

From prison, Peltier heard about Avent and wrote her a note on the inside cover of a book about Native Americans' legacy.

"All my sources indicated to me that you are the most powerful influence in the White House speaking for Native American issues," Peltier wrote.

He said he appreciated that someone of her "stature" would read about his case.

Much of Avent's outreach is personal. She fields as many as 60 calls a day from Indians and continues dispensing advice long after the workday has ended.

"Tribes have gotten so used to being ignored for so long that they could not believe someone is so kind to them," said Buntly Anquo, a Washington-based reporter for Indian Country Today newspaper.

Avent invites tribal leaders to White House dinners and receptions and, when she can, to the president's box at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

"Thank you a million times over for taking me as your guest to the White House last night," began a recent letter to Avent from Suzan Shown Harjo, president of the Washington-based Morning Star Institute, which promotes Indian cultural rights.

"My parents will be so thrilled that I was able to tell the president and first lady how very much they are admired and what they hope to offer for those of us Indian people who are the poor and mostly forgotten and left-out folks that the Democrats stand for."

CREDITS DAD FOR HER VALUES

Avent credits her work values to her father, who reared her alone after a divorce. He is a former elevator operator in one of the U.S. House office buildings.

A longtime resident of the nation's capital, Avent lobbied for the National Association of Counties, U.S. Conference of Mayors and other groups. She also ran a political consulting firm whose clients included the Clinton-Gore campaign.

She moved to Phoenix in 1988, mostly at the insistence of her husband, who said the laid-back lifestyle and weather would add years to their lives.

Avent's husband, Jacques Avent, a Phoenix deputy city manager, said his wife has been reaching out to "underdogs" most of her life.

"She does the underdog causes; those are the one that turn her on," he said.

In Phoenix, she helped coordinate the Harmony Alliance, which works at bringing disparate groups together.

Avent and her husband have known the Clintons for 20 years.

As a deputy assistant to the president for intergovernmental affairs, she is a liaison to Indians and local elected officials around the nation.

She admits being torn between her commitment to Indians and her sadness at being away from her husband.

"I can't be just a holiday spouse, nor do I want to be. I was only going to do this a year," she said.

But her job has become part of her.

Returning recently to her birthplace in South Hill, VA., Avent found herself thinking of her Indian friends.

"I was looking at where I grew up," she said. "I was born in the same house my father was. It made me understand what Indian people mean when they talk about Mother Earth."

IN RECOGNITION OF CARMEN TURNER

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 1995

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure for me to rise today to recognize an outstanding individual and public servant, the late Carmen Turner.

Many of you may remember Carmen from her days as the general manager of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, more commonly known as Metro, and as Under Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution. However, you may not know how hard Carmen worked to turn her dream into reality. Born in New Jersey, Carmen and her family moved to Washington, DC, during her childhood. Carmen went on to graduate from Dunbar High School and then attended Howard University for 2 years before she left school to marry Frederick Turner.

Those of us, though, who knew and loved Carmen know she never left any task unfinished. Carmen went back to Howard to complete her undergraduate degree. Even more impressive is that she did this while working full time at the Department of the Army and raising two children. Following a stint at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Carmen joined Metro in 1977 and was promoted to general manager in 1983.

As general manager, Carmen played a substantial role into making Metrorail into the state-of-the-art subway system it is today. Under her leadership, Metrorail opened new stations in suburban Virginia and Maryland, as well as finalized plan for the Green Line, which will run through the heart of the District of Columbia. Her hard work paid off in 1990, as Congress passed legislation authorizing \$1.3 billion for the completion of the Metrorail system. Her service did not go unnoticed. In fact, in 1988 the American Public Transit Association [APTA] gave Carmen their Outstanding Achievement Award, and in 1989 named Carmen the Transit Manager of the Year.

Sadly, Carmen was taken from us far too soon, in 1992 at the age of 61. She is sorely missed by so many of us. However, the legacy will live on, as it should. On May 12, Metro dedicated a memorial at the Smithsonian Metrorail Station in Carmen's memory. It is a fitting tribute that her memorial will be at a station where so many people enjoy the convenience of Metrorail. While her absence will always be felt, like many others I am proud that Carmen has been memorialized in this fashion. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join in celebrating Carmen Turner's life and career and recognizing her many accomplishments.

HONORING MORTON BLEETSTEIN

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 1995

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise with great pleasure today to join with those most compassionate and dedicated people of the New Hope Community as they honor one of their most esteemed members, Morton Bleetstein.

I first met Morty when I started a small business, and Morty was a third-generation insurance broker. But I soon learned that he has other interests and talents that would significantly impact on others. In the fields of hope, compassion and concern, there are few to equal Morty Bleetstein.

As parents of two disabled children, Morty and his wife, Pat, took up the life challenge fate had thrust upon them, and embarked upon creating a service record of almost four decades on behalf of all disabled youngsters. Morty's early involvement led to the passage in New York State of legislation known as the Greenberg bill, which provides education for all disabled children.

As his own kids grew, so did his dedication: the Bleetsteins became original founders of the New York Association for Brain Injured Children. Morty Bleetstein also has proudly served as president of the New Hope Community Parents Group, and as a board member and fund raising chairman for New Hope.

Mr. Speaker, Morton Bleetstein has honored all humanity with his selfless dedication and perseverance on behalf of those who have nowhere else to turn. On May 20, the New Hope Community will honor Morty at a gala benefit in Flushing, Queens.

I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join with me now in paying tribute to a true humanitarian, Morton Bleetstein, and in extending to him the great appreciation of a most grateful nation.

TRIBUTE TO CLAIRE SCHULMAN

HON. THOMAS J. MANTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 1995

Mr. MANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the Kiwanis Club of LaGuardia Airport in paying tribute to Queens Borough President, Claire Schulman. Since 1986, Claire Schulman has served the people of Queens with distinction.

Mr. Speaker, Claire has been a tremendous instrument in ensuring that Queens continues to be one of the strongest communities in our country; her efforts are endless. Some of her greatest accomplishments as borough president include: Being a staunch advocate for the rights of the elderly and the children of Queens, ensuring quality health care for the residents of Queens, helping to buy Queens West, fighting to rebuild the Queens library, and ensuring city services are provided to the Borough of Queens.

Claire received her bachelor of science from Adelphi University; she was also awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree. In 1993, she received an honorary doctorate of sciences degree from the College of Aeronautics. In addition to these prestigious doctorates, she has also been honored with the Queens College Medal and the LaGuardia Community College Medal.

Mr. Speaker, Claire Schulman has not only served our community as a political leader, but as a health care provider, mother and wife. Before coming to politics, Claire served as a registered nurse at the Queens Hospital Center, where she also met her future husband, Dr. Melvin Schulman. Claire Schulman boasts a tremendous career as well as a spectacular

family. She is the proud mother of Lawrence, a physician; Ellen, a physician and astronaut; and Kim, a television and motion picture production specialist.

As the Queens County Democratic Leader, I have worked with Claire over the years as a colleague and as a friend on issues affecting our community. When an issue requires special attention, I can always count on her for sound advice.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in commending the Kiwanis Club of LaGuardia Airport for paying special recognition to my friend, Claire Schulman, the Queen of Queens.

TRIBUTE TO THE WORKERS OF
FORD MOTOR COMPANY

HON. MIKE WARD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 1995

Mr. WARD. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that last Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., at Ford Motor Company's Kentucky truck plant in Louisville, the two millionth automobile rolled off the assembly line.

This milestone in American automotive manufacturing is truly remarkable and is a strong testament to the dedication of the American worker. Since Ford's Kentucky plant opened in 1969, the quality of the trucks manufactured by this facility has been second to none. Throughout the world, Ford Motor Co. has a well deserved reputation for quality and this reputation is due solely to the hard work and dedication of the American auto worker.

George D. Kormanis, the plant manager of Ford Motor Co.'s Kentucky truck plant, can be proud of this accomplishment and of the good work being done by the dedicated workers of Ford Motor Co. in Louisville.

Mr. Speaker, the two millionth vehicle produced by Ford Motor Co.'s Kentucky truck plant should stand as clear and convincing evidence that the American work ethic and dedication to quality is alive and well today. At a time when many are questioning the competitiveness of the American automotive industry, I believe that it is important to pay tribute to the American workers who daily are insuring that American automobiles are second to none.

CLEAN WATER AMENDMENTS OF
1996

SPEECH OF

HON. NATHAN DEAL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 16, 1995

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 961) to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act:

Mr. DEAL of Georgia. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of H.R. 961, The Clean Water Amendments of 1995, a commonsense approach to improving our Nation's water.

Since last summer, I have been part of the bipartisan effort to improve upon the existing Clean Water Program. I felt back then, as I do

today, that we must give States and localities greater flexibility and responsibility to deal with water quality matters.

H.R. 961 is a sharp departure from the current Federal, top-down approach to one that gives State and local water quality officials more flexibility and resources to address local problems. It recognizes that we have entered a new era of pollution control which requires new and innovative approaches to deal with pollution control, not rigid Federal standards. This is why the bill is supported by representatives from State and local government officials including the National Governor's Association, the Association of Water Pollution Control Administrators, the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, National Association of Counties, and National League of Cities.

This bill provides for much needed reforms in the wetlands area. It addresses horror stories like the one in Muncie, IN, where an 80-year-old farmer who had farmed his land all his life, like his grandfather and father before him, accidentally broke a water pipe and flooded his field. The Government informed him he could no longer farm his land because it was a wetland. H.R. 961 sets forth a clear and workable plan for American agriculture while protecting our most critical wetlands.

It also addresses the problems in our Nation's stormwater program. The current permit process is costly for local communities that on the average must spend over \$600,000 simply to complete the required application process. H.R. 961 reforms this broken system by giving States more regulatory flexibility to deal with stormwater problems.

H.R. 961 provides for unprecedented levels of funding to address water quality challenges. It includes \$15 billion for State revolving loan funds, \$1 billion for State nonpoint programs, \$750 million for State program grants, and \$250 million for unsewered and rural areas.

In short, I believe the bill prepares us for a third decade of clean water. It provides for commonsense reform while ensuring we have clean water. I urge my colleagues to vote for H.R. 961.

TRIBUTE TO BROADCAST PIONEER,
RAY LIVESAY

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 1995

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Mr. Ray Livesay of Mattoon, IL. Mr. Livesay passed away in his sleep this past Tuesday and it is with sorrow that I speak here today to honor this extraordinary man.

Ray Livesay was a modern pioneer of our airwaves. On the plains of central Illinois stands WLBH-AM and FM Radio which Ray built and watched grow into a public service that thousands of people depend on for their news and entertainment every day.

The first time I had the pleasure of meeting Ray was when I ran for my congressional seat. He asked if I could stop by his radio station and talk to him for awhile. I said I would be happy to, but it would be a few weeks before I would be in the area, with the exception of Christmas Day when I would be visiting my

wife's family near Champaign. To my surprise, Christmas Day was fine with Ray. I stopped at the station at 9:30 thinking perhaps a half-hour interview was awaiting me. Two and one-half hours later, we both walked out of the station headed for Christmas dinner with our families.

I have been through many editorial board interviews in my public career, but none could match that 2½ hours with Ray. Every possible issue, in every part of the world, was covered. He was direct. He was honest. We agreed on much. We disagreed on some, but I never witnessed a greater thirst for exploring ideas, for grappling with tough problems than I did that Christmas Day from a man over 75 years old.

He knew I was a Democrat, and there was never any doubt that he was a Republican. But on that sunny morning, we found a lot of common ground. I left there with a great respect for Ray. Mainly because he did not pull any punches, he was what he was. And I think he knew that, I too, struggle to find answers, albeit sometimes falling far short, and he respected the effort. There has not been a month that has gone by in the last 3 years when he has not called or written me about some issue. That Christmas morning led to lots of discussions between Ray and I, but even more than that, to a friendship that I cherished.

The last time I saw him was at the groundbreaking a few weeks ago for the new business park on Route 16. We were leaving and we stood beside his car and talked for nearly 20 minutes. The conversation never left his dear wife, Leffel. He was concerned for her. Other issues could wait this day. She was the thing on his mind. He openly expressed to me the love for his wife and family and asked me to remember her in my prayers. I have.

I will miss him a great deal. I will never forget that Christmas morning over 3 years ago when our friendship began.

In 1950, Ray began a series of daily editorials that were soon to become a staple of life in central Illinois. His editorials were aired at 7:15 a.m. 5 days a week, 52 weeks a year. That is a total of well over 10,000 issues that Ray took the time to research and understand, before he formulated his well developed opinion. Early in his career some tried to influence the way Ray would view an issue; however, it did not take long for people to realize that Ray's ideas were his and could not be easily swayed.

Mr. Speaker, Ray Livesay knew that the people who listen to his radio station deserve to know as much as they possibly can about issues affecting their lives. He believed in the idea that in order for a democracy to thrive its people must be well-informed. His ability to elicit thought provoking responses from elected officials and construct his insightful daily commentaries will be truly missed.

Mr. Speaker, Ray's influence was not limited to central Illinois. He served as president of the Daytime Broadcasters Association for 28 years, testified before more than 30 congressional committees, advised the U.S. State Department on radio matters as the broadcast industry developed, and in 1989, he was recognized by his peers when he was awarded the National Radio Award at the National Association of Broadcasters' Radio Convention in New Orleans.

An example of Ray's ability to shape the future of radio is that he is the originator of the 9 kilohertz plan for AM broadcasting in North