

mind that we must take advantage of what technology has to offer. Indiana is taking some important steps to improve its distance learning programs, and these need our support, especially for the rural areas of our state. We cannot afford to have another two-tiered population—those who have access to the information highway and those who do not.

But we need more than technology and hookups. We also need a sustained dialogue among students, teachers, businesses, and community leaders to formulate a workforce development policy that is best suited for the particular needs of our region. Businesses interested in expanding their operations in southern Indiana have to play a role in defining the skills they expect from potential employees. Similarly, teachers know our strengths as well as weaknesses, and are crucial in defending curriculum and teacher training in the new technology so it becomes an integral part of instruction. Combining these recommendations with inputs from the community, we can build on and enhance the various programs already in the works.

Few things are more important to me than the education of our children and good jobs for our communities. Distance learning and improved computer links will play an increasingly important role in our efforts to upgrade our students' and workers' skills. It is an investment in our future worth making.

SALUTE TO THE FEDERATION OF DODECANESE SOCIETIES

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 1996

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues a philanthropic organization that traces its roots back to the Dodecanese Islands of Greece. The Dodecanese Islands include Rhodes, Kos, Patmos, Kasos, Symi, Kalymnos, Haiki, Tilos, Astypalea, Kastelorizo, Nisyros, Karpathos, and Leros. These historic islands housed the Colossus of Rhodes and are where Hippocrates, the father of medicine, founded the first western medical school. These islands are prominently mentioned in Greek history and legend.

When migrating to the United States, the Dodecanese Greeks brought with them their love of Hellenic culture and Democracy. They were the first to form an antifascist movement, in New York City, after Mussolini's ascension to power in Italy. The movement's members played a major role in the liberation of the islands from Italy and Turkey. The Dodecanesians who love democracy and freedom, not only fought in Greece, they served in the armies of Abyssinia, Spain, and the American military on all fronts in the Second World War.

On March 7, 1996, the members of the Dodecanese Societies in my district together with all the members and friends of the society will celebrate the 48th anniversary of the unification of the islands with Greece. The members of the Dodecanese Societies are unique individuals who love their Greek heritage and the United States. They take the best of both worlds, to create a true cultural blend, that is better than the individual.

Today, the society continues its positive role. The Federation serves as a link to the

Hellenic past and a springboard to the future. Under the presidency of Professor Christopher I. Koroneios, the organization is concentrating on its young since those individuals will play an important role in the growth and success of the United States. But, they do not forget their heritage and will always fight for freedom and human rights, be it in New York or Imia.

So I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Federation of Dodecanese Societies for their past accomplishments and future endeavors.

CELESTIAL ECONOMICS

HON. ANDREW JACOBS, JR.

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 1996

Mr. JACOBS. Mr. Speaker, the great Sid Taylor of the National Taxpayers Union Foundation takes pen in hand once more, and hits the bull's eye.

CELESTIAL ECONOMICS

(By Sid Taylor, Fiscal Poet)

We had a bitter standoff
But, the controversy is through.
We're going to balance the budget
In the fiscal year of 2002.
So, now there's no need to worry,
Our national debt is fine,
The White House and Congress
Agree on a \$5 trillion credit line.
The deficits don't really matter,
They're just a little more red ink,
So, like the sinking of the Titanic
\$164 billion won't put us in the drink.
Now, about those interest payments
To finance our national debt,
They're only \$333 billion a year
So, there's no need to get upset.

SCHOOL PRAYER

HON. DAVID FUNDERBURK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 1996

Mr. FUNDERBURK. Mr. Speaker, I believe our leadership should express its concern about the despicable act of an Atlanta TV station toward one of our Presidential candidates. I, for one, regret the way Alan Keyes was treated by being handcuffed and shoved in a parking lot. While I have made no endorsement in this primary, the profamily and provalues message of Alan Keyes deserved to be heard in the Georgia debate.

The 104th Congress has spent its first year addressing economic issues. While these issues are of vital importance to American businesses and families, let us not forget the contract with American families. Especially in the absence of White House leadership, it is now time for us in the second session of the 104th Congress to address the moral and spiritual crisis facing America. The breakdown of families and the disregard of moral values are at the very root of our economic woes.

Many Federal programs may have contributed to increased drug use, promiscuity, breakup of the traditional family unit, alternative lifestyles, and reliance on Government rather than work and individual responsibility. It's time the Federal Government sends our

young people and families a clear message regarding values such as hard work, discipline, respect for human life, individual responsibility, and the sanctity of marriage. And since we can still begin each day with prayer in the U.S. House, it's time we return prayer to our schools.

TRIBUTE TO CARDINAL JOHN KROL

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 1996

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and honor Cardinal John Krol. One of the Philadelphia region's dearest religious leaders, Cardinal Krol passed away early Sunday morning at his home in Pennsylvania.

Born on October 26, 1910, in Cleveland, OH, Cardinal Krol's beginnings were humble and his aspirations never lofty. All that he ever wanted was to be a priest so that he could better serve God and people. During his 27 years as Archbishop of Philadelphia, the Nation's sixth largest archdiocese, Cardinal Krol accomplished that goal, helping to create a better life for the residents of the Delaware Valley and everyone whose lives he touched.

As Archbishop, his accomplishments in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia were great. During his tenure, over 100 new churches were built, the Catholic school system was extended far into the suburbs, and services for refugees, the elderly, youth, and the hungry were expanded.

Best known for his strict conservatism on matters of Church doctrine, such as his opposition to the ordination of women and his strong stand against abortion, Cardinal Krol was steadfast in his beliefs. However, he also pursued a social policy that championed the rights of workers and the poor. Additionally, Cardinal Krol reformed the confusing and cumbersome annulment process in the archdiocese for Catholics who were trapped in marriages without love.

Cardinal Krol is also well known as being a close friend of Pope John Paul II, and by some accounts was instrumental in his election as the first Polish pope by the Cardinal College in 1978. While Pope John Paul II is credited by some as playing a pivotal role in freeing Poland and Eastern Europe from communism, Cardinal Krol also worked to achieve those same goals. Of Polish ancestry himself, Cardinal Krol often made Polish-language broadcasts on Radio Free Europe. Additionally, Cardinal Krol, like Pope John Paul II, supported Lech Walsea and Solidarity in their ultimately successful anti-Communist activities.

A great religious and spiritual leader, Cardinal Krol will be remembered in the hearts of the people of Delaware Valley for many years to come. Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the late Cardinal John Krol. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and all of the people of the Philadelphia area.