

chairman of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee from the 97th through the 100th Congresses.

As chairman of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, Walter Jones committed himself to ensuring that the United States maintained a viable merchant marine fleet and maritime industry.

After leaving Congress in 1989, Walter Jones retired to Farmville, NC where he resided until his untimely death on September 15, 1992. Walter Jones was not only a dedicated, hard working and accomplished public servant, he was a good friend and mentor. I will always remember Walter Jones and I miss him to this day. It is fitting and appropriate to designate a Federal building and U.S. courthouse in his honor. I urge all my colleagues to support his long overdue legislation.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER PRESIDENT  
RONALD REAGAN

**HON. ANDREA H. SEASTRAND**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 6, 1995*

Mrs. SEASTRAND. Mr. Speaker, today is former President Ronald Reagan's 84th birthday and thus a fitting time to remember his striking record of accomplishment and his uniquely American life.

Late last year, President Reagan once again tugged at the heart strings of our Nation by revealing he was in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease—an act of great courage. His intent was typically Reagan. It was not to gather sympathy, but to be an example and a beacon of hope for the millions of people who suffer from this disease.

Today, as the Republican-controlled Congress tries to move the Contract With America through the House of Representatives, we are reminded of the first revolution—the Reagan revolution—that swept through Washington during the 1980's. Many of the things President Reagan championed throughout his Presidency have found a home and a new life in the Republican Contract. Welfare reform, real spending cuts, the balanced budget amendment, giving more flexibility to the States, and the line-item veto were all regular features of the Reagan program stifled by the Democrat Congress.

President Reagan's list of accomplishments seems unending. On the economic front, Reaganomics—as it was derided by his opponents—produced the longest peacetime economic expansion since World War II and blew holes right through the traditional and current Democrat appeals to class warfare. The Reagan tax cuts reduced the top marginal income tax rate from 70 percent to 28 percent and took many low-income people off the tax rolls altogether. The double-digit inflation and soaring interest rates of the Carter years crumbled to record lows. As Mr. Reagan himself has pointed out on many occasions, his only regret was an inability to get Congress to cut spending.

In foreign policy, Mr. Reagan's steadfast commitment to peace through strength sent an important signal to the world that the United States would no longer stand back and watch an expansionist Soviet Union roll up more ter-

ritory. From Afghanistan to Angola to Nicaragua, the Reagan doctrine put the United States firmly behind the freedom fighters who sought to throw off the oppressive Soviet yolk.

Notwithstanding Time magazine's opinion, President Reagan was truly the man of the decade during the 1980's. There was no single figure more responsible for ending the cold war than Ronald Reagan. One sterling example was the 1986 Reykjavik summit. For 2 days the United States and the Soviets negotiated the most comprehensive arms-reduction treaty in history only to have Mikhail Gorbachev throw a big curve at the end—the United States would have to give up the strategic defense initiative. Ronald Reagan stood before Gorbachev and the world, held his ground, and said no deal. More than any single moment of his Presidency that was the nail right through the heart of the Soviet empire. As Gorbachev himself later admitted, when the Soviets realized that Reagan could not be bowled over, the game had changed and they did not have the resources to keep up.

President Reagan's policy of peace through strength was a hands-down winner. It was a winner in spite of his critics. All during his Presidency Ronald Reagan withstood a vigorous assault from the left. But, through it all, he remained committed to restoring our Nation's defenses. There would be no further examples of American helicopters breaking down over foreign lands, no more fears of a hollow Army, and no lack of morale on the part of American servicemen. Having lived through four major wars in his lifetime, President Reagan was determined to make sure that our Armed Forces—those who would be asked to defend American interests at home and abroad at a moment's notice—had the resources, the respect, and the commitment from their Government to do the job. As he so passionately and eloquently stated in perhaps his finest speech, the 40th anniversary of the allied invasion at Normandy: "We will always remember. We will always be proud. We will always be prepared, so we may always be free."

Ronald Reagan was one of the finest President's in our Nation's distinguished history. Despite the arguments put forth by revisionist thinkers, President Reagan's place in history is secure. He stands next to the giants, Presidents like Roosevelt and Lincoln, who arrived at a time when the Nation desperately needed the passion and the leadership of a true believer. As he fights with courage, conviction, and that famous Reagan optimism against Alzheimer's, let us remember and pay tribute to a man who embodies the American Dream.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LATE  
BROOKS STEVENS

**HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 6, 1995*

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I am saddened, but honored, to pay tribute to the late Brooks Stevens, a pioneer in industrial design who recently died in his and my home town of Milwaukee at the age of 83.

Our Nation has lost one of its most esteemed and accomplished citizens. But, he has left behind a legacy that will continue to touch our lives.

Mr. Stevens' distinguished career extends several decades. He was a founder of the industrial design business in the 1930's and, along with 13 others, met in New York to create the Society of Industrial Designers. Unlike the other designers, he resisted the temptation to move to New York, keeping his business, Brooks Stevens Design Associates, in the Milwaukee area.

Without us realizing it, Mr. Stevens' accomplishments in the world of design affect our lives daily. His ideas have helped make our lives easier, simpler, and grander. And, no doubt you have used one of his products.

One of Mr. Stevens' earliest successes was the prototype clothes dryer to which he added a window to draw attention to the function of the new product.

He was also responsible for the front fender design for the 1949 Harley-Davidson Hydraglide motorcycle, still used by the company in its heritage classic series of motorcycles.

Other inventions include the Lawnboy, the world's first rotary mower; the Excalibur, an ornate antique-style car with a regular powerful engine; the Miller Beer logo; the outboard motor; civilian Jeepsters after World War II; the Hiawatha train, which he designed from nose to tail; and of course, the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile, the famed advertising car.

Mr. Stevens worked for a total of 585 clients throughout the world, producing 3,000 designs.

In his later years he devoted much of his time and talent to the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design, where he spent three afternoons a week critiquing the work of design students. There is no doubt, Brooks Stevens was a national treasure. He personified the American spirit and the principles that have made our country great. Milwaukee will sorely miss his presence. But, he will continue to be an inspiration to all of us.

TRIBUTE TO CINDY BOWEN

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 6, 1995*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize an outstanding Coloradan, Mrs. Cindy Bowen, on the occasion of her being awarded 1994 Commissioner of the Year.

Each year the Colorado Counties Board of Directors select a Colorado county commissioner in recognition of their achievements and contributions they have made the previous year. Cindy Bowen is no exception. Her innovative approach to problem solving made her a valuable player, not only in local politics, but in national politics as well. Through her hard work, Commissioner Bowen was instrumental in convincing Members of Congress of the need to increase funding to counties in order to compensate taxpayers for the impact of tax-exempt supporters.

Furthermore, Cindy Bowen is very active in several public land issues and participated in reviewing the Department of Interior's rangeland reform proposals. In my opinion, Cindy is a very intelligent choice to be named this year's Commissioner of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in marking this occasion, and saluting Cindy Bowen.

STAY IN SCHOOL YEAR—  
CHANDLER, TX

**HON. JOHN BRYANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 6, 1995*

Mr. BRYANT of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I call the attention of my colleagues and fellow Americans to the leadership role individuals and governmental groups have assumed in my district, the Fifth Congressional District of Texas, in stressing the importance of education to our young people—particularly in the city of Chandler.

The counties, cities, and towns of this congressional district have for decades mirrored the economic and educational makeup of our Nation, with farming being the economic foundation of the rural counties, while finance, manufacturing, and the service industries stoked the furnace of urban areas.

These traditional roles are now less defined throughout our Nation, and nowhere more so than in the district that I am privileged to serve. New technologies, boosted by the information explosion, have resulted in greater production from fewer individuals on lesser acreage, in dairy, beef, and farming operations.

The result is that, more than ever before, fewer and fewer people are able to work the land in exchange for a comfortable, rewarding living.

The answer to this challenge facing our youth is found in one word—education. It is an accidental illustration of the times that the boundaries of the Fifth Congressional District of Texas are defined by two of the Nation's leading institutions of higher learning.

Just to the north of the district is Southern Methodist University, a long-time Dallas fixture as a liberal arts college and graduate school that supplies the area with leaders in business, legal, and other professions. Just beyond the southern border is Texas A&M University, the Nation's premier land-grant educational system. Scientific breakthroughs within the A&M system have changed the face of agriculture for the better, while A&M graduates exert influence on virtually all phases of industry.

And throughout the fifth district community, private and State universities, and junior college systems enhance educational opportunities for students.

In the Fifth Congressional District of Texas the hardware is in place, the dedication is in place, and the commitment is in place to make sure our leaders in the next century will be at the very least the equals of their competitors in the world market.

An outstanding example of this dedication to excellence in education was recently exhibited in the city of Chandler, Anderson County, TX, thanks to the cooperative efforts of city leaders and the U.S. Army.

Mayor Winston Reagan introduced to the Chandler City Council a proclamation stating that 1995 be Stay In School Year in Chandler. It states:

Whereas, each and every young person in this country needs at least a high school

education for both financial and personal reasons, and,

Whereas, the United States Army, through its recruiters, is stressing for all U.S. youngsters to "stay in school and stay off drugs" because an education provides the best opportunities, whether in enlisting in the Army or working at a civilian job; and,

Whereas, Army recruiters will serve as role models for youth and will provide programs encouraging youngsters to stay in school, I, Winston Reagan, Mayor of Chandler, Texas, hereby proclaim 1995 as "Stay in School Year."

I commend Mayor Reagan, the City Council of the City of Chandler, the citizens of Chandler, the U.S. Army and its recruiters for their concerted and cooperative efforts to stress the importance of education, and recommend that their example be followed throughout our Nation.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE HERMAN  
"BABE" RUTH

**HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 6, 1995*

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of George Herman "Babe" Ruth's 100th birthday. In Baltimore, MD, they are celebrating this historic occasion in the house where he was born.

They are celebrating a man who was larger than life, one of America's true heroes. A man who, many claim, "saved" baseball. They are celebrating a man who earned his nickname "The Sultan of Swat" by creating new standards for baseball players and setting extraordinary batting records, many of which still stand today and none of which were broken in his lifetime.

They are celebrating not just the baseball accomplishments and records of a legend. They are celebrating Babe Ruth the Baltimorean; Babe Ruth the devout Catholic, Babe Ruth the devoted son, Babe Ruth the friend to every kid he ever met. Above all, they are celebrating Babe Ruth the man.

I am proud to be from Baltimore and proud to say that George Herman "Babe" Ruth, born at 216 Emory Street in Baltimore, MD on February 6, 1895, is a native son, long to be remembered not only for his athletic ability, but also for the goodness of his heart.

TRIBUTE TO LORRAINE PACE

**HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 6, 1995*

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Lorraine Pace on the occasion of her induction into the Suffolk County Women's Hall of Fame.

Mrs. Pace's induction is the culmination of her public and private dedication to the survivors of breast cancer. Her tireless activism has made her a role model and an inspiration for all women.

A Long Islander who is all too aware of the high incidence of breast cancer on Long Island, Lorraine continues to be at the forefront

of the fight against breast cancer in Suffolk County. As the breast cancer education specialist at the Stony Brook University Medical Center, Mrs. Pace is uniquely qualified to lead this fight that all too many women on Long Island and throughout this Nation must face in their lifetime. The American Cancer Society estimates that 182,000 women were diagnosed with breast cancer last year alone. Approximately 46,500 women died from the disease in 1994.

As the fight to prevent, and find a cure for breast cancer goes forward, Lorraine Pace takes an honored place in the Suffolk County Women's Hall of Fame.

I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Lorraine Pace on her induction and lauding her for many years of work on behalf of the women of Suffolk County.

HONORING THE MID-HUDSON UNIT  
OF IRISH NORTHERN AID

**HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 6, 1995*

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of the Mid-Hudson, NY, unit of Irish Northern Aid, commemorating 25 years of support for Irish-American causes. On February 11, the Mid-Hudson unit will come together not only to celebrate the success of the current peace process, but also to pay tribute to several outstanding local citizens who are dedicated to furthering the Irish-American political agenda, principally among them, my friend Tom Hoffay.

Tom Hoffay has been an outspoken advocate for issues of significance to Northern Ireland and has been responsible for the success of many celebrations and events here in the Hudson Valley. He is committed to seeing that our country plays the vital and pivotal role that it is capable of in order to effect lasting peace in Northern Ireland. His dedication to peace through justice is to be commended and should be echoed by all.

I am honored to ask my colleagues to unite with me in expressing support for the Irish-American community on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of Irish Northern Aid.

AMTRAK ROUTE CLOSURE AND  
REALIGNMENT ACT OF 1995

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 6, 1995*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I am today, along with Mr. BARTON, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. DELAY, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. FOX, and Mr. ENGLISH, introducing the Amtrak Route Closure and Realignment Act of 1995. Before I elaborate on this legislation, I want to say that this is not an attempt to eliminate passenger rail service in the United States.

This is an attempt to save it. This bill is about an economic rebirth of a system headed for financial disaster—a disaster that would