

IN HONOR OF JIMMIE CANNON

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 1996

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable dedication and accomplishments of a constituent in my district, Mr. Jimmie Cannon of El Centro, CA. Jimmie has been the band teacher at Central Union High School for the past 30 years. He is soon retiring and I would like to take a moment to commend his devoted service to his job and to the students he has touched with his spirit and gift for teaching.

A native of Oklahoma, Jimmie joined the Army in 1952. He attended college at Philander Smith in Little Rock, AR where he met and married Maxine Sutton. After moving to Mahaska, KS, Jimmie began teaching music to children from the kindergarten to 12th grade level.

In 1964, the Cannon's moved to El Centro, CA, where Jimmie taught music at Wilson Junior High School until the fall of 1966 at which time he began teaching at Central Union High with the "Great Spartan Band." The Great Spartan Band has been very active in the community by performing annually at a number of the local schools in the Imperial Valley area. The band has also been an important participant at a great number of local charity organization events, while at the same time, committing to annual performances at such events as the Brawley Cattle Call Parade, American Heart Association, Red Ribbon Awareness Fair and the Special Olympics. Since Jimmie's time with the Great Spartan Band, they have received letters of commendation from such individuals as former Mexican President Luis Echeverria, Governor Ronald Reagan, and Brig. Gen. Harry Mendelson. The Great Spartan Band has also received special honors from a variety of national organizations including the Hawaii Invitational Music Festival, U.S.C. Concert of the Bands, Holiday Bowl Music Festival, Mardi Gras, Disneyland Parade and Concert, and Disneyworld Magic Kingdom.

In an era when our children have become less interested in their education, our Nation's teachers have become more vital in influencing the lives and future of their students. It is encouraging to know that teachers like Jimmie still endure. For the past 30 years, Jimmie has been able to share his love and appreciation of music with many students who will long remember his spirit and talent that touched so many of their lives. I would like to join these many grateful students in thanking and wishing Jimmie Cannon great happiness in all his future endeavors.

BILLY AND RUTH GRAHAM

HON. STEVE C. LATOURETTE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, today the Congress presents its highest honor, the Congressional Gold Medal, to the Reverend Billy Graham and his wife, Ruth.

It is fitting that such an honor be bestowed upon the Reverend Graham, as he has played

such a pivotal and selfless role in shaping and maintaining the moral fiber of our country. Perhaps Reverend Graham's greatest appeal is that his message pertains to all and excludes no one. Here in our Nation's capital, the party of Lincoln often speaks of the big tent, and how everyone is welcomed into it. While I believe that to be true, I also accept that our tent, when compared to the tent the Reverend Graham has built over the years, is more like a pup tent. He has the capacity and love to reach millions through the word of God, and has made that his lifetime cause.

The Reverend Graham instills in us the importance of hope, salvation, goodness and spiritual renewal, and how these measures require a lifetime commitment. He does not preach by whim or trend; in the Reverend Graham's world family values is not a recent phenomenon, but rather a way of life. For those who have lost their way and whose faith has been tested or questioned, the Reverend Graham is always there to welcome them back, to begin the process of spiritual rebirth with new vigor.

Whether he is acting as an unofficial spiritual adviser to one of the many U.S. presidents he has counseled over the years or preaching to the youth of America in one of his many crusades, the Reverend Graham has an uncanny ability to connect with people. Unlike so many evangelists whose sincerity seems manipulated for television audiences and who have become seduced by greed and power, the Reverend Graham has never strayed from the ethical, moral, and spiritual highroad. The only thing scandalous about this great man is that his life and preaching is devoid of scandal, which in this day and age is rare.

When I think of Rev. Billy Graham, I think of him as perhaps the best elder statesman America has known. I also think of his crusade in Cleveland a few years back, when he transformed the cavernous Cleveland Municipal Stadium into a massive sanctuary, touching and enriching the spiritual lives of so many. And, I think about the wonderful partnership he has with his wife, Ruth, which is proof positive that behind every great man is a great woman.

On this day when we award the Grahams the Congressional Gold Medal, we also give thanks for their years of devotion and inspiration, and for a constant affirmation of all that is right with America.

I have always believed our country has been touched and blessed by the hand of God. Today, we as a nation acknowledge that we also have been touched and blessed by the hand of the Rev. Billy Graham.

TRIBUTE TO BETHESDA-CHEVY
CHASE BRANCH AAUW

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in this Chamber to honor the Bethesda-Chevy Chase [B-CC] branch of the American Association of University Women [AAUW] on the occasion of their 50th anniversary.

The first 50 members of B-CC AAUW were installed by Maryland AAUW president, Mrs.

C.L. Everson, on May 20, 1946, at the Woman's Club of Bethesda clubhouse. The first president of the local group was Mrs. Noble Boaz.

The members of the B-CC branch quickly established study groups that reflected their interests and diversity, and after only 1 year, began a newsletter that has, to this day, maintained the same format. At first, the branch was involved in local affairs that affected the community and the schools. AAUW members closely followed the proposed policies of candidates for the school board and the county council, and often volunteered for various county boards and commissions. During the 1950's, AAUW had attained important influence in the community, affecting decisions regarding teacher recruitment and salaries in the local schools.

Over the years, the programs at the monthly meetings of the local branch have covered every conceivable subject, from outer space to foreign affairs. These programs are indicative of the interest of the members in the pursuit of knowledge. Many programs have centered on various aspects of art, books, and science, again reflecting the talents and interests of the membership in education.

Scholarship has always been high on the AAUW agenda, and the B-CC branch began raising money to help students obtain a higher education. In February 1949, the organization held a fellowship tea at the Iranian Embassy. Admission was \$1.50. Soon after, several bridge groups were begun as a way to raise money for scholarships. Members also held fashion shows, art auctions, yard sales, and book and author luncheons.

This year, members are focusing on conducting workshops that address gender equity. The B-CC branch is particularly interested in promoting women in math and science, and established a contest for high school girls to suggest scientific careers.

Mr. Speaker, the B-CC branch of AAUW has a long and proud history of advocacy for the equality of all women. The members of this esteemed group, since the beginning, have challenged injustice and discrimination in society. I am proud to pay tribute to the B-CC branch of AAUW for 50 years of dedication and service that has enabled women to enjoy the benefits of the Nineties. I congratulate Frances Cressman, Thelma Feld, Barbara Hively, Frances Dellon, Ellen Gillis, Inge Baer, Alice Dixon, and Louis Peltier, who make up the board of directors, as well as all of the wonderful members of the B-CC branch on this milestone anniversary. These AAUW members are long-distance runners for equality and social justice, and I wish them continued success for the future.

HONORING THE MUDDY POND
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 1996

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I am taking this opportunity to applaud the invaluable services provided by the Muddy Pond Volunteer Fire Department. These brave, civic-minded people give freely of their time so that we may all feel safer at night.

Few realize the depth of training and hard work that goes into being a volunteer fire fighter. To quote one of my local volunteers, "These firemen must have an overwhelming desire to do for others while expecting nothing in return."

Preparation includes twice monthly training programs in which they have live drills, study the latest videos featuring the latest in fire fighting tactics, as well as attend seminars where they can obtain the knowledge they need to save lives. Within a year of becoming a volunteer firefighter, most attend the Tennessee Fire Training School in Murfreesboro where they undergo further, intensified training.

When the residents of my district go to bed at night, they know that should disaster strike and their home catch fire, well trained and qualified volunteer fire departments are ready and willing to give so graciously and generously of themselves. This peace of mind should not be taken for granted.

By selflessly giving of themselves, they ensure a safer future for us all. We owe these volunteer fire departments a debt of gratitude for their service and sacrifice.

TRIBUTE TO MARSHA SERLIN,
PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER,
UNITED SCRAP METAL, INC.

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI
OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, May 7, 1996

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute to an outstanding business person, Ms. Marsha Serlin, president and founder of United Scrap Metal of Cicero, IL, who was recently named "1996 Small Business Subcontractor of the Year" by the U.S. Small Business Administration Midwest Region.

In 1978, Ms. Serlin, a young woman with two small children launched United Scrap Metal with \$200 and a rented truck. At the time, it was the only company of its kind owned by a woman in the United States, but, through Ms. Serlin's hard work, it quickly grew into one of the bigger scrap metal scavenger services in the Chicago area. The company now enjoys annual revenue in excess of \$40 million per year.

According to Mr. Richard Gory of the Andrew Corp., Ms. Serlin's client, who nominated her for this honor: "We have experienced consistent and unparalleled service, attention to detail, and superior bottom-line results from United Scrap Metal. The success of this company is directly attributable to the owner's unique ability to meet the complex needs and requirements of the industry in an extremely efficient and effective manner."

In addition to her entrepreneurial success, Ms. Serlin is a tireless contributor to her community. She is on the board of the United Way/Community Chest, a member of the board of governors of the Chamber of Commerce, an executive board member of the Boy Scouts of America, and serves on the board of directors of Symphony of the Shores, and CARE, Inc.

In addition, Ms. Serlin serves on the board of directors of MRC Polymers, Inc., the Planning Commission Board for Cicero, is a past board member of the Cicero Education Com-

mittee and was a founding member of the Adopt a Homeroom program.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Ms. Serlin on receiving this impressive honor, and extend to her my best wishes for continued success in business and in her community.

HONORING MAYOR ED
GOTTHARDT, SEGUIN, TX, ON HIS
RETIREMENT

HON. FRANK TEJEDA
OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, May 7, 1996

Mr. TEJEDA. Mr. Speaker, Ed Gotthardt has served as mayor of the beautiful and historic city of Seguin since 1990. Since much of Seguin is in the congressional district I represent, it has been my privilege to work with Mayor Gotthardt since I was first elected to this body in 1993. Before seeking elected office, mayor Gotthardt was a business leader with a long history of dedicated community involvement. Once in office, he led his city with integrity and fairness. Mayor Gotthardt has shown this Nation how a citizen with a distinguished career in business and community service can step forward into elected leadership and achieve further success.

Mayor Gotthardt has an unusually long resume of community involvement. He is past president of the Guadalupe Shrine Club and the H.E.B. retiree organization. He is a member of the Seguin Elks Lodge No. 1229, the Seguin Masonic Lodge #109, Seguin Eastern Star Chapter #555, and the Seguin Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Seguin. He has been married for many years to Rosa Lee Gotthardt, with whom he has enjoyed the company of three children.

Mayor Gotthardt has set an example for the participation of a citizen in this Nation's proudest tradition, one which the people of Seguin hold sacred, our free and democratic political institutions. I wish we had more committed local leaders like Ed Gotthardt. For that reason, I ask that this U.S. House of Representatives formally recognize mayor Gotthardt on the occasion of his retirement from public service.

STUDENTS FROM 15 HIGH SCHOOLS
COMPETE IN "AN ARTISTIC
DISCOVERY"

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN
OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, May 7, 1996

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank and congratulate a group of very talented young men and women from the 11th Congressional District of New Jersey. I am, of course, referring to the 49 students from 15 high schools in our area who entered the annual congressional arts competition called, "An Artistic Discovery."

Mr. Speaker, we have a long and distinguished history of educational excellence in the 11th Congressional District—which encompasses all of Morris County, and parts of Essex, Somerset, Sussex, and Passaic Coun-

ties. We send more of our graduates to the Nation's military academies than any other congressional district in the country. A young scientist from Morristown recently placed sixth in a nationwide scientific research contest for his impressive work on fusion energy.

And judging from the entries I saw last month, I know that we have some of the best young artists in the country as well. So let me first thank all the students who participated because it is their hard work and effort that makes this contest special.

The high school, followed by student's name and name of art work, follows:

Academy of St. Elizabeth: (1) Clara McAuley, "Passing;" (2) Nicole Pantos, "Harp;" (3) Alice Otchy, "Me in the Middle." Bayley-Ellard High School: (4) Gail Houston, "Aftermath;" (5) Michelle Mechanic, "Pigments."

Boonton High School: (6) Nicole Batalias, "Self-Portrait;" (7) Danny Joldzic, "Jungle Cat;" (8) Laura Potucek, "Victoria;" (9) Tim Stettner, "Art Nehf."

Chatham High School: (10) Will Batten, "Untitled;" (11) Kit Herbert, "Composition With Scissors;" (12) Jim Newton, "Still Life #4."

Delbarton School: (13) Jon Collieran, "Chronic;" (14) Adam Herbert, "American Icons;" (15) Rory McDermott, "Neptune;" (16) Henry Prendergast, "Time Zone."

Kinnelon High School: (17) Tiffany Lum, "Nectar Scream;" (18) Alejandra Madriz, "O Holy Ducky;" (19) Roland McIntosh, Jr., "Carpenter Was But One Trade;" (20) Katharina Mordhorst, "Dreaming of Red Hair."

Madison High School: (21) Steve Fleming, "Lanterns;" (22) Pamela Schwartz, "Portrait of a Woman;" (23) Marlene Toledo, "Translucent Hydrant."

Matheny School: (24) Luis Carmona, "Ski Trails;" (25) Chet Cheesman, "Crossroad;" (26) Hassan Daughety, "Piranha Dance;" (27) Natalia Manning, "Blue & Gold Over Black." Montville Township High School: (28) Emily Gilbert, "Still Life;" (29) Susan Groome, "Self-Portrait;" (30) Halley Tsai, "Waiting for the Stranger."

Morris Hills High School: (31) Keith Fitzgerald, "Portal to My Imagination;" (32) Susan Petrarca, "Impressionistic View;" (33) Sharon Robleza, "Blue Dream;" (34) Alan Schenkler, "Sister."

Morris Knolls High School: (35) Melissa Kurtz, "Metamorphosis;" (36) Kamila Sutah, "Eternity;" (37) Lexington Wilson, "There Is Still Room;" (38) Kara Zalomo, "Gargoyle."

Mount Olive High School: (39) Matt Kernan, "Untitled;" (40) Margaret Przybysz, "Untitled;" (41) Eric Schroeder, "Fruit of Man;" (42) Christopher Weber, "Phreak Explosion."

Pequannock Township High School: (43) Elizabeth Fritz, "Crescendo;" (44) Darah Semancik, "A Study of Architecture;" (45) Kristen Siwek, "Michael Stipe;" (46) Traci Wood, "Southern Exposure."

Randolph High School: (47) Bijal Amin, "Untitled;" (48) Alex Katsov, "Diplomat."

West Morris Central High School: (49) Russell Catalucci, "Domecile."

Now, I'd like to list the honorable mentions in the contest, which, as you might imagine, Mr. Speaker, were very difficult to choose.

Alice Otchy for "Me in the Middle," Tim Stettner for "Art Nehf," Jon Collieran for "Chronic," Pamela Schwartz for "Portrait of a Woman," Alan Schenkler for "Sister," Matt Kenam for "Untitled," Darah Smancik for "A Study of Architecture," and Alex Katsov for "Diplomat." These were exceptional works of art and I wish we had room for all of them in the Capitol.