

home, and a prospective resident come back and take a second look.

One of the goals of the Postal Service is to be a good citizen in every community it serves. Besides contributing to a record 91 percent on-time delivery performance in the local area, Postmaster Smiley and his staff and taking a leading role in helping to make their community a better place to live. The partnership between the city of East Orange and the U.S. Postal Service is a solid example of the benefits of this type of cooperation.

OROVILLE, CA, A 1996 ALL-AMERICA CITY FINALIST

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 1996

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Oroville, California, has been named a 1996 All-America City Finalist by the National Civic League and;

Whereas, only 30 cities in the United States were designated as All-America City Finalists and only three cities were so designated in the State of California and;

Whereas, Oroville has traced its "can do" spirit from the rough-and-tumble days of the California Gold Rush to the glorious development of our Nation's railroads, to the timber boom and creation of an agricultural marketplace, to the building of Oroville Dam, the largest earth-filled dam in the United States, which created Lake Oroville with its 167 miles of scenic shoreline and;

Whereas, the citizens of the Oroville community will be taking their "can do" spirit and pride to Ft. Worth, TX to bring back the title of being one of the 10 All-America Cities in the United States for 1996;

Now, therefore, I Wally Herger, Member of the United States House of Representatives, consider it an honor and privilege to pay tribute and recognize this fine community and commend them upon their efforts in making Oroville an "All America" city each and every day of the year, and I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting them as an All-America City finalist for 1996. From the nuggets of the Gold Rush era to the energy and enthusiasm of the people of the 1990's, Oroville has been and will continue to remain for years to come the "city with a heart of gold."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 1996

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, April 16 and Tuesday, April 17, 1996, I was unable to cast my floor vote on rollcall votes 116 through 120.

I would like to state for the record, had I been able to, I would have voted "no" on 116 and 117, and "aye" on 118, 119, and 120.

SUPPORTS NAMING NEW NURSING FACILITY IN HONOR OF THE LATE SENATOR JOHN HEINZ

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 1996

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Pennsylvania Senator John Heinz and urge my colleagues to support H.R. 3376, which will name the new nursing care facility at the Aspinwall VA Hospital in his honor. An advocate for the elderly and a defender of Pennsylvania's interests, John Heinz was an asset for the city of Pittsburgh and the State of Pennsylvania. He built a well-deserved reputation as one of the State's most popular public officials.

Henry John Heinz III was born in Pittsburgh, the only son of H. J. Heinz II and the great-grandson of industrialist Henry J. Heinz, who founded H. J. Heinz Co. in 1869. The Heinz family is often credited with helping transform Pittsburgh.

John Heinz was educated at Phillips Exeter Academy, graduated from Yale University in 1960, and received an M.B.A. from the Harvard Business School in 1963. A scholar with natural business acumen, John Heinz graduated in the top 10 percent of his Harvard class. After business school, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and spent 1 year on active duty and 5 years in the Air Force Reserves.

After working for a number of years in the family business, John Heinz ran for the U.S. House of Representatives in 1971. Heinz served for nearly 20 years in the U.S. Congress, 5 in the House and 15 in the Senate, with interests and influence ranging over a wide field of complex subjects including trade, tax, health care, and pension policy.

Despite his privileged upbringing, John Heinz spent much of his time in Congress working on behalf of steelworkers, the elderly, and the disabled. His mostly blue-collar constituents approved of his candid, grassroots style despite his enormous wealth.

John Heinz worked in Congress to improve the lives of Americans. His interest in health care for the elderly found an outlet on the Aging Committee, which he helped establish in the 1970's. As ranking minority member of the Aging Committee, he focused national attention on abuses in nursing homes and fraud in the Medicare Program. He also spearheaded a successful effort to strengthen Federal regulation of health insurance for the elderly. Constantly working on behalf of his constituents, one important legislative accomplishment was crafting trade legislation to adopt a more assertive policy on imported steel and other items that had an unfair advantage when competing with the products of Pennsylvania. Always concerned about the strength of American families, one of John Heinz' last major initiatives in the Senate was an unsuccessful effort to require the Pentagon to ensure that no single parents or couples with children be deployed to the Persian Gulf.

The late Senator John Heinz III was a scholar, a patriot, and a dedicated public servant. He was a strong advocate for the citizens of Pittsburgh and the State of Pennsylvania. I urge my colleagues to join with me in supporting H.R. 3376 so that we may pay a fitting tribute to John Heinz by naming the new nurs-

ing care facility at the Aspinwall VA Hospital in his honor.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SCHOOL LUNCH

HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 1996

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the National School Lunch Program celebrated its 50th anniversary. This is 50 years of providing children with the nutrition they need to do well in school.

As a former educator, I could tell the difference between those children who ate lunch and those who did not. Those who did not were not as engaged in the educational process. They were hungry, they were tired and they just didn't focus.

Mr. Speaker, this is a program which many said we wanted to eliminate. But that was never our intention. If it was, I would not be up here today, commemorating its 50th anniversary.

This program has proven its value over and over again. The goal of House Republicans was to provide States and local school food service providers with the flexibility they needed to provide nutritious, healthy meals which students would eat. We weren't trying to eliminate it, we were trying to make it better so additional children would participate. Currently only 50 percent of low-income children participate in the program and 46 percent of middle- and upper-income children participate. There was certainly room for improvement.

Last week the President signed into law a bill which I authored and which I hope will provide school food service workers with some of the additional flexibility they need to encourage more children to participate in this program. "You can't teach a hungry child," and, considering only 50 percent of low-income children participate in the program, we have a long way to go before we insure these children are well-fed and able to receive the education they need to succeed in life.

Mr. Speaker, I compliment school food service workers throughout the United States on their commitment to feeding our Nation's children. Their dedication is outstanding.

I take this opportunity to wish the National School Lunch Program a happy 50th birthday and wish it many, many more years of success in providing nutrition to schoolchildren throughout the United States.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT BULOW

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 1996

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor an outstanding individual on his retirement from 27 years of outstanding service to the community of Morley, MI. Mr. Robert Bulow has served the students of Morley Stanwood High School for over 25 years as a teacher, athletic instructor, administrator, confidant, and friend to the many people whose lives he touched. In addition to his service to the people of Michigan,