A SALUTE TO EDWARD J. PARISH: RETIRING PRESIDENT OF THE CLERMONT COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 1997

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a friend and a prominent southwest Ohioan, Edward J. Parish, who has served as president of the Clermont County Chamber of Commerce for the past 18 years. As he retires this year, we thank him for the extraordinary leadership and service he has given to the Clermont County community.

After earning both a bachelor's and a master's degree in engineering at the University of Michigan, where he was a member of Tau Beta Pi and a Donovan Scholar, Mr. Parish joined the Ingersoll-Rand Co. as a sales engineer; 35 years later, he retired from Ingersoll-Rand as executive vice president and director of the company. Then his second career of community service to Clermont County began.

Under his leadership, Clermont County has achieved remarkable success in attracting and sustaining businesses and promoting economic development.

Mr. Parish has also made tremendous contributions to the overall economic development of southwest Ohio through his involvement in other organizations, including the Cincinnati Consortium of Educational Resources, the Private Industry Council, the Community Chest United Fund, the Clermont/Warren Consortium, the Cincinnati Foundation, the Clermont College Advisory Board and the Greater Cincinnati Chamber Blue Chip Economic Development Committee.

Mr. Parish has given generously of his time and talent and we are grateful for his many years of service and leadership. All of us in southwest Ohio congratulate him on his retirement and recognize him for his many accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WALTER H. CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 1997

Mr. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday when returning from my district, I was unavoidably detained and missed two votes: Rollcall vote No. 92, a bill to extend expiring Conservation Reserve Program contracts for 1 year (H.R. 1342), and rollcall vote No. 93, a bill to authorize the transfer to States of surplus personal property for donation to nonprofits (H.R. 680).

Had I been here I would have voted ''aye'' on both measures.

RECOGNITION OF WASHINGTON EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 1997

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the excellence of a small private school in my district, Washington Episcopal. As a former English professor and mother of a talented actor I have a great love of the theater. I am a strong supporter of the arts and know how important it is to expose young people to the performing arts as early as possible. Washington Episcopal School has done much to fulfill this vital role by introducing many young people to the arts in my district.

For these efforts Washington Episcopal School was recently awarded the National Blue Ribbon Award for Excellence in Education. Washington Episcopal is an elementary and middle school with classes for children ages 3–13 years old. The school upholds the academic goals I cherish. In particular, they have a strong performing arts curriculum, putting on school plays, musicals and other productions beginning in nursery school and continuing through the eighth grade. In addition, Washington Episcopal offers a drama summer camp program that concludes each summer session with the performance of a musical.

The school is building a new performing arts center that will enable them to further strengthen their performing arts curriculum. Please join with me in acknowledging and praising learning environments that encourage children to explore the world of drama and playwrights. I want to commend Washington Episcopal School for their outstanding accomplishments and leadership in the performing arts arena and wish them the best of luck in the future.

HONORING THE ROYER FAMILY ON THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR CAFE IN ROUND TOP

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 1997

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Royer family on the 10th anniversary of the establishment of Royers' Round Top Cafe in Round Top, TX, which will be celebrated on May 3, 1997.

On this anniversary, we recognize the commitment, perseverance, imagination, and success of the Royer family—Bud, Karen, Tara, Micah, Todd, and J.B. Their cafe has become a regional landmark and a source of good food and good cheer for locals and travelers in Texas.

Ten years ago, the Royer family took over a small cafe in Round Top, population 81. They faced many challenges, including difficult economic times in Texas in the late 1980's, a market that is isolated and small, and a business that is known for its challenges and difficulty getting established. As a result of incredible perseverance, a total family commitment, and salesmanship without equal, Royers' Cafe and Bud, the head of the family, have become regional celebrities.

I congratulate the Royer family and wish them continued success. They epitomize the American dream and are an inspiration to all of us.

A TRIBUTE TO DAVID MANIACI

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 1997

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention, David Maniaci of Allendale, NJ, who is being honored by the Italian-American Police Officer's Association of New Jersey.

David was born on May 24, 1963, at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Paterson to Anna and the late Nicholas Maniaci and was raised in North Haledon. He is a graduate of Neumann Preparatory High School and Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia. David majored in food marketing and earned a bachelor of science degree in 1985.

While a young high school student working part time at the local Foodtown, David met his wife, Nancy, who was also a student and part-time worker. They have been married for more than 8 years and have two children: Alexa, age 7 and Nicholas, age 5.

David is president and CEO of Nicholas Markets, Inc., a family-owned business that was started in North Haledon by his father, Nicholas, in 1943. Nicholas Markets owns and operates 10 Super Foodtowns and 2 Grand Opening Liquor Stores in Passaic, Essex, Sussex, Middlesex, and Union Counties.

David is a member of the Foodtown Board of Directors, and the New Jersey Food Council Board of Directors. He also is a member of the Passaic County Police Chief Association and the Passaic County 200 Club.

David also serves many civic organizations as well, including the Boy Scouts of America, where he is a member of the board of directors, the Fidelians of America, and the Hawthorne Lions Club, where he serves as treasurer. He also helped establish the Nicholas Maniaci Scholarship Fund for St. Paul's Roman Catholic School in Prospect Park and has worked on various projects which assist handicapped members of the community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, David's family and friends, the Italian-American Police Officer's Association, and the citizens of North Jersey in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable service to the community of David Maniaci.

TRIBUTE TO MAGNOLIA VIRGINIA WRIGHT BYNUM

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 30, 1997

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I am immensely pleased to acknowledge the retirement of Virginia Bynum and to introduce her to my House colleagues. Like me, Ms. Bynum graduated from North Carolina A&T State University and received her M.S. in Education from New York University.

Ms. Bynum's career was a reflection of her commitment to her community and to providing educational opportunities to those who desired it. Her first job was with the Macedonia High School in Blackville, SC, where she taught courses in business education. For more than 30 years, Ms. Bynum has taught