

and the Florida Realtor of the Year in 1985. In addition, Jo was an energetic political activist, participating in the development of the Realtor's Political Action Committee [RPAC], chairing the State Woman's Council of Realtors, and acting in a key capacity on numerous other government-appointed committees. She was appointed by the Truman administration to serve as a 1950 delegate to the White House Conference on Children and Youth and continued on to energetically serve at local, State, and national levels for the next 40 years.

Jo's impressive achievements are easily documented. However, the high respect in which she was held by her peers is also worthy of recognition. Jo was a kind, strong woman whose positive impact will be felt far into the future.

“ALWAYS IN MY HEART”—PRESIDENT LEE SPEAKS AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY

HON. DAVID FUNDERBURK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 1995

Mr. FUNDERBURK. Mr. Speaker, on June 9, 1995, President Lee Teng-hui of the Republic of China delivered the Olin lecture at Cornell University, his alma mater. President Lee's lecture, “Always in My Heart,” included his personal reminiscences of his student days at Cornell. He recalled “the long, exhausting evenings in the libraries, the soothing and reflective hours at church, the hurried shuttling between classrooms, the evening strolls. * * *”

President Lee then went on to describe what was truly in his heart: The Taiwan Experience. With considerable pride he said eloquently:

By the term Taiwan Experience I mean what the people of Taiwan have accumulated in recent years through successful political reform and economic development. This experience has already gained widespread recognition by international society and is being taken by many developing nations as a model to emulate. Essentially, the Taiwan Experience constitutes the economic, political and social transformation of my nation over the years . . . It is worth remembering what we in the Republic of China on Taiwan have had to work with in achieving all that we now have: a land area of only 14,000 square miles (slightly less than 1/3 the area of New York State) and a population of 21 million. My country's natural resources are meager and its population density is high. However, its international trade totaled U.S. \$180 billion in 1994 and its per capita income stands at U.S. \$12,000. Its foreign exchange reserves now exceed U.S. \$99 billion, more than those of any other nation in the world except Japan.

Indeed, within a period of 45 years Taiwan has compiled a most impressive economic and political record. I am happy to see that the Clinton administration had the wisdom to allow President Lee Teng-hui to visit Cornell, and I hope that the United States and its people will also open their hearts to receive and welcome President Lee Teng-hui to Capitol Hill and the White House in the very near future. The Republic of China is a model ally, worthy of our support.

IN MEMORY OF THOMAS L. SALTZ

HON. CHARLES H. TAYLOR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 1995

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a very special man from western North Carolina, Thomas L. Saltz, who passed away on June 5, at the age of 64. It is with great sadness that I offer my condolences to his wife Doris and the rest of the Saltz family. Thomas Saltz was a friend to all and a tireless worker. His passing is a great loss to all who knew him.

Mr. Saltz grew up in Henderson County, NC. He was schooled at Dana High School, where he also played basketball. Later, he joined the Army, and is a Korean war veteran. After leaving the service, he went to work for General Electric, where he served for 35 years until his retirement in 1990.

Mr. Saltz loved his community and participated actively in it. He was a member of the American Legion Post 77, Woodmen of the World, Southern Lights Square Dance Club, and the East Flat Rock First Baptist Church. He was a steadfast Republican who put people first in everything he did. He was a former party chairman and had served as chairman of the Henderson County Board of Elections. Mr. Saltz was devoted to the party until his death. He has been considered by many who knew as the backbone of the Henderson County Republican Party for the last 40 years. At the time of his death he was a Henderson County precinct chairman.

Thomas Saltz will be remembered as a father, a friend, and a leader. He touched the lives of many people and will be missed dearly.

TRIBUTE TO THE MERCHANT MARINE FLEET

HON. LINDA SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 1995

Mrs. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize those men and women who served our Nation as members of the merchant marine fleet in times of peace and national crisis. Recently, I heard from a constituent, Lawrence Jacobson of Olympia, WA, who reminded me of the great contributions that our merchant marines have given to the United States.

In World War II, it was the merchant marine who was most likely to give his life to transport much needed cargo to our embattled allies, risking attack by Nazi U-boats and other hazards. Without their diligent, selfless and brave determination, England would have been almost defenseless.

Every armed conflict has demanded sea transport that only our merchant marines could provide. Even as recently as the Gulf war, U.S. merchant marines served along-side their brothers and sisters in the Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps with equal valor and at great personal risk. I am proud to serve a District that touts such men and women as the merchant marine.

There are very few men and women who can say that they have served their country in

both peace and war as those brave souls who served on the decks of our merchant marine fleet. Mr. Speaker, the merchant marines have my admiration and I am sure that I speak for every American when I say, thank you.

TRIBUTE TO DR. BOB FOWLER

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 1995

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, few get the chance to know someone who exemplifies the very meaning of the word service. I am honored to be able to tell you about this man who has given so much to all of us.

Dr. Bob Fowler learned the true meaning of service to his country through his military work and the true meaning of service to the men and women of our communities through his work as a physician. From day one, he was dedicated to both.

As a young man, he hitchhiked to Fort Bragg, NC hoping to join the 82d Airborne Division of the U.S. Army. He was placed in the infantry instead, but got his chance to work with that acclaimed division 45 years later, as the oldest combat soldier in the Persian Gulf war. Dr. Fowler served both the 82d and 101st Airborne Divisions on the front lines. By then he was a combat surgeon because following his World War II service as a private, Fowler attended the University of North Carolina and Duke University Medical Schools.

Following graduation he continued his Army service in the Medical Corps, serving as a first lieutenant in the Korean war. After active duty, he continued to practice general surgery, but he still retained a love for military service.

In 1987, Dr. Fowler joined the Tennessee Army National Guard as a battalion surgeon. During that period he used the kind of practical and creative thinking that merged his many talents and helped so many people.

He came up with what is now known as MediGuard, a system that allows Guard medical facilities to be used to help indigent patients and rescue missions when the staff and facilities are not busy.

The concept has been so successful it is now used nationally, but to Fowler it is just another way to help others. That is the kind of spirit that has made our country and our communities strong.

The dedication has not gone unnoticed, even now upon his retirement. Gov. Don Sundquist has promoted Dr. Fowler to the rank of major general of the Tennessee National Guard. It is a well deserved honor for him and a wonderful moment for all of us, who continue receiving the benefit of his talent, experience, and dedication. I am proud to call Dr. Bob Fowler a friend.

HONORING DON KAMPFER

HON. TOBY ROTH

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 20, 1995

Mr. ROTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a member of our community who has worked diligently to uphold the highest standards of American journalism.