

Marcovitz, founder and former owner of Chef's Catalog, Northbrook, Illinois. Each of these businesses experienced substantial revenue growth under the guidance of these outstanding leaders in the business community.

By honoring the hard work and perseverance of these creative forces we are projecting their accomplishments as examples that others can follow. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these Hall of Fame members on this achievement.

**KINDERTRANSPORT—60TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF BRITISH HOSPI-
TALITY FOR CHILD VICTIMS OF
NAZI GERMANY**

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 13, 2000

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, on December 2, 1938, two hundred children from a Jewish orphanage in Berlin arrived in Harwich, Britain. Over the next two years—between 1938 and 1940—some nine to ten thousand children arrived in Britain from Nazi Germany. These missions of mercy, which were supported by the United Kingdom, were called Kindertransport (Children's Transport). The program rescued refugee children from Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, and Poland. Three-quarters of that number, some 7,500, were Jewish, and the other approximately 2,500 were of other ethnic and religious backgrounds.

Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 60th anniversary of the end of the mission of mercy of the Kindertransport. I think it is appropriate that we mark that anniversary and pay tribute to the Government of the United Kingdom for their involvement with this effort in saving the lives of these ten thousand children.

The British government eased its immigration restrictions for certain categories of Jewish refugees after the Nazis staged their violent pogrom against Jews throughout Germany and Austria on November 9, 1938, called Kristallnacht ("Night of Broken Glass"). The Movement for the Care of Children in Germany coordinated the effort to assist refugee children. This organization, in cooperation with the British Committee for the Jews of Germany, worked to persuade the British Government to permit an unspecified number of children under the age of 17 to enter the country from Germany and territories that were incorporated in Germany.

Once the children arrived in Britain, private citizens and charitable groups, including Jewish organizations as well as Quakers and many other Christian denominations, guaranteed payment for each child's care, education, and eventual emigration out of Britain. In return for this guarantee, the British government agreed to permit unaccompanied refugee children to enter the country with simple travel visas. Parents and guardians could not accompany their children, and as a result, infants included in the program were tended by older children. Children with friends or relatives in Britain were generally favored, but other children were accepted if they were homeless or orphans, or if their parents were in concentration camps or otherwise no longer able to support them.

About half of the children lived with sponsors in London. Other children who did not have sponsors were taken to a summer camp in Dovercourt Bay and other facilities until individual families agreed to care for them or until hostels could be organized to care for larger groups of the children. These homes and hostels were located throughout Britain. After the war, many children from the Kindertransport program emigrated to Israel, the United States, Canada, and Australia, or became citizens of Great Britain. Most of these children never saw their parents again.

Mr. Speaker, as we mark sixty years since the conclusion of the Kindertransport program, I want to pay tribute to the British Government and the British people for providing sanctuary for these refugee children. If they had remained in Nazi Germany, it is clear that most if not all of them would have suffered tragic deaths.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to express thanks to Margaret Hofmann of Texas for bringing to my attention this heroic effort. She has striven to teach others, through stories like this one, about the humble heroes of the Holocaust. I would also like to thank Richard M. Graves of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum for providing me with information about the Kindertransport.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE GREAT
APE CONSERVATION ACT OF 2000**

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 13, 2000

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, according to Jane Goodall, one of the world's leading primatologists and renowned authority on chimpanzees, all four species of great ape in Africa are in desperate trouble. If action is not taken now, it is likely there will be no viable populations of gorillas, orangutans, bonobos and chimpanzees living in the wild within 20 years. Such an ecological tragedy cannot be allowed to pass unnoticed.

The threats to the apes stem largely from increased commercial logging that facilitates both habitat loss and a growing and largely unregulated commercial bush meat trade. Bush meat, the term used to describe wildlife used for meat consumption, includes elephants, gorillas, chimpanzees, forest antelope and a variety of other species. Once only used as a subsistence food source, the commercial bush meat trade has skyrocketed in recent years with devastating impacts on wildlife populations, many of which are threatened and endangered. Not only is this commercial trade being used to supply urban populations in Africa, international trade is also growing.

We are only now beginning to understand and appreciate the complex role of great apes in maintaining the ecological health and biodiversity of tropical and subtropical forest habitats. Recent research indicates that these primates are particularly important for seed dispersal and habitat modification. Biologists fear that the loss of all great apes could irrevocably alter forest structure and the composition of species which could exacerbate other environmental threats caused by deforestation and agriculture.

Additionally, recent information strongly suggests that the consumption of primate

bushmeat in the Congo Basin has the potential to become a devastating human health crisis. According to world expert and bushmeat Crisis Task Force member, Dr. Beatrice Hahn, research reasonably indicates that humans might acquire the immuno-deficiency syndrome (HIV) through the ingestion of primate tissue. Research also suggests that other viruses, including the Ebola virus, may be possibly linked to non-human primates and could be transmitted to humans through bush meat consumption.

A broad range of actions will be needed if there is any hope to protect and hopefully recover great ape populations in Africa. Logging companies must halt the flow of bushmeat from their operations. Long term support for protected areas, national parks, and buffer zones must be secured to protect habitat and wildlife. Law enforcement capacity to enable countries to enforce wildlife protection laws must be developed. Finally, efforts must be undertaken to help rural populations develop alternative sources of protein that will reduce the demand for bushmeat.

Today, I am introducing the Great Ape Conservation Act to address the imperiled status of Africa's large primates. Modeled after the highly successful African and Asian Elephant and Rhino Conservation Acts, the Great Ape Conservation Act would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assist in the conservation and protection of great apes by providing grants to local wildlife management authorities and other organizations and individuals involved in the conservation, management, protection and restoration of great ape populations and their habitats. These projects tend to be implemented locally, working with affected communities, in order to be most effective.

The challenges facing the conservation of great apes are immense. Unfortunately, the resources so far available from the United Nations to cope with these threats have not been commensurate to the task. This bill would establish a Great Ape Conservation Fund as a separate account in the existing multinational Species Conservation Fund in the U.S. Treasury to address this deficiency. Over five years, the bill would authorize \$5 million per year to support conservation grant activities. Scientific research and monitoring of ape populations and habitats, assistance in the development and implementation of habitat management plans, protection and acquisition of threatened habitats, enforcement of domestic laws relating to resource management, and other conservation measures would be included in the menu of eligible grant activities. Importantly, grants under this new program could also be used to support enforcement and implementation of trade prohibitions and restrictions established under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, or CITES. These grants would allow wildlife management authorities in the Congo Basin the flexibility they need to work cooperatively with affected local human populations. And only by incorporating the participation of local residents will we be able to address the many social and economic factors preventing the long-term conservation and protection of great apes.

International efforts to prevent the extinction of gorillas, orangutans, bonobos and chimpanzees will require the leadership of the United States. It will also require the United

States to work collaboratively with those countries in Africa that have within their boundaries any part of the range of great apes. The task ahead is daunting. But the ecological consequences of not acting are far more tragic if it means that great apes will cease to exist in the wild. The Great Ape Conservation Act would be one significant step to avoid the permanent loss of great apes in Africa, and I urge all members to support this important legislation.

TRIBUTE TO EDGAR A. SCRIBNER

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 13, 2000

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, today I reflect on the career of Mr. Edgar A. Scribner, as he retires from the Presidency of the Metropolitan Detroit AFL-CIO and is honored this evening in Detroit, Michigan.

For over 40 years, Ed has worked to improve the lives of working people and the Metro-Detroit community at large. After earning a B.S. from Wayne State University and attending the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations, Ed planted his roots firmly in Detroit—the heartland of the organized labor movement. His labor activism began at Teamster Local Union #372, carried him to the Michigan Teamsters Joint Council #43 and finally, almost 12 years ago, to the Metro-Detroit AFL-CIO.

Ed embodies the ideals, values and basic tenets of organized labor and community service. He has worked on behalf of those principles for most of his life, doing so with intelligence, diligence and depth. He was effective—displaying strength and charm simultaneously.

He has indeed touched many, many lives. From inspiring young people in the classrooms at Wayne State and the University of Michigan or the Detroit Area Boy Scouts Council, to working on health care issues while serving on the Greater Detroit Area Health Council Board or as the Chairman of the Blue Care Network Board of Directors, the breadth and success of Ed's service to the community are indeed impressive. There is no doubt that his example inspires future labor and community activists to follow his lead.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my salute of an exceptional leader: Edgar A. Scribner. His work on behalf of working people, the people of Metro-Detroit and our community at-large will resonate for many years to come. I wish him good health and happiness upon his retirement.

IN HONOR OF THE EDMONDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 13, 2000

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to the Edmonds Police Department in my congressional district in Washington State. This police agency is the first in Snohomish County to achieve national accreditation. Such

an accreditation proves what many already know: the Edmonds Police Department is a skilled, efficient, and advanced law enforcement agency.

Mr. Speaker, police officers are on the front lines every day, ensuring that our communities are safe. Police officers leave the comfort and security of their homes to fulfill their duty to serve and protect. Police officers grant communities an important service, to secure the lawfulness and safety that the public deserves. The Edmonds Police Department, in particular, has proven its commitment to the community by becoming nationally accredited.

This national accreditation means that the public will have better communication with the police department including an annual internal affairs report, better performance and response times.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to take this opportunity to recognize the outstanding Edmonds Police Department, not only for its numerous accomplishments such as this one, but also for the great service it provides the citizens of Edmonds.

APPLAUDING THE NALC FOOD DRIVE EFFORTS

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 13, 2000

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and commend the National Association of Letter Carriers [NALC] for holding the Nation's largest one-day food drive. In past years the NALC, through the personal contributions and service of its members, has collected more than 58 million pounds of food along various postal routes throughout the Nation. The NALC will be helping to feed American families and children again this year during their eighth annual food drive to feed hungry families and children across the country.

During this unprecedented time of economic expansion, Americans have benefitted from low unemployment, rising wages, and low inflation. However, some Americans continue to suffer from hunger. According to the Journal of Public Health, an estimated 10 million Americans suffer from the symptoms of hunger—4 million of which are children whose growth and development is threatened by malnutrition. These hard working families fail to make ends meet for reasons ranging from institutionalized poverty to a lack of educational resources and inadequate health insurance. As a result, some families are left with barely enough resources to subsist on.

In a nation of abundance, hardworking families should not have to experience the effects of hunger. Our postal carriers provide a valuable and much appreciated service through their hard work and contribution to the greater community. I commend the NALC for helping to feed the Nation's hungry and I encourage Members to help support the NALC in their efforts to feed America during their food drive on Saturday, May 13.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 13, 2000

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, April 12, I was unavoidably detained on official business and not present for rollcall vote Nos. 119–122.

Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: “nay” on rollcall vote No. 119; “aye” on rollcall vote No. 120; “aye” on rollcall vote No. 121; and “aye” on rollcall vote No. 122.

EARTH DAY 2000

HON. SHERWOOD L. BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 13, 2000

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, this morning a number of my Republican colleagues and I held a national press conference in advance of Earth Day to release a list we call the “TR 10.” The TR 10 is a package of moderate Republican initiatives named after our hero, Theodore Roosevelt. The bills included are Republican initiatives that have bipartisan support that ought to be enacted this year, and that could be enacted this year. This is our second annual TR 10 list, the last one was released with the late Senator John Chafee of Rhode Island, another hero of ours.

As with last Earth Day, the release of this list is designed to make several points beyond bringing additional attention to good legislation. First, the environment always has been, and remains, a bipartisan issue, a bipartisan quest—an issue on which Republicans are offering creative and essential leadership. Second, there are plenty of good initiatives out there, there is plenty of progress we can make right now, even in a narrowly divided Congress.

There's a cliché around this town that nothing gets done during an election year, especially nothing related to the environment. But unlike most clichés, this one has no basis in fact. In 1996, an election year, the 104th Congress—not one known for its green cast—passed the Food Quality Protection Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act and a massive parks bill, to name just a few landmarks. Similarly, this year, we could pass CARA and numerous other significant bills. Elections are more often a spur to action than a barrier to it.

So the approach of Earth Day in this election year should fill us with hope and optimism because we are well positioned to make real progress.

THE TR 10: A REPUBLICAN AGENDA FOR THE 106TH CONGRESS

(1) The Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA, H.R. 701)

We support the passage of CARA, preferably with the amendment being drafted by Rep. Sherwood Boehlert (R-N.Y.). The bill would provide permanent, off-budget funding of the LWCF, which provides financing to protect open spaces at the federal and state level. Republicans, led by Chairman Don Young (R-Alaska), are pushing for this landmark change in federal lands policy, which would spend almost \$3 billion on conservation programs. The Boehlert amendment