

nearly 2,000 members in several States. The APUMEC continues to provide these services and has expanded to provide others, such as the scholarship program which awards scholarships each year to qualified students.

Margaret Montero is currently the 70th supreme president of the APUMEC. She joined APUMEC Council No. 4 "Progresso" on February 4, 1967, and has served as an officer since 1970. She is the third member of her family to hold the office of supreme president. Margaret's late brother-in-law, José (Joe) J. Montero was supreme president from 1930 to 1932. Her daughter, Jackie Montero Flynn, served as supreme president from 1973 to 1974. She and her daughter are the first mother and daughter supreme presidents of the APUMEC.

Ms. Montero was born on May 28, 1915, in Honolulu, HA. She has been a resident of the bay area for over 60 years. She owned a business with her now deceased husband, Mr. Joaquim (Harry) Montero, to whom she was married for 45 years, and she still resides in the city of San Leandro, CA. She has one daughter, Jackie Montero Flynn, one stepson, John Lewis Montero; three grandson; and two great grandchildren.

Ms. Montero has also served as a member of many other community organizations, including the IDES, ISMM, SES, SPRSI, UPPEC, UPEC, the Brotherhood of St. Anthony, the Cabrillo Civic Clubs of California, and the ICDES. She is also a representative to the Portuguese Fraternal Benefit Societies of California.

Ms. Montero will finish her term on June 20, 1995. During her tenure as supreme president, she brought in a total of \$575,000 in policies and over 85 new members to the society. This is a significant contribution to the organization. But perhaps even more significant is the tireless dedication she has brought to the APUMEC for the 28 years that she has participated in the organization.

Today, I want to congratulate Margaret Montero on her successful term as supreme president and recognize her for her commitment to the APUMEC and to the entire Portuguese community, I wish her much happiness in the years to come.

#### REAUTHORIZATION OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT

### HON. BLANCHE LAMBERT LINCOLN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 16, 1995*

Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my disappointment with provisions added at the last minute to H.R. 961, the Clean Water Amendments of 1995. The bill made an honest effort to correct some of the problems with the current Act. However, while I supported some of the strong elements of the bill, including the wetlands and the private property provisions, I could not, with good conscience, support the final amended bill.

During consideration of H.R. 961, the House approved an amendment that altered the allocation formula under the State Revolving Fund [SRF]. Under this new formula, the less industrialized States, like Arkansas, received significantly less money than they currently receive. The base bill contained a more equitable ap-

proach in its treatment of the allocation formula, but the amendment adopted by the House gutted the original agreement reached by the committee.

Last year Arkansas received nearly \$15 million under the SRF allocation. Under the amended bill, Arkansas would receive \$8 million—a 42 percent reduction.

Arkansas has a well run SRF program, leveraging two times the amount of its SRF funding. Last year, Arkansas leveraged nearly \$30 million from its \$15 million allocation. The severe reduction in the amended bill not only reflects a \$7 million reduction of federal obligated dollars, but it also adversely affects Arkansas' ability to leverage more funds. The bill's cut in fact represents a \$14 million total loss in funds that could be used to finance much needed wastewater treatment plants and infrastructure needs throughout the State. With the many Federal requirements imposed on our communities, they need the capital to comply with these national mandates.

Again, there were many provisions in the bill that I support, including relief for farmers under the wetlands and nonpoint source sections and small system hardship loans. However, when this bill pits Arkansas against other States in fighting for essential funds, I could not abandon Arkansas' needs in developing its clean water infrastructure.

I hope that the chairman and other Members involved in the negotiations with the Senate will press on in their obligation to consider this equity issue during the conference and resolve this unacceptable situation for Arkansas and 28 other States that lost SRF funding under the new allocation scheme. I would like to have a bill that I could support on behalf of my farmers and my rural constituents.

#### IN MEMORY OF EDWARD V. ROBERTS

### HON. RONALD V. DELLUMS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 16, 1995*

Mr. DELLUMS. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I rise to remember the late Edward V. Roberts, the father of the independent living movement and cofounder of the World Institute on Disability. Mr. Roberts passed from this life on March 14, 1995, at his home in Berkeley, CA, at the age of 56.

Mr. Roberts undeniably exemplified the epitome of what people with disabilities can accomplish with the right attitude, individual empowerment, and mutual support. The undefeatable Mr. Roberts laid the groundwork for disabled rights as he pursued his dream of liberation and education. His lifelong battle for the rights of the disabled began in high school when he vigorously challenged his school principal who balked at granting Roberts a diploma because the teenager had not completed the required physical education courses. Polio left Roberts a quadriplegic at age 14. Roberts, unable to move below the neck and dependent on an iron lung to breathe, was deemed "severely disabled" and "unemployable," according to a counselor at the California State Department of Rehabilitation. Convinced that he could defeat the odds, Roberts never accepted the idea that disabled people could not when the rest of society

could. He pursued his educational objectives with this idea in mind. After winning the battle to obtain his high school diploma, Roberts went on to earn a bachelor's degree and a master's degree. He was the first severely disabled student to attend and be housed on campus at the University of California, Berkeley. While there, Mr. Roberts helped fellow students organize into a self-help group whose services included free counseling, off-campus housing referrals, and a repair crew whose expertise was wheelchairs. He also led the lobbying effort for dorm housing for the disabled and eventually secured Federal money to establish the first ever Physically Disabled Students Program at the university. This was just the beginning of Mr. Robert's legacy to people with disabilities.

Committed to increasing the freedom of people with disabilities to live and work like other people and in response to increased demands for the services provided under the auspices of the Disabled Student's Program, in 1972, Mr. Roberts helped found the Center for Independent Living in Berkeley. The program was the first of its kind to be designed, developed, organized and managed by and for the disabled to achieve the best quality life possible. It became a national model for people with disabilities because it documented and resolved some of the basic problems of people with disabilities attempting to live independently with such essentials as personal care, modified living space, transportation, and wheelchair-accessible ramps and curbs. While at the center, Roberts successfully campaigned for the removal of Federal laws that were designed to keep the disabled out of school and work environments. His ideas were turned into law in the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. There are now some 400 independent living centers throughout the United States based on the Berkeley model demonstrating independent living with accommodations. Once again, Mr. Roberts scored a permanent mark for the disabled, transforming the way everyone thinks and acts toward the disabled and paving the way for the integration of the disabled into all forms of society.

Mr. Robert's longtime efforts and visions received affirmation when Governor Jerry Brown appointed Roberts to head the California Department of Rehabilitation in 1975. Roberts was the first California State director of rehabilitation with a physical disability. His presence alone at the agency, the same agency that sided with the University of California in denying Roberts admittance to Berkeley because the school had never had a wheelchair-confined student who required a respirator and iron lung, helped many understand the needs of the disabled seeking independence. With a staff of more than 2,500 and budget of \$140 million, Roberts implemented the independent living programs on the State level and established a national network of independent living centers. The independent living movement soon went national. Roberts' efforts to change disabled rights dramatically influenced policies that are in place today. Mr. Roberts was determined to change the whole system and move away from old ideas about the capabilities of the disabled.

In 1984, Mr. Roberts received a \$225,000 MacArthur Foundation award. Using this grant, he cofounded the Oakland-based World Institute on Disability [WID], to carry the philosophy of independent living into the national