

athletic and social activities for the youths of the parish, he also teaches at Regis High School, one of the premier high schools in New York City. Father Murphy is being named Riverdalian of the Year by the Riverdale Community Council. This honor is earned and I am proud to note his many accomplishments. I congratulate him for all the good work he has done for his community.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE D. WEBSTER

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 1996

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, one of the finest men I have ever known, George D. Webster, a prominent Washington lawyer, recently passed away.

Mr. Webster was originally from Rogersville, TN, which is not in but is very close to my district. He attended college in my district, at Maryville College, and then graduated from the Harvard Law School. While he achieved great success in the practice of law, he never forgot his roots in Tennessee. He maintained a farm in Hawkins County and was one of the strongest supporters of Maryville College.

While he was a close friend to some of the most powerful and successful people in this Nation, he never lost the common touch. He was a kind and bighearted man who got along well with people from all walks of life.

Mr. Webster was an extremely hard worker and was nationally recognized as an expert in tax law and the law of associations.

He helped thousands of people in both big and small ways throughout his life and career.

An active, loyal, and dedicated Republican, he was not a man who sat on the sidelines. He was interested and involved in the big issues and campaigns for many, many years, right up until his last few days.

He was particularly close to former President Bush, Senator Dole, my late father, and me.

He was a good citizen. He participated and contributed. He loved this country, and we would have a stronger Nation today if we had more people like George Webster.

He was a strong family man who deeply loved his wife and children. To put it very simply, but very accurately, George Webster was a great person and great American in every way.

Dr. David L. Hale, Sr., pastor of the Rogersville Presbyterian Church, delivered a very moving and appropriate eulogy at a service held in honor of the life of George Webster at All Saint's Episcopal Church in Chevy Chase on June 7.

I would like to place this outstanding tribute in the RECORD at this point and call it to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD.

This very fine eulogy really captured the essence of George Webster, and I hope it inspires others to try to live their lives to the high standards by which he lived.

GEORGE DRURY WEBSTER

(February 8, 1921—June 3, 1996)

(I wish to thank the family for the deep privilege and honor of being asked to participate today in this Service of Thanksgiving and remembrance of George Webster. They

have all been so kind in seeing to my every need during my short stay in Washington. The room, board and personal chauffeuring have all been gratefully appreciated. I also wish to thank Father Richard Norman for his gracious spirit in helping me to prepare for our worship service in this beautiful All Saints' Episcopal Church. He has been most kind and helpful.)

First of all, I wish to make a clarification about my name: I am not the David Hale of Whitewater infamy! I am from East Tennessee!

In this service of worship we seek to find courage and strength from the reading of God's holy Word, from singing hymns of promise and hope, and praying that God will help us as we share together in our loss of George Webster. We will surely miss him.

George Drury Webster was a special, unique, one-of-a-kind individual. And what a marvelous heritage he leaves for us to appreciate, emulate and nurture! Here was a man who believed in simple values, and transformed them into deep-seated convictions; convictions he held tenaciously and for which he fought most vigorously. There can be no doubt that George Webster fervently loved life, his work, his Country and State, his family and friends, and his God.

This great Tennessean totally immersed himself in God's good fight of life and made the most of it. George pulled out all the stops! He genuinely enjoyed living in this grand age of challenge and opportunity. He was a vibrant, spirited, robust person, intense and impassioned. Such energy and drive as he exhibited are rarely seen. George was totally involved in every activity of his life. His zest and enthusiasm were contagious and inspired many of us. His work was exhilarating to him. Fiercely competitive, he never gave up. Being around George made the practice of law more exciting than a John Grisham novel!

George Webster possessed a gifted mind, a keen intellect. He was one who excelled at debate; now—who here is unaware of that! And his lively wit was a delight to each of us. George had a way of being brief, succinct, perspicacious, blunt and to the point. His books are typical examples of that approach. George believed in education and trained his mind at the Rogersville, Tennessee, High School, Maryville College (Some people in East Tennessee pronounce it as "Murraville" College!), and Harvard Law School. Yes, George loved life, and brought all of his considerable skills and amazing experiences and opportunities to gain the most from it.

George Webster loved his work. He was a hard worker who learned quickly. Excellence always beckoned to him and he pursued her relentlessly. He was completely dedicated to his calling and focused on his tasks with singular vision. He was tough, practical, and highly successful. He readily discovered how to use the American enterprise system to serve others and improve his family's life. George became a recognized expert on non-profit tax and trade association law, renowned nationally and internationally. He must have been one of the best organized administrators in history. Yet this truly great man never lost the human touch. George constantly reached out to others to give encouragement and a helping hand. He was a kind and generous man.

George Webster deeply loved his Country, this great land of America, and was one of America's most loyal patriots. During W.W.II he served in the Navy in the Pacific Theater, where he was involved in some major battles. He left seminary training to go to Pearl Harbor. George relished being in the company of the great leaders of this Nation, and considered it a high honor and privilege to be able to advise and serve them.

He rubbed shoulders with those in power and contributed immensely to the betterment of their leadership due to his expertise, friendship and zeal. But George never forgot his roots in Hawkins County and Rogersville, Tennessee. You have to understand such roots to learn how George got from point A to point B. His ancestry consisted of some rather rugged pioneers, also with deep convictions, who eventually pushed their way to the frontier points of this "New World." By the way—he would have dearly loved to invite you to visit the many attractions of the State of Tennessee, especially during the grand Bicentennial celebration this year! George was a true Tennessee Volunteer and would want you to see what affected him so greatly.

As was true of all of his many endeavors, George invested himself fully in the Republican Party which benefited inexpressibly from his enthusiasm, labors and contributions. He was highly supportive of candidates and incumbents from East Tennessee and other regions, and enjoyed entering them with various socials at his Bethesda home and on his beautiful farm in Tennessee. Many of you present could speak volumes of this beneficence on George's part. You, too, have been helped and inspired by this rare individual.

George Webster was a proud family man. There is his immediate family: his beloved wife, Ann ("Tutti"), always loyal, supportive and by his side; the children: Aen, George and Beverly, Hugh and deLancey and all of the beautiful grandchildren. George had a special love and pride for each one. And I have grown to love and appreciate this expanding family. I have had the privilege of welcoming them to church, participating in a Baptism service, and visiting with them at the farm on various occasions.

(And thinking of George's love for both family and life, he would certainly be in favor of celebrating George's and Beverly's tenth wedding anniversary today.)

There is the family from which George came: the rugged and bright Scotch-Irish, the Northern English Protestants and the Huguenot folk. There were Joseph and Mary Amis Rogers for whom Rogersville is named, and the whole line of military officers, educators, physicians and ministers. George was very proud of his ancestry.

Then there is the vast, broad, extended family of George's. Who can number them all? There are those who helped in the Webster home; the ones who worked on the farm; and all of the many friends and colleagues he enjoyed at work, in organizations, church, clubs and social circles.

Finally, George Webster loved his God. He was a man of faith, one who cut his religious teeth on the Presbyterian Catechism; who grew up in the Presbyterian faith and, in Maryland, loved and attended this beautiful All Saints' Episcopal Church. On occasion he would go back to the Rogersville farm and worship in town on Sundays in his home church.

George's death leaves a huge void in our lives—especially those of the immediate family. Here was a truly remarkable man who walked among us. Overcome by disease, this tireless, loving, human being finally wore out. We are thankful to God that his suffering has ended. But his departure from this earth leaves us saddened and somewhat alone. We need comfort, strength, courage and hope for the facing of this moment and the hours, days and weeks ahead. We have read and heard several passages from God's written Word this morning, and God is the source of our comfort and consolation. From 1 Corinthians 15 we find Paul teaching us emphatically that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is a reality, and that death can no

longer sting with any finality, that there is an eternal life waiting for us. From Psalm 121 we are assured that God alone is the source of strength that counts in our hard and difficult times: "Our help cometh from the Lord which made Heaven and earth." In Romans 8 we are promised that the love of God will never be separated from God's people in Jesus Christ. Not even death can remove us from the presence and love of God. Psalm 23 reassures us that God is like a compassionate shepherd who is constantly looking out for his sheep, and always sees to the best care of his flock. "I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me. . . . And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever." In John 14 Jesus promises that there will be a place for us in His eternal home. And that He will come again to escort us to our new "mansion." George has found his place there in Heaven already. Maybe it will help us to know in our moments of sadness, that someday we too will find our way there to our special eternal room, and rejoice George for a glorious and happy reunion in the presence of God.

CRISIS ON THE BORDER

HON. HENRY BONILLA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 1996

Mr. BONILLA. Mr. Speaker, there is a crisis on our border. As the representative for over 800 miles of the Mexican border I know all too well the extent of the threat to America's law abiding border communities.

This Congress has dramatically increased funding for the Border Patrol. I am proud to have led the effort for this increased funding. However, far more needs to be done. Agents have been transferred to other regions. Courts and prisons are underfunded; and drug runners and alien smugglers are making this part of America a base for their operations.

Our pleas for help along the border have not fallen on deaf ears. The Appropriations bill before us today offers hope in fighting this criminal plague. This Treasury, Postal Appropriation increases funding for the Office of National Drug Control Policy by about 25%. This money can be used to combat the drug runners threatening Americans in Texas border communities, farms and ranchers.

It is now up the Administration to spend this money on the border, the front line of the drug war, not on more Washington bureaucrats. The drug czar himself was recently in Eagle Pass, Texas. He saw with his own eyes and he heard with his own ears of the dangers our poor border communities confront. He now should know first-hand the problems border residents face.

Today we are voting to give him the resources to conduct this fight. We are restoring cuts made in previous White House budgets. I hope we have gotten the White House's attention now that this is an election year. The evidence has been seen and resources provided. Americans along the border have the same right to safety and security as other Americans.

My colleagues, this legislation provides the resources to stop the drug runners and end the crisis on the border. If you care about the safety and security of your fellow Americans along the border vote for this Treasury, Postal Appropriations bill.

IMPROVEMENTS TO H.R. 2634

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 1996

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, on November 14, 1995, I introduced H.R. 2634, a bill to allow persons to carry concealed firearms in every State if they have been issued a license to do so by any State. It was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary and subsequently referred to Subcommittee on Crime.

H.R. 2634 provided that a person with a permit to carry a concealed firearm in one State may carry a concealed firearm in any State "in accordance with the terms of the license." This meant that a person with a license from State A could carry in State B according to the rules of State A. Therefore, individuals' rights and privileges would differ in the same State depending on their State of origin. For example, a person licensed in State A traveling to State B would be able to exercise different privileges in State B than an individual licensed in State C who was traveling to State B, as well. This language would require law enforcement officers to know the right-to-carry laws of all 50 States because individuals licensed in different States would be allowed to carry in their State under varying laws.

To address the above mentioned problems, I have introduced the new Stearns right-to-carry bill, which is designed to facilitate its implementation by allowing (a) that the law of each State governs conduct within the State where the State has a right-to-carry statute; and (b) that Federal law provide a bright-line standard of conduct applicable to States that do not have a right-to-carry statute.

Under the new Stearns bill, if State A has a right-to-carry statute, an individual's conduct who was licensed in State B would be governed by the right-to-carry laws of State A while he was traveling with State A. Therefore, if State A imparts more privileges upon individual licensed to carry than State B, then the individual licensed in State B would be governed by the right to carry laws of State A while he was in State A.

The individual licensed in State B would also be in compliance with the law if he carried in State C with no right-to-carry statute pursuant to the Federal bright-line standard. The Federal bright-line standard governing those States with no right-to-carry statute would solve the problem of States with no carry licenses and thus no standards. This Federal bright-line standard governs conduct only, meaning it governs where one may not carry a concealed firearm notwithstanding the fact that they have a license to carry. It is intended to make clear that an individual may not carry a concealed firearm in certain highly sensitive locations such as court rooms, police stations, schools, and other locations.

The Federal bright-line standard is not a licensing mechanism. Licenses to carry would still need to be lawfully obtained from a State which has a licensing mechanism.

Precedent already exists for Federal standards which preempt State law in this area. Title 15 United States Code, section 902 provides that members of armored car crews with licenses to carry issued by a State "shall be entitled to lawfully carry any weapons to which such license relates in any State while such

crew member is acting in the service of such company."

A Federal standard governs the conduct of nonresidents in those States that do not have a right-to-carry statute. However, States that do have their own right-to-carry statutes can be assured that their State laws will be respected by nonresidents who are within their borders. This legislation greatly benefits and protects this Nation's every increasingly mobile society. I believe citizens have the right to protect themselves and their families anywhere in America. It does not make sense for Americans to forfeit their safety because they happen to be on vacation or on a business trip.

However, if the law of a given State explicitly allows licensee's to carry in some places not authorized in the Federal standard, it certainly makes no sense for the nonresident to be in violation while the resident would not be held in violation. The new Stearns bill would authorize the carrying of a concealed firearm by a licensee if the licensee's conduct meets the conditions of the State law through which the nonresident is traveling or if their conduct meets the Federal bright-line rule.

I also added language to address the concerns of the law enforcement community. The new bill exempts qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns.

I urge all of the cosponsors of my first bill, H.R. 2634 to cosponsor this newly drafted and much improved concealed weapons reciprocity bill.

RECOGNIZING MARION MCCONNELL

HON. BILL BAKER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 17, 1996

Mr. BAKER of California, Mr. Speaker, recently a remarkable woman in my district in California was named the 1996 Red Cross Volunteer of the Year. Marion McConnell of Moraga was recognized for her 46 years of outstanding service at a National Red Cross ceremony in Cleveland, OH earlier this year.

For almost five decades, Marion has served by registering donors with the Red Cross Bloodmobile, chairing the Berkeley chapter of the Red Cross, writing the manual for coordinating the volunteer program, traveling the 11 Western States teaching from the manual to other Red Cross personnel, and coordinating volunteer activities at emergencies and disasters around the United States.

Marion helped consolidate numerous local chapters into a single chapter which encompasses the 5 Bay Area counties, a chapter now having roughly 3,400 volunteers.

Marion McConnell has given aid to countless hurting people in crisis after crisis. Her devotion to the work of the Red Cross has brought about transfusions for accident victims, food and shelter for victims of earthquakes and floods, and education for new volunteers who want to learn how to serve efficiently. Yet Marion's superb leadership has also meant a warm smile, a comforting word, and a caring spirit to frightened and distraught people who have seen their homes and even livelihoods vanish in an instant. This is a gift that cannot be measured but whose value is inestimable.