

Olinger, a highly esteemed teacher who has taught U.S. history at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School for more than 35 years. As he retires this year, he leaves behind generations of students who would never have had such an exceptional appreciation and understanding of American history were it not for Lester Olinger.

At Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, his teaching style was legendary. Students knew that they would not leave his classroom without enhancing their knowledge of the history of their country. As a result, Mr. Olinger's students were known to have some of the highest test results in the Nation. He also taught advanced placement classes on U.S. history and American government.

As well as being an exceptional teacher, Lester Olinger gave time to a variety of clubs. A sponsor of both the frisbee and the ski teams, he could always be depended upon to cheer Bethesda-Chevy Chase's athletes to success.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for the opportunity to salute a phenomenal teacher, Lester Olinger.

LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE THE
LMA PROCESS

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to address a serious flaw in the rules governing local marketing agreements for television stations.

Current FCC rules allow television stations to enter into what are called "local marketing agreements", or LMA's. An LMA allows a television station or other entity to manage programming, sales, and operations at another station.

For troubled stations, the LMA can provide needed assistance to maintain both their operations and independence. However, as they have become more frequent, so have they become broader and more comprehensive in their scope.

Strangely, although FCC rules are clear with respect to TV station ownership—owing two stations in the same market is illegal—they are extremely vague with respect to television LMA's.

For example, current FCC regulations do not take into account the size of a local marketing agreement, the amount of operations managed through an LMA, or the size of the media market affected. Nor do they require prior notice or public comment from the communities that might be impacted.

My own community has been affected by this ambiguity in FCC rules. Recently, two local stations in Monterey, CA reached a local marketing agreement which affected a sizeable portion of the programming and operations of one of the stations. No prior notice was given or required; no public input was requested; and there were no studies or consideration of the possible impact, positive or negative, of the LMA on the region.

Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, this is a growing problem. Although radio LMA's account for the majority of such agreements, the expanding number of consolidations and mergers in the

television industry have put greater economic pressures on small stations. LMA's have become an increasingly attractive alternative to bankruptcy—but also, for some, a useful loophole in the duopoly laws.

My bill will resolve this problem by extending the more exact and time-tested LMA rules for radio to television as well. As for radio, television LMA's affecting 15 percent or less of broadcast time on a station would not require prior notice or approval by the FCC. However, more comprehensive LMA's would require prior notice and public comment before the FCC could approve them. Such approval would have to be made on the basis of public interest, convenience, and necessity.

My bill will resolve the current ambiguity in FCC rules—ambiguity which leaves the LMA process open to broad interpretation, and makes no allowance for the needs, interests, or concerns of local communities. Making LMA rules clear and fair will benefit the station owners who benefit from these agreements, as well as television viewers and local communities affected by them.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

A POEM OF REMEMBRANCE

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, Memorial Day has just passed, but we should always hold in our hearts the memory of those who came before us offering their service to our country. They made many a sacrifice, none small, some ultimate, for the greatness of our Nation.

My constituent, Mr. Curt Perdelwitz, a retired U.S. Air Force Master Sergeant, has written a very poignant poem to remind us of our obligation to honor their memory. The poem, "We Remember," which I will include following my remarks, was selected as the Editor's Choice by the National Library of Poetry and published in the "Path Not Taken." I commend it to my colleagues and all Americans as a constant reminder of the great price we pay to defend freedom throughout the world.

WE REMEMBER

(By Curt W. Perdelwitz)

The guns of the battle are now silent,
The cries of the wounded no longer are heard
The fields at Verdun and Bastogne are now peaceful,

Antietam and the Hue are history remembered.

Inchon and Desert Storm but memories of conflicts,

Iwo Jima and Guadalcanal are part of our lore.

But, for those whose blood turned battle-fields red,

And those who now rest in Valhalla,
We, on this day, offer this prayer:—
Oh Father in heaven! Lord of all living things!

Bestow on Your lowly human mortals
The wisdom and strength to lay aside
Our greed, and power, and desire for material things.

Awake within us, the sights of those crosses
en row,

Remind us of the souls who rest beneath—
those

Who gave their lives for us who now remain.
It is for us to keep alive their spirits and hopes

For those freedoms that shall never die.
Grant us the ability to keep the faith and our promises

To those who gave so much to us who now survive.

TRIBUTE TO FIFTH DISTRICT BOY
SCOUTS

HON. GEORGE R. NETHERCUTT, JR.

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Mr. NETHERCUTT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the achievements of several Boy Scouts from my district. Eric Jordan and Kevin Engbretson were recently recognized in a National Court of Honor Ceremony, and Travis Passey received his Eagle Scout Award, joining his five brothers in receiving this honor.

In the early morning of February 19, 1994, Scout Eric Jordan, of Walla Walla, WA, awoke to find his bedroom filled with smoke. Eric shared the bedroom with his younger brother Kristopher, and heard him gasping from the dense smoke. Crawling along the floor, Eric found his brother's electric blanket burning and the younger boy unconscious. He dragged Kristopher from the room and closed the bedroom door to suffocate the fire. For his quick thinking in averting the potential tragedy, Eric was awarded the National Heroism Medal.

On May 27, 1994, Scot Kevin Engbretson, also of Walla Walla, was on a field trip with his seventh grade class at Charbonneau State Park. When one of his classmates was playfully pushed off a dock into the Snake River, and it became apparent that she could not swim, Kevin quickly waded into the river and towed the girl to safety. For his efforts in rescuing his classmate, Kevin was awarded the National Certificate of Merit.

Travis Passey, of Cheney, WA, recently earned his Eagle Scout Award for organizing a project that raised funds for area libraries. Travis deserves recognition for his service, but equally deserving are his five brothers: Jared, Ryan Nathan, Allan, and David. Each of Glenn and Joan Passey's six sons have earned the rank of Eagle Scout, and I would like to congratulate this family's accomplishment. The young men honored their father's guidance over the years with a flag flown over the Capitol, and I think the accompanying certificate precisely summarizes their appreciation for his support. The certificate read, "Your six Eagles Scouts sons honor you for your dedication, inspiration and love."

Mr. Speaker, I feel privileged to recognize the achievements of these young men. I was a Life Scout, and I know of the significant personal dedication that is required of Boy Scouts. The lessons learned in Scouting are of great personal benefit but as these men have demonstrated, our families and communities are even greater beneficiaries. Eric Jordan and Kevin Engbretson calmly reacted to crises that could have become tragedies. Travis, Jared, Ryan, Nathan, Allan, and David Passey, through their service as Eagle Scouts, have contributed lasting community service projects. I am proud of the contributions that