

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH  
SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 1995*

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the administration, faculty, and students of the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine on the 100th anniversary of its opening, and to thank the school for 100 years of dedicated service to the people of the State, the region, and the Nation.

A great many things have changed since 1896, when the school, then known as the Pittsburgh Dental College, first opened its doors. Automobiles were rare and remarkable machines, large parts of our country were not served by electricity, telephones, or running water, and the skies above Pittsburgh were black with smoke at mid-day. Dentistry was not nearly as advanced as it is today. Nevertheless, even then, the school represented a strong commitment to providing proper dental care.

In the intervening years, this commitment has been sustained as the school has expanded and matured. In 1926, the school was cited as an example of teaching excellence in the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching's groundbreaking Gies Report. The school established a continuing education extension program in 1962, a dental assistant-oral hygiene program in 1963, a dental clinic for children with disabilities in 1965, a cleft-palate-craniofacial treatment center in 1966, and programs for research, treatment, and graduate education programs in implantology in 1983.

In short, the school has been a leader in the training and education of dental professionals, in the conduct of biomedical research, and in the provision of clinical aid to patients. I commend the faculty and staff of the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine as the school begins its year-long commemoration of its 100th anniversary.

CONGRATULATIONS S.SGT. DEAN  
JONES

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 1995*

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased and honored today to be able to announce to you and our colleagues that Marine Corps Staff Sergeant Dean L. Jones is this year's winner of the Kenneth A. Innis Award for Aviation Command and Control Marine of the Year. This award, sponsored by Loral Defense System—Eagan, is given for the most outstanding contribution to Marine aviation by an enlisted Marine. This award is being presented this weekend, at the annual meeting of the Marine Corps Aviation Association, in Crystal City, VA.

SSGT Jones is being recognized for multiple accomplishments between May 1994 and April 1995 which, according to his citation, "dramatically increased the mission effectiveness of Marine air command and control and

enhanced unit level publications throughout the Marine Corps."

Dean Jones had been a resident of my congressional district, having graduated from Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port High School, before joining the Marines in 1982. Several members of his family, including his mother, Eunice Jones, and aunts and uncles Alice and John Kleinfeld and Theo and Bob Frent, still reside in the area, and are tremendously proud of his recognition.

Mr. Speaker, the strength of our military has always been in the men and women who believe in service to their country, and demonstrate their belief by volunteering their lives to protect the freedoms we all enjoy. Dean Jones represents the finest of these individuals, working to make sure that the tasks for which he is charged are completed as effectively and successfully as possible, knowing that these missions can make a critical difference should we find ourselves in an armed conflict. His years of service, including assignments in electronics maintenance, communication, and his most recent assignment with Marine Tactical Air Command Squadron 38, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, at MCAS El Toro, CA, show that this is a Marine who cares, among a corps rich in tradition, bravery, and sacrifice.

I am sure that his wife Suzanne, and his children Timothy, Thomas, and Rebecca, are all very proud of him. I also want us to recognize his family, because the life of any member of the Armed Forces is most certainly impacted by the sacrifices that the family has to make. This entire family, I am sure, contributed to the atmosphere that allowed SSGT Dean Jones to win this award.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating Staff Sergeant Dean L. Jones with his receipt of the Kenneth A. Innis Award, and in appreciation of his job well done.

HELPING THOSE THAT LIVE AND  
WORK IN THE UMATILLA BASIN

HON. WES COOLEY

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 1995*

Mr. COOLEY. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation that will go a long way to correct unintended problems that face hard-working irrigators in my district. These irrigators and the communities they support have labored many hours and spend thousands of their own dollars in an attempt to address these changes through the Bureau of Reclamation. Unfortunately, the Bureau has been stubborn and reluctant to resolve the problems that the Bureau has promulgated. In light of this, corrective legislation is warranted—and imperative—for the continued viability of those that live and work in the Umatilla Basin.

This legislation would direct the Secretary of the Interior to change the boundaries of the four irrigation districts in the Umatilla Basin, Oregon (Hermiston, Stanfield, West Extension, and Westland). This boundary change would include all lands receiving deliveries of Federal project water and/or natural flows for irrigation through their respective facilities prior to October 1, 1988, as specified in the Umatilla Basin Project Act of 1988.

The new boundaries would not result in any additional watering of acreage or additional delivery of water by the districts than the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) of the act studied, addressed, or evaluated.

The act was enacted after many years of evaluation, negotiation, planning, cooperation, and compromise by all affected entities. These interests include the irrigators, tribes, local business, agriculture community, and county and State government. This act was an historic precedent, but its success is not complete until the boundary changes are made. The irrigators were key to development of the act, based on the agreements struck by the multi-faceted interests involved in the act's development. However, the Bureau has not followed through with its end of the deal and has stonewalled resolution of this predicament for baseless reasons.

My legislation clarifies the issues that are under attack by the Bureau and others that the irrigation districts, urban business community, agri-business community, and community leaders has negotiated, agreed to, and promoted in building support for the act. When the act was approved by Congress in 1988, there were a handful of water issues that had not been resolved. However, agreements were struck by the affected interests, the necessary studies were conducted, and these outstanding issues could have easily been remedied years ago by simply administrative action. Unfortunately, the Bureau has welched on its end of the agreement and the irrigators find their portion of water (guaranteed by law) in peril.

It is time that the Congress hold the Bureau accountable. In order to accomplish the intent of the language of the act, it is necessary to enact corrective legislation that will direct agency action and disallow discretionary abuses by the Bureau, as is currently the case. My bill will resolve some of the more obvious problems, and I look forward to my colleagues' support in this endeavor.

TRIBUTE TO DOROTHY DAVIS,  
COMMUNITY LEADER

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 1995*

Ms. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to extend best wishes to Dorothy Davis, a truly remarkable public servant who has had a huge impact on Dade County. Her retirement from government service as executive director of the Dade County Community Action Agency will take place on September 29, 1995.

Dorothy graduated from Clark College in Atlanta, GA, in 1962 with a bachelor of arts in social science. She began her career in community service as a social investigator at the New York City Welfare Department.

In 1964, Dorothy joined the Miami office of the Florida Department of Public Welfare. She quickly advanced through the ranks, eventually becoming community organizing officer for the metropolitan Dade County Office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Services Division.

In 1975, Dorothy joined the team at metropolitan Dade County's Community Action

Agency. Here, she began her grass-roots efforts to develop programs desperately needed in the Dade County community.

During her tenure, Dorothy coordinated and implemented programs in 16 low-income areas related to community planning, citizen participation, and the delivery of social services. In 1982, Dorothy returned to school and earned a masters degree in Social Work from Barry University in Miami, FL.

In 1986, her hard work and dedication earned her the position of executive director of the Dade County Community Action Agency. Our community would not be what it is today without her hard work, personal integrity, and leadership.

Mr. Speaker, this remarkable woman has dedicated many years of her life to our community. I join with all our citizens in extending to her our thanks and congratulations for a job well done. I know that my colleagues join me in honoring Dorothy Davis on this special day and wishing her continued success in whatever she decides to do in the future.

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#### TRIBUTE TO RALPH LEACH

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 1995*

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mount Clemens businessman and civic leader, Ralph Leach. After many years in business, Ralph has sold his popular office supply and craft store, Art-O-Craft, and is retiring. He is being honored this evening during the city's annual ArtParty.

Ralph Leach is known in Mount Clemens, MI, as a man of faith—faith in God, hard work, family, and community service. At one time Ralph operated three successful Art-O-Craft stores. However, many years ago, Ralph decided that family life and community service were the key to success, not being the wealthiest man in town.

Ralph Leach has worked hard to revitalize the community of Mount Clemens. As a retailer, business leader, and community activist, Ralph has worked with other members of the Mount Clemens Business Association to rejuvenate the city. He has helped foster a sense of cooperation between local business people that has helped give the city a new look and attitude. Mount Clemens has again become a city where people are proud to work, shop, and live.

Ralph's commitment to service and hard work are not limited to his entrepreneurial endeavors. The Mount Clemens Salvation Army and the YMCA represent only a few of the many organizations to which he has committed his time and talents. In fact, Ralph's life will probably be as busy in retirement as it was when he operated Art-O-Craft. Ralph plans to become more active in his role as a minister. Currently he serves as chaplain at St. Joseph's Hospital where he ministers to the spiritual needs of patients and their families. He also is chairman of the deacon board at community Baptist Church in St. Clair Shores, MI. Sunday school classes for youngsters, senior citizens, and women's groups have all benefited from the faith and insight Ralph is able to provide. Ralph even ministers to the needs of prisoners. The Macomb Coun-

ty sheriff asked him to join the jail ministries board where he has served for 7 years.

Taking an active role in one's community is a responsibility we all share, but few fulfill. Ralph Leach has dedicated much of his life to this endeavor. I deeply admire his strong values and outstanding example of civic involvement. His time, talents, and energy are appreciated by all of us. I thank Ralph Leach for his efforts and commend him for his good work.

I have known Ralph for many years and he richly deserves all the best in retirement. I ask that my colleagues join me in offering heartfelt congratulations to Ralph Leach on the event of his retirement.

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TRIBUTE TO SARAH FABRY  
SMEJA, RON NOWACZYK, AND  
JOHN AND LORRAINE HEDRICH

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 1995*

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor four Michigan residents as they are recognized for their contribution to polka and the State of Michigan. Sarah Fabry Smeja, Ron Nowaczyk, and John and Lorraine Hedrich, will be inducted into the State of Michigan Polka Music Hall of Fame on Sunday, October 1, 1995.

America was built by the hard work and commitment of settlers who brought with them a rich and varied heritage. Polka flourished in Michigan largely due to the devotion of those who brought with them their families' traditions and customs, as well as their love of polka. Sarah, Ron, John, and Lorraine were just a few of those special individuals who were proud to keep an honored tradition alive.

Sarah Fabry Smeja, of Swartz Creek, MI especially enjoys Czechoslovakian melodies first introduced to her by her father at a very early age. Throughout her career she has played the piano, trumpet and baritone, as well as conducted a choir called the Friendship Club.

Ron Nowaczyk, of Saginaw, MI has played the drums for over 40 years. Ron has had the opportunity to play with several bands, and record two albums with the John Lipinski orchestra. He was awarded the European American Music Award from radio station WOAP in 1994, and currently volunteers, and serves as a radio personality on WKNX in Frankenmuth, MI.

John Hedrich, from Chesaning, MI has been playing the drums since the age of 5. His wife, Lorraine, has been playing the accordion since she was 11 years old. In 1973 they began playing together in a two-piece band still known today as The J & L Blue-tones. Currently, John and Lorraine are members of the Saginaw Musical Association Local 57.

Mr. Speaker, thanks to the efforts of Sarah, Ron, John, and Lorraine, we are all able to enjoy an old musical tradition from many years ago. They will be honored at a reception in Owosso, MI because of their dedication and commitment to spreading the polka tradition and helping others enjoy this special music. I am confident that the musical legacy of these outstanding individuals will be remembered for decades to come.

#### FEDERAL ACQUISITION

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 1995*

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, we have been given the opportunity to set right a problem that has long plagued the Government, the Federal procurement process.

It is no great secret that while the private sector has increased its efficiency by downsizing and decentralizing, the Federal Government remains saddled with an archaic procurement system that is expensive to operate and laden with paperwork and bureaucracy. The system as it is, forces taxpayers to pay a 20-percent premium on Federal purchases. This is not responsible Government.

If we are to balance the Federal budget, it is our responsibility in Congress to make the procurement process an efficient and cost-effective one. The taxpayers deserve it. The contractors deserve it, and the Federal Government deserves it.

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#### A TRIBUTE TO CHEVY CHASE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 21, 1995*

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, it is a proud moment for me to rise in tribute to the Chevy Chase Community Library in Montgomery County, MD, on the occasion of its 30th anniversary.

In celebration of the library's 30th birthday, the Chevy Chase Historical Society is setting up three displays that depict the town of Chevy Chase as far back as the turn of the century. The library also is collecting pictures and momentos from citizens that will recreate the Chevy Chase community as it was in 1965.

The library has changed since its opening on September 22, 1965. At the time, everyone wondered how they were ever going to fill all of the empty shelves. Now the library is overflowing with books and "bursting at the seams," according to Kathie Meizner, the agency head of Chevy Chase Library.

Over the years, the library has provided programs and activities for young children and their families. The library has been a resource for parents in the community, enabling them to become participants rather than observers in their children's education. On a daily basis, the staff of the library responds to the needs of the diverse Chevy Chase community, helping people obtain access to meaningful information vital to good decision making. The library has record of dedicated service to individuals with special needs, individuals from the business and industry sector, government and community leaders, and senior citizens.

The biggest change at the Chevy Chase Library has evolved in response to the challenges of the information age. The library is no longer an isolated resource center in a small town; it is now connected to other local libraries and to libraries in other States and countries.

In September of 1965, President Johnson was urging Congress to grant home rule to