

that the Ottoman Turks committed genocide against the Armenian people.

And today, we demand that this undeniable fact be accounted for by the current leaders in Istanbul. Unfortunately, the valuable lessons which might have been learned from this Armenian genocide have gone largely unlearned and unnoticed.

Perhaps if more attention had been paid to the slaughter of the innocent Armenian men, women, and children—perhaps if needed lessons in humanity had been learned earlier—our world could have avoided other tragic events and unspeakable events of this past century.

But since we can't change the past but only prepare for the future, it is only proper and fitting that the international bastion of democracy, the U.S. House of Representatives, is a voice in this campaign to recognize and acknowledge the Armenian genocide.

As George Santayana reminds us, "Those who forget the past are condemned to repeat it." Perhaps this, above all, is the valuable lesson each of us must learn from the Armenian genocide.

However, until that day comes, know that I will continue to remind our Nation, and this distinguished body, of our responsibility to learn from the past. And, our responsibility to speak out in order to prevent any such atrocity in the future.

HONORING JACKIE BALFOUR FOR
TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 13, 2000

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, "Service is the price you pay for the space you occupy on this Earth." This is the noble principle that has served to guide Jackie Balfour through her 22 years of dedicated service to her community in Celina and Mercer County, Ohio. For those past 22 years, Jackie went from volunteering with the Celina Chamber of Commerce in 1969 to recent years as the Chamber President. Noteworthy chamber events under Jackie's leadership include the establishing of the Convention and Visitor's Bureau in Auglaize County (OH), innovations as the Small Business Development Center and Industrial Awareness Days, the growth of the St. Mary's Lake Festival, and the creation of the Auglaize and Mercer County Industrial Association.

In 1967, Jackie earned her radio broadcasting license from the Federal Communications Commission and broke ground in the field as a woman broadcaster. She was one of the first women to earn this license. Jackie and her husband Keith owned Radio Station WKFI for a number of years during this time. She was one of only 35 individuals in eight states selected to participate in the Neil Armstrong Homecoming after his historic flight to the moon. In addition, Jackie has interviewed numerous elected officials and celebrities, including Joan Crawford, President Richard Nixon, Ohio Governor Jim Rhodes, Ed McMahon, Bob Hope and Nick Clooney.

But her participation and leadership did not end there. For 11 years Jackie worked on the Congressional Award program for young people

and with the D.A.R.E. Boosters program. She had also previously served on the Board of Directors for the Chamber of Commerce Executives of Ohio, and served with the Community Improvement Association, the Celina Retail Merchants, and the Celina Business and Professional Association. She was a charter member of the Grand Lake Toastmasters, an organization dedicated to the improvement of oral communication and leadership skills. She is also an active member of her church, Grace Missionary Church in Celina. In 1997, the St. Mary's Business and Professional Women's Organization chose Jackie as their Woman of the Year.

Jackie Balfour is a true leader whose hard work and dedication should serve as an example for us all. Every American should aspire to this kind of enthusiastic commitment to service. I am proud to know and represent a person like Jackie Balfour in Congress. She is a truly gracious individual who strives to promote the ideals that will ensure our country remains a great place to live with hope and opportunity for all.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AND THE CENTURY COUNCIL FOR THEIR WORK ON ALCOHOL 101

HON. THOMAS W. EWING

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 13, 2000

Mr. EWING. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate the Century Council for their dedication to the fight against drunk driving and underage drinking. The Century Council, in conjunction with the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, created Alcohol 101, an interactive CD-ROM program, which debuted on more than 1,000 college campuses during the 1998–1999 school year.

This virtual reality program is geared towards college are students and hopes to prevent and reduce the harm caused by abusive drinking habits. Students at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, under the guidance of Professor Janet Reis, assisted in the development of this program by participating in focus groups and extensive surveys.

Thanks to the input of these students, thousands of college students across the country will be able to witness the negative consequences of abusive drinking. As a result, the students will be better prepared when confronting these situations in their daily lives.

Alcohol 101 has received high recognition from many health, education, and communications competitions. Most recently, the program received the prestigious FREDDIE award in the area of Health and Medical Film Competition.

Mr. Speaker, this program is a great asset to universities across the country and I offer my sincerest congratulations to the Century Council and the University of Illinois.

HONORING THE JUMP START 2000 STUDENTS FROM MILLS GODWIN HIGH SCHOOL IN RICHMOND, VA

HON. TOM BLILEY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 13, 2000

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, today I commend a team of students from Mills Godwin High School in Richmond, VA on their outstanding top-place finish in JumpStart 2000. Students Yvonne Mowery, Amanda England, Ford Sleeman and Jason Selleck, coached by Ellen Mayo, took top honors in the 9–12 grade age group while competing against 2,024 other entries from 532 different schools nationwide.

JumpStart 2000 is a national science and technology challenge for students in grades K–12. They are tasked with identifying a problem of national or global importance in the 21st century and must propose an innovative solution that uses science and technology. The students work in teams of four under the supervision of an adult coach. The competition is sponsored by Parade and react magazines, and the National Science Board, the governing board of the National Science Foundation.

The Mills Goodwin High School team impressed the judges with their entry titled "Saving the World a Drop at a Time." They identified the need for worldwide access to a clean and safe water supply as one of the greatest challenges facing the world in the next century, especially in developing nations prone to a high mortality rate due in part to water-borne diseases found in contaminated water. The students' solution was an inexpensive, low-maintenance water purification system that uses natural materials and UV radiation to filter and disinfect water, thereby preventing the spread of water-borne disease.

I congratulate Yvonne, Amanda, Ford and Jason on their exceptional achievement, and I thank their coach Ellen Mayo for her dedication to working with these talented young adults.

THE CHICAGO AREA ENTREPRENEURSHIP HALL OF FAME

HON. JOHN EDWARD PORTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 13, 2000

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, today I call your attention to the Chicago Area Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame sponsored by the University of Illinois at Chicago. Entrepreneurs inducted into the Hall of Fame are selected because they have steered their companies through significant challenges, and their businesses have emerged strong and vital.

Nominees are interviewed by members of the sponsoring organizations drawn from industry and voted upon by a judges panel. The Chicago Area Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame is the oldest recognition program of this kind in the Chicago area.

Winners selected for the 2000 Hall of Fame from Illinois' 10th Congressional District are: Jacob Kiferbaum, of Kiferbaum Construction Corporation, Deerfield, Illinois; Lake Forest resident Elizabeth Van Ella, of James E. Van Ella & Associates, Chicago; and Marshall