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Through MANA's scholarship program Ms. Di Martino and her achievements will continue to inspire and enable generations of young Hispanic women to strive to be the leaders of tomorrow.

CONGRATULATIONS GEN. CHARLES
G. BOYD ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 1995

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to congratulate Gen. Charles G. Boyd, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the United States European Command, who will retire on July 31, 1995. General Boyd's career spans 36 years, over a third of a century in which he has given distinguished service as a leader in the United States Air Force.

Born in Rockwell City, IA, Chuck Boyd's roots extend deep into the heartland of America. He graduated from Aviation Cadet Program, Greenville Air Force Base, MI and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in July 1960. As a captain, General Boyd piloted the F-105 "Thud" over Vietnam, logging 105 combat missions before being shot down. He also interned for 7 years as a prisoner of war at various locations throughout Southeast Asia. Following his release, Chuck Boyd served in a variety of assignments throughout Europe, the Pacific, and the Continental United States. The positions included vice commander of the Strategic Air Command's 8th Air Force, director of plans at Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., and commander of the Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL. General Boyd retires as the most senior command pilot of the Gray Eagle of the United States Air Force.

Commander at the Air University was one of many positions of high importance in which General Boyd faithfully served his country. As commander, he was responsible for the management of 21 separate Air Force schools. His leadership has had a great impact on the professional military education of the entire Air Force. His stewardship took the command from a position of being widely criticized in this Chamber to one which was praised from the House floor as the finest educational command in the Department of Defense. His stellar leadership of the schools and visionary application of Airpower is best demonstrated by the conception and implementation of the School for Advance Airpower Studies. This is a graduate level program to teach the employment of Airpower in Joint Coalition and Air Force pure operations. This school, General Boyd's project from start to finish, will have the greatest single impact of any educational entity in insuring that the United States Air Force is prepared for the challenges of the 21st Century.

As the Deputy Commander in chief of the United States European Command, General

Boyd has guided his staff through the most eventful and challenging period of its postwar history. Having planned over 58 operations in direct response to National Command Authority tasks, and ultimately executing 32 of those operations, General Boyd's strong and positive influence on U.S. foreign policy and national security strategy will be felt well into the next decade.

The United States Air Force will not forget General Boyd's many years of faithful and dedicated service to his country. Throughout his service he has demonstrated not only courage and bravery, but shown his patriotism toward his country. Perhaps he is best represented by the statue of Karl W. Richter, a statue dedicated to the brave souls from the Vietnam War. General Boyd's leadership, like this statue at the center of Academic Circle at Maxwell Air Force Base, will continue to inspire future generations of Air Force leaders.

WILLIAM SICKLICK HONORED FOR
LIFETIME OF SERVICE

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 1995

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and mourn the sad passing of William Sicklick, a long-time community activist, an auxiliary police officer, and a great New Yorker.

Like all great Americans, Bill Sicklick often answered his community's call to action. He courageously served as a captain of the Auxiliary Police Force, Seventh Precinct. At Governor's Hospital, he served on the advisory board. He was a member of Community Board #3, and always sought to improve the lives of the disadvantaged.

With the passing of Mr. Sicklick, we mourn not only a proud and capable community leader, but also a loving family man. Mr. Sicklick is survived by his wife, Norma, and his two children, Jeffrey and Leslie.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask that my colleagues join me in saluting the life of Bill Sicklick and extending sympathy to his wife, children, and family. His life demonstrates truly American values. His tireless dedication to public service and family are an example to us all.

MACON COUNTY, TN

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 1995

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I share with my fellow Members some of my thoughts about one of the most beautiful areas of my district, Macon County, TN.

Tucked away on the Tennessee-Kentucky border is a place that has attracted many visitors to enjoy its unique natural features, while still retaining a sense of community for those who call it home.

Macon County has endured good times and bad because Macon citizens have a tremendous pride in their community. We all know the strong tobacco tradition in Macon County

and tobacco is enjoying one of its strongest years ever. Last year Macon County farmers placed second in the State in burley tobacco production, bringing home more than \$11.5 million to boost the local economy.

It is the people of Macon County that have made all this hard work possible. The spirit of community, the willingness to always look for new ways to make your community a better place to live is contagious. The Donoho Hotel and the Red Boiling Springs Inn are two examples. They're enjoying a rebirth and the Macon County Chamber of Commerce is working to spread the word to potential tourists about the beauty of Macon County.

I am proud of all our efforts and am eager to help write the next, successful chapter of Macon County's history.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID PRUITT

HON. SONNY CALLAHAN

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 17, 1995

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I report the death of David Carl Pruitt, III, a long-time Capitol Hill staffer, and my former administrative assistant.

I know many of my colleagues and Hill staffers remember David. He served as AA to former Congressman Jack Edwards from 1965 until 1985, when he joined my office to help get a new freshman acclimated to Washington.

David Pruitt died tragically after suffering a heart attack at his home in Mobile, AL, on July 10. He was 61 years old.

David grew up in Birmingham, AL, and graduated from the University of Alabama. He was a die-hard Tide fan all his life. After graduating and military service, he moved to Mobile where he was the first director of what became the America's Junior Miss Pageant. He remained active in this pageant as well as in the Miss Alabama and Miss America pageants during his years in Washington and after his return to Mobile.

David retired from the House of Representatives to set up a florist business in Mobile where he was quite successful. He was active in Mobile area civic activities. Most notably, he helped found the Betbeze-Rocco House, an organization offering relief and solace to those infected with HIV and AIDS. He also was a major fund raiser for Mobile AIDS Support Services. His contributions to our community helped improve the quality of life for our residents.

One of David's finest qualities was his generosity to his friends and family. Whenever someone was in need, David was the one called because we could rely on his unflinching efforts to help. He leaves many, many friends who will relish delightful memories of him. To them and to his sister, Jean Pruitt Holtsford, I offer my most sincere condolences.