

began with a basketball game between the two alumni groups and was followed by a dance. Recently, however, the Roosevelt class of 1972 has taken over responsibility from its class of 1962 and the two schools have separated a few of their events. The current chairman of Roosevelt's class of 1972 is Dwight E. Pointer.

Representative Smith stated that Roosevelt and Froebel were the most competitive schools in this area. Therefore, they created this event to recapture the great memories and allow the generations of graduates to continue the tradition. In fact, many people return to Gary to attend this celebratory event.

This event, which usually attracts over 3,000 people, was again held in conjunction with the week-long nostalgia event. On August 7, a casino night was held at the Genesis Center followed by the picnic and nostalgia dance on August 10. On August 11, a church service and block party were held in Gary.

Froebel, which was also known as the immigrant school, is presently being surveyed for landmark status. The Pony Express and stage coaches changed horses at a way station located on the Froebel property en route to Chicago. Friedrich Froebel, who believed toddlers could be educated, instituted the first kindergartens and invented the alphabetical/numerical building blocks that are used worldwide by preschoolers. On September 9, 1907, actual class work began at the 14th street school as it was called before Froebel opened. In 1910, the city of Gary authorized a 10-acre site for the construction of Froebel. It was completed and opened in September 1912. William A. Wirt, a student of Froebel's philosophies, made it mandatory that the Gary schools implement kindergarten through 12th grade at this school. All of the high tech concepts of the era were realized in the Froebel curriculum and soon this Gary plan gained prominence and was adopted by many school districts nationwide. Froebel High School was converted into a middle school in 1969 and the last class that was held in that building was in 1977. Since that time, Froebel School has remained closed.

Mr. Speaker, I am thrilled that the residents of Gary took the time to celebrate and appreciate their city's history. May the alumni of Froebel and Roosevelt High Schools continue to honor their schools and exude the pride that has persevered to unite everyone in Gary.

HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 1996

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1179, a bill to preserve historic buildings at 10 historically black colleges and universities in 4 States.

These historic buildings provide an invaluable glimpse into the collective history and individual stories of traditionally black colleges and universities in the United States of America.

The buildings are already listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Preserving

these structures is important for the same reason that the study of history is important; they provide a window to a certain time and place and allow us to judge where we are now and how far we have come.

The \$29 million that this bill provides is a worthwhile investment dedicated to preserving a sense and feeling of history on the campuses of black colleges and universities across our country. It is important to note that these institutions will provide matching funds to restore and renovate buildings.

For more than 100 years, these 10 institutions have trained individuals who have made valuable contributions to American society and these funds will assist these colleges and universities in continuing to produce leaders and scholars for the 21st century.

RECOGNITION OF THE PITTSBURGH TRIBUNE-REVIEW

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 5, 1996

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, when the Pittsburgh Press ceased publication of its afternoon daily and Sunday editions, the Pittsburgh Post Gazette increased its service to the area, but a tradition of newspaper competition that had existed for many decades disappeared.

Several publications tried to fill that void, but the most successful has been the publication of the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, headed by Richard Scaife. The paper has had remarkable circulation growth and annual increases in advertising linage.

In an age when we seldom see newspaper expansion, I want to note that on September 10, Mr. Scaife will break ground for a new facility called the Newsworks, in Marshall township, a suburb of Pittsburgh. This will increase the number of new presses for the newspaper, create some 500 jobs during the construction phase, and create over 100 permanent skilled craftsperson positions when the plant becomes operational.

The news media is always stronger for competition, and the continued development of the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review is good for western Pennsylvania, good for workers, good for the news business, good for the full coverage of controversial subjects, good for a selection in editorial commentary, and good for the overall rebuilding of western Pennsylvania's economy.

It's a pleasure for me to congratulate Richard Scaife and the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review on this positive development. I hope this example lends impetus to other business leaders to reinvest in their core businesses to expand and grow.

OCEAN DUMPING TERMINATION ACT OF 1996

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 5, 1996

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill entitled the "Ocean Dumping Termination Act of 1996."

This bill goes a long way to solving some recent problems we have had with attempts to

weaken ocean dumping regulations. While some would have us believe that protection of the oceans is something we can worry about later, coming from the Third District of New Jersey, I know that ocean protection is something that must happen now.

In 1988 I was part of the original effort to cease the dumping of toxic substances into the ocean. I was part of this effort because I personally saw and had to live through the environmental havoc caused by wholesale ocean dumping. The beaches of New Jersey were coated with trash and toxic waste—the beaches were closed and the coastal economy was in ruins.

Today, through stringent ocean dumping regulations, the beaches of New Jersey have rebounded. Each year we get millions of visitors to New Jersey's beaches. These visitors generate billions of dollars of revenue for the State and the Nation.

Why, then, have there been recently attempts to turn back the clock on this great environmental success story? Because of the greed and political aspirations of a few. Why should those few benefit from environmental degradation? They should not. And they will not on my watch.

Today I introduce the Ocean Dumping Termination Act to stop this downslide of environmental protection. This bill will close the only remaining mud dump site off the coast of New Jersey 6 months from enactment of the act. From the date of signature on this act, all category II dump materials—materials toxic to the ocean and to people—will completely cease. And this bill will assure that steps can be taken to mitigate any remaining environmental harm that could result from this mound of sludge sitting just 12 miles off the coast of New Jersey.

As one of my esteemed colleagues, who has served the interests of the oceans for over 20 years, stated earlier today on this floor, we work for the sanctity of the critters of the ocean. Those critters do not care about the demarcation between Democrats and Republicans—but they care more than they are able to say about the health of their environment. I care about the health and welfare of that environment and the people of New Jersey and this Nation and I can do something about it. Today, I did. I urge broad support for this bill, the Ocean Dumping Termination Act of 1996.

THE 50 STATES COMMEMORATIVE COIN PROGRAM ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY B. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 1996

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, permit me to first commend the chairman of the Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Congressman MICHAEL CASTLE, and the ranking Democratic member of the subcommittee, Congressman FLOYD FLAKE, for working closely together to report legislation that warrants the full support of each Member of the House of Representatives.

H.R. 3793, the 50 States Commemorative Coin Program Act, authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to issue quarter-dollar coins commemorating the 50 States in the order they