

same time honor the principles of liberty and freedom which make this democracy unique.

As his local newspaper, The Duval County Picture, wrote recently, "There will never be another Robert Leo but we must never forget the genuine article. He will serve as a role model for all citizens. His life will serve as an example to future leaders of what a true public servant is about.

"We will miss our friend. He can never be replaced but we must never stop trying to live up to the high standards he set for all of us." We have lost a great American, but his memory will provide inspiration for years to come.

TRIBUTE TO SYD KRONENTHAL

HON. JULIAN C. DIXON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring to the attention of the House Syd Kronenthal, whose remarkable record of 50 years of service as Director of Human Services for the City of Culver City has become a major source of civic pride.

Syd began his work for Culver City on December 14, 1945, following his service in the United States Air Corps in World War II. His Culver City employment record was punctuated only by a brief hiatus in 1946, when General Omar Bradley summoned him to be rehabilitation supervisor for the Veterans Administration. He returned to Culver City in April of 1947 where he has been ever since.

One of his most significant contributions was his leadership in drafting and obtaining voter approval for Culver City's first major recreation bond issue after World War II. This bond issue enabled the city to construct the Veterans Memorial Building, the Olympic-size swimming pool, new recreation buildings at McManus Park and Culver West Park. It also provided the means to rehabilitate the old pistol range at Lindberg Park that has been converted into the present recreational facility.

As a leader in the Sister City Program, Syd has been a pioneer in building bridges of understanding to people of other nations and cultures. His commitment to the Olympic movement dates back to the historic 1932 Olympic Games where he helped create the Olympic Village in the area now known as Baldwin Hills, and later served as a member of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games Citizens Advisory Committee.

It was under Syd's leadership that in later years Culver City developed a youth and community center, and converted the former county library into a multi-purpose senior citizen center. The Culver City Senior Center is widely recognized as one of the finest senior facilities in the United States. He continues his outstanding stewardship over a myriad of essential social services and recreational programs.

In grateful appreciation of his many efforts on behalf of the city, McManus Park was renamed Syd Kronenthal Park in 1992.

Over the years these important institutions have proven to be vital community assets which have greatly enriched the lives of the people of Culver City. Like a tall oak tree which has endured the test of time, his leadership and service become more valuable with every passing year.

Mr. Speaker, on Friday, February 23, 1996, there will be a civic celebration and appreciation of Syd Kronenthal in Culver City. I know I speak for all of my colleagues in congratulating him on this extraordinary milestone, and offering best wishes for another 50 years.

TRIBUTE TO KWEISI MFUME

SPEECH OF

HON. J.C. WATTS, JR.

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 31, 1996

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Maryland, Mr. CARDIN, for making this time available to recognize our good friend and colleague, KWEISI MFUME. It is a distinct pleasure to have the opportunity to speak about a gentleman who has earned a place of high respect and honor here in the Congress.

We all know that there's often a lot of talk in this Chamber, but there's seldom a lot of listening. KWEISI MFUME is one of those soft-spoken voices that rises above the din, above the crowd—one of those rare voices that Members listen to on both sides of the aisle.

KWEISI has earned our ear, and our respect, not only because of his dedicated work for this great Nation and his effective advocacy for our most disadvantaged citizens—but also because of the hard road he took to Congress—from the troubled neighborhoods of west Baltimore to the heights of Capitol Hill, his is a story of determination. It is a story which teaches our Nation's youth great lessons about dignity and self-respect.

We applaud the NAACP for choosing a leader of the caliber of KWEISI MFUME. Quite sincerely, I can think of no one more qualified and respected to lead that venerable institution into the 21st century. Our only regret is the loss we will feel here in this institution when we lose the reasoned voice and seasoned leadership of KWEISI MFUME.

I wish my friend every success as he confronts the challenges of his new position.

TRIBUTE TO SID LUCKMAN

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINKSI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a true Chicago sports legend—Sid Luckman—at the news he will receive our State's highest honor, the Order of Lincoln, on April 20, 1996.

Sid Luckman joined the Chicago Bears in 1939 and quarterbacked them to four NFL championships in the next 12 seasons, the years that earned the Bears their reputation as the "Monsters of the Midway."

Perhaps his most memorable performance was in the 1946 championship game against the New York Giants, the first football game I can remember listening to on the radio. Sid Luckman's championship performance was capped by scoring the winning touchdown on what was called the "bingo keeper" play. With the Bears at the goal line, he faked a handoff to one running back, faked to another rusher,

tucked the ball under his arm and outran the defense along the line of scrimmage and into the end zone.

In addition to earning his teammates respect while serving as their captain, he was honored by all of football as the NFL's most valuable player three times and was named an all-pro seven times. He received football's highest honor when he was enshrined into the Hall of Fame after his retirement.

Sid Luckman also enjoyed a 14-year stint as a coach with both the Bears and the University of Notre Dame. In addition, he recently completed a successful business career when the packaging company, Cell-Craft, he bought into in 1946 was sold.

But perhaps the thing that has made Sid Luckman so special has been his tireless devotion to his community. He has always been willing to lend his time, efforts, and stellar reputation to good causes both in the Chicago area and throughout the country. For instance, he established a scholarship to the prestigious Mayo Clinic to help deserving medical students study there.

For his athletic and civic accomplishments, Sid Luckman will join the likes of former President Reagan, actor Charlton Heston, journalist John Chancellor, and one of his successors in football's pantheon, Walter Payton of the Bears, in the Lincoln Academy. The Academy, named for Illinois' most famous son, was established 31 years ago to honor distinguished Illinoisans, either by birth or residency, who have brought honor to the Land of Lincoln.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Sid Luckman on joining the Order of Lincoln and wish him many more years of enjoying the respect and admiration of his community.

TRIBUTE TO STOP OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CA

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Safe Tables Our Priority [STOP]. STOP is a national coalition organized by families and friends who have lost loved ones to serious illness due to the contamination of ground beef with E. coli O157:H7 bacteria. The coalition has been dedicated to educating the public and legislators about this deadly bacteria.

Americans became painfully aware of the dangers associated with the consumption of raw meat products upon an outbreak of the E. coli bacteria 3 years ago. This outbreak, which occurred on the west coast, infected 600 people and killed 4 children. Following this tragedy, STOP began actively working to change the system in order to make sure others did not suffer from this deadly bacteria. Their journey brought them to Capitol Hill to work with Members of Congress to reduce this E. coli hazard, and educate Americans on the safe handling of foods.

I commend the efforts of STOP in their work on the Family Food Protection Act, H.R. 1423, of which I am a cosponsor. This legislation amends the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act to improve public health and safety through reduction in harmful contaminants in meat and poultry.

When the Center for Disease Control estimates that 500 deaths and 20,000 illnesses are attributed to E. coli each year, legislation such as this will help protect the health of Americans.

STOP has also been very active in the agriculture appropriations process. Most recently, I worked on their behalf to ensure that there would not be a delay of the USDA's implementation of safeguards and standards to improve meat inspection. Because of their efforts, additional public hearings will be held to consider the views of all interested parties throughout the rule-making process.

Once again, I thank each member of STOP. I encourage my colleagues in Congress to follow their lead in the fight against the E. coli bacteria, and for better food safety.

SALUTING DANA MORAN

HON. DAN SCHAEFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. SCHAEFER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to salute Dana Moran of Golden, CO. Dana, an aero engineer at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory [NREL], is retiring after 18 years of service to that national laboratory.

Among other things, Dana has served NREL in the structures and materials design/application field and has provided research project management in materials science. He is also experienced in large program and sub-contract management, having spend more than two decades in technology transfer activities. He was the executive secretary for NREL's Science and advisory board, as well as of all previous NREL advisory boards and committees, including the days when NREL was known as the Solar Energy Research Institute [SERI]. In fact, Dana spearheaded SERI/NREL's participation in promoting the Lena Gulch interchange on Interstate 70 and replacing its overpass.

Not only has Dana served NREL with distinction during these 18 years, but he has been extraordinarily active in a number of other professional, civic, and business affairs. For example, Dana is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, an associate fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and a past director of the Technology Transfer Society.

Dana's civil and community service has been extensive. He has been a member of the board of directors and vice president of the Jefferson Economic Council. He has been a member of the Denver Chamber of Commerce's Energy and Transportation Committee and of the Golden Rotary Club, serving as its president in 1989-90. He was the founder, trustee, and president of the Colorado Innovation Foundation from 1984 to 1995. Serving three 3-year terms on the Golden Chamber of Commerce, Dana was its president in 1995. He has also served in a wide range of civic groups and organizations dedicated to community advancement and technological innovation.

Among his many business associations, Dana has participated in small business incubators and has served as the Department of Energy's Regional Small Business Coordinator. He has experience in trade shows and ex-

hibits, as well as international business, especially in the Australia/New Zealand area.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Dana for his tireless devotion to NREL and to the Community. On a personal note, I want to thank him for his work on the small business conferences I have sponsored in my district.

NREL is losing a valuable member of its team, but I am certain that the community will continue to benefit from his many talents and skill for years to come. On behalf of all the residents of Colorado's Sixth Congressional District, I want to wish Dana Moran all the best in his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
DURING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an educational institution that has been educating American children since the founding of the Republic, and continues to provide top quality instruction and a moral framework for young students—Catholic schools—during Catholic Schools Week, Jan. 29–Feb. 2.

There are dozens of these fine institutions serving my district, and they are celebrating their educational contributions with events ranging from family skating parties to a visit from a NASA astronaut. Ms. Penny Wright, a music teacher at St. Cletus School in La-Grange, is being honored with a Heart of the School Award from the Chicago Archdiocese for her dedication and creative approach to education. Ms. Wright is 1 of only 20 teachers working in the archdiocese receiving this honor.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Catholic schools on their heritage of providing academic excellence and a moral grounding for their students, and I wish these institutions continued success in educating our young people.

STOP THE ATTACK ON AMERICA'S
AVOCADO GROWERS

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, America's avocado growers are threatened with extinction. Why? The Department of Agriculture is likely to modify the quarantine on Mexican Hass avocados. The quarantine was placed in 1914 to protect our avocado crops from Mexican pests and fruit flies. The USDA believes that Mexico can eradicate their serious pest problem. But, science has proven that Mexico has failed to destroy pests for years. NAFTA specifically left the quarantine intact, because Mexican pests would devastate American avocados.

Avocado growers in my district are ringing my phone off the hook. They fear that this Clinton administration action will destroy their crops and destroy their lives.

Mexican pest-infested avocados have already been smuggled across our border. Most

recently, on January 5, 1996, the U.S. Customs Service confiscated and destroyed 3,337 pounds of Mexican Hass avocados at the Otay Mesa commercial facility in San Diego County. The driver, who had previously been arrested for the same offense, admitted to similar smuggling activities in recent months. Although U.S. Customs officials thought they were seizing a truck loaded with drugs, they definitely touched on a problem of significant concern to California's avocado-growing region.

We must stop this from happening every day. Stop the Clinton administration's assault on California jobs. Join me in stopping the USDA's attack on America's avocado growers.

TRIBUTE TO THE ALABAMA PRESS
ASSOCIATION ON ITS 125TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to bring to the attention of this body a historic and noteworthy anniversary. This year marks the 125th year since the founding of the Alabama Press Association [APA], the oldest statewide trade association in Alabama and one of the oldest State newspaper associations in the Nation.

In 1871 as Alabama continued to recover from the ravages of the Civil War, its newspaper editors and publishers, joined by community leaders, sought new ways to promote economic growth. This was the genesis of the Alabama Press Association which actually came into being with the first statewide meeting of newspaper executives on March 17, 1871, at the Montgomery Advertiser.

Since those early days, the APA has evolved from a social organization of editors and publishers to an association that has played an important role in developing the daily and weekly newspapers of Alabama and serving as a catalyst for the State's economic and cultural development.

The APA worked on behalf of the citizenry of Alabama by advocating stronger public access to government records and meetings. It has pushed for the State's first statewide taxes to support public education and it spearheaded a successful effort to launch a statewide chamber of commerce.

The APA played a role through many of its leaders in guiding the State through some of the important and cultural changes of the last half of the 20th century. Its officers have included some of the leading newspaper men and women in America, and its member newspapers have won the Nation's highest awards for journalistic excellence.

Additionally, before coming to the Congress it was my pleasure to serve as president of the APA in 1991. Alabama and the Nation can be justly proud of the contributions and leadership of the Alabama Press Association as it continues toward another 125 years of public service.