

Frances served on the board of trustees for over 25 years and was president of Sisterhood. Frances was president of Hadassah for 6 years, and served on the board of Jewish Family Services. Professionally, she was the founder of the Tri-County Women's Bar Association. She was also president of the Pine Bush PTA.

Murray, Bilmes, a Navy veteran of World War II, also served on the board of trustees, but is especially known for over 30 years of service on the board of education, part of which time he served as chairman. Murray was a part of the three member committee which drafted the original constitution of the Middletown Hebrew Association, now known as Temple Sinai.

Frances and Murray are the parents of five children: David, Jonathan, Orah, Joshua, and Noah. Regrettably, the Bilmes are leaving us, for a well earned retirement in Florida. They will long be missed.

Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to salute these four outstanding people. They have been an inspiration to their community, and I am honored to join in paying tribute to them.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
MILTON F. FITCH

HON. EVA M. CLAYTON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 1995*

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, November 8, 1995, at 1 p.m., the family and many friends of Milton F. Fitch celebrated his life. After 75 years on this Earth, God's finger gently touched him, and he now sleeps.

The business of the House of Representatives kept me from joining the Fitch family and Milton's friends on that day, but I shall forever be influenced by the power of his life and the rich legacy that he leaves.

Milton F. Fitch spent his lifetime on a journey for justice. Born on June 25, 1920, in New Haven, CT, he passed quietly at his home in Wilson, NC, on November 2, 1995. While his passing was quiet, his deeds will resonate and reverberate for years and years to come.

A veteran of World War II, he served, with honor and distinction, in the U.S. Army, earning several medals and three battle stars under the leadership of Gen. George Patton in the 3rd Army. It saddened him greatly that upon his return to the United States, nothing had changed. He and other African-Americans still labored under the burden of second-class citizenship.

When he felt the sting of discrimination from the U.S. Postal Service, he sued the Government and earned the position of the first African-American letter carrier in Wilson since reconstruction. After 24 years with the Postal Service, he joined the Southern Christian Leadership Conference under Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as the North Carolina State coordinator. As such, he worked in demonstrations throughout the South, including the North Carolina school boycott of 1968-69. Many of the demonstrations in which he was involved and lawsuits in which he participated resulted in advances and gains for African-Americans throughout North Carolina and the United States.

He devoted much of his energy to fighting for the franchise for African-Americans. His ef-

forts in a lawsuit against Wilson County over voting patterns, which went to the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of Haskins versus County of Wilson, resulted in success, and the proud election of his wife, Cora, as a county commissioner. His daughter, Christine, was later elected to the Wilson County Board of Education from the same district.

Of course, I shall be forever grateful for his service as my campaign manager in 1968, during which I launched my first, yet unsuccessful, effort to become a member of the Congress of the United States. That effort spawned other efforts, and those efforts, history now records, resulted in my election as the first African-American woman ever to represent North Carolina in Congress.

Milton's membership in the Masonic family was one of his most favored associations. After joining in 1951, he rose through the ranks and, on October 7, 1995, he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master at the 125th Annual Grand Communication. This was the fulfillment of a 50-year dream.

Always at his side, Milton's wife of 47 years, the former Cora Jordan Whitted, had pre-deceased him. This husband, father, grandfather, community leader and activist, pathfinder and agent of change, always found time to give of himself to his family, to his State and to his Nation. He shall surely be missed. I feel certain, however, that he would want all of us to rejoice in his life and the time we had with him.

May God comfort and help his family and friends and help them to hold on to treasured yesterdays; and reach out with courage and hope to tomorrow, knowing that their beloved is with God. Death is not the end of life. It is the beginning of an eternal sleep. Rest, Brother Milton, you have labored long. God's finger has touched you, and you now sleep.

HONORING THE ARLINGTON-FAIRFAX  
ELKS LODGE NO. 2188 AND  
HERMAN C. ANDERSON

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 1995*

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge No. 2188, as well as Herman C. Anderson.

The Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge is celebrating its 35th anniversary this week. Throughout the years, the Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge has flourished in its role to promote Americanism, a belief in God, and respect for the American flag. For 35 years, this lodge has served its community and Nation with reverence and devotion. Some examples of the many charitable works done by the lodge include helping our veterans in VA hospitals, fighting the war on drugs by helping to keep drugs out of the schools, and making it possible for thousands of children to attend the summer camp run by the Elks. As a direct result of the Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge's many contributions, northern Virginia is a better place to live.

Herman C. Anderson has served the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks for over 50 years. As third exalted ruler, charter member, and past president of the Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge No. 2188, Mr. Anderson has been a model citizen and proven himself to be an

inspiration. "Andy" Anderson first joined Lodge No. 38, in Norfolk, VA, in 1944, where he served with distinction and honor in a variety of posts. In 1970, he became president of the Virginia Elks Association. In 1984, he became special deputy grand exalted ruler, a post he still holds today. In 1993, he became grand esteemed leading knight serving the remainder of Doral E. Irvin's appointed year. His commitment to community service and the promotion of American values is truly commendable.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in congratulating the Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge on its 35th anniversary and Herman C. Anderson for his 50 years of service to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

RECOGNIZING THE PULP AND PAPERWORKERS  
RESOURCE COUNCIL

HON. LINDA SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 1995*

Mrs. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to recognize the efforts of the Pulp and Paperworkers Resource Council [PPRC] to educate my colleagues in Congress about the importance of their industry.

PPRC is a grassroots organization representing more than 300,000 of the Nation's pulp, paper, solid wood products, and other natural resource-based industries. The pulp and paper industry is an integral part of the economy of my district. Thousands of my constituents work in mills for companies like Longview Fibre, James River, Boise Cascade, and Weyerhaeuser. The workers in these mills are worried about their economic future. They have seen many of their friends lose their jobs in the wood products industry because of the shortage of timber. In fact, five pulp mills in the region have closed since 1989, displacing 1,367 workers.

I share PPRC's view that we must amend the Endangered Species Act to ensure people are included in the environmental equation. PPRC is also interested in balanced regulations dealing with the cluster rule and enhancing forest health through salvage operations. I look forward to working with PPRC and my colleagues in Congress and the administration to implement commonsense policies that preserve the environment, but that also take into account the economic stability of the work force and surrounding community.

TRIBUTE TO FATHER JOSEPH  
NIEZGODA

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 13, 1995*

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise today to congratulate Father Joseph Niezgoda, pastor of St. Stanislaus Church in East Chicago, IN. On Sunday, November 12, 1995, the parish of St. Stanislaus held a testimonial dinner to honor Father Joe for 25 years of faithful dedication to their mission.