

airplanes and bombers that the Pentagon doesn't need, rather than in programs like this. So, I thank you very much for personalizing one of the major debates taking place in Congress. Thank you.

TRIBUTE TO THE OTA

HON. VIC FAZIO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 1996

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Institute for Technology Assessment.

The Institute of Technology Assessment [ITI] was established as a nonprofit research group by former senior analysts of the Office of Technology Assessment [OTA]. In one of perhaps the most mindless acts committed by this Congress, OTA was eliminated last year. This House voted twice to continue funding for OTA, but the Republican congressional leadership prevailed in the end, and OTA went out of business.

I fought hard for the continuation of OTA, because the objective analysis of issues related to science and technology that OTA provided was an invaluable resource to the public policy efforts of this Congress. So I am glad that this new institute has stepped up to take on OTA's crucial mission.

ITA has just received funding and support from the New York Community Trust, the Garfield Foundation in Philadelphia, the George Mason University Foundation, and the Medical Technology and Practice Patterns Institute in Washington, DC.

ITA will carry out multidisciplinary studies and analysis of the potential economic, social, legal, and environmental effects of technical developments and technology-related projects, programs, or policies.

I am thrilled that the Institute of Technology Assessment has been established, and I am honored to begin my service on ITA's advisory panel.

I ask that my fellow colleagues join me in a bipartisan effort to help ITA maintain the focus on public policy and legislative issues inherited from OTA.

GILBERT "GIBBY" LAFAVE

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 1996

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I bring to the attention of the House of Representatives and of this Nation the recent retirement of Mr. Gilbert "Gibby" LaFave, director of aging and nutrition for the Dickinson-Iron Counties Community Service Agency. The agency, located in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, will truly miss Mr. LaFave who concluded his tenure on May 10, 1996, after 16 dedicated years.

During these times of budget cuts and increased need for social services to our senior citizens, the efforts of so many people to stretch a dollar, to provide more and better services to those who truly need assistance and to improve the quality of life for so many is truly an accomplishment throughout his

years at the DICS, Gibby personified dedication, care, and concern for our seniors in his every effort.

Leading the development of the rural transportation program for seniors and the handicapped in Dickinson and Iron Counties, Gibby's efforts provided a way these seniors could get out of doors and do things for themselves. The program allowed for a degree of self-sufficiency and helped the local economy.

Gibby was also very much aware of the inability of many seniors to perform their household chores due to physical constraints. In response, he was the leading force behind the development of the senior chore service that provides this type of work to be done for seniors by more able-bodied clients of the agency.

For many, many years, Gibby LaFave has also lent his efforts to this community and surrounding area through participating in local government and helping to raise funds for a variety of programs, services, and other noteworthy causes.

Mr. Speaker, the public service of Gilbert "Gibby" LaFave is greatly appreciated. His concern for his fellowman will be long remembered and valued. On behalf of so many Michigan's Upper Peninsula that benefited by his actions, I congratulate Gibby LaFave on his retirement and wish him well.

TRIBUTE TO LT. COL. ORVILLE SANDAKER

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 1996

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the outstanding service and dedication of a constituent in my district, Lt. Col. Orville Sandaker. His career in the Air Force Association [AFA] as a pilot trainer spans five decades and has included over 15 awards and recognitions. I would like to take a moment to commend Orville's exceptional service to our country.

Orville began his career 60 years ago in Coopertown, ND, flying an OX-5 Travelair. Since then, Orville has logged over 5,000 hours in the air, 3,000 of which included search and rescue missions. On December 1, 1941, Orville became a charter member of the Civil Air Patrol [CAP] and in 1948, went to serve in the Auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. Orville has also worked as a training check pilot since 1951 and as a co-founder of the Flying Samaritans and a charter member of the Baja Bush Pilots, his responsibilities are ever-changing.

Throughout his tenure in the Air Force Auxiliary Service and various Chairmanship positions in the San Diego Chapter of the AFA, Orville has contributed infinitely to the aerospace and flight education of young pilots. It is this continued role as an educator that has earned Orville many CAP and AFA honors, including their top National Achievement awards.

Mr. Speaker, in an era when the U.S. military is often not given sufficient recognition, outstanding leaders, such as Orville, exemplify the commitment our Armed Forces has to superior performance. Orville has dedicated his life to teaching our young Air Force aviators

the necessary skills and tools to serve our country in the best possible manner. As a veteran and chairman of the House Subcommittee on Military Procurement, I would like to commend Lt. Col. Orville Sandaker for all of his efforts and years of service and to the U.S. Air Force and our country.

TRIBUTE TO RANDY HUSK, TROY CITY COUNCIL

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 1996

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Randall J. Husk, recently retired from the Troy City Council after 18 years of distinguished service.

Known to his friends and family as Randy, he has served most effectively and was honored by his peers with election as Mayor Pro Tem in 3 different years. While a City Councilman, Randy Husk served with distinction representing the city of Troy on the Michigan Municipal League's Workers Compensation Board and on the General Assembly of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments [SEMCOG]. Prior to his first city council term he was appointed to the planning commission for 3 years and was on the zoning Board of Appeals, holding the office of chairman of each. During his tenure in both appointed and elected city government he was known as a strong supporter of the Troy master land use plan.

Randy Husk's energy and untiring dedication extend beyond City Hall to other areas of the community. His concern for youth is demonstrated by his contributions to the Troy Boys and Girls Club, the Athens High School Athletic Boosters Club, and his service as a volunteer probation worker for the Oakland County Juvenile Department. And he is a member and past president of the Troy Optimist Club, serving the youth of Troy in that role also. The Troy Code of Ethics Committee recognized his commitment by electing him Vice Chairman. He is a past president of the Apollo Homeowners Association, and a past Trustee of the Troy Inter-Service Club Council.

The citizens of Troy were not surprised when in 1977 the Troy Jaycees presented Randy Husk with the Distinguished Service Award. Always outspoken in support of issues he believes in, he has been untiring in his efforts to promote the betterment of the health, safety, and welfare of the Troy community.

And so, Mr. Speaker, we take note of the numerous contributions of Randy Husk to the citizens of Troy, and I offer my best wishes for his continued success in future endeavors.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY, RECEIVES GREAT AMERICAN MAIN STREET AWARD

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 1996

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, only five cities were singled out by the National Trust for Historic Preservation for its Great American Main