States interests and strategic concerns at stake in Bosnia. "Our conscience revolts at the idea of passively accepting such brutality," he said, and "it tests our commitment to the nurturing of democracy * * *". Recognizing the implications of the Bosnian crisis he warned, "The world's response to the violence in the former Yugoslavia is an early and crucial test of how it will address the concerns of ethnic and religious minorities in the post-cold war world."

One year ago, in the aftermath of the marketplace massacre in Sarajevo, President Clinton echoed this view when he said, "This century teaches us that America cannot afford to ignore conflicts in Europe. And in this case, our Nation has distinct interests." He concluded, "While the cold war may be over, the world is still full of dangers and the world still looks to America for leadership."

President Clinton had it right when he vowed in his inaugural address that, "When our vital interests are challenged or the will and conscience of the international community is defied, we will act, with peaceful diplomacy whenever possible, with force when necessary."

Mr. Speaker, our interests have been challenged.

The will and conscience of the international community have been defied.

Peaceful diplomacy has failed.

And the world still looks to America for leadership * * *.

TRIBUTE TO ANNANDALE ATOMS

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 10, 1995

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, I am very proud to rise today to pay tribute to the Annandale

Atoms, a high school football team in the eleventh district of Virginia. The team won its second consecutive State football championship in the AAA division, the most competitive in the State. This is the first time in the school's history and one of the only times in State history that this has happened. The Atoms entered the season with a 12-game winning streak and extended that streak to 26, by winning all 14 games this year.

Over the years Annandale High School has fielded many teams, and has won 2 previous State championships. Annandale also continues to produce outstanding graduates with 80 percent going on to college or post secondary education. The players on this championship team also have additional honors in addition to being State football champions. The honors are as follows:

Patriot District: All District Offense—First Team: Ryan Brooks, TE; Mike Herlands, OT; Maurice Daniels, OG; Jasmin Glenn, RB; and Derrick Crittenden, WR, K.

All District Offense—Second Team: Britton Clarke, OG; Tom Venetsanos, C; Giovannin Santa Ana, RB.

All District Defense—First Team: Sean Mignona, DB; Britton Clarke, DL; Maurice Daniels, LB; Corey Peterson, LB; Donovan Yarbough, DE.

Patriot District Offensive Player of the Year: Jasmin Glenn.

Patriot District Defensive Player of the Year: Maurice Daniels.

Northern Region: All Region Defense—First Team: Ryan Brooks, Maurice Daniels, Jasmin Glenn.

All Region Defense—First Team: Derrick Crittenden, Maurice Daniels, Donovan Yarbough.

All Region Defense—Second Team: Britton Clarke, Sean Mignona, Corey Peterson.

All State—First Team: Maurice Daniels, Donovan Yarbough, Jasmin Glenn, and Derrick Crittenden.

All State—Second Team: Ryan Brooks, Derrick Crittenden.

All-Washington Metropolitan Team—First Team: Maurice Daniels, Derrick Crittenden, Donovan Yarbough.

NBC Channel 4 George Michael's "Golden Eleven" Team: Maurice Daniels, Derrick Crittenden, Sean Mignona.

Gatorade's Circle of Champions Virginia High School Football Player of the Year: Maurice Daniels.

Mr. Speaker, the team as a whole has honors that I would also like to mention as well:

No. 1 ranking in Virginia.

No. 1 ranking in Washington Post.

No. 5 ranking in ESPN.

No. 12 ranking U.S.A. Today.

Twenty-six consecutive game winning streak.

Mr. Speaker, I know that my colleagues join me in congratulating Annandale High School, their coach Richard Adams, their assistant coaches Bob Birmingham, Jamie Carayiannis, Billy Edwards, Marshall Jefferson, Konrad Molter, Bill Curran, Scott Sadowski, Chuck Hoskins, Steve Quesenberry, Bill Maglisceau, Mark Lenert, Rick Baucom, and Dave Kish, their principle Donald Clause, and their remarkable achievement.

10TH NATIONAL HOLIDAY HONORING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., CITY OF ANDERSON, IN

HON. DAVID M. MCINTOSH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 10, 1995

Mr. MCINTOSH. Mr. Speaker, I commend to your attention a speech given by Mr. Rudy Porter, assistant to the mayor of Anderson for community affairs, on the occasion of the 10th national holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the city of Anderson, IN, community-wide celebration. In the following speech delivered on January 16, 1995, Mr. Porter eloquently and plainly shows how the legacy of the late Dr. King empowers and encourages us all to serve our fellow man. Mr. Porter's words remembering Dr. King should be a guide for us throughout the year. Mr. Porter:

I would like to acknowledge The Honorable Mayor J. Mark Lawler, mayor of the great city of Anderson; Dr. Robert Jackson, Pastor First United Methodist Church, Officers and Members; Dick Vannatta, President of UAW Local 662 and Lennon Brown, Principle of Highland Senior High School, co-chairs of this city-wide celebration; Russell B. Johnson, President Paramount Heritage Foundation; and the entire board of directors; Mr. Tom Snyder, President Delco-Remy America; Kim Blagg who works very hard behind the scene to make this service possible; members of the Martin Luther King Memorial Commission; Rev. J.T. Menifee, President; students who participated in the essay contest, and poster contest from our schools parochial, private, and the Anderson community school system.

It is indeed an honor and a privileged pleasure for me to be here to share perspective and participate. I am truly honored. I am a firm believer that the "I will" is greater than the "I.Q." By that statement I mean, I would rather have a person who did not have as much talent, but was willing, than to have a person who possessed enormous talent, but was not willing. As a keynote speaker, I do not possess enormous talent, but I am more than willing.

The city of Anderson, Indiana through our mayor J. Mark Lawler allowed me to attend a national planning retreat September 28-30, 1994 in Orlando, Florida hosted by "The Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday Commission." This Commission provides guidance to local and State holiday commissions, committees, and organizations. The purpose of this planning retreat was to develop a five-year strategy plan for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday Commission. Mrs. Coretta Scott King and her son Dexter King were present. Also present were representatives from cities all across the country. The general focus was "Help Somebody!" through community service.

Many of the planning sessions centered on how individuals and cities can make a difference. Mrs. Coretta Scott King stated that service, interracial cooperation, nonviolence, is what the King holiday is all about. I learned that Anderson, Indiana was ahead of most cities in the area of total community involvement in the celebration of the national holiday. I was happy to share with the nation's representatives that Anderson, Indiana has a city-wide observance of the King Day celebration; that Anderson, Indiana has a full size bronze statute of Dr. King paid for

by total community; that Anderson, Indiana provides scholarships to both needy students and students who have demonstrated academic achievement, service to community; that we have a Martin Luther King Memorial Commission that takes the lead in our city-wide clean-up; scholarship drive; and stop the violence efforts; that in all of our efforts, service, interracial cooperation, non-violence are priorities. The president of the Indiana Federal Holiday Commission, Z. Mae Jemison, was at this planning retreat and she wanted to learn more about our cooperative efforts in Anderson, Indiana and I was more than happy to share our many accomplishments.

LOOKING AT THIS YEARS THEME: "KINGIAN NON-VIOLENCE IN ACTION: EMPOWERING FUTURE GENERATIONS TO SERVE."

I would like to quote a scripture found in the Book of Nehemiah chapter 4 verse 6 reads: So built we the wall, and all the wall was joined together to half of its height; for the people had a mind to work.

For a few minutes, I'd like to talk briefly on the topic "What Are You Doing to Empower Future Generations to Serve?" If you want to be remembered in history loved and admired by your fellow man you have to "do something." You have to "do something" meaningful and worthwhile and what ever you do should be of benefit to others. Not just for yourself, but for others.

The late Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, president emeritus of Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, who was president when Dr. King was an undergraduate student there wrote and I quote: "To be able to stand the troubles of life, one must have a sense of mission and the belief that God sent him or her into the world for a purpose, to do something unique and distinctive and that if he or she does not do it life will be worse off because it was not done." When Nehemiah learned that the walls of Jerusalem were broken down and its gates burned with fire he did something. First he prayed to God, used his influence with the king to receive the necessary materials to rebuild the wall, and he used his God-given talents to unite the people to rebuild the wall. Dr. King was not a dreamer, he was a doer. Dr. King did something. Dr. King was a great student, having skipped both the ninth and twelfth grades. Dr. King entered Morehouse College at the age of fifteen. That's doing something. Dr. King was quoted as saying "Education without social action is a one-sided value because it has no true power potential. Social action without education is a weak expression of pure energy."

Dr. King was committed to the improvement of his community, the "beloved community" for he said, "I can never be what I ought to be, until you are what you ought to be; and you can never be what you ought to be, until I am what I ought to be." This is the interrelated structure of reality. What are you doing to empower future generations to serve? I sincerely believe that "Service to humanity, not self service is the price we pay for the space we occupy." It would not be fair for me to ask such a question without offering a few suggestions.

No. 1. You can work as a committee of one to cultivate "Unity in the community. . . ." And by community I am referring to the entire city, where you live, work, play, socialize, worship, everybody matters. Unity has no boundaries, unity excludes no one; is all inclusive; unity in the community is key.

To truly have unity in the community we must strengthen our hands to rebuild walls in Anderson, Indiana torn down by envy . . .

Envy will tear down unity; jealousy . . . jealously will tear down unity; hate . . . hate will tear down unity; lies . . . lies will tear down unity; illegal drugs . . . illegal drugs will tear down unity; apathy . . . apathy will tear down unity; racism . . . racism will tear down unity.

No. 2. Bigotry . . . bigotry will tear down unity. You can work as a committee of one to do those preventative things to help "stop the violence" in our community . . .

A couple of months ago I telephoned the Herald-Bulletin newspaper sound-off number and left this message . . . I feel it is appropriate for this occasion and I will admit publicly that I made the call. End violence now! was the title. It read: There are three words in the English language I would like to use to describe what I would like to see take place in Anderson, Indiana . . . our community.

The first word is all. I would like to see all violence end.

The second word is here. I would like to see all violence end here in Anderson, Indiana, our community.

The third word is now. I would like to see all violence end in our community now. I would like to see all violence end. I want to see it end in Anderson, Indiana, our community, and I want to see it end now.

You can use your influence, energy, talent, resources, in the prevention mode to help "Stop the violence in our community." Young people . . . you have influence—use it to help stop the violence in our community. Adults you can use your wisdom; energy; to help "Stop the violence" in our community. Business community—you have resources and talented employees . . . allow them to

help "Stop the violence" in our community. Our city, county, State, national law enforcement agencies have the skills and training but they need our help in the area of community policing . . . give it!

Third, be tolerant of individual differences, recognizing that sociologically speaking different things, have different meaning, to different people, in different places at different times . . . deal with it!

First, unity in the community; second, help stop the violence in our community; third, tolerance of individual differences. Issues may differ, whether we're talking about more recreational activities for youth . . . better paying jobs for parents . . . better education for all students . . . but both the task and the challenge remains ever before each and everyone of us—do something!

Dr. King warned us of "The triple evils . . . the triple evils of poverty, racism, and violence. The triple evils are interrelated and all inclusive. They are barriers that stand in the way of our living in the beloved community. Dr. King taught that if the work to remedy on evil, we effect all evils. The issues change in accordance with the political and social climate of our nation and world, but the model of the interconnected triplets remain true throughout time." What are you doing to empower future generations to serve.

We must take every possible opportunity to remind ourselves and share with young people the words of Dr. King's college president Dr. Benjamin E. Mays "You are what you aspire to be and not what you now are; you are what you do with your mind, and you are what you do with your youth."

We can't all do the same things, nor should we want to but we can all do something to empower future generations to serve. And if we do there is compensation . . . you see millionaires have lived and died and no one ever remembered their names, but just carve you name on human hearts for they alone are immortal. Do something; and remember whatever you do should be of benefit to others, not just for yourself, but for others . . .

COMPENSATION

I'd like to think when life is done That I had filled a needed post. That here and there I'd paid my fare With more than idle talk and boast; That I had taken gifts divine, The breath of life and manhood fine, And tried to use them now and then In service for my fellow men. I'd hate to think when life is through That I had lived by round of years A useless kind, that leaves behind No record in this vale of tears; That I had wasted all my days By threading only selfish ways, And that this world would be the same If it had never known my name.

I'd like to think that here and there, When I am gone, there shall remain A happier spot that might have not Existed had I toiled for gain; That some one's cheery voice and smile Shall prove that I had been worthwhile; That I had paid with something fine; My debt to God for life divine.

Thank you very, very, much and may God bless each and every one of you.