

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL D. CANTOR

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 1995

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Daniel D. Cantor, who is being honored June 14, 1995 by the Joint Commission on the American Promenade in Israel for his outstanding contributions in fostering and sustaining favorable relations between the State of Israel and the United States.

Mr. Cantor was chosen for this honor because of his appointment as the founding father from Florida to the State of Israel of the American-Israel Promenade. The American Promenade in Israel is a further tribute to the continuing friendship between our two countries. To be built at the gateway to Jerusalem, the Promenade will consist of 50 marble, 20-foot-high monuments bearing the flags of and the official seals of the 50 States as well as the United States-Israel Friendship Botanical Garden featuring Biblical and State trees, flowers and wildflowers. Mr. Cantor provided the leadership to bring about this significant gesture.

Mr. Cantor served in the U.S. Navy in 1942 immediately following graduation from New York Law School. Following his service in the Navy, Mr. Cantor went on to become a successful builder and developer and operator of shopping centers and homes for the aged in Florida and New York.

In addition to the American Promenade, Mr. Cantor has remained active in Jewish organizations in south Florida. He is the president and chairman of Israeli Bonds of Greater Fort Lauderdale and a life vice president and past campaign chairman of the Jewish Federation of Fort Lauderdale. He is also the president and founder of the Daniel D. Cantor Senior Center in Sunrise, FL, and chairman of the Daniel D. Cantor Charitable Foundation.

Again, I salute Daniel D. Cantor for his lifetime dedication to his community. He is eminently worthy of the honor being bestowed upon him.

FREEHOLD FIRE COMPANY CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF FIGHTING FIRES

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 1995

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, anyone who visits my office can't help but notice the display of fire helmets that dominates my reception area. They're there for two reasons. First, I had the privilege of being a volunteer fireman in my hometown of Queensbury for more than 20 years, which helps explain the second reason, the tremendous respect that experience gave me for those who provide fire protection in our rural areas.

Mr. Speaker, in a rural area like the 22d district of New York, fire protection is often solely in the hands of these volunteer companies. In New York State alone they save countless lives and billions of dollars worth of property. This is why the efforts of people like those fire fighters in Freehold, NY, is so critical.

This fire company was established in 1945 by a group of people concerned with the safety of their neighbors in Freehold. Originally, the village was under the jurisdiction of the East Durham volunteer fire company, however, it became apparent that their territory was too large to adequately service Freehold. Therefore, a group of concerned residents took it upon themselves to form their own fire company to protect local citizens. This, Mr. Speaker, is the true spirit of volunteerism which made our Nation what it is today. It is tribute to this uniquely American concept that the Freehold Fire Company has continued to ensure the safety of their neighbors for 50 years now.

Aside from providing fire protection, the Freehold Fire Company and its members have become an integral part of the community over the years. They have steadily been able to improve their facilities in order to host various dinners and activities. By renovating their meeting hall, the Freehold Fire Company cohosted the 86th annual Greene County Volunteer Firemen's Convention in 1974. Furthermore, the grounds have been the site of the Freehold little league baseball field since 1975, providing countless youngsters the invaluable experience of being part of a team and representing their community. Finally, in 1986, the fire company built a new equipment building which effectively doubled their equipment and office space.

For all their extraordinary service and growth, it is clear we owe the members of the Freehold Volunteer Fire Company an extreme debt of gratitude. This Saturday, June 17th, the community will have the opportunity to express their gratitude at an open house. Now, Mr. Speaker, I ask you and all Members to rise with me and pay tribute to the efforts of those who comprise the history of the Freehold Volunteer Fire Department. May they continue to serve the Freehold community for another 50 years and beyond.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BRIDGEHAMPTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 1995

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Bridgehampton Fire Department for 100 years of excellent service to the people of the town of Southampton and particularly the people of Bridgehampton. The residents of Southampton are very fortunate to have such a well trained and dedicated Fire

Department. The Bridgehampton Fire Department has established itself as one of the best department in New York and has achieved an impeccable record.

If one examines the Bridgehampton Fire Department, it comes as no surprise that they have been successfully fighting fires for 100 years. With the leadership of Commissioner Howell H. Topping, this fire department has played a very active role in the life of the Southampton community. Commissioner Topping possesses all of the traits that a town could possibly desire in its fire commissioner, such as superb leadership and concern for the community and its citizens. The Bridgehampton Fire Department consists of more than 100 volunteer firefighters and no career firefighters, offering further evidence of their dedication and commitment to the community of Southampton.

On Saturday, June 17, 1995, the Bridgehampton Fire Department will celebrate its 100th anniversary, and Mr. Speaker I ask that you and the rest of the House join me in congratulating the fire department on achieving this momentous feat. This is a much deserved celebration and I wish them all the best on their day of glory. These men and women truly are the heroes of our day. They give of themselves to the community because of the love and pride they all share for their town.

I hope that each resident of Southampton would, if they are able, to express the debt of gratitude that they owe the Bridgehampton Fire Department. They have certainly earned it.

TRIBUTE TO HENRY T. NACRELLI

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 1995

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and pay tribute to Henry T. Nacrelli, superintendent of schools in the Rose Tree Media School District and a constituent from Broomall, PA.

When Hank Nacrelli retires on June 30, 1995, he will come to the close of a highly distinguished career in the field of education. Hank began his life-long teaching career in 1961 at Media High School, my alma mater, where he also served as head football coach and athletic director, inspiring students in and out of the classroom. He later served as the school district's Federal program director and wrote its first chapter I program. He then went on to serve as a guidance counselor, principal of both Media and Springton Lake Junior High Schools, and assistant superintendent. In 1981, Hank was appointed to his current position as superintendent of schools.

Under his careful guidance as superintendent, Rose Tree Media schools have been recognized for excellence on both State and national levels. The Pennsylvania Department of Education has also commended the school

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district for maintaining consistently high student achievement on statewide assessment tests.

These honors bestowed upon the Rose Tree Media School District stem from Hank's ingenuity and dedication to the school system. To enhance the education of the entire community, Hank developed the "RTM Challenge," a program to promote recreational reading for not only students, but for staff and parents, as well.

Throughout his long and admirable career, Hank Nacrelli has brought an extraordinary level of commitment to the positions he has held. He has helped mold the lives of thousands of young people, providing students with a positive educational experience as a community leader. Under his leadership, the Rose Tree Media School District has met the multitude of challenges facing education today. As a result, he has earned the utmost respect of students, staff, parents, and the rest of the community.

As a former teacher, I have great respect for men and women who dedicate their lives to the education of America's children. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Henry T. Nacrelli for his leadership and dedication to education, and in wishing him much happiness in his retirement. His guidance will certainly be missed, but his legacy will long endure.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM M. COUCH

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 1995

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an exceptional young man from my district who has recently accepted his appointment as a member of the class of 1999 at the U.S. Naval Academy.

William M. Couch graduated Margaretta High School in 1992 and joined the Navy. In the service, he has won numerous awards and commendations. While in high school, William distinguished himself as a leader among his peers. He is an outstanding citizen and patriot.

Mr. Speaker, one of the most important responsibilities of Members of Congress is to identify outstanding young men and women and to nominate them for admission to the U.S. service academies. While at the Academy, they will be the beneficiaries of one of the finest educations available, so that in the future, they might be entrusted with the very security of our Nation.

I am confident that William M. Couch has both the ability and the desire to meet this challenge. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating him for his accomplishments to date and to wish him the best of luck as he continues his career in service to our country.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID MCINTOSH

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 1995

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of this body a very distin-

guished Floridian, Mr. David McIntosh, of West Palm Beach, FL. Mr. McIntosh was inducted into the University of Florida Athletic Hall of Fame on April 7, 1995, as a distinguished letterman. Mr. McIntosh was a quarterback for the Gators from 1964 through 1967.

According to the Hall of Fame Criteria, a distinguished letterman is a letter-winner honored for major contributions to the university athletic programs through the investment of personal time, effort, and interest for many years, for distinguished service to and achievement in local, State, and national civic and charitable causes and for distinguished career achievements.

Mr. McIntosh has served in many capacities at the University of Florida. He is in his 5th year as a member of the board of directors of the University Athletic Association, its vice president, a member of its finance committee, and the chair of its audit committee. Mr. McIntosh is a past president of the University of Florida National Alumni Association. He has been a member of the board of directors of the University of Florida Foundation for many years, serving as chair for four of its committees: investments, budget, audit, and strategic planning. He is a past member of the board of directors of Gator boosters. He serves on the College of Business executive advisory board and previously served on the advisory board to the School of Accounting and on the College's Real Estate Advisory Board. He also served as the cochair of the major gifts committee for the College of Business during the University's Campaign for Excellence.

Mr. McIntosh has been very active in other capacities as well. He has served Palm Beach County as president of the United Way, the YMCA, the science museum, the Forum Club, and other organizations, as well as taking an active role in many other civic, charitable, and governmental causes on the local, State, and national level.

Mr. McIntosh has served as the chief executive officer of the 100-lawyer south Florida law firm of Gunster, Yoakley, Valdez-Pauli & Stewart, P.A., for the past 11 years. Prior to that time, he practiced as a CPA with Coopers & Lybrand in West Palm Beach for 15 years. He has earned many forms of professional recognition in each of those capacities.

Mr. McIntosh lives in West Palm Beach, FL, with his wife Leslie M. Ritch, and their 18-month old daughter, Madison Marie. He is indeed a source of pride for all graduates of the University of Florida.

CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT PREPAYMENT AMENDMENT OF 1995

HON. JAMES V. HANSEN

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 1995

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Central Utah Water Project Prepayment Amendment of 1995.

Under this legislation, the Secretary of the Interior will be extended the authority to allow the Central Utah Water Conservancy District to prepay municipal and industrial water delivery facilities under the same terms and conditions as negotiated by the Department of the Interior for the prepayment of the Jordan Aq-

ueduct system as previously authorized in section 210 of the Central Utah Project Completion Act.

The bill does not call for any new Federal spending. The title to the facilities will remain with the United States of America. I am informed by the district's bond counsel that the prepayment of these Federal contracts could in fact result in as much as a \$200 million payment to the Federal Treasury.

The successful implementation of this amendment will be beneficial financially to both the Federal Government and the local water district.

U.S. CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE LAO AND HMONG VET- ERANS COMMEMORATION CER- EMONY IN FRESNO, CA, MARKING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FALL OF SOUTHEAST ASIA TO COMMUNISM

HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 1995

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, on May 6 in my congressional district in Fresno an important air show and dinner conference was held by the Lao Veterans of America organization to mark the 20th anniversary of the fall of South Vietnam and other Indochina nations to Communist aggression.

Present at the air show from the Fresno area and from across the United States were thousands of Hmong and Lao combat veterans of the Vietnam war as well as their families. Also in attendance were many important individuals and officials including: Maj. Gen. Vang Pao, former commander of Military Region II in the Royal Lao Army; Gen. Thonglit Chokhbenbol, former commander in the Royal Lao Army; Gen. Nguyen Khanh, former President of the Republic of South Vietnam and army commander; Mike Johns, former White House speech writer for President George Bush; Phillip Smith, director of the Center for Public Policy Analysis in Washington, DC; Col. Douglas R. Moore, commander of the 144th Fighter Wing, Air National Guard; Lt. Col. James Arthur, wing executive officer, 144th Fighter Wing, Air National Guard; Jim Patterson, mayor of Fresno; Madame Nguyen, Vietnamese community leader and human rights activist; Joe Scheimer, representative of the Ravens, one of the organizations of United States pilots who flew covert military operations during America's secret war in Laos; Christopher Robbins, journalist and author of the important book, "The Ravens: The Men Who Flew in America's Secret War in Laos"; and Robert Lung, a Fresno city councilman.

CAPITALISM AFTER THE COLD WAR

HON. GEORGE W. GEKAS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 1995

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of the Denver and Ephrata Telephone & Telegraph Co. [D&E], a

proven leader in the telecommunications industry. Along with three other firms, D&E is spearheading the development of a communications network in Hungary.

Since the end of the cold war, we have seen how the opening of new markets in Eastern Europe has affected the political and economic climate across the globe. The strength of our free-market system gave us victory in the cold war, and that same strength will help us to forge new friendships with developing nations by stimulating economic growth both here and abroad.

D&E is the 34th largest telephone company in the United States and serves more than 48,000 customers in northern Lancaster County, PA. It is recognized as a leader in the telecommunications industry due to its use of advanced technology.

D&E has joined three midwestern firms to create a consortium known as the Monor Communications Group [MCG]. The goal of this consortium is to provide modern telecommunications service to the people of Hungary. In May 1994, Hungary's Ministry of Telecommunications signed a concession contract allowing MCG to form a Hungarian-American telephone company named Monor Telefon Tarasag [MTT].

Monor, a suburb of Budapest, was selected as the location for MTT. The Monor region consists of 43 towns with a total population of 225,000 people. There are approximately 78,000 private residences and 5,000 businesses.

MTT is steadily constructing a sophisticated, fiber optic linked, digital telecommunications network. Upon obtaining the MTT territory, there were 12,000 existing telephone lines. By the end of 1995, MTT plans to have 42,000 digital lines in service. A total of 70,000 lines should be in service by the end of 1996. In addition, MTT will provide cable TV as well as other value-added communications services. MTT looks to offer sophisticated technology along with the commitment to quality service that has been a trademark of D&E for more than 83 years.

This type of American ingenuity and forward-thinking should be an example to other American businesses in all industries. The decline of communism has provided a golden opportunity for economic investment, as well as the development of a mutual understanding between our cultures. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join with me in saluting the efforts of the Denver and Ephrata Telephone & Telegraph Co.

THE OMNIBUS TRANSPORTATION
EMPLOYEE TESTING ACT
AMENDMENTS OF 1995

HON. NORMAN Y. MINETA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 1995

Mr. MINETA. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act Amendments of 1995. This bill, if enacted, will allow both the Department of Transportation and transportation employers to focus their efforts and resources on activities that truly enhance safety.

In 1991, Congress enacted legislation that imposed significant new drug and alcohol test-

ing requirements on the transportation sector. The required testing included all modes—mass transit, railroad, trucking, and aviation—and many kinds of testing—preemployment, reasonable suspicion, random, and postaccident. The purpose of the legislation was to improve transportation safety, and the bill contributed to that goal.

However, one part of this bill has been mired in legal problems, and, as a result, simply does not contribute to transportation safety. That is the part of the bill having to do with preemployment testing for alcohol.

The core of the problem is that alcohol consumption by someone not yet employed in the transportation sector is not illegal. The bill attempted to deal with this problem by requiring preemployment testing for alcohol use, in violation of law or Federal regulation. However, this creates an unworkable situation where we require employers to test applicants, knowing that in virtually all instances, the results cannot be put to any purpose.

A recent decision by the court of appeals found that the Department of Transportation's regulations to implement preemployment testing for alcohol were inappropriate and the court vacated those regulations. The Department of Transportation suspended the regulations for preemployment alcohol testing to comply with the court's decision. But, we still have on the books statutory requirement to do something that everyone now acknowledges makes no sense, that is preemployment testing of all applicants for illegal consumption of alcohol.

We need to clean up this absurd situation and get both industry and the Department of Transportation focused on the testing that improves transportation safety. DOT estimates that preemployment alcohol testing of transportation applicants would cost around \$30 million per year. This represents resources and attention that would be far more effective if focused on the testing that does produce safety benefits. We need to focus on the requirements for reasonable suspicion, random, and postaccident testing with respect to alcohol. In the case of illegal drugs, we need to focus on all types of testing, including preemployment.

The bill I am introducing today would rescind the invalidated requirement for preemployment alcohol testing of transportation employees, while making it clear that employers have the option of conducting such tests, if they wish. All other requirements for drug and alcohol testing are retained.

Thus, this bill eliminates a requirement that has proven to be unworkable, in favor of those requirements that have been effective in our ongoing efforts to improve transportation safety. We need to focus both our resources and our regulatory attention on those areas where we can achieve the greatest public safety benefit.

OMNIBUS TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYEE TESTING
ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1995—SECTION-BY-SECTION
ANALYSIS

Section 1: Section 1 establishes a short title for the bill—the "Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act Amendments of 1995."

Section 2: Section 2 amends existing language of the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991 concerning drug and alcohol testing in the mass transit industry. It does not change the current provision of the Act that the regulations requir-

ing testing in that industry provide for preemployment, reasonable suspicion, random, and post-accident drug testing. However, it provides that only three kinds of alcohol testing—reasonable suspicion, random, and post-accident—are required. The bill would eliminate the statutory mandate for preemployment alcohol testing, on the basis that this form of alcohol testing is less necessary than the others in order to have an effective program for deterrence and detection of alcohol misuse. Because alcohol is a legal substance that dissipates from the bloodstream relatively quickly, testing for its presence is most valuable at the time when safety-sensitive functions are performed. By contrast, the drugs for which testing is required are illegal, and their detection even during preemployment testing is important. Preemployment alcohol testing under the Act currently is estimated to cover more than seven million employees and cost about \$30 million annually.

However, many employers may find that conducting preemployment alcohol testing can serve a useful purpose as a way of emphasizing, from the outset of an employee's connection with an employer, the employer's commitment to a substance abuse-free transportation workplace. Employers may also find preemployment alcohol testing helpful to screen out applicants whose use of alcohol is chronic. Such employers may wish to have preemployment alcohol testing as part of their substance abuse prevention programs. For this reason, the amendment provides that employers who choose to require preemployment alcohol testing may do so as part of their program that responds to the Act and Department of Transportation regulations.

Section 3: This section makes parallel changes to the railroad industry testing requirements under the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991.

Section 4: This section makes parallel changes to the motor carrier industry testing requirements under the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991.

Section 5: This section makes parallel changes to the aviation industry testing requirements under the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991, including testing for Federal Aviation Administration employees performing safety-sensitive functions.

Section 6: This section establishes an effective date for the amendments made by the Act.

HONORING DON SCHIRRICK AS
MINNESOTA KNIGHT OF THE YEAR

HON. COLLIN C. PETERSON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 1995

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate a good friend of mine, Don Schirrick, for being honored as Minnesota's Knight of the Year. It is an honor that is well deserved.

Don joined the Knights of Columbus 7 years ago in Thief River Falls, MN, and 4 years ago, he helped start a council in Red Lake Falls. That council has now grown to 100 members.

Don has always been one of those people who thinks of others before thinking of himself. He has spent much of his time during the past 4 years raising money for the community. Just last year, he worked on an annual marathon, which raised \$7,000 for St. Joseph's School and a Tootsie Roll drive, which raised about \$600 for Northwood Home.

Don was named local Knight of the Year last year, which entitled him to enter the State competition against 20,000 others. A panel of seven knights from across the State picked Don as Minnesota Knight of the Year.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Don Schirrick on his honor, and thanking him for his tireless work on behalf of the Knights of Columbus and the community of Red Lake Falls.

DRUG LEGISLATION

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 1995

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to share with you some excerpts from an excellent speech recently given by former HEW Secretary Joseph Califano. Mr. Califano explores a subject that, unfortunately, is only seldom discussed—the enormous costs to taxpayers resulting from substance abuse. He also makes it clear that drug legalization would have disastrous consequences, especially on inner city communities.

Let me give just one example of how little most Americans understand about the wages of substance abuse. Do you ever see newspapers or television news report the amount that Federal entitlement programs pay out because of substance abuse? The answer is a colossal \$77.6 billion this year—an amount equivalent to 40 percent of the Federal deficit.

Legalization of drugs in the United States is a policy of despair, one that would write off millions of our citizens, a disproportionate number of them black and Hispanic. It has not worked anywhere it has been tried. The claim that drug legalization in some European nation stands as a success story, especially when measured against the alleged failure of American drug policy, is specious.

Legalizers often cite marijuana as a harmless drug. Nonsense. Smoking pot savages short-term memory and ability to concentrate. And smoking pot can lead to use of other drugs for thousands of individuals. 12 to 17 year-olds who smoke pot are 85 times more likely to use cocaine than those who don't.

Secretary Califano understands that drug legalization would have one sure effect: Vulnerable inner city communities would become even more enslaved to drug pushers.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. AND MRS. KIRYLO ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 1995

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Walter and Maria Kirylo on 50 glorious years of marriage. This fine couple is certainly a testament to the "American Dream." They have shown us all that dedication and love can be a great blessing and bring great blessings, leading to a happy and successful life and family.

Walter John Kirylo was born on April 14, 1918 in Cambridge, MA. As a member of the

U.S. Infantry, Walter served honorably in World War II, securing the blessings of liberty and the fruits of freedom for generations to come. Shortly after the liberation of Holland in 1944, he met Maria Christina Callemeyn. One year later, they were married in Maastricht.

Walter and Maria now live in Ogden, UT, where they enjoy gardening and traveling. The pride of their lives are their 8 children and 10 grandchildren whom they love dearly.

Like so many others, the life that Walter and Maria have shared has been marked by moments of great happiness and great struggle. Ultimately, however, their love story has been a beacon of joy and love in a world sometimes darkened by loneliness and isolation. I'm sure that the entire House of Representatives joins me in expressing our gratitude and congratulations to Walter and Maria Kirylo.

TRIBUTE TO HARRY O'NEIL

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 1995

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a brief moment to recognize Mr. Harry O'Neil, a constituent from my district who is this year's recipient of the Sourin Memorial Award. This great honor was bestowed upon him by the Catholic Philopatric Literary Institute, and it represents society's appreciation for an individual who has made noteworthy contributions and achievements in a lifetime of adopting Catholic ideals, morality, and good citizenship.

Mr. O'Neil is currently a partner in the Philadelphia law firm of Stradely, Ronan, Stevens, and Young and practices banking and real estate law. As an employer in his banking practice he is well respected and liked by all, and is affectionately seen by his employees and colleagues as a tough but fair boss. In addition to his achievements here, he has served as counsel for the Dioceses of Philadelphia's Cemetery Division. He attended undergraduate and law school at Villanova University and received his B.S. in 1957 and his J.D. in 1977. Remarkably, he did not attend law school until he was 38, after having four children, and he graduated in the top 5 percent of his class. Most importantly, he is, I am advised by one of his children, an understanding father who has raised his children to respect and love the Lord, but who has never forced religion upon them.

Mr. O'Neil is the kind of citizen who both practices and teaches values that make our society a hard working and ethical one. As an employer, as an active member of his community, and as a loving father, he has achieved much in his lifetime. I would like to add that this is one of the first years that the Sourin Award has been given to a member of the laity rather than to a member of the clergy, and he clearly deserves it.

TRIBUTE TO JERROD E. HAWK

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 1995

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an exceptional young man from my district who has recently accepted his appointment as a member of the Class of 1999 at the U.S. Military Academy.

Jerrod E. Hawk graduated Paulding High School in 1994 and enrolled in Marion Military Institute. At the institute he has worked hard to prepare himself for a career in the military. While in high school, Jerrod distinguished himself as a leader among his peers. He is an outstanding citizen and patriot.

Mr. Speaker, one of the most important responsibilities of Members of Congress is to identify outstanding young men and women and to nominate them for admission to the United States service academies. While at the academy, they will be the beneficiaries of one of the finest educations available, so that in the future, they might be entrusted with the very security of our Nation.

I am confident that Jerrod Hawk has both the ability and the desire to meet this challenge. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating him for his accomplishments to date and to wish him the best of luck as he begins his career in service to our country.

MR. HUU DINH NGUYEN RECOGNIZED ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 1995

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and extend my heartfelt congratulations to Huu Dinh Nguyen, on the occasion of his retirement from the Santa Clara County Social Services Agency. Mr. Nguyen's commitment to social work has improved the quality of life of many people. I commend his tireless dedication and relentless self-sacrifice in the name of public service.

Mr. Nguyen was born in Vietnam and earned a master's degree in literature from the University of Saigon. He later went to U.S. Army military schools in Georgia and Okinawa. A colonel in the South Vietnam Army, Mr. Nguyen came to the United States when North Vietnam overtook South Vietnam in 1975.

Following a brief stay in Alabama, Mr. Nguyen moved to California and began working for the Santa Clara County Social Services Agency. He was assigned to the Child Welfare Service Unit where he managed children in foster and adoptive programs. He has recently been recognized with the Daniel E. Koshland Award for outstanding social worker of the year for the State of California. Mr. Nguyen's 15 years of service is commendable.

Further, in his spare time, Huu Dinh Nguyen established Aid to Refugee Children Without Parents [ARCWP]. ARCWP is a nonprofit, volunteer organization which helps children in Southeast Asian refugee camps. Mr. Nguyen

has served on several boards and commissions committed to helping children in need.

Mr. Dinh Nguyen is a shining example of what the United States of America is all about. This Nation was built on certain ideals including community, self-sacrifice, and caring. Mr. Nguyen has demonstrated, through his career as a social worker and by his voluntarism, that he is committed to those ideals that Americans value.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my own congratulations and gratitude to Mr. Huu Dinh Nguyen on behalf of my constituents in the 16th District of California and the U.S. House of Representatives.

PORT WASHINGTON YOUTH ACTIVITIES HONORS RUDY HOTAREK, TOM ROBERTSON, AND TOM BROWN

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 1995

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with my constituents in the 5th Congressional District of New York, and the citizens of the Village of Port Washington, in Nassau County, in recognizing the Port Washington Youth Activities [PYA] as it celebrates its Fifth Hall of Fame Dinner Dance.

This year, the PYA will honor three individuals, Rudy Hotarek, Tom Robertson, and Tom Brown, for their dedication and support of youth activities in the community. These individuals will be inducted into the Port Washington Youth Activities Hall of Fame.

Rudy Hotarek was a significant force in the developmental days of PYA; he served as coach, officer and member of the board for more than 10 years.

Tom Robertson was a distinguished and involved coach of young people for more than 12 years. He lent his exceptional efforts to PYA's football, basketball, and lacrosse programs.

Finally, Tom Brown is being honored for athletic achievements in basketball and football at the collegiate level in the 1970's. Much of the PYA's reputation for skillful competition and dedication to excellence was developed during Tom Brown's participation as a young man in PYA football, basketball and baseball programs.

All three of these gentlemen are being recognized for their individual and collective contributions to youth sports. Their achievements are an excellent reflection upon themselves, their families, and their community, and represent the true American spirit of dedication and volunteerism embodied by the PYA. These three men are most deserving of this honor, and merit the special appreciation of their neighbors and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me now in honoring Rudy Hotarek, Tom Robertson, and Tom Brown, and in congratulating the Port Washington Youth Activities for its generous contributions and dedicated service to the community.

HONORING ALISON GAVRELL

HON. BILL BAKER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 1995

Mr. BAKER of California. Mr. Speaker, in June, a very talented young woman from my district in California will be traveling to Washington to receive a major literary award. Alison Gavrell will receive the Silver Award at the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards national exhibition at the Corcoran Gallery of Art for her short story, "Don't Believe Everything You Read."

This prestigious program, which honors talented young writers and artists from across the Nation, is designed to encourage some of America's finest and most gifted students in the pursuit of excellence. Alison plans to read from her story at the Library of Congress Saturday, June 17, and will be part of the ceremony and reception for all national award winning students at the Corcoran the following day.

Alison, a student at the Dorris-Eaton School in Walnut Creek, deserves high praise for her diligence, self-discipline, and creativity. My congratulations also go to her parents, George and Elaine Gavrell, and her teacher, Ms. Deeni Schoenfeld for their contributions to Alison's signal achievement. It is a pleasure for me to recognize Alison in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

HONORING PHILIP BILGRAY, RAMP SERVICEMAN AT WASHINGTON DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

HON. PATRICIA SCHROEDER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 1995

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention the following story published in Hemispheres about Philip Bilgray, a United Airlines employee. Mr. Bilgray is the first hearing-impaired employee to work on the ramp at Washington Dulles International Airport. I have had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Bilgray and can tell you that he is a very special individual. He is proud of the work he does and of the fact that he has helped other employees learn sign language so that they can communicate better in situations where oral communication is impossible. As a frequent traveler, I feel good knowing that Philip Bilgray is working to keep everything running smoothly.

UNITED VOICES

(By Philip Bilgray)

My name is Philip Bilgray, and I am a Ramp Serviceman. You could say that I broke new ground as the first hearing-impaired employee on the ramp at Washington Dulles International Airport, where I've worked since 1986.

Some people may think it's difficult for me to do my job because I interact a lot with other employees and customers. But my disability doesn't get in the way of my work. Much of the time, aircraft noise on the ramp makes it very difficult for anyone to hear, and ramp employees often use hand signals to communicate as they work. In fact, I've

expanded that practice by teaching my co-workers some simple sign language, and now we can communicate even better without speaking.

Also, driving a tug in the ramp area isn't much different for me than driving a car. In both cases, I take special precautions to make sure that I see nearby vehicles because I can't hear them approaching. With aircraft and other vehicles everywhere, making the extra effort to constantly look around ensures that I'm upholding our corporate value: Safety is all times, in all things.

As a United employee, I am proud to take care of your luggage whether you're traveling for business or pleasure. I try to help you if you have luggage problems. When delays occur, each of us knows that being a team is more important than ever, and by working together, we can minimize the impact of a delayed or cancelled flight.

Although I've taken my career at United seriously and I've worked hard, my parents get the credit for my successful entry into the workplace. They encouraged me to speak and sent me to a special private school for the speech impaired to make sure I could communicate with other people, like my co-worker, supervisors, and manager. My parents gave me the confidence to go for what I wanted, and what I've always wanted is to work for the best airline in the world. And the really great thing is, I don't just work at United anymore, I'm one of the owners!

I've found that sometimes the best way to learn about a job you're interested in is to take a straightforward approach. Although I'm very open about my deafness, I know some people don't like the word "handicapped," so I say that people like me who are deaf or hard of hearing are exceptional people, who can do anything if they put their mind to it.

There are many examples of hearing-impaired people achieving a lot of success. Many people saw the Miss America Pageant on TV this past year and witnessed the crowning of the first hearing-impaired winner. Also, millions of people have seen Marlee Matlin, a deaf actress, in Children of a Lesser God and on television.

Those are only two examples. I truly believe that it makes no difference whether a person is deaf or hard of hearing. There are many fine people who work for airlines or as lawyers, doctors, dentists, etc. And, happily, there also are many hearing people throughout the world who either know sign language or would like to learn it. If you are one of them, I would encourage you to learn sign language—it can open up a whole new world for you!

NOTE: Philip Bilgray has received commendations for administering first aid to a passenger on a United flight and for participating in Dulles' annual Christmas Fantasy Flight for critically ill children.

LEAH McCANDLESS TRIBUTE

HON. BILL RICHARDSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 1995

Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, one of our Nation's unsung heroes is celebrating yet another milestone. Mrs. Leah McCandless is turning 95 years old this week.

While many of my colleagues may not know Mrs. McCandless, House and Senate members who have had to run for office representing Hobart, OK know Mrs. McCandless very well. It has become a sort of ritual for candidates to stop by her home for some pie and

coffee and a nice chat. Every politician stops by the McCandless home hoping to receive her blessing.

Her word goes a long way back in Hobart. She is the matriarch of the community—a real force back home. She counsels her fellow citizens and offers longtime wisdom on everything from marriage to divorce.

But it is her lifelong devotion to her children that makes her most proud. She raised five sons—three of whom served in World War II—and she is proud and delighted to tell you about them.

Her oldest son, Bill, was a successful businessman before his death. He also served in the Johnson administration working as co-chair of Ozarks Regional Development. Jack is retired vice president of Gates Corporation of Denver. Earl is a retired Army Colonel who served as social aide to President Kennedy and is an accomplished musician. John is a successful attorney in Oklahoma City and served in the Army's Counter Intelligence Corps. Bob worked for Senator Robert S. Kerr, directed Senator Humphrey's 1968 presidential bid and is now a prominent attorney in our Nation's Capital.

Mrs. McCandless also has worked tirelessly on behalf of her Presbyterian Church. She has been active for some 80 years and has served many roles at the Church.

It is with great pleasure that I urge my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to this outstanding woman, mother, neighbor, community leader, political advisor, and unsung hero. Mrs. McCandless has helped make this country great and we owe her our thanks and admiration.

A TRIBUTE TO THOMAS J. LAVIN

HON. DICK ZIMMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 1995

Mr. ZIMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in order to recognize a remarkable individual, Thomas Lavin, who has been highly instrumental in promoting Irish-American awareness in New Jersey. Tom is now recovering from a near-fatal car accident, but even this has not dampened his spirit or his energy.

Tom almost single-handedly created the Irish American Public Action Committee, Inc., an organization dedicated to promoting the Irish culture and heritage. This organization also collects, through contributions and purchases, Irish books and tapes and donates them to libraries. In addition, IAPAC organizes lectures on Irish matters of interest and arranges traditional Irish entertainment for colleges and universities. The son of Irish immigrants from County Mayo, Tom was IAPAC's first president and serves as a director today.

I would like to join IAPAC in honoring Tom for all that he has done for Irish-Americans in New Jersey. Although still confined to a wheelchair, Tom has enjoyed a phenomenal

recovery and looks forward to many more years of sharing his Irish heritage.

TRIBUTE TO THE RED DEVILS TENNIS TEAM

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 1995

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, the old saying that it is sometimes better to be lucky than good was turned on its head recently by a high school in the Sixth District of North Carolina. The Graham High School doubles tennis team proved that sometimes it is better to be good than lucky.

The Red Devils tennis duo proved this by losing the draw for team seedings but then going on to capture the North Carolina high school boys doubles tennis championship. Graham tennis coach Jim Melvin told the Burlington, NC, Times-News that he tried to get the No. 2 seed for his team. "They did it the hard way," Melvin told the newspaper. "I tried to get them seeded second, but they wound up getting the third seed. A coin flip put them with the No. 1 seeds. Obviously, it wasn't a perfect draw. But they beat the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds. They did not back into it."

Stuart Melvin and Jeremy Wyrick defeated doubles teams from Mt. Airy and Elkin to capture Graham's first tennis title. What made the duo even more special for Coach Melvin was that one of its members was his son, Stuart. "It's Graham's first-ever tennis championship of any kind, and your son being part of it made it even more special."

I am sure that the championship was special for everyone at Graham High School. Congratulations to principal Brad Evans, athletic director Mike Williams, the faculty, staff, students, and parents of Graham High School. The entire Sixth District of North Carolina is proud of your first-ever tennis championship.

MEMORIAL DAY 1995

HON. G.V. (SONNY) MONTGOMERY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 13, 1995

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Mr. Speaker, on May 9, 1995, an extension of remarks that appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on page E980 was accidentally attributed to my dear colleague, BOB STUMP. I regret this confusion and here follows the correct text of my Memorial Day message for 1995.

MEMORIAL DAY 1995

Sacrifice. It's a word we all know. All of us have made some sacrifices in our lives. We make sacrifices for our family, for our close friends, even for our neighbors and coworkers. Persons in the Armed Forces make many sacrifices, and over one million Americans have given their lives, the ultimate sac-

rifice, while serving in our Nation's armed forces. Throughout history, members of the Armed Forces have risked their lives not merely for their family or their coworkers, but for a cause represented by the American flag, and the freedom to choose and the liberty to succeed which it embodies.

Some Americans are too young to remember; others have too quickly forgotten. How important, therefore, that we honor our veterans, that we learn from them, and that we teach others about history, about war, about sacrifice. We are still reminded about Korea, Vietnam, and more recent encounters. We should not, however, allow the memory, the lessons, and the sacrifices of our terrible world wars to fade. Proud veterans of those wars are among us today. Their presence bears witness to sacrifice.

Fifty years ago this month, our Nation was beginning to absorb the meaning of victory in Europe, to realize what the final tally was in terms of lives lost or shattered as the result of the awful conflict in Europe and North Africa. In April of 1945, President Roosevelt had died of a cerebral hemorrhage at Warm Springs, Georgia. The battle in the Pacific still raged as scientists neared completion of the first atomic bomb. The sacrifices would continue for four more months, and then the bloodiest of all wars would be over.

Veterans of World War I saw staggering losses in bitter trench warfare and history's first use of such horrible tactics as gas warfare. Fewer than 20,000 veterans of that brutal conflict are still alive today.

Cemeteries in two small towns in northwest Maryland contain the dead from the battle of Antietam, where more casualties occurred in a single day than on any other day of the Civil War.

The United States and the world learned of the awful toll of war when two of Mathew Brady's assistants photographed the dead of Antietam. The pictures brought home the shocking toll of war and its accompanying sacrifice when they were first displayed in 1862, and they are no less shocking today. It is fitting that each Memorial Day, the 2,100 graves of the Union dead are decorated with small American flags, a scene which stirs the conscience, but which only hints at the sacrifices which took place on the day of the battle. In a nearby cemetery, there are no decorations for the graves of 2,400 Confederate soldiers. We hope that these graves will be decorated on Memorial Day.

Battlefields and cemeteries remind us of the terrible sacrifices and loss of life in war. But many of us or our family members remember all too directly the experience of war. The first half of this century saw two world wars. These were the "wars to end all wars". How wrong we were to think the experience of war was behind us! Consider Korea. Vietnam. Lebanon. Grenada. Panama. The Persian Gulf. Somalia. Haiti. We have asked much of our fighting men and women.

Although many members of our Armed Forces are buried on foreign soils, there are cemeteries throughout this country which contain the remains of the very best that America had to offer. Remembering is what Memorial Day is for, and what gives it meaning is how each one of us remembers the great sacrifices which have made possible the blessings we share as Americans today.