

During the past 4 years, Mr. Behan has been assigned to FAA headquarters in Washington, DC, as Manager of the Air Traffic Plans and Programs Division, where he has done an outstanding job.

Over the years Mr. Behan has received many awards and recognition for his services to the flying public. He was recently recognized by the Secretary of Transportation for accomplishments on the Level I Contract Tower Management Team and received the FAA Administrator's Superior Accomplishment Award in 1994 for excellence for increasing representation of women and minorities in GS-13 and above positions from 10 percent to more than 60 percent. Mr. Behan is regarded by his friends and coworkers alike as a public servant dedicated to ensuring the flying public the highest quality of safety and service. His dedication and devotion to duty will be sorely missed.

Mr. Speaker, I know the rest of my colleagues join me in recognizing Mr. Behan for his many years of selfless public service and wish him well in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 23, 1995

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in my return to Washington from my congressional district on Tuesday, January 18 due to weather conditions.

I request to state for the RECORD that had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on the resolution before the House, the Congressional Accountability Act.

TRIBUTE TO THE WEST ANGELES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP. AND ITS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LULA BAILEY BALLTON

HON. JULIAN C. DIXON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 23, 1995

Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute the West Angeles Community Development Corp. [West Angeles CDC] and its executive director, Mrs. Lula Bailey Ballton. Under Mrs. Ballton's outstanding and innovative leadership, West Angeles CDC is working to empower residents of the Los Angeles community. Located in my congressional district, the West Angeles CDC was established for the purpose of promoting, developing, and fostering economic development, social justice, and community transformation opportunities in and around the Crenshaw community.

West Angeles CDC's approach to economic development is simple: to attain and maintain local control of capital and management of community assets. Progeny of the West Angeles Church of God in Christ and its spiritual leader—Bishop Charles E. Blake—West Angeles CDC understands that the key to an economically secure future rests in achieving economic parity. To help residents of the community accomplish this goal, West Angeles CDC

forms new partnership arrangements with the private sector to create new jobs and stimulate economic activity in the community.

West Angeles CDC offers several important training initiatives to help the community prepare for the new jobs that come into the area as a result of the organization's outreach. Through its Adult Learning Center, classes are offered in computer applications, clerical training, English as a second language, and business skills critical to enhancing employment opportunities for residents. Nearly 100 trained tutors, operating under the auspices of the West Angeles Literacy Empowerment Team [WALET], work to improve the reading and comprehension skills of students.

West Angeles CDC's executive director, Mrs. Lula Bailey Ballton, has been instrumental in steering the organization toward its goals. Under her leadership, a program is being developed to rehabilitate low-income, mixed-income, and affordable housing in communities surrounding the West Angeles Church. Future plans call for the development of a senior low-income housing project and providing comprehensive services such as housing rehabilitation mortgage counselling, and housing development.

Educator, businesswoman, and attorney, Lula Bailey Ballton brings a wealth of experience to her position. She has served on the faculties of several colleges and universities, including city colleges of Chicago, Los Angeles City College, and El Camino College. She also served as director of education for the Chicago Urban League, and founded the Whitney M. Young Scholarship and the Edwin Berry Loan Fund. In 1984, she founded SCHOOL SEARCH, Inc., a school finders service. She chairs the corporation's board of directors.

Mrs. Ballton received a juris doctorate in 1990 from the UCLA School of Law. She served as an attorney in the civil rights division of the California Department of Justice, and prior to joining West Angeles CDC, was with the law firm of Bryan, Cave, McPheeters, and McRoberts.

Residents in and around the Crenshaw community are indeed fortunate to have an individual of Mrs. Ballton's stature at the helm of West Angeles CDC. Her skills are formidable and will be a tremendous asset to the organization as it moves to launch several other programs, all designed to bring self-sufficiency and economic parity to the community.

Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to have this opportunity to salute the fine work being done by the West Angeles Community Development Corp. and Mrs. Lula Bailey Ballton. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending to them best wishes for continued success as they persevere to fulfill a commitment to community empowerment.

TRIBUTE TO COL. GEORGE M. MATTINGLEY, JR., USAF

HON. JACK FIELDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 23, 1995

Mr. FIELDS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Col. George M. "Matt" Mattingley, Jr., as he retires after more than

24 years of distinguished service with the U.S. Air Force.

Colonel Mattingley is retiring from his position as the Chief of the Inquiry Division, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force. In this capacity, he was responsible for the preparation of replies in behalf of the Secretary of the Air Force to constituent inquiries from all Members of this Chamber as well as our colleagues in the Senate. Equally significant was his responsibility to the White House and the Office of the Vice President for similar constituent services.

As a spokesman for the Secretary of the Air Force, he made numerous visits to Capitol Hill to confer personally with Members of Congress on a broad range of topics—personnel management, entitlements eligibility, health care administration, and military justice. He established and fostered positive working relations with our district military caseworkers, enabling us to work on sensitive constituent issues in a timely manner.

Many Members have traveled with Matt, who led numerous delegations worldwide. Matt and his subordinates went to great lengths to make them comfortable, frequently working long hours to accommodate their changes in itinerary and unique travel requirements.

The freshman of the 103d Congress got to know Matt particularly well as Matt was the Department of Defense and Department of the Air Force representative who provided the logistics and protocol support for their orientation here in Washington and at Harvard University.

Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in expressing our sincere appreciation not only for outstanding service to the legislative and executive branches, but also as one of the consummate executives of the Air Force.

TRIBUTE TO DALE LAURANCE

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 23, 1995

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, we ask our colleagues to join us in saluting Dale Laurance, executive vice president of Occidental Petroleum Corp., for the great contribution he has made to the nonprofit "House of Justice," Bet Tzedek Legal Services of Los Angeles.

Dale Laurance became deeply involved in the work of Bet Tzedek through his close friends, Jerry Coben and Jerry Stern. He has brought tremendous energy and an abundance of talent and creativity to this work. He has also enlisted the assistance of a vast circle of businesses and professionals, who were drawn to Bet Tzedek by his persuasive presentation of its goals, accomplishments, and effectiveness. A great amount of the service that Bet Tzedek is able to provide the poor and the elderly in Los Angeles can be traced directly to Mr. Laurance's tireless efforts on Bet Tzedek's behalf.

Mr. Laurance also deserves our recognition for a distinguished career in petroleum engineering, and for his signal contributions to the

arts as a major sponsor of the Armand Hammer Museum and Cultural Center and as managing director of the Joffrey Ballet.

We ask our colleagues to join us in expressing our great appreciation to Mr. Laurance for putting valuable time and effort into the work of Bet Tzedek and in congratulating for the honor that Bet Tzedek is conferring on him.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 23, 1995

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to voice my continued support for S. 2, the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995, which was overwhelmingly passed by the House of Representatives on January 17, 1995. As the RECORD indicates, I have supported this legislation twice before. I supported passage of the Congressional Accountability Act when it was considered by the House in the 103d Congress, on August 10, 1994, and then again when the House approved the measure on January 5, 1995. Accordingly, had I not been detained in my district on January 17, 1995, I would have voted "yea" during the vote on S. 2.

HONORING CONGRESSIONAL PAGES

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 23, 1995

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to express my personal gratitude to all of the pages who have served so diligently in the House of Representatives during the 103d and 104th Congresses.

We all recognize the important role that congressional pages play in helping the House of Representatives operate. This group of young people, who come from all across our Nation, represent what is good about our country. To become a page, these young people have proven themselves to be academically qualified. They have ventured away from the security of their homes and families to spend time in an unfamiliar city. Through this experience, they have witnessed a new culture, made new friends, and learned the details of how our Government operates.

As we all know, the job of a congressional page is not an easy one. Along with being away from home, the pages must possess the maturity to balance competing demands for their time and energy. In addition, they must have the dedication to work long hours and the ability to interact with people at a personal level. At the same time, they face a challenging academic schedule of classes in the House Page School.

The Fall 1994 class of pages witnessed many important and historical events and debates, including the approval of the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs, President Clinton's address to Congress and the Nation on his health care reform proposal. The pages also were present for the historic speech by President Nelson Mandela of South Africa to the joint session of Congress, and had the op-

portunity to meet and speak with President Mandela. The pages also witnessed the orderly transfer of power in the House from the Democrats to the Republicans—a tribute to the strength of American democracy.

I am sure the departing pages will consider their time spent in Washington, DC to be one of the most valuable and exciting experiences of their lives, and that with this experience they will all move ahead to lead successful and productive lives.

Mr. Speaker, as chairman of the House Page Board, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this group of distinguished young Americans. They certainly will be missed.

DEPARTING PAGES: FALL 1994-1995

Amy E. Accavitti, Seth A.G. Andrew, Matthew D. Atkinson, Bart M. Bartlett, Rebecca H. Berkun, Jacqueline A. Bethea, Joanna L. Bowen, Jessica Brater, Allison Burdick, Erin C. Carney, Michael A. Carter, Krista Clarkson, Keyundah Coleman, Janey C. Crawford, Amy J. Crocker, Robert Cuthbert, Anastasios C. Drankus, Kathleen K. Duffy, Michael D. Ellison, Cathryn Caroline Fayard, Michael P. Fierro, Kristin M. Francis, Janine D. Geraigery, Jennifer C. Gerard, Melissa A. Hayes, Joseph R. Hill, Derek J. Johns, La Toya Johnson, Julia C. Kelly, Lisa N. Konitzer, Marcos A. Lopez, Ross C. Maradian, Sabrina M. Meier, Ryan D. Offutt, Neil A. Reyes, Hannah R. Riordan, Claudia V. Rocha, Michael J. Ryan, Estevan O. Sanchez, Tarik D. Scarlata, James D. Stone, Rosalind V. Thompson, Corey S. Tucker, Lakisha M. Vaughn, Emily J. Waldon, Brian R. Wellman, Hubert E. Wells, Vincent G. Wilhelm, John C. Williams, Aaron B. Willimson.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM "W.C." GORDEN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 23, 1995

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to recognize the outstanding achievements of William "W.C." Gorden of Jackson, MS. Gorden, a long-time instructor, coach and athletic administrator at Jackson State University, is an outstanding educator, civic leader, and mentor to many young people. He has a national reputation for his athletic accomplishments and community involvement.

During his extensive professional career, he has been recognized by his peers as one of the top football coaches in the National Collegiate Athletic Association [NCAA] Division 1-AA. When he retired from coaching in 1991, he ranked third among active NCAA Division 1-AA football coaches in winning percentage. During the decade of the 1980's, he led Jackson State University to eight Southwestern Athletic Conference [SWAC] football championships. He has been named "Coach-of-the-Year" by the Clarion Ledger newspaper, the Sheridan Broadcasting Network and the National Sports Foundation.

During his tenure as Head Football Coach, many players have been drafted into the national Football League. Another measure of his success is the fact that several members of his former coaching staff are currently serving as Head Football Coaches at other universities.

Under his leadership of the Athletic Department, all of Jackson State University's sports

programs have been strengthened, the football program has led the nation in home attendance among NCAA Division 1-AA teams, and the university has received several awards from the SWAC conference for its outstanding athletic programs.

Coach Gorden's community involvement is very extensive. He lectures at numerous youth clubs and organizations and elementary and secondary schools. He has also been active in the local Easter Seal telethon and has organized free football clinics for underprivileged youths. He has also encouraged JSU athletes to register to vote and become active in civic affairs. I salute Coach Gorden for his outstanding accomplishments at Jackson State University and in the Jackson community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 23, 1995

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, January 17, 1995, I was unable to cast my floor vote on S. 2, the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995.

As an enthusiastic supporter of this important legislative proposal which I have voted for in the past, I would like to announce for the record that, had I been able to, I would have voted "aye" on S. 2 on January 17, 1995.

TRIBUTE TO GOOD CITIZEN SCHOLARSHIP WINNER MARY ELLEN GREER

HON. CHARLIE ROSE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 23, 1995

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great achievement by a young person from North Carolina's 7th Congressional District, Ms. Mary Ellen Greer.

On Saturday January 21, I had the pleasure of attending a luncheon in Southport, North Carolina, sponsored by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. This purpose of this luncheon was to honor the winners of the Good Citizens Scholarship Competition. I cannot tell you how encouraging it was to see so many patriotic young people with such a clear understanding of the responsibilities of citizenship.

The winner from District IX was a young lady named Mary Ellen Greer, of Whiteville, North Carolina. Ms. Greer wrote an extraordinary essay entitled "Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility to Preserve It." Mr. Speaker, I would like to share this essay with all of my colleagues, and, therefore, ask that it be printed in the RECORD.

OUR AMERICAN HERITAGE AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PRESERVE IT

(By Mary Ellen Greer)

In the early sixteenth century, a group of weary British pilgrims landed on the Eastern shore of the New World. The voyage had been a difficult one, the first of a long series of hardships that would define the establishment of these people as inhabitants of the