

They moved to Hobart in 1925 where Mr. McCandless opened the Army store which later became the Man's Shop. He was very active in the Hobart business and civic community until his death in 1982.

The McCandlesses had five sons, the oldest of whom, Bill, died in 1982. His widow, Betty of Oklahoma City, is a frequent Hobart visitor. The other four are Jack, a retired Gates Corporation executive, Denver, Colorado, and wife, Kay; Earl, musician and retired Army officer, Solana Beach, California; John, attorney, Oklahoma City, and wife, Anne; Bob, Lawyer-lobbyist, Washington, D.C.

Each of the sons was educated in the Hobart public school system and each graduated from Hobart High School.

In addition Mrs. McCandless had nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

Mrs. McCandless had always been very active in the civic, social and spiritual life of the Hobart community. She was a founding member of the Mothers' Club, a long time member of the Yamparika Club and the McDowell Club of Allied Arts.

She was member of the Presbyterian Church for 70 years, active in Circle #3, the Wednesday morning prayer group and was the first woman Elder of that church.

She supported and received much pleasure from the Shortgrass Playhouse and the Kiowa County Museum. Mrs. McCandless maintained an avid interest in political affairs (national, state and local) all her life and thoroughly enjoyed reading and discussing public policy issues.

Leah McCandless leaves a host of friends in Kiowa county, throughout the state of Oklahoma and the United States. On her 80th birthday, Governor George Nigh, proclaimed that day "Leah McCandless Day" in Oklahoma. On her 95th birthday this past June, she received congratulatory letters from President Bill Clinton, Vice-President Al Gore, O.U. President David Boren, former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Jim Wright, presidential candidate U.S. Senator Bob Dole, former U.S. Senator Fred Harris and nationally syndicated columnist Robert Novak, among many others. A tribute was read to her on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives and entered into the United States Congressional Record.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the Leah McCandless Memorial Fund at the Hobart Presbyterian Church.

Services were at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, 1996 at the First Presbyterian Church, Hobart, Oklahoma. Officiating were Rev. Jerry Hilton, pastor First Presbyterian Church, Midland, Texas and Rev. Ginger Allen, pastor First Presbyterian Church, Hobart, Oklahoma.

Burial was in Hobart Rose Cemetery under direction of Hackney Funeral Home, Hoabart.

Active casketbearers were Delmar Richard, Jack Calmes, Milton Krieger, Bruce Myers, Paul Hinds, John Montgomery, Marshall Harris and Dr. Ralph Phelan.

Honorary casketbearers were Norris Dame, James Brown, Everett Brazil, Walter Pfenning, Joe Hancock, Dr. Michael Krieger and Ralph Patchin.

HIGHLANDS, TX, OPENS ITS FIRST SHERIFF'S STATION

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 1996

Mr. BENTSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the community of Highlands, TX, in

my district, which on June 15 will celebrate the opening of its first sheriff's station. I am confident that this station, the result of a Federal-local partnership will help prevent crime and ensure that more criminals are apprehended and brought to justice. This is an example of community policing at its best.

This Highlands Sheriff's Station would not have been possible without the hard work and commitment of the Harris County Sheriff's Department, the sheriff's citizens advisory committee, the Highlands Rotary Club, and the U.S. Department of Justice through the community oriented policing services [COPS] program. The COPS program is providing the funding for the deputy who will be stationed in Highlands.

I want to personally recognize and thank Sheriff Tommy Thomas for all he has done to make this Highlands station a reality. He has demonstrated strong leadership in protecting not only the more populated areas of Harris County, but smaller, more remote communities such as Highlands as well. And I appreciate the close working relationship our offices have had in securing the Federal grant for additional sheriff's deputies.

I also want to recognize the efforts of the sheriff's citizens advisory committee and the Highlands Rotary Club. Concerned citizens groups are vital partners with law enforcement officers in fighting crime, and this station would not have been possible without their efforts.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the people of Highlands and the Harris County Sheriff's Department for their dedication and congratulate them for joining in this partnership that will benefit us all. This storefront station represents the beginning, not the end, of a partnership between the sheriff's department, the people of Highlands, and the Federal Government to ensure that residents and businesses enjoy the service and protection they deserve.

MAINTAIN STRONG PROTECTION MEASURES FOR PATIENTS

HON. PETER G. TORKILDSEN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 1996

Mr. TORKILDSEN. Mr. Speaker, as our country's health care system continues to evolve, it is essential to maintain strong protection measures for patients. As a cosponsor of the Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act, the Patient Right to Know Act, and the Senior Citizens' Access to Health Care Act, I recognize the need to protect new mothers, senior citizens, and all patients from restrictions that undermine a physician's ability to provide quality care to their patients.

To emphasize this point, I ask that this letter to the Honorable MICHAEL BILIRAKIS, chairman of the Health and Environmental Subcommittee, from Massachusetts State Representative Brian Cresta be submitted for the RECORD.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Boston, MA, May 28, 1996.

Hon. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS,
Chair, Health and Environment Subcommittee,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN BILIRAKIS: It has come to my attention that the Coalition for Health

Care Choice and Accountability has decided to act upon the proposal for national standards for accountable managed care. This is certainly an important step toward ensuring that all U.S. citizens are allowed the freedom to choose a health care provider when enrolled in a managed care plan.

As a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives and an active member of the Committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs, I have received much input from my constituency regarding issues such as this. Therefore, I am no stranger to the problems that many people are facing while accessing the best care within the restrictions of their health plan.

To ensure that residents of the Commonwealth are able to receive fair and adequate health services, the Massachusetts Legislature has passed landmark legislation to allow for the coverage of emergency room services, protect hospital stays for mothers who have given birth, and allow consumers the right to full information about the health plan, to name a few.

Although I am certain that we will continue to work to provide residents of Massachusetts with cost-effective care, I am also aware of the importance of the presence of federal laws to umbrella any laws passed at the state level. It is important not only for Massachusetts alone but the entire country to ensure that U.S. citizens who are managed care enrollees are provided the opportunity to receive the highest quality of care.

This measure is a win-win situation for the industry, which will have a consistent platform across the country rather than different regulations from state to state and for the consumer, by ensuring that high quality care is provided to all managed care enrollees. For this reason, I support this effort and appreciate your continuous work for better national consumer protection legislation.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions regarding the present situation in Massachusetts or if I may be of further assistance to ensure that this measure is passed.

Sincerely,

BRIAN M. CRESTA,
State Representative, 22nd Middlesex District.

TRIBUTE TO TOP POLICE CHIEF

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 1996

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Police Chief Salvatore Rosano of Santa Rosa, CA, who retires this month after 22 years of impeccable public service, and as a hero to our community. I would like to share with my colleagues Chief Rosano's enumerable accomplishments over his 38 years of public service which have made him one of California's most highly praised guardians of safety.

Chief Rosano started his career in public safety at the age of 19. He was appointed police chief to the city of South San Francisco in 1970—the youngest police chief in the State of California, and served as president of the San Mateo County Law Enforcement Chiefs' Association. In 1974 he was selected as chief for the city of Santa Rosa where he proudly served 22 years. Throughout his career, Chief Rosano's natural leadership skills made him a major player in California law enforcement, and he served on many State law enforcement boards, commissions, and public safety organizations.

Chief Rosano's statewide and countywide service is renowned and endless. Chief among his local accomplishments are his implementation of a neighborhood oriented policing program to better address our community policing needs. His leadership also helped set in motion a gang enforcement program, developed a unique environmental crimes unit, and organized one of the few bomb and explosive device units in northern California.

With any good leader comes a road of hard knocks from those opposed to change. It's no surprise that Chief Rosano is no stranger to criticism for his outspoken support of gun controls and for initiating the city of Santa Rosa's gun exchange program. With almost 700 weapons exchanged, this event was the most successful gun exchange program in California. Recently, the Sonoma County Peace and Justice Center announced their plans to host the city's second gun exchange program in honor of the retiring chief. This program is a model for public-private partnerships between local businesses, the community, and law enforcement.

Chief Rosano's longstanding career of achievement earned him the California Peace Officers Association's Law Enforcement Professional of the Year, the most prestigious award in the law enforcement profession. Chief Rosano is also the longest-serving chief in the State of California, and the city of Santa Rosa is extremely grateful for the top service and protection he has provided the community.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Chief Rosano for his exemplary service over the past 38 years. As a nation, we are in debt to the efforts and dedication of individuals, who, like Chief Rosano, place the safety and well-being of others above their own safety. I salute Chief Rosano, and wish he and his family much success with their future plans.

17TH ANNUAL PORTUGAL DAY FESTIVAL

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 1996

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to New Jersey's Luso-Americans, who are in the midst of celebrating 2 weeks of festivities honoring their heritage and history. The 2-week celebration in Newark's "Ironbound" is one of the largest Portuguese celebrations in the world. This extraordinary event will culminate with the Grande Parade to be held on June 9, 1996.

Over 1.5 million Luso-Americans have settled throughout the United States, with an estimated 200,000 Luso-Americans in the Garden State alone. In New Jersey, the largest concentration of Luso-Americans live in the "Ironbound" section of Newark. Through the years, they have turned an old neighborhood into a thriving and prosperous commercial and residential center. Their hard work and perseverance can be seen on the streets of Newark, especially Ferry Street, the heart of "Ironbound." Ferry Street is lined with many restaurants offering the delicate cuisine of Portugal. Luso-Americans have turned Ferry Street into a Portuguese city in miniature.

The annual Portugal Day festival is a time for Americans of different nationalities to savor

and enjoy the rich traditions of Portugal. Visitors from all over the country come to take part in the festivities, some of which are broadcast throughout the globe via satellite through Portugal's national TV, RTP1.

Seventeen years ago, Bernardino Coutinho founded the festival and has strived every year to make it a wonderful event. The Bernardino Coutinho Foundation was established on May 22, 1992, to assume responsibility for organizing this 2-week festival. The festival is a part of the foundation's commitment to enhancing the cultural and social development of the community.

I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Luso-Americans throughout New Jersey as they celebrate their rich heritage. It is an honor to be representing such a remarkable group of people.

KEN HEREDIA HONORED FOR OUT- STANDING SERVICE TO SAN JOSE FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 230

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 1996

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the noteworthy achievements of Ken Heredia of the San Jose Fire Department. Mr. Heredia has been the president of the San Jose Fire Fighters Union, Local 230, for the past 8 years. In addition, he has served 15 years on the fire department's union executive board.

During the years Mr. Heredia has served the San Jose firefighters, he has demonstrated an unselfish and much valued commitment to organized labor and the fire service. On June 8, 1996, a special barbecue will be held by the San Jose Firefighters Local 230 in honor of Mr. Heredia and his years of dedicated service to our community.

Mr. Heredia, a native of his community, was recently promoted to battalion chief of the San Jose Fire Department. Although he will be sorely missed as a leader of local 230, I would like to extend my congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Heredia as he takes on his new role in the department. I invite my colleagues to join me in recognizing this dedicated public servant.

A TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 284

HON. NORMAN SISISKY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 1996

Mr. SISISKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an American Legion auxiliary unit located in Colonial Heights, VA. Unit 284 administers many volunteer programs in my district, with special emphasis on veterans, children, and the community. Members also volunteer time to junior activities, Americanism, and educational programs.

By selflessly giving their time and energy to such worthy causes, the members of unit 284 have set an example from which we can all learn. Recently, in order to help prevent crime in their area, unit 284 joined with local civic or-

ganizations, and fire and police departments, to celebrate National Night Out. With the rise of crime in many areas, it is important for everyone to join together in order to ensure the safety of their communities. Unit 284 recognizes the significance of this effort, and through their work with National Night Out, they helped educate both children and adults on crime.

It is an honor to have such a giving organization as the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 284 in my district. Their work, as well as other American Legion auxiliary units throughout the country, have touched many lives. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of the national organization's 75th anniversary, it is with great pride that I recognize American Legion Auxiliary Unit 284 for their outstanding service to the constituents in my district.

INTRODUCTION OF BREAST IMPLANT RESOLUTION

HON. BARBARA F. VUCANOVICH

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 1996

Mrs. VUCANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, what are the facts on silicone breast implants? Are they safe? Do they lead to immune disorders in women? There are no clear answers to these questions, but conflicting information has been provided to American women—making it difficult for women to make important health decisions.

In 1992, the FDA Commissioner imposed significant restrictions on access to silicone breast implants, based on concerns that there may be a connection between immune disorders and women who have silicone breast implants. Recent scientific studies conducted by the Mayo Clinic and Harvard Medical School suggest that there is no evidence of a connection between silicone implants and autoimmune disease or classic autoimmune symptoms. Many women, however, have questioned the validity of these studies. The FDA has not issued a definitive statement on the relationship between silicone gel breast implants.

This indecisive action has caused many problems for women in the United States. Some women neglect to obtain proper breast care due to the fear and uncertainty surrounding the issue. For women with breast implants, adequate information on breast care is not readily available since the National Cancer Institute and other health agencies are waiting to develop information, pending FDA's action. This also means that very few postmastectomy breast cancer patients have access to silicone breast implants, since they must participate in clinical trials to obtain these devices. As a breast cancer survivor, I recognize the importance of breast health and the fear and confusion in determining the best treatment for the patient. Information about breast implants could help alleviate that fear.

Unfortunately, this also has a broader impact on the public by adversely affecting the supply of raw materials used in other lifesaving products such as pacemakers, heart valves, hip and knee joints, and artificial blood vessels.

Today, I am introducing a resolution which expresses the sense of the House that the