

Batarseh has been working for the citizens with mental retardation and their families in the Pee Dee region of South Carolina to provide them with specialized programs and services. As superintendent of the Pee Dee Center in Florence, he reintegrated hundreds of residents in to prosperous lives in their home communities, while providing support mechanisms to enhance the lifestyles of remaining residents.

Over the years, Dr. Batarseh has not only modernized the Pee Dee Center, but he also initiated a number of novel services for people with mental retardation. He guided staff to provide early intervention training at home, encouraged the involvement of schools and families, and helped establish mental retardation boards in local communities to ensure people received the services they require.

Moreover, Dr. Batarseh has demonstrated his commitment to the community beyond his professional career. He is a very active member of All Saints Episcopal Church, where he has served as a warden and a lay reader. He was also a volunteer coach for the Family Y League and the Florence Soccer League for several years. Dr. Batarseh is married to the former Lillian McCarter of Clover, SC. They have three children: Leila, Mark, and Matthew.

Mr. Speaker, I join the South Carolina Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs to praise the work of Dr. Batarseh and salute the sacrifices he has made for the benefit of mentally retarded citizens and their families in the

State of South Carolina. I am honored to represent such a citizen as Dr. Gabriel Batarseh in the Sixth Congressional District of South Carolina, and I hope you will join me in honoring this fine American.

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TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM R. "PAT"  
PHILLIPS ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ROBERT C. SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 24, 1995*

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Congressman HERB BATEMAN, to pay tribute to a gentleman whose life and work have exemplified the values of hard work and dedication. Mr. William R. "Pat" Phillips ends a 46 year career when he retires from Newport News Shipbuilding on November 1st of this year.

Mr. Phillips completed the Apprentice School at Newport News Shipbuilding in 1954. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and has been awarded an Honorary Doctor of Science Degree by Old Dominion University.

During his impressive career at the shipyard, Mr. Phillips amassed a long list of achievements, holding over a dozen positions on his way to his current position as Chairman

and Chief Executive Officer. Before reaching this status, he was the President and Chief Executive Officer of the shipyard.

Mr. Phillips' leadership was instrumental to the Shipyard's continued success during the challenges of military downsizing and the shipyard's effort to re-enter the international commercial shipbuilding market, a market closed to U.S. shipyards for almost four decades. He played the key role in landing a commercial contract for the yard to build eight double-hull tankers for export. This contract has led to letters of intent for the yard to build up to 10 more of these commercial ships.

Mr. Phillips is leaving the shipyard after a distinguished career and he will focus his future concerns upon his family and his community. He is very active in the local community, serving on numerous civic and educational boards. Among his many awards, Mr. Phillips was named the 1986 "Peninsula Engineer of the Year" by the Peninsula Engineers Committee and, in 1994, he was one of five to receive the "First Annual International Maritime Hall of Fame Award," presented by The Maritime Association of the Port of New York/New Jersey.

Pat Phillips has been a role model who has shown to his employees that hard work does pay. Having worked his way from the bottom ranks of the company to the top position, Mr. Phillips' outstanding achievement will not go unnoticed nor soon be forgotten.