

Committee on Intelligence, which I chair, has been commendable. We understand the importance of the challenges imposed by legislative liaison. Colonel Nichols met them with frankness and aplomb. His expertise will truly be missed.

Colonel Nichol's military awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal, the Aerial Achievement Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the South West Asia Service Medal with campaign star, and several unit commendations and service ribbons. John is married and resides with his wife Wil and daughters Sarah and Rachel in Woodbridge, VA.

Our Nation, the Department of Defense, the U.S. Air Force, and his family can truly be proud of the colonel's many accomplishments. A man of extraordinary talent and integrity is rare indeed. While his honorable service will be genuinely missed in the Department of Defense, it gives me great pleasure to recognize Col. John Nichols before my colleagues and wish him all of our best wishes in his new and exciting career.

TRIBUTE TO JIMMY F. BATES

HON. BUD SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 28, 1996

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I want to bring to the attention of my colleagues the achievements of Mr. Jimmy F. Bates, the Deputy Director of Civil Works for the headquarters of the Army Corps of Engineers. After more than three decades of public service, Mr. Bates is retiring from the Corps.

As the Deputy Director of Civil Works, a registered professional engineer, and the senior civilian in the Corps of Engineers' water resources program, Jimmy's responsibilities include managing, directing, and providing stable leadership for the Nation's premier engineering and water resources agency. The Civil Works Program, with a total annual responsibility of about \$3.5 billion, provides water infrastructure that is essential to America's safety, well-being and economic growth. This thoughtful leader has devoted a career to improving the development and implementation of comprehensive water policy and water infrastructure, ranging from the development of projects to reduce damages from devastating floods and improvements to the national system of inland waterways to the implementation of new environmental authorities provided by Congress.

A native of Tennessee, Jimmy began and spent most of his Federal career with the Corps' Nashville District. He also served in the agency's Ohio River Division in Cincinnati, OH, as well as in the Washington headquarters. In addition, Jimmy had a distinguished career in the Army Reserve, rising to the rank of major general.

Through his extensive experience in the planning and engineering aspects of water resources projects and his numerous leadership assignments, he has earned a reputation of a seasoned professional and an expert in Federal water policy. More important, his dedication, loyalty, and character make him one of

the most respected and emulated leaders in government. Although the Corps of Engineers is losing a paragon of leadership and integrity, the Nation will long benefit from the contributions Jimmy has made to water infrastructure and the development of Federal water policy. He has been a model citizen, soldier, and public servant throughout his career.

As Jimmy leaves Federal service, we extend best wishes to him, his wife Sharon, and their children.

THE ACCESS TO EMERGENCY SERVICES ACT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 28, 1996

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Access to Emergency Services Act. This legislation would require the FCC to establish a framework which would prohibit the blocking of 911 calls placed by cellular and wireless users.

Why is this legislation necessary? In many markets, cellular phone users have been put in jeopardy because they are unable to access emergency 911 help when they were not subscribed to the local cellular company. Fortunately, cellular companies in California no longer block emergency 911 calls.

However, this change in policy did not happen soon enough for a California woman who, in December 1994, was shot and robbed because her calls to 911 on her cellular phone were blocked by the local cellular company.

The irony is, of course, that many cellular customers purchase cellular phones for just these emergency situations. Would they have become customers if they realized they might not be able to reach 911 when necessary?

The FCC is currently conducting a rulemaking on wireless 911 services. I hope the FCC will do the right thing, and address this issue in its rulemaking.

I am introducing this legislation because this issue is too important to cellular users to leave to chance. We must ensure that no one is victimized because he or she was unable to reach 911 on their cellular phone.

These cellular licenses were given to cellular companies in order to develop a new service for the American people. As a member of the Commerce Committee, I take very seriously my responsibility to ensure that the public's airwaves are put to good public use. At the very least, cellular users deserve access to local 911 emergency services.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY ATTORNEYS DO PRO BONO WORK

HON. RON KLINK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 28, 1996

Mr. KLINK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the many attorneys who perform pro bono work in Westmoreland County. These men and women take time out of their busy schedules to help those less fortunate with legal representation.

Pro bono work is essential in our communities. Many people who need representation in this country cannot afford it. Legal service organizations can only help on a limited basis. This is due to a lack of funding which leaves them overworked and underpaid.

Many legal organizations have realized the need for pro bono work and have actively influenced their members to participate. Some States have considered adding pro bono work to continuing legal education requirements.

Pro bono work reflects what is great about our country, giving back to our community—62 attorneys in Westmoreland County are doing just that.

With that in mind, Mr. Speaker, I along with my colleagues in this House would like to show our appreciation to those 62 attorneys for their efforts.

They are as follows:

A.C. Ansani; Bruce A. Antowiak; Brian D. Aston; Lawrence F. Becker, III; H. Reginald Belden, Jr.; Alan K. Berk; Eric E. Bonomi; William D. Boyle; Jennie K. Bullard; David A. Colechia; James B. Crowley; Sandra E. Davis; Anthony W. DeBernardo, Jr.; Patricia A. DeConciliis.

Rhonda Anderson Marks; James A. Meade; Scott O. Mears; James R. Michael; Paul S. Miller, Jr.; David J. Millstein; John M. Noble; Jeffrey A. Pavetti; Richard F. Pohl; Dwayne E. Ross; William A. Ryan; Thomas R. Shaner; Mark J. Shire; Bernard S. Shire.

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Lawrence D. Kerr; Randall G. Klimchok; Maureen S. Kroll; Stephen Langton; Marceline A. Lavelle; Wm. Jeffrey Leonard; Larry D. Loperito; Irene Lubin; Robert H. Slone; Thomas W. Smith; Marvin D. Snyder, Jr.; Mark L. Sorice; Margaret A. Tremba; R.E. Valasek; James A. Wells; Ronald J. Zera; Susan M. Zydonik.

A TRUE AMERICAN HERO

HON. FRANK RIGGS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 28, 1996

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a true American hero, Mr. Arthur E. Lewis. Arthur Lewis now resides at the Yountville Veterans Home of California.

During the trying years of World War Two, Seaman "Art" Lewis was assigned aboard the U.S.S. *Balch*. In the spring of 1942, the U.S.S. *Balch* sailed with Task Force 16. Task Force 16 was a group of ships that launched the successful daylight bombing raid on Tokyo by General Doolittle and his sixteen Army B-25 bombers. The Doolittle raids were an enormous boost to the morale of the American people in the first months of the war following the tragic Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor.

Not long after this important mission, the U.S.S. *Balch* was to again engage the enemy in the pivotal battle of Midway Island. Aboard the U.S.S. *Balch*, Art Lewis demonstrated his gallantry and bravery under adverse and treacherous conditions.

The Battle for Midway would result in a resounding victory for the United States Navy. However, the battle did not end without exacting a substantial toll on the American forces. In the concluding hours of the historic sea battle, the aircraft carrier *Yorktown* was mortally damaged. Its crew abandoned ship in the shark-infested waters of the South Pacific. The sailors of the *Yorktown* were scattered about the ocean, wounded, exhausted, and oil-soaked. They were in danger of being lost if immediate assistance was not forthcoming. Seaman Lewis, with disregard for his own safety, took immediate action to save the lives of his fellow sailors by carrying buoyed lines 300 to 400 yards out to exhausted swimmers.

Uncertain whether the Japanese would strike again, all ships in the vicinity were under orders to make full speed in the event of another air attack. Despite this possibility, Seaman Lewis continued to save the lives of his comrades.

Fortunately, the Japanese did not launch a second attack, and 9 hours after the sinking of the *Yorktown*, the rescue operations were complete. Art, along with others had saved the lives of 2,270 Americans on that historic day in June, 1942.

Art's story of gallantry is not a fading memory of an aging veteran. Along with many military historians, Adm. Chester Nimitz made note of Art's bravery in his written accounts of the Battle of Midway.

Despite these facts, Art was never officially recognized for his acts of bravery. Because of the length of time since the Battle of Midway, military regulations make it impossible to award Seaman Lewis with the Bronze Star, the medal he would have received during World War Two for his actions.

While the Pentagon cannot bestow Mr. Lewis with a Bronze Star, I feel it is incumbent upon me and all Americans to make note of Mr. Lewis' brave acts. At the very least, it is important to make record of Mr. Lewis' dedication and courage. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the American people, I convey our gratitude and thanks to a true American hero, Seaman Art Lewis.

IN RECOGNITION OF ARLENE GIBEAU

HON. JIM BUNNING

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 28, 1996

Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the fine efforts of one of my constituents, Arlene Gibeau of Covington, KY.

In northern Kentucky, Arlene's name is synonymous with the arts. For the last 13 years, she has served with distinction as a volunteer and then executive director of the Northern Arts Council. Through her dynamism and determination, she has helped build the council and its home, the Carnegie Center for the Arts, into the most respected showcase for the arts and culture in the Cincinnati area.

Along with all of her other activities, Arlene has also managed to find time to help run our Artistic Discovery Competition in the Fourth District. Every year she has always done a first-rate job, and I have no idea how we could have done it without her.

A dancer and musician, Arlene came from an artistic family. She established her own dance company at the age of 14 and ran it until World War II broke out. Widowed by the war, she raised her two daughters on her own until she remarried 3 years later. She eventually had two more daughters and a son.

Her children carry her love of culture. Two of her daughters are writers and one son works in movies. A granddaughter performs as a Shakespearian actress.

As an artist, Arlene's greatest strength has always been her determination that no student should be deprived of the joy of learning about the arts. When she worked at the Carnegie Center, she organized arts programs for children that really made a difference in many young lives. Over the years, word spread and kids literally walked in off the street. Arlene always found for each youngster an art project to help teach and enhance their lives.

Being married to an artist myself, I think that I understand some of Arlene's passion for culture and how the arts can enrich our lives. She has helped make our corner of the world more beautiful and enjoyable.

She has made a difference.

Mr. Speaker, Arlene Gibeau deserves our recognition and respect for all of her efforts on behalf of the arts. I know that the city of Covington and northern Kentucky are certainly all the more rich because of her good works.

WOMEN'S HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS RESEARCH ACT

HON. ELIZABETH FURSE

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 28, 1996

Ms. FURSE. Mr. Speaker, today's introduction of the Women's Health Equity Act is extremely important. This landmark legislation holds much promise for the women of our great Nation.

I authored one piece of it, the Women's Health Environmental Factors Research Act, and will introduce it soon as its own free-standing bill. This act calls for the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to do two things. First, NIEHS is to compile a status report on what we already know about the effects on women's health of environmental exposure and then, NIEHS is to outline a research agenda to fill in the gaps.

We need more information about the impact of certain environmental factors on women's health. Breast cancer, immune dysfunction, and other women's health issues may be partially the result of environmental factors.

Many chemicals in our environment today are compounds that mimic human estrogen. For many years, risk assessment research inadvertently excluded gender-specific problems from the studies. It is quite possible that some chemicals affect women differently than men.

We must put women's health research back into the equation.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on the Women's Health Environmental Factors Research Act, as well as the entire Women's Health Equity Act.

HONORING THE PAINTSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL TIGERS

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 28, 1996

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 1996 Kentucky Boys High School basketball champions—the Paintsville High School Tigers.

High school basketball holds a special place in the heart of every person in eastern Kentucky. This is especially true in the city of Paintsville.

The 1995–96 Paintsville Tigers beat the odds and captured the State championship with hard work and determination. The Tigers began the year with a rigorous schedule against some of the toughest competition available.

Head Coach Bill Mike Runyon and Assistant Coach David VanHoose guided the Tigers through a tough regular season which included Lexington Catholic, Harlan, and Boyd County. These regular season tests would prove critical in preparing the Tigers for their eventual showdown in Rupp Arena.

Paintsville's road to the sweet sixteen was paved with hard-won victories. The Tigers defeated longtime rival Magoffin County to win the district crown. The two teams faced each other again in the 15th region final, with Paintsville winning again.

After a trip down the Mountain Parkway to Lexington, the Tigers were ready to face Kentucky's best teams. Paintsville defeated Owensboro, Allen County-Scottsville, and Lexington Catholic to advance to the Saturday night final. The Tigers cruised to victory in the title game with a resounding defeat of Ashland.

Paintsville's team was rich in talent and size. They were led by sophomore sensation J.R. VanHoose. The 6'10" center set a new, single-game, tournament record for rebounds—breaking the old record held by NBA great Wes Unseld. VanHoose was also named the tournament's most valuable player.

Joining VanHoose were seniors Craig and Matt Ratliff, Todd Tackett and Josh McKenzie completed the Tigers' primary lineup. Other members of the varsity squad included: Danny Scott, Kyle Adams, Josh Greiner, Jason Conley, Kyle Kretzer, Devon Pack, Jeremy Watkins, Mike Short, Mikie Burchett, Mark Grim, and Eric Addington.

Mr. Speaker, the Paintsville Tigers have made the people of Johnson County and eastern Kentucky very proud. They now have their own chapter in Kentucky's renowned history of high school basketball.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE GAZMARARIAN

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 28, 1996

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize Mr. George Gazmararian of Alma College, as he celebrates his retirement as emeriti professor of business administration. During his 30-year