

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.

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.

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.

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

Washington, DC. More troops were sent to Vietnam. On Broadway, Ginger Rogers was starring in "Hello Dolly!," and Art Carney and Walter Matthau were "The Odd Couple." In Montgomery County, MD, the Chevy Chase Library first opened its doors.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Chevy Chase Library on its 30th birthday, and I wish the staff, the volunteers, and the citizens of the Town of Chevy Chase continued success.

GOOD TRANSPORTATION CHOICES

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 21, 1995

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, Americans need good transportation choices. We in Congress need to help empower people to make transportation choices that work for commuters, for businesses, for senior citizens, and young people alike. Toward that end, I want my colleagues to see an article that appeared in the New York Times business section, Sunday, August 20, reflecting the broad base of support for the transportation policies we passed in ISTEA. This article was cowritten by Gerald Bartels, the president of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, and Jeff Blum, transportation policy director of the consumer group Citizen Action.

MORE HIGHWAYS ALONE WON'T EASE TRAFFIC
(By Gerald L. Bartels and Jeff Blum)

Across America, we are building more highways to relieve traffic congestion in metropolitan areas, but it doesn't work. Our roads are simply too crowded—and building more means intolerable costs and environmental problems, while the congestion reappears in a few short years. As we enter the 21st century, public transportation is the only cost-effective way that growing communities can ensure mobility for their citizens.

The most cost-effective transportation budget is, therefore, one that balances investments in roads, trains, and buses. Four years ago, Congress and President George Bush developed the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act in an attempt to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution by investing in both public transportation and highway construction.

But the budget versions adopted now by the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate have unwisely abandoned that balanced approach.

For Fiscal Year 1996, Congress has proposed to slash funds for public transportation and Amtrak while substantially increasing highway subsidies. 89% of the proposed House cuts in transportation assistance would come out of public transit and Amtrak, though they constitute 15% of the Federal transportation budget.

Meanwhile, highway subsidies—52% of the transportation budget—would rise by more than a half billion dollars. The Senate plan, while reducing highway funding by 3.7%, cuts mass transit funding by three times as much.

In the Atlanta area, events at the Georgia Dome and Atlanta/Fulton County Stadium, as well as next year's Olympics, depend on the transit system, MARTA. And the growing Perimeter Center commercial district on the edge of town will thrive only with the expansion of public transit, as well as car-pooling and pedestrian walkways.

America needs efficient buses, subways and intercity trains to keep traffic moving

quickly, to keep our air clean and to get people to their jobs. Americans need efficient transit to encourage compact community development that preserves open space and uses infrastructure wisely so that metropolitan areas can sustain growth for generations to come.

America needs convenient, affordable transit to allow people leaving welfare to get to jobs. America also needs a healthy balance between local needs and federal resources. Congress should, therefore, promote a balanced transportation policy that:

Offers equal Federal matching dollars for public transportation and highways alike; Why skew our building projects toward more highways, if what communities really need is more public transit? Local elected officials should set the priorities and make the allocations of transportation dollars.

Continues to assist local transit systems through the transit operating assistance program: Many communities, especially smaller ones, depend on federal aid to keep buses and subways running. The Mobile, Ala., bus system has shut down in anticipation of unbridgeable cuts in Federal assistance. And as many as 60 other systems may follow suit.

Maintains the strong Federal interest in transit capital and technological-innovation programs: With little room to expand our packed metropolitan-area highways, the nation must expand public transit. Federal help should be available to regions that cannot afford such a major investment—just as large infusions of Federal capital helped build our world-renowned highway system. At the same time, the Government must continue to support the development of innovation like high-speed intercity rail; low-weight, low-pollution buses; up-to-the-minute schedule information accessible from peoples' homes, and technology that allows buses to pass through traffic signals ahead of cars.

Preserves a strong national passenger railroad: In many congested regions, intercity rail is by far the most cost-effective way to travel. Amtrak passenger miles rose 48% between 1982 and 1993. Ridership rose 87% on Northeast Corridor Metroliners, 49% between San Diego and Los Angeles, and 10% between St. Louis and Chicago.

Yes, Congress and the President must be hardheaded when it comes to spending our dollars. But when we reduce the budget, let's give public transportation a fighting chance.

SIKH MILITANTS ASSASSINATE CHIEF MINISTER IN PUNJAB

HON. SHERROD BROWN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 21, 1995

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I wish to call our colleagues' attention to the latest in the tragic series of events that have plagued the Punjab region of India for more than a decade. On August 31, 1995, Chief Minister Beant Singh, a leading advocate of peace in the Punjab region, was viciously assassinated by Sikh terrorists.

Mr. Speaker, the time has come for every Member of this House to condemn these violent acts perpetrated by Sikh militant factions. Unfortunately, some of our colleagues have chosen to carry the banner for the Sikh militants in Punjab by working closely with the so-called Council of Khalistan. Perhaps this latest tragic act will be enough to convince those Members that support for groups that promote violence only begets further violence.

Responsible Members of this House must condemn each and every terrorist act perpetrated by these militants. We must also challenge our colleagues who support the Council of Khalistan because it benefits their own domestic political needs to realize that their support for the council is furthering a terrorist agenda in India.

While fighting terrorist, Chief Minister Singh also worked simultaneously to bring the people of Punjab back into the mainstream political democracy upon which the nation of India prides itself.

Mr. Singh was duly elected by the people of Punjab in 1992 and he dedicated his life to maintaining democracy.

Mr. Speaker, as the relationship between our country, the world's oldest democracy, and India, the world's democracy, continues to flourish and expand, let us support unequivocally the advocates of peace in Punjab. And, without fear or hesitation, I would hope that every Member, regardless of political persuasion or ideology, would join me in condemning those enemies of peace who assassinated the Chief Minister and his staff.

HONORING COCOPAH TRIBE CHAIRMAN PETER SOTO

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 21, 1995

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great remorse that I inform my colleagues on the passing of a friend and a great leader of our native American community: Mr. Peter Soto, chairman of the Cocopah Nation.

Pete, as a young man, received his education in Yuma, AZ. A firm believer that education was the key to success, Pete devoted himself to pursuing a degree, which he attained at Harvard University. After graduating, Pete returned to the Cocopah Nation and served as tribal vice chairman. During his tenure as the vice chairman, Pete worked with the Indian Education Program and the Yuma High School district.

Completing his term as vice chairman, Pete assumed a position with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Education Department. In that capacity, Pete was instrumental in developing and directing educational programs for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Pete was a strong advocate of education and was dedicated to improving the educational opportunities for our native American youth. Through his endeavors many of our young native Americans have received, and continue to receive, an education.

In 1990, Pete returned to his nation to serve as the Cocopah tribal business facilitator. Pete strove to enhance and implement economic development for the Cocopah Nation. During this time he also served his community as vice chairman of the board of commissioners for the housing authority.

On July 8, 1994, Pete was elected as chairman of the Cocopah Nation. Under his leadership, the nation began an extensive program to make education available to all members of his nation. Pete continued his strong advocacy of tribal economic development, and strove to develop business enterprises and to attract business investment to his nation.

I would also like to recognize Pete for his dedicated service in defense of our Nation.