

Award from Governor Dolph Briscoe and received the Fannin County Farmer Award for Outstanding Conservation.

Millard was married to Evalyn Opal Doan, who preceded him in death. Surviving are his son, Dr. Millard Brent of Sherman; brothers, George Brent of Bonham and C.J. Brent of Lannius; sister, Madeline Veal of Dallas; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Speaker, Millard Brent devoted his life to the betterment of his community and to the noble cause of education. His influence was felt in every aspect of his community and county, and there is no way to measure the good that he accomplished. As we adjourn today, I join his family and many friends in paying our last respects to this outstanding individual.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN N. HOSTETTLER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 27, 1996

Mr. HOSTETTLER. Mr. Speaker, due to a snow emergency in my district that began early March 19, 1996, I was unable to return to Washington, DC, until late evening on March 20, 1996. As a result of this unforeseen delay, I missed passage of H.R. 2937. Had I been able to be here for these votes I would have voted "yea" on roll No. 69.

TRIBUTE TO MORTON CHARLESTEIN

HON. JON D. FOX

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 27, 1996

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, a chosen few among us have the privilege and strength to reach 80 years of productive life. Mr. Morton Charlestein, who marks his 80th birthday on this April 1, has been an inspiration to all who know him and a source of love and support to all who come in contact with his warm and gracious being. He is a husband of over 50 years, a father, and grandfather of five; a leader in the dental and medical products industry; and a giant of support in the philanthropic community of greater Philadelphia whose good works reach across the country and around the world.

As chairman emeritus of the Premier Dental Products Co. and former president of the Dental Manufacturers of America, Mr. Charlestein's professional life has seen the introduction to the U.S. market of many, many innovative and now commonly used essential products in the dental profession. His support for dental schools and dental education is well known.

He is also an active member on the board of Har Zion Temple in Penn Valley, PA and on the board of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. His support for programs fostering deeper religious understanding and commitment extend not only to his financial giving but to his personal involvement in communal prayer, and in family and institutional life on a daily basis.

Along with his wife, Malvina, and daughter, Ellyn, this man of vision has taken a personal

family tragedy—the death of a young son-in-law—and turned it into a commitment of eradicating the suffering caused by amyotrophic lateral sclerosis [ALS]—Lou Gehrig's disease and has helped in the formation of support groups for patients; clinics dedicated to the treatment of this disease; and research projects in leading medical institutions worldwide.

I hold up Mr. Morton Charlestein as an example of a great American, having served his country overseas in World War II, who, in his personal and business dealings knows no barrier of race, social status, religion, or gender; and whose generosity and cheerfulness bring blessing to us all. May such Americans be multiplied and granted long life and good health.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PRESIDENT LEE TENG-HUI

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 27, 1996

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to convey my congratulations to President Lee Teng-hui of the Republic of China. In the first direct Presidential election in Chinese history held on March 23, Lee Teng-hui won 54 percent of the vote, far outdistancing his three opponents. Democracy has finally arrived in the Republic of China and I have nothing but admiration and good wishes for President Lee.

I hope my colleagues will join me in wishing that God may continue to grant President Lee, and his Vice President-elect Lien Chan, all the wisdom in government their country in the years ahead, and that the people of the Republic of China will continue to enjoy prosperity and freedom.

GIVE IT BACK, GIVE IT ALL BACK

HON. PATRICIA SCHROEDER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 27, 1996

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, the minimum wage was last increased in 1991 by a lousy 65 cents an hour. That works out to a lousy \$1,300 a year.

Since 1991, Members of Congress have increased their salaries by a whopping \$37,000. That's 30 times the raise minimum wage workers have received.

In fact, that \$37,000 raise is more than quadruple what a minimum wage worker earns in total all year. The annual salary of a minimum wageworker is \$8,800.

If BOB DOLE and NEWT GINGRICH want to block the proposed 1996 minimum wage increase, I have a suggestion, give back the \$37,000.

A TRIBUTE TO MORTON GOULD

HON. JOHN BRYANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 27, 1996

Mr. BRYANT of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is with much sadness I recognize the death of

former ASCAP President Morton Gould on February 21. The current ASCAP president and chairman, Marilyn Bergman aptly stated that "America has lost one of its most distinguished composers and conductors, and the creative community has lost one of its great leaders."

The honors Mr. Gould received during his long and illustrious life are countless. Mr. Gould received the Kennedy Center Honor in 1994 and the Pulitzer Prize in Music in 1995. He was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters in 1986. In addition, Mr. Gould was an award winning recording artists, with 12 Grammy nominations and a Grammy award in 1966. Mr. Gould served on ASCAP's board of directors for over 36 years, and led the society as president from 1986 to 1994.

Mr. Gould's contributions spanned eight decades and included significant works for orchestra, chamber ensemble, band, chorus, and soloists, as well as scores composed for film, television, Broadway, and ballet. Throughout his career, his work was particularly American, making use of such roots music styles as jazz, blues, spirituals, and folk music.

His music has been performed by every major American orchestra under the direction of such eminent conductors as Fritz Mahler, Arturo Toscanini, Leopold Stokowski, Sir George Solti, Andre Previn, Leonard Slatkin, Eugene Ormandy, and Arthur Fiedler. As a conductor, Mr. Gould led countless orchestras throughout the world and recorded over 100 albums.

Mr. Gould was a tireless advocate for new American composers, and constantly sought opportunities to help expose their work. I was privileged to know him and work with him to further these goals. Morton Gould will be missed by millions worldwide who were touched by his talent and music.

COMMEMORATING RAY LANE'S 50 YEARS OF KIWANIS SERVICE

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 27, 1996

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, as we know, Kiwanis International has stood for outstanding community service with an emphasis on young children for decades. I rise today to honor Mr. Ray Lane, a member and leader of Kiwanis clubs in Toledo, Effingham, and Mattoon, IL for the past 50 years. Since joining Kiwanis in 1946, Ray has worked at it with the same energy and enthusiasm with which he has approached his entire life. I salute him today for his commitment to his fellow citizens.

It comes as no surprise that the leaders of clubs such as Kiwanis are also leaders in their jobs and other activities. This describes Ray Lane. He has always answered the call to duty, and would rather blaze a trail instead of waiting for a path to be carved. Ray received his bachelor's degree and special degree in education from Eastern Illinois University, and it was in the field of education that Ray made his greatest professional mark. Starting out as a teacher and coach while also serving his country for 11 months in the Philippines, he moved on to superintendent of the Toledo school district, despite his protests that he