

a lasting difference in the lives of over 1,000 cadets during their 45 years of service at Carson Long Military Institute; Lt. Col. and Mrs. Kenneth P. Stuart. This June Lieutenant Colonel Stuart and his wife will end their magnificent careers at Pennsylvania's oldest military school, Carson Long in New Bloomfield, PA.

During his service, Colonel Stuart influenced the lives of over 1,300 young cadets. Since beginning his service in 1951, he has coached three sports, football, basketball, and baseball; he has served as the social studies department head, a building officer, the assistant to the president, and as the commandant of cadets.

Mrs. Stuart likewise shares a distinguished record of service at Carson Long. During her 20 years of service she has served as the librarian for the institute—a very important position in a school of higher learning, and as the social director for the institute since 1971.

I want to commend the outstanding efforts of these hard-working, exceptionally bright and dedicated educators. As our Nation looks for solutions to its many social shortcomings, the dedicated lives of these two brilliant people should shine as an example to our society on how to build communities and lives with purpose.

The Carson Long Military Institute has a long and honorable tradition dating back over 160 years to its founding in 1836. I know the staff and cadets of Carson Long are proud to be associated with such an historic institution and it is through this pride in Carson Long that they share in the lifelong dedication of these two great individuals.

Through their lives they have truly exemplified the ideal of community service and as a nation, we must be proud to have such individuals in our society. I for one am privileged that they reside in central Pennsylvania.

As the Colonel and Mrs. Stuart begin to celebrate their retirement, I know that all of the Members of Congress join me in wishing them every happiness in return and all the success in their future endeavors.

HONORING VIRGINIA DENT AND  
AURORA GAREISS

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 29, 1996*

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with my colleagues and members of the Environmental Law Institute and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, as they gather on Thursday, May 30, to present Virginia Dent and Aurora Gareiss with the 1996 National Wetlands Award for volunteer leadership.

For the past 30 years, Virginia and Aurora have initiated programs to save the considerable salt marsh and freshwater estuaries surrounding Little Neck Bay in Little Neck, NY. Their heroic efforts have led to the acquisition of a series of wetland complexes throughout Queens, including, but not limited to, the 135-acre Udalls Cove Park Preserve, now protected by the New York City and State park systems.

However, Mr. Speaker, Virginia and Aurora's good work extends far beyond this valuable project. They have tirelessly strived to put an end to illegal dumping—a highly detrimen-

tal practice with far-reaching effects. Additionally, they have long tried to promote understanding of the causal link between environmental and physical health. In this vein, Virginia has served as the executive director of the New York State Northeast Queens Nature and Historical Preserve Commission, while Aurora has served as its commissioner. Furthermore, Virginia has spent the past 15 years on the Queens Borough president's Flushing Bay task force.

Mr. Speaker, Virginia and Aurora have come to symbolize the American spirit of voluntarism and generosity. I ask all my colleagues to rise with the grateful people of the Fifth Congressional District in extending to Virginia Dent and Aurora Gareiss the highest accolades of appreciation and admiration.

PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION IS  
TOTAL OUTRAGE

HON. MARTIN R. HOKE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, during the Vietnam war, journalists opposed to United States involvement sought to "bring the war into our living rooms" by showing images of the carnage and suffering on the nightly news. It made for disturbing viewing, but was effective in turning American public opinion against the war. It is in that tradition that I share with you the following description of something called partial-birth abortion, one of the most inhumane acts imaginable.

In this very late-term procedure, a breech position, feet first—labor is drug-induced and the baby is completely delivered except for the head. The baby is now moments and inches from birth—and from all the protections afforded by Federal and State law. But the birth is interrupted. The head is forced to remain in the canal. The base of the skull is then punctured, a vacuum catheter is inserted into the head, and the contents are suctioned out. The skull collapses, the baby dies, and the abortion is complete.

On April 10, President Clinton vetoed a bill passed by large majorities in each Chamber of Congress that would have outlawed this practice, a bill I was proud to help write as a member of the Judiciary Committee.

The President defended his veto on the grounds that the bill did not provide an exception for the health of the mother. But he knows full well that the Supreme Court has defined maternal health as "all factors—physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman's age—relevant to the well-being of the patient." In other words, a health exception—which is synonymous with abortion-on-demand—would have gutted the bill. Also, the bill does provide an exception to save the life of the mother, even though in reality this grotesque procedure is never the only option available.

In response to this outrage, the Vatican took the unusual step of condemning the President's veto, calling it shameful and an incredibly brutal act of aggression against human life. It warned that legalizing partial-birth abortions "endangers morally and ethically the future of the society that allows it."

In addition, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, headed by Bishop Anthony

Pilla of Cleveland, wrote this stinging rebuke: "Mr. President, you and you alone had the choice of whether or not to allow children, almost completely born, to be killed brutally in partial-birth abortions. Your choice was to say yes and to allow this killing more akin to infanticide than abortion to continue."

While there may be a large difference of opinion in the way that Americans view the issue of abortion, on this issue they are of one mind. In fact, recent polls show that almost 80 percent of women and 65 percent of those who describe themselves as pro-choice oppose partial-birth abortions.

By his veto the President has shown that for all his talk about making abortion safe, legal, and rare, he is a captive of abortion-on-demand extremists. If he will not outlaw this heinous practice that affects "only" a thousand or so babies a year, he will never support any abortion restrictions.

One thing is certain, this issue will not go away. President Clinton will have to explain why, when it came time to choose between the culture of life and the culture of death, he chose death.

HONORING LIVONIA CTC  
COMPUTER STUDENTS

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 29, 1996*

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my district's latest national champions—Livonia Career/Technical Center students Eric Bode, Jill Thompson, and Mike Purcell.

For the second straight year, Livonia CTC computer programming students have finished 1–2–3 in the Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference's competition.

In Phoenix, AZ, more than 4,000 delegates throughout the United States participated in the conference which included competitive events, leadership workshops and keynote speakers. More than 375 high school and college students who participated in the events were from Michigan. And for the fourth-straight year, Michigan won the most awards.

Congratulations Eric, Jill, and Mile. Once again, you have not only distinguished yourself with your outstanding performance, you have highlighted the excellent work of Livonia CTC, computer programming teacher Dennis Vince and Principal Janet Haas.

Vocational education, as well as improved leadership and development of our future business leaders is vital to our country's future. Livonia CTC is playing their part. I am very proud of their great work and their outstanding, success-driven students.

TRIBUTE TO TALLY C. TALBOT

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 29, 1996*

Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, May 25, a retirement party is being held in honor of Tally C. Talbot. Mr. Talbot is