

and women of organized labor in Alameda County as this year's "Unionist of the Year," an honor granted each year by the Alameda County Central Labor Council.

Jack Henning has dedicated his life to improving the lot of working men and women throughout the United States. As a young union member, he fought to integrate his local union. His leadership and skills were recognized early, and he was put to work as a union representative for organized labor.

Twenty-one years after graduating from St. Mary's College, he became the director of the California State Department of Industrial Relations—1959–62. His public service career would include contributions as United States Under Secretary of Labor, 1962–67 and United States Ambassador to New Zealand, 1967–69. These extraordinary achievements for one from a working class background allowed the entire Nation and, indeed, the world to witness the skill, vision, and leadership for which Jack has become legendary. They are a testament to the fact that all of our citizens can achieve great goals when the resources and support are available to them.

Jack has made many other public contributions as well—serving on the board of regents of both the University of California and Lone Mountain College (San Francisco) and the board of trustees of St. Mary's College. He has served on several San Francisco City and County commissions and is the past president of both the San Francisco Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Men and the St. Mary's College Alumni Association.

Since 1970, Jack has been the executive secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFL–CIO, and one of the Nation's most respected labor leaders. Under his leadership the labor federation has assumed its rightful place in the coalition of forces that have fought for civil rights for all Americans and an end to apartheid in South Africa. Labor under his leadership helped to secure representation rights for the Nation's farm workers. And, in league with ethical visionaries such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jack Henning helped to bring the California labor movement into the effort to end our terrible involvement in the war in Indochina.

In this time when we despair so much of a loss of public compassion, diminution of public spiritedness, and the demise of the social contribution, Jack Henning's life continues to shine as a beacon of moral commitment. He is truly one of the Nation's heroes—a man who has without fail pursued equality, justice, and a fair share for working men and women throughout his distinguished career.

I am very proud to share this brief account of the significant career of a very public servant with my colleagues and I commend it as an example for us all.

TRIBUTE FOR CHIEF MASTER  
SERGEANT FRED M. BEARD

HON. G.V. (SONNY) MONTGOMERY  
OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 1996

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Mr. Speaker, I ask colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Chief Master Sergeant Fred M. Beard, who will be retiring from the Air Force after 30 years of

faithful service. The chief is culminating his service to the United States as a noncommissioned officer in charge, Airman Management Branch, Airman Assignments Division, Directorate of Assignments, Headquarters Air Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, TX.

During his career, Chief Beard consistently demonstrated the highest standards of leadership and management expertise in effecting major changes in the management of base closures, unit activations and deactivations, retraining, and the integration of computer programs to implement new policies in support of enlisted assignments.

His dedication and commitment were evident when he took the lead in the complete reorganization and reengineering effort for the Airman Branch ensuring each section was structured and aligned with the appropriate personnel to meet the challenges for the future.

Chief Beard unselfishly volunteered his assignment expertise as a member of the Air Force Budget Review team that was chartered to conduct a systematic "cradle-to-grave" review of the process and provide viable recommendations to reduce annual expenditures. His ability to analyze all reassignment processes and provide viable recommendations to reduce costs were key to the success of this review team.

Chief Beard's accomplishments culminate a long and distinguished career in the service to our Nation and the U.S. Air Force.

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU TO  
INDIA'S AMBASSADOR RAY

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 1996

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bid farewell to a close friend in the diplomatic community, Ambassador Siddhartha Shankar Ray of India. Ambassador Ray's work here has greatly improved the relationship between the United States and India. During his tenure, he focused not only on government-to-government relations, but on business-to-business relations as well. He returns to India to run for elected office, and I am sure he will serve his constituents well.

Ambassador Ray is no stranger to elected life. Before coming to Washington both he and his wife served as Members of Parliament. He served in both majority and minority positions in his home state of West Bengal, and served as the Minister of Education, Social Welfare, and Culture in the Indian Cabinet. Before his appointment as Ambassador to the United States, he served as Governor of Punjab.

Ambassador Ray has always understood that good relations with the United States would have to be built upon with more than just political diplomacy. He has focused a considerable amount of his efforts on improving business relations between our two nations. Following the dramatic economic reforms instituted by Prime Minister Rao in 1991, Ambassador Ray worked hard to encourage United States companies to go into India. He knew that having American business leaders meet their Indian counterparts would improve relations.

Because of his efforts, a number of high-level American officials traveled to India to

promote United States investment there. Commerce Secretary Brown and Energy Secretary O'Leary both led delegations that succeeded in finalizing multibillion-dollar deals. From India, both the Prime Minister and the Finance Minister came to spread a message of opportunity and goodwill.

I join with my colleagues in thanking Ambassador Ray for his service, and I wish both him and his wife happiness in the future.

AWARDING CONGRESSIONAL GOLD  
MEDAL TO RUTH AND BILL GRAHAM

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 23, 1996

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2657, legislation which would award a Congressional Gold Medal to Ruth and Billy Graham. In a time when we are searching for leaders to show us the way back toward the values of community, hope, faith, and character, Ruth and Billy Graham stand among us as the embodiment of that kind of leadership. For over 60 years, together they have worked in a nonpartisan way to bring reconciliation, justice, peace, and salvation to the people and leaders of America and the world. As they have sought to follow the will of Jesus Christ in their lives and lead many toward faith, they are living sacraments of God's love and the highest American ideals.

It is no wonder that the Grahams consistently rank among America's most respected people. When numerous ministries and their leaders have disappointed us with their insincerity and greed, the Billy Graham ministries stand as an unfailing rock of integrity and conviction. When a majority of evangelical ministers were content to preach a message of salvation from within their church walls while ignoring social issues like racism and poverty, Billy and Ruth Graham, looking deep into the heart of the Gospel they proclaimed, stepped into the public arena to confront its greatest evils with love and truth. When most of us are content to settle for partisan bickering and alienation, Billy and Ruth Graham have served America's Presidents and the world's leaders in our times of greatest crises without regard to party or platform. Truly, they are a man and woman of and for our times.

My father and mother, the late Frank G. and Lucille Clement, found faithful friends in Billy and Ruth Graham. They visited together on numerous occasions during and after the time my father served as Governor of the State of Tennessee. They often took trips together, and Dr. Graham begged Dad to leave politics and join the Billy Graham crusades. My Dad was a man steeped in biblical knowledge—he even taught a Sunday School class while he was Governor. My father assisted Dr. Graham with his crusades in Nashville, but also around the country. Dad was honored by Dr. Graham's invitation, but his calling lay in politics, not preaching.

Dad asked the Tennessee poet Peck Gunn to work with Billy Graham on the road, and together they organized train crusades originating from Nashville, TN and stretching across the country. These were memorable moments