are a rate commodity. They face challenges in the classroom that go far beyond textbooks, homework, and grades, Mr. Waters is a dedicated professional who went beyond the call of duty and always bestowed any credit to his students.

Mr. Waters has gotten to know many generations of young adults growing up in eastern Cranston. His guidance and devotion is demonstrated by the caliber of students who have graduated. Prepared academically when they graduated to high school, these young adults were also prepared to be role models and leaders for other students. Mr. Waters is an institution, and will always be fondly recalled by his students, their parents, and his colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Mr. Waters' service to Park View Junior High School and commend him as a teacher, an advisor, and a person. Mr. Waters is truly a role model for future teachers and students, and I would like to wish him continued success in retirement.

A TRIBUTE TO MARFA ON THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOVIE ''GIANT''

HON. HENRY BONILLA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 1995

Mr. BONILLA. Mr. Speaker, 40 years ago the town of Marfa, TX, joined with Hollywood to bring to life ''Giant,'' the classic movie etched in the minds of so many Americans as a tale of trial and tribulation. This May 27, Marfa will have the pleasure of hosting a return engagement of this memorable classic with some of the original cast and crew joining in the celebration.

Many of us recall the family saga which features Hollywood greats Rock Hudson and Elizabeth Taylor. We especially remember James Dean, a young actor who was relatively unknown back in the summer of 1955 and had just finished filming another movie ''Rebel Without a Cause.''

Five years ago, Presidio County Judge Jake Brisbin came up with the idea to host a ''Giant'' reunion. Marfa Chamber of Commerce manager, Sheila Lujan and many others in the community have been very busy planning this exciting event. A few months ago, however, a fire swept through the Marfa City Hall, damaging the theater and dampening hopes that the reunion would take place. However, the people of Marfa didn't stop for a minute and now, their dream will become a reality.

The reunion will include a barbecue and look-alike contest at the Riata Ranch, a screening of ''Giant'' and a roundtable discussion on the famous movie. Robert Hinkle, who taught James Dean and actress Fran Bennett how to rope for the movie, will serve as a panelist.

Sponsored by the Marfa Chamber of Commerce, the Big Bend Quarterly, and the Cibolo Creek Ranch, the 40th anniversary ''Giant'' reunion will truly be unforgettable.

''Giant'' brought the spotlight to west Texas and showed America the culture and history of this unique area. The movie's plot helped define what Americans today perceive as the modern-day oilman. Many Marfans, too, still remember that long, hot summer 40 years ago when Marfa took center stage and dozens of people from Hollywood descended upon the town.

This reunion will be another historic moment for Marfa. The citizens of Marfa have shown faith and resolve in putting together what is sure to be a grand event. Congratulations and good luck to the community of Marfa.

A TRIBUTE TO JOHN BUDD

HON. VIC FAZIO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 1995

Mr. FAZIO of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my sincere condolences to the family of John Budd, the Regional Liaison for the Bureau of Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Regional Office in Sacramento, CA. John passed away on April 18. His loss is a tremendous blow to the Bureau and to the Federal service.

In many ways, John Budd was the Bureau of Reclamation in Sacramento. He was responsible for communicating the Bureau's policies, programs, and activities to congressional, State and local decisionmakers. He was the face that went with the Bureau.

John was always very helpful to me and my staff. John had a tremendous instinct when it came to seeing issues developing on the horizon. John was almost always the first person to give me a ''heads up'' on problems so we could deal with them before they reached the crisis stage.

John was a long-time Bureau employee. He joined the Bureau in 1965 as part of the construction crew for the San Luis Unit. Prior to his appointment as Regional Liaison, John was a repayment specialist responsible for negotiating and administering water service and repayment contracts for water deliveries from the Central Valley Project. John's fellow employees honored him many times during his years of service, perhaps most notably with the Department of Interior's prestigious Superior Service Award.

The formal accolades are important because they are the official markers of John's distinguished career. The real touchstone of John's career is the lasting impression he made on the lives of the people who surrounded him.

Mr. Speaker, I am glad to have had the opportunity to work with John Budd. We will all miss his professionalism, but more importantly, we will miss his friendship.

JOE PETERSON: TEACHER, SCHOLAR, VOLUNTEER

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 1995

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, in these days when we hear too many voices ask ''What's in it for me?'' It is always refreshing to hear of those who freely donate their time and efforts for the good of their fellow citizens—in other words, volunteers.

Volunteers can be found in every community. They are both male and female, of all races and faiths. They come from all walks of life and from all economic strata, and they range in age from elementary students to senior citizens. However, these volunteers all have one attribute in common: they ask for no compensation other than the good feeling they got from helping their fellow citizens.

One such volunteer is Joseph Peterson, of Carlton, MN in my congressional district. Mr. Peterson is an amateur scholar in American history, particularly in the history of the Presidency. He is an amateur in the root sense of the word: he is a true lover of his chosen field of study.

Like all volunteers, Mr. Peterson does not hide his light under a bushel. He happily shares his knowledge of our Government and our Presidents with schools, churches, social groups, and libraries in Carlton County and throughout Minnesota. A democratic society relies on an educated electorate, and Joseph Peterson is one man in one American community who is doing what he can to inform, educate, and stimulate interest in our democratic process.

Mr. Speaker, I would like at this time to share with you and my colleagues a newspaper article about Mr. Peterson from the Cloquet Journal and a sampling of the letters I have received recognizing his activities in the community. I'm sure you will join me in recognizing the importance of this volunteer's contribution to our society.

[From the Cloquet Minnesota Journal]

PRESIDENTIAL BUFF CONTINUES HOBBY

(By Wendy Rockvam)

February is the month the nation traditionally honors its presidents. For one Cloquet resident, however, Presidents' Day is a year-round observance.

Joe Peterson, a presidential history buff whose pursuits have taken him to President Bush's State of the Union Address and President Clinton's Inauguration, has been interested in the lives of the presidents since he was in second grade. During that year, President Kennedy was assassinated, and Peterson put together a detailed report on it for his class at school. His teacher gave his efforts high praise, and thus began a lifetime interest in the presidential office and those who have held it.

Peterson's hobby has involved an extensive amount of reading and study as well as a vast amount of correspondence. He has received Christmas cards, birthday cards, and autographed photos of several presidents, and he is constantly on the lookout for presidential memorabilia of all sorts.

Peterson said he tries to view presidents as people rather than political figures and finds them all fascinating in their own respect. His personal favorites are Pierce (''He kept the same cabinet for all four years of his presidency'') and Polk (''He was the only Speaker of the House to go on to become President'').

He is also a collector of presidential trivia.

''For example,'' he asked ''did you know that there are only three states—Ohio, Nebraska, and Hawaii—that actually recognize all the presidents on President's Day? All the others honor only Washington and Lincoln.''

''Another thing I've uncovered that most people don't know,'' he said, ''is the fact that no left-handed president has ever been reelected to office. President Clinton, by the way, is left handed. . . .''

BILLY GRAHAM
EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION,
Minneapolis, MN.

For many years Joe has researched and studied about our United States Presidents