

A PARTNERSHIP WORKING FOR
SACRAMENTO STUDENTS

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a superlative example of the success which can result from partnerships between education and business.

In Sacramento, Encina High School and Sutter Health have forged a partnership to rethink the way students are prepared for life after school. The partnership has come to serve as a model for other schools and was a large factor in Encina High School's recognition by the U.S. Department of Education this year as one of the Nation's 10 New American High Schools.

This award recognized Encina's commitment to offer challenging academic standards for all students and demonstrates how new and innovative learning environments and career education opportunities can make a difference in helping all students achieve success.

At Encina High School, small academies provide students with a nurturing environment that enhances their ability to achieve. Each student enrolls in one of the five career academies that organize the academic curriculum around a career-related theme. This structure customizes learning to accommodate a variety of learning styles, interests, and life experiences.

The academies provide more one-on-one attention from adults, use technology appropriate to the course of study, and give students a better understanding of their field of interest by learning through doing in the classroom, in workplaces and through community service.

The 7-year-old Encina High School Health Academy, in partnership with Sutter Health, has been recognized as a national model program. It provides a rigorous academic education with a health care focus. The program has enhanced the school-to-work transition by offering students many work experience opportunities such as apprenticeships and summer jobs, so that students can see themselves as a part of a productive work environment. The Health Academy program has resulted in improved student attendance, improved student learning, a greater student interest in continuing education—90 percent of the first year's graduates entered college.

In addition to the Health Academy, Sutter has committed much more to the San Juan Unified School District. Sutter has established a health care link with the district, providing health care services for teens and pregnant minors, a physician and bilingual nurses to serve students and their families on school campuses, immunizations, medical screenings, and vision testing.

Sutter Health has provided exemplary leadership by modeling the benefits of school and business partnerships and by encouraging other businesses to reach out to schools, especially in tough economic times.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Encina High School and Sutter Health for their extraordinary success in this school and business partnership. This program illustrates a new approach to education

I hope more school districts across the Nation will strive to adopt.

SAVINGS BANK LIFE INSURANCE

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, Savings Bank Life Insurance [SBLI] was created as the brainchild of Louis Brandeis. The law allowed for the establishment of a system of over-the-counter life insurance sales through mutual savings banks in Massachusetts. Lower insurance costs resulted because of the elimination of commissions and other traditional selling expense. Similar laws were passed in New York and Connecticut.

Massachusetts has passed a law which consolidates SBLI into non-public stock insurance company, while still allowing for the sale of its product through Massachusetts banking institutions. The law provided that the total surplus of the prior SBL insurance departments was to be paid out to current policyholders as an additional policy dividend over a 12-year period. Tax legislation is needed to clarify the Tax Code to assure that the 12-year dividend payout is treated as a deductible policy holder dividend as opposed to a non-deductible redemption of any equity interest.

I have worked with Representatives JOHNSON and HOUGHTON to address this issue. Unfortunately, the committee on Ways and Means was unable to complete action on a legislative proposal. It was determined such a proposal is noncontroversial. I have contacted Chairman ARCHER and requested the Committee on Ways and Means address this issue next year. I would like to submit for the record my letter to Chairman ARCHER and Chairman Archer's response. I hope Congress will be able to address this issue next year.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, September 27, 1996.

Hon. BILL ARCHER,

*Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN ARCHER: During the 104th session of Congress, I have contacted you about Savings Bank Life Insurance [SBLI]. Tax legislation is needed to clarify the tax code to assure that the 12-year dividend payout is treated as a deductible policyholder dividend as opposed to a nondeductible redemption of any equity interest.

I have worked with Representatives Johnson and Houghton on this issue. The Department of Treasury has indicated that it has not objection to the proposal. I realize the Committee on Ways and Means was unable to address this issue this year. I hope we can work together to address this issue as earliest as possible in the 105th Congress.

Thank you in advance for consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

RICHARD E. NEAL,

Member of Congress.

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, September 28, 1996.

Hon. RICHARD E. NEAL,

Rayburn HOB, Washington, DC.

DEAR RICHIE: Thank you for your letter of September 27, 1996 concerning the tax treatment of consolidations of life insurance departments of mutual savings banks.

I would be delighted to work with you next year, together with Representatives Johnson and Houghton, in attempting to resolve this issue. As you know, representatives of the U.S. Treasury testified before the Committee during July of 1995 that the Administration does not oppose the provision. Clearly, this provision merits a closer look, and I find it regrettable, as do you, that the Committee schedule has not permitted a review of this issue this year.

Again, I look forward to working with you next year.

With best personal regards,

BILL ARCHER,

Chairman.

THE PINEDALE MANOR BOYS AND
GIRLS CLUB

HON. ROBERT C. SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Congressman HERB BATEMAN and myself, I would like to take this time to share with our colleagues an exciting private-public partnership in our hometown of Newport News, VA. This program, which will have its grand opening on September 30, 1996, is the brainchild of Mr. Earl Ferguson, president of Artcraft Companies.

Aircraft Companies has been instrumental in providing and renovating affordable housing for low-income families in Richmond, Roanoke, Williamsburg, Newport News and Norfolk. While performing these renovations, Mr. Ferguson found that many of the children who live in these areas are coming home after-school with little to occupy their free time. As many of us know, and as documented by research conducted by the Carnegie Foundation, children have a great deal of unsupervised free time during the day—up to 40 percent. It is during this discretionary time that children and youth are most at risk of violence, teen-pregnancy and drug use.

The children who reside in Pinedale Manor in Newport News, newly renovated by Artcraft Companies, were also at risk of engaging in these destructive activities. Now, through the innovations of Mr. Ferguson, these children are members of the Pinedale Manor Boys and Girls Club. Mr. Ferguson contributed the funds to open and operate this club on-site at Pinedale Manor. This unique investment in the Pinedale Manor community assures the families of Pinedale Manor the opportunity to live in a safe, rehabilitated environment and provides the children a structured and supervised program to go to after-school and during the evening.

With support from the Peninsula Boys and Girls Club, the Pinedale Manor Boys and Girls Club provides 24 boys and girls an opportunity to participate in constructive educational and social development activities. Activities such as reading groups, arts and crafts, and recreational activities have been instrumental in minimizing the dangers that unsupervised after-school time presents to young children. The Pinedale Manor Boys and Girls Club is growing and expects to be able to accommodate 60 children in the very near future.

The Pinedale Manor Boys and Girls Club is modeled after the Lincoln Manor Boys and Girls Club in Richmond, Virginia, also financed