

Due to his unwavering leadership, Armstrong Ambulance Service has grown to accommodate the medical transportation for over 40,000 people a year in the Greater Boston area.

I applaud the accomplishments of Mr. Armstrong. His special evening of recognition on December 16, 1995, will be a perfect opportunity to reflect upon such a joyous occasion with family and friends. I would like to extend my deepest congratulations to Mr. William F. Armstrong. His 50th anniversary of serving others is truly commendable and is a fine example of the notion of community.

IN MEMORY OF H.G. "SKINNY"
TAYLOR

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 1995

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the passing of H.G. "Skinny" Taylor, an Illinois political legend. For years an actively involved Republican, friends on both sides of the aisle throughout the 19th Congressional District and the State of Illinois will miss his wit, style, and grace. It is with great sadness that I offer my condolences to his family.

A graduate of Robinson, IL, High School and Millikin University, Skinny owned and operated the Decatur Warehouse Co. A dedicated member of his community, Skinny took leadership roles in the Kiwanis Club, the Decatur Association of Commerce, the Westminster Presbyterian Church, and the Millikin Alumni Association. But his greatest impression was left in politics, presiding as the chairman of the Macon County Republican Party for 39 years, while also serving as a Republican precinct committeeman for 54 years. In both posts he was instrumental in acquainting the Decatur area with State and national politicians. Skinny introduced many statewide candidates to the nuances of campaigning in downstate Illinois, urging them to get in touch with the problems that affected rural communities.

Mr. Speaker, "Skinny" Taylor handled these many roles with a gentleness that impressed all that met him. He touched many lives, and brought to politics the common sense belief that good government was good politics. In the sometimes fractious environment in Washington, we can all learn from his example. Let us duly note a life well lived.

A 104TH BIRTHDAY SALUTE TO
JAMES EDWARD GIBSON OF
PHILADELPHIA

HON. THOMAS M. FOGLIETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 1995

Mr. FOGLIETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute James Edward Gibson on the occasion of his 104th birthday and for his dedicated service to the New Central Baptist Church.

On December 25, 1995, the New Central Baptist Church will proudly join with James

Edward Gibson on the occasion of his 104th birthday and for his tireless dedication as trustee emeritus of the New Central Baptist Church of Philadelphia. Brother Gibson has lived a life of service to God and the church. He has served the New Central Baptist Church since 1915, in many capacities from usher board member to trustee emeritus. Not only is he a valued and cherished member of the trustees, he is so much more, he is a source of inspiration and comfort to the entire congregation of the New Central Baptist Church. Brother Gibson has served the New Central Baptist Church with honor, dignity, and commitment, offering new and innovative ideas to the community.

I join with the congregation of the New Central Baptist Church, friends, family, and the Philadelphia community today in celebrating the 104th birthday of James Edward Gibson. I wish Brother Gibson and the New Central Baptist Church the very best as together they continue their service to the Philadelphia community.

PROCLAMATION HONORING DONNA
MAHFOUZ

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 1995

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I commend the following article to my colleagues:

Whereas, Donna Mahfouz has faithfully served the Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield family for twenty-three years; and

Whereas, Donna Mahfouz has held the post of legislative secretary for the Government Relations Office, since its inception seventeen years ago; and

Whereas, her strong work ethic, superlative organizational skills, and warm sense of humor have greatly contributed to the success of Blue Cross and Blue Shield; and

Whereas, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield owes Donna Mahfouz a great deal of gratitude for her selfless devotion and dedicated service; and

Whereas, I join the employees of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, with distinct pleasure, in honoring Donna Mahfouz upon her retirement as legislative secretary for the Government Relations Office.

PROPOSING CUTBACKS IN ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY REGARDING
THE OZONE LAYER

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 1995

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, according to TOM DELAY, House majority whip, "What has happened over the last 10 to 20 years is the environmental extremists have had their way with regulators and with Congress and they've gone way beyond reasonableness and common sense"—October 8 Houston Chronicle.

In support of this argument, Mr. DELAY has introduced a bill to lift the ban on the chemicals covered by the ozone-layer ban and other substances. In the October 27 Washington Post, DELAY, a former exterminator, was quoted as saying "the science underlying the

CFC ban is debatable" and the agreement to terminate the use of CFC's "is the result of a media scare."

A couple of weeks later, the Royal Swedish Academy of Science announced this year's Nobel Prize in chemistry was awarded for work that led to the international ban on chemicals believed to be depleting the Earth's protective ozone layer. These scientists discovered that when chlorofluorocarbons [CFC's], standard coolants in refrigerators and air-conditioners, leak, they rise heavenward and destroy ozone molecules that shield the Earth from the Sun.

As you know, in 1985, scientists confirmed the existence of a hole in the ozone layer over Antarctica. This ecological crisis spurred more than 120 countries to negotiate and approve the Montreal Protocol on Substances That Deplete the Ozone Layer, which President Reagan signed in 1987. In 1989, Congress enacted a tax on ozone-depleting chemicals—CFC's or chlorofluorocarbons—to provide an economic incentive to reduce production and use of these destructive substances. This tax has very successfully accelerated the phase-out of harmful chemicals while at the same time it has spurred development of ozone-safe alternatives.

However, TOM DELAY, the House majority whip, remains unconvinced. In the November 4 Houston Chronicle, DELAY said the Nobel Prize has not changed his opinion that the ban on the chemicals to protect the ozone layer was the result of media scare. In a separate interview, one of the three Nobel winners for ozone-depletion research, Mario Molina of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said such charges evidently result from DELAY's lack of knowledge * * * and that all I can say is it's ignorance, real ignorance. DELAY was also quoted as saying that Sweden—where the Nobel program is based—is an extremist country, and the award to Molina and the two other scientists was nothing more than the Nobel appeasement prize linked to a Swedish agenda.

DELAY said the Nobel Prize notwithstanding, he and a number of scientists are not persuaded by the Chicken Little theory that ozone depletion is being caused by CFC's or other manmade materials, or that there would be substantial negative effects even if that happened.

DELAY said his University of Houston biology degree and his many years of dealing with chemicals as owner of a pest-control company enable him to interpret scientific findings, including emerging research that calls the CFC ban into question.

To support a ban on chemicals to protect the ozone layer, he said he would want to see "a direct correlation" between CFC's and ozone depletion, and also "make sure the so-called UV [ultraviolet] radiation that's supposed to make people drop like flies is actually making people drop like flies.

Common sense dictates that waiting for this degree of evidence is waiting too long. A person doesn't need to wait for a brick to drop on his head before he believes it would hurt. The proof that Mr. DELAY requires is exactly the type of catastrophe that current legislation regarding ozone-depleting chemicals was enacted to prevent.

Normally, I would not take this type of know-nothingness seriously. However, with the new Republicans and their anti-environment. Contract With America it appears they are not

going to let real ignorance stand in the way of attacking environmental policy, policy which was supported by Republican Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush. Therefore, it is very important that we continue to rally support from the scientific community, environmental groups, and our constituents in opposition to this type of real ignorance so that we may preserve our Nation's and the world's most precious commodity, the environment.

JAMES COLGATE CLEVELAND,
FORMER MEMBER OF CONGRESS

HON. BUD SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 1995

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to James C. Cleveland, a long-time and invaluable member of the Public Works and Transportation Committee. Jim passed away on December 3, in his beloved State of New Hampshire.

Jim came to the House of Representatives in 1963 after more than a decade in the New Hampshire State Senate. His tenure in the Granite State legislature was marked by an intense and detailed interest in infrastructure and economic development issues. Indeed, he was the chief force behind creation of the New Hampshire Industrial Development Authority.

When Jim came to Congress in 1963, he immediately sought and gained a seat on the Public Works Committee, a position he would hold for the next 18 years. He was a recognized legislative expert in the fields of transportation, water resources, and economic development. His determined belief in the value of public works projects—projects which then and now add value to our Nation and to our everyday lives—helped drive the committee through the 1960's and 1970's.

In addition to his leadership in the House, he was also an inspiration to those of us new arrivals on the committee. I was one of those arrivals—in 1973—and I can say that Jim was a superb mentor and a good friend. His belief in infrastructure and his leadership style was not forgotten when I had the distinct honor to pick up the gavel as committee chairman in the 104th Congress.

There is another and equally compelling aspect to Jim's passing—we have lost yet another member of the "Command Generation." These were the men and women who were born during the Nation's resurgence in the 1920's, weathered with determination the Great Depression, served in World War II, and then helped create the international leviathan for prosperity and justice that was post-war America.

Jim Cleveland was a soldier, a statesman, and a committed private citizen who selflessly served his country with extraordinary distinction. The entire Nation is diminished by his passing.

A TRIBUTE TO HENRY AND BOBBIE SHAFFNER; TWO EXCEPTIONAL COMPOSERS

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 1995

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in thanking and congratulating Henry and Bobbie Shaffner who composed an evocative and hauntingly beautiful musical score dedicated to Swedish humanitarian and Holocaust hero, Raoul Wallenberg. Their composition of the song, "Wallenberg," together with the lyrics of Ms. Lillian Lewis, captivated an audience of over 650 people at the dedication of the bust of Wallenberg in the Great Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol on November 2, 1995.

The song, "Wallenberg," is a tribute to Raoul Wallenberg the Swedish diplomat credited with savings 100,000 Jewish lives in Budapest in 1944. Using false passports, diplomat safe houses, and extraordinary bravery, Wallenberg repeatedly deceived and evaded the Nazis in his heroic mission to prevent the deportation of Hungary's Jews in the death camps. Wallenberg was arrested by Soviet authorities after the war and disappeared into the Gulag. His ultimate fate remains a mystery.

The Shaffners' interest and concern about Wallenberg's fate grew after they read about him in a 1980 New York Times article. They joined the Wallenberg Committee of the United States decided to join those seeking to find him and honor his miraculous deeds.

In 1986, the committee commissioned the Shaffners to compose an inspiring piece that would embody Wallenberg's heroic spirit. In 1992, the song was performed with the lyrics of Lillian Lewis at the committee's annual meeting in New York.

Today's the Shaffners' inspirational music is part of a program titled: "Raoul Wallenberg: A Study in Heroes" which has been implemented in over 50 schools in New York, Massachusetts, and North Carolina, in kindergarten through the eighth grade. Plan call for the program to soon spread across the country.

At the dedication ceremony of the Wallenberg bust, the song was performed by the U.S. Army Band, Sergeant First Class Beverly Benda, soprano, and Staff Sergeant Mary Beth Mailand, harp.

A BETTER COUNTRY—
THANKSGIVING SERMON

HON. RAY LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 1995

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to insert into the extension of remarks of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a sermon that my constituent, Dr. Randall Lee Saxon, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Peoria, IL, made to his congregation on November 19, 1995, in preparation for Thanksgiving.

Mr. Speaker, I read the sermon and was so moved by Dr. Saxon's words and insightful thought that I wanted to insert it in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for the benefit of all my

colleagues. At a time when Congress, and the country, is wrestling with devolution of a Federal Government and personal responsibility, Dr. Saxon's words leapt from the pages as I read them.

A BETTER COUNTRY—A THANKSGIVING
SERMON

(By Rev. Dr. Randall Lee Saxon)

HEBREWS 11: 8, 12-16

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going.

Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore".

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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Christians are always in search of a better country. Those who take their faith seriously endeavor to move beyond a feel-good religion to a follow-Jesus faith. Such a faith demands that we continue on our journey of discovery, to build upon the good that was present before us, to bring down the walls that divide us, to bridge chasms—real or imagined—that separate us. Christians are always in search of a better country.

As with the people of the early Christian Church and as with the people who followed the patriarchs of early Judaism, the way of the Christian is the way of the Pilgrim.

Those who have the good fortune to visit the Old Town of Rotterdam, in The Netherlands, may visit still the Pilgrim Fathers' Church—as it is yet called—in which the Scrooby Pilgrims and the Leyden Pilgrims held their last service prior to entering on their incredible journey to discover a better country. Those staunch and visionary forebears of ours worshipped together, then made their way down to the water where they boarded the *Speedwell* to begin their westward journey. Written bold upon a plaque secured to a warehouse on that Rotterdam waterfront is a commemoration to the departure of the Pilgrims.

From The Netherlands, the little ship bearing the Pilgrim band sailed to Plymouth, England. In the English port, after a period of time, the pilgrims boarded a larger ship, the *Mayflower*, and set sail for the brave new world awaiting them across the dark and brooding Atlantic waters. As in Rotterdam, so in Plymouth one may today read of this bold departure of the Pilgrims, commemorating in words writ upon the grand *Mayflower* Monument the extraordinary event of the journey to discover a better country and thus a better life.

We can imagine that these pious people reflected on the words of Hebrews 11 in the Holy Scripture: People who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But, as it is, they desired a better country . . .

We know that many factors figured in the Pilgrims' decision to leave home and cross the great sea in search of a new land, a better country. As children in public and private schools across America, we are given