

AWARD WINNING STUDENTS OF
CAESAR RODNEY HIGH SCHOOL

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 1995

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, on April 29—May 1, 1995, more than 1,200 students from 49 States and the District of Columbia will be in our Nation's Capital to compete in the national finals of the We the People—The Citizen and the Constitution program. I am proud to announce that the class from Caesar Rodney High School will represent Delaware. These young scholars have worked diligently to reach the national finals by winning local competitions in their home state.

The distinguished members of the team representing Delaware are: Ben Alexander, Lori Arellano, Samantha Batista, Andrea Bourey, Jason Cooke, Nick Davenport, Dawn Deakins, Stephen Eggan, Angela Foor, Matt Harker, Jennifer Hitzig, Cindy Houghtaling, Lisa Huang, Barbara Jandasek, Megan Kelly, Danielle Kiefer, Erica Mahar, Molly McGinty, Lisa Moller, Adam Perza, Katie Queen, Robin Reinhard, Alison Robinson, Jayne Ruggles, Kealy Russell, Theresa Siemanowski, Jessica Tenney, Angel Tucker, Matt Welch, Sean Whaley, Hwei Wong, Alison Woodall.

I would also like to recognize their teacher, Bill Windett, who deserves much of the credit for the success of the team. The district coordinator, Diane Courtney, and the State coordinator, Lewis Huffman, also contributed a significant amount of time and effort to help the team reach the national finals.

The We the People—The Citizen and the Constitution program, supported and funded by Congress, is the most extensive educational program in the country developed specifically to educate young people about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The 3-day national competition simulates a congressional hearing in which students' oral presentations are judged on the basis of their knowledge of constitutional principles and their ability to apply them to historical and contemporary issues.

Administered by the Center for Civic Education, the We the People program, now in its 8th academic year, has provided curricular materials at upper elementary, middle, and high school levels for more than 60,000 teachers, 22,000 schools, and 20 million students nationwide.

The We the People program provides an excellent opportunity for students to gain an informed perspective about the history and principles of our Nation's constitutional government. I wish these young constitutional experts the best of luck and look forward to their future participation in politics and government.

TRIBUTE TO THE KENTUCKY
DERBY

HON. MIKE WARD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WARD. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to pay tribute to one of America's most historic sporting events, the Kentucky Derby.

Last Saturday, the first Saturday in May, the Kentucky Derby, also known as the greatest 2 minutes in sports, made its 121st running at Churchill Downs in Louisville. The Kentucky Derby, dating back to 1875, is rich in American history and intense sporting drama. It may strike many as excessive that so many events, including a fireworks display, a parade, a boat race, a hot air balloon race, and many others, precede an event that only lasts 2 minutes; however, there is no other sporting event like the Kentucky Derby.

The Kentucky Derby, the first leg of the Triple Crown, is the mark by which all other races are judged and this year, as in previous years, it will set the stage for a possible Triple Crown winner.

Over 130,000 people are estimated to have attended this year's running of the Kentucky Derby with nearly 50 million people estimated to have watched the televised coverage, making the Kentucky Derby one of the most watched sporting events in the world.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to pay tribute and draw attention to a truly remarkable program which was in place at last Saturday's running of the Kentucky Derby.

The program, coordinated by the Party Smart Organization, is a designated driver program at Churchill Downs in Louisville, which asked spectators to sign a pledge that they would be a designated driver. Designated drivers, individuals who pledge not to drink alcohol so that they may drive others home safely, have for years played an invaluable role at such sporting functions. It is through their restraint and leadership that many lives have been saved.

Designated driver programs throughout the United States, at parks such as the Astrodome, Candlestick Park, the Meadowlands, and Yankee Stadium, have reminded millions of people of the importance of responsible drinking and have reminded people of the millions of lives that are placed in jeopardy by drinking and driving.

When I attended the Kentucky Derby this year, I left Churchill Downs feeling more secure that my drive home would be safer due in large part to the efforts of these designated driver programs.

Mr. Speaker, I urge everyone to support and participate in their local designated driver programs. Together, we can help end the thousands of senseless deaths caused each year by drunk driving.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER-SPEAKER
FLORENCIO (LARRY) TORRES RAMIREZ

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 1995

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, the island of Guam lost one of its premier citizens and public servants on April 12 of this year. The Hon. Florencio Torres Ramirez, a former speaker of the Guam Legislature, was called to his eternal rest at the age of 79.

The passing of former-Speaker Ramirez marks the end of an era. Considered nothing short of legendary by Guam's politicians, Larry Ramirez dedicated more than 63 years in public service. His government service dated back

to 1931 when, during his teenage years, he worked for the Naval Governor of Guam.

Long considered as one of Guam's most popular lawmakers, Larry went on to hold public office longer than any other elected official in the island's history. He first got into politics in 1949 when he was elected as councilman from the village of Yigo. He later went on to serve as a senator in the first 12 Guam Legislatures. After having been elected as Speaker in 1971, he chose to retire after the 12th Guam Legislature.

Having been one of Guam's premier political pioneers, he is considered by many of today's leaders as a fitting role model and a major influence. He is remembered as a man of integrity. Despite countless years of political involvement, not once did he compromise his principles. Never pretentious, he did not let his political successes take the better of him. Amid all the changes that he had been forced to live through, he remained a true islander and an exceptional leader.

The late Hon. Florencio Torres Ramirez left a legacy of service and devotion to the island of Guam, to its people and to the United States as a whole. His distinguished career served as an inspiration to many of us who serve as elected officials of today. His passing is a great loss and his presence will surely be missed. On behalf of the people of Guam, I offer my condolences and join his bereaved children, and grandchildren in mourning the loss of a father, and a fellow servant to the people of Guam.

SALUTE TO MS. DOLORES FAIR
FIELDS

HON. THOMAS M. FOGLIETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 1995

Mr. FOGLIETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute Ms. Dolores Fair Fields on the occasion of her retirement. As a native of South Philadelphia, Mrs. Fields has contributed a great deal to her community throughout her lifetime.

Twenty-nine years ago, Ms. Fields began a Government career with the U.S. Electronics Command. After working there, and at the U.S. Mint, Ms. Fields joined the Head Start Regional Office in Philadelphia in 1970. Throughout her career at Head Start, Ms. Fields was responsible for grants in Pennsylvania and Maryland. Ms. Fields was also responsible for training the new staff at the Head Start Regional Office. As a trainer, Ms. Fields brought many new Head Start Specialists to the Regional Office. Ms. Fields abilities have helped the Head Start Office grow to meet the changing needs of families throughout Pennsylvania.

Ms. Fields has been recognized by the Federal Government for her outstanding public service. She is a recipient of the Federal Executive Board Bronze Medal Certificate of Achievement, the Assistant Secretary's Exceptional Achievement Award, the Assistant Secretary's Certificate of Appreciation and numerous other awards and citations.

In addition to her full time work for the Federal Government, Ms. Fields is the single parent of two sons. Ms. Fields did an admirable

job of raising her sons who have both served with distinction in the U.S. Air Force.

With her remaining spare time, Ms. Fields has served as a mentor for the literacy program in the Philadelphia School System and as an active member of the Tasker Street Baptist Church.

I hope my colleagues will join me today in recognizing Ms. Fields for her fine contributions to her country and community and I wish her the best of luck as she enters the next chapter of her life.

JENNIFER BREYER VOICE OF
AMERICA SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 1995

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, a young constituent from Oregon's Fourth District has expressed through her writing a deep and patriotic understanding of our Nation. The Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary presented Ms. Jennifer Breyer with the state award of the Voice of America Scholarship program. I ask that her Vision of America be included in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

MY VISION FOR AMERICA

(By Jennifer Breyer)

"I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work, the more I live. Life is no brief candle for me, it is a sort of splendid torch that I have got hold of for a moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations."—George Bernard Shaw

This is my vision for America. Wouldn't it be wonderful if each citizen of the United States of America could take their candle and make it burn as brightly as possible for as long as they live? Wouldn't it be exciting if every citizen in this country could have this opportunity to make their dreams come true?

In America we are known to live in a Land of Prosperity, a Land of Hope, and a Land of Freedom, but are we truly free if we have not had the opportunity to accomplish our dreams but instead have been confined to small, everyday tasks? We are free only if we are able to accomplish our dreams and make our vision for America become reality.

My vision for America is to make this country be as strong as it possibly can be and make it clear to the world that we are truly the luckiest people on this earth. But in order to do that, each citizen in this great nation has a responsibility, not only to themselves but also to their country. You see, all of us are given a candle, but it is up to us, as individuals to take our candle and make it burn as brightly as we can.

They say you can always tell where the lamplighter has been by the path he has lit. But what if each and every one of us didn't have to follow the lamplighter's course but instead took our candles and made our own paths. We could make this nation shine like a great star in the sky.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if each American citizen could take their candle and pass it on to a newborn child, and explain that he has one chance, and only one chance in his lifetime to make his stand in this nation.

Can the people of this nation join together for one final stand? Can they unite and join candles so that every individual may feel as if they were part of another? Can we put aside the race or religion of people and say,

"You are my fellow citizen, you can stand next to me, and you can fight with me for our country, the beautiful United States of America."

Ladies and gentlemen, my vision is one of a far off dream, one that may never come true, but that has made my life worth living for. My vision may not come true in reality but in my mind and in my dreams it has always been. For if I accomplish one thing in my life, it will be to pass my candle on to a newborn child, and let the legacy for the next generation live on. If the world is a better place for just one person, then my life and yours has been a success.

I wish you all the best of luck in your quest for your Vision of America. I have found my vision, and I hope you will find yours as well. Thank you.

HONORING VETERANS OF WORLD
WAR II

HON. WILLIAM J. MARTINI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 1995

Mr. MARTINI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the sacrifices and accomplishments of the men and women throughout the world who so bravely served in World War II with the faith that there would one day be victory in Europe against hate and aggression. It was their bravery and character that delivered the nations of this globe from the tyranny of evil men. To merely thank these men and women does not suffice. We must learn from them. We must learn from their experiences.

Those of us who are not old enough to remember must hold on to the stories and to the history. While we must never forget the horror, we must more importantly remember the valor and unity of our Nation, the likes of which has not since been revisited.

We honor the veterans not only because they protected our freedom and defended our honor, but also because they taught us about patriotism, for it is our patriotism that wins over hateful aggression. Let us never forget that the day of victory in Europe, 50 years ago, was a time when people looked after one another—a time of unity. Remembrance and togetherness are the greatest thanks we can give.

ADMINISTRATION RENEGES ON
COMMITMENT TO PREVENT
CUBAN INFLUX

HON. BOB STUMP

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 1995

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, the Attorney General again intends to use her parole powers to sidestep immigration law. In a rather abrupt and unwise change of policy, the Clinton Administration announced that thousands of Cuban refugees held at Guantanamo Bay will be brought to the United States.

The Attorney General defends this latest action as "another important step toward regularizing migration procedures with Cuba." I am convinced that it will have the opposite effect. In fact, this is just another in a long line of imprudent immigration decisions made by the

Administration. Undoubtedly, it will have a devastating economic impact and send a clear message that the United States has no interest in controlling its borders.

Mr. Speaker, we simply cannot continue to allow the Attorney General to use her parole authority to exploit immigration laws and expand the definition of who is eligible to immigrate to the United States. Consequently, I am compelled to once again introduce the Emergency Immigration Parole Correction Act. The bill would amend the Attorney General's parole authority to prohibit her from carrying out this blatant circumvention of our immigration policies. I strongly urge my colleagues to put the interests of American citizens first and join me in stopping further deterioration of our immigration policies.

TRIBUTE TO MACK FARR

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 1995

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend the accomplishments of an outstanding individual and fellow Virginian who has done exceptional work in the development and manufacture of night vision equipment. This equipment, enabling armies to fight in the dark, represents one of the most profound changes in military capability in history. It was a critical factor in the low loss of life and played a major role in the success of Operation Just Cause in Panama and Operation Desert Storm in Kuwait. These examples alone prove conclusively that night vision technology has revolutionized military tactics and strategy.

Mack Farr has demonstrated himself to be a leader in the development and application of increasingly more sophisticated night vision imaging systems for military use over a commercial and federal career that spans 37 years. In the early days of the Vietnam conflict, Mr. Farr worked first as a government contractor, and later as a physicist in the Army's Night Vision Laboratory in Northern Virginia, developing and fielding the first usable image intensifiers for use by the U.S. military. His later efforts in the improvement of the technology led, in part, to Generation III Night Vision Goggles that could, for the first time, be used as head mounted systems for ground troops. Similarly, when the aviators of rotor winged aircraft attempted to use this headmounted technology to improve their night flying operations, Mr. Farr and members of his government and industry team responded by developing a Third Generation Image Intensifier System, specifically designed for DOD aviators.

These systems have now been fielded in quantity and with ever increasing quality over time. As the Technology Director for the Army Project Management Office for Reconnaissance, Surveillance and Target Acquisition since 1984, each of the new image intensification products the result from Mr. Farr's technical and managerial oversight has created a new, and sought after, world standard for excellence. His expertise has also greatly aided the U.S. Government in the formulation of export policy opinions that are a foundation for