

ANDY JACOBS will be missed for many things. His dedication to our seniors and the strength of the Social Security system that protests them is well known. His time in office has been served simply and without attraction to perks or privileges. Andy has a soft spot for society's underdogs, and skillfully wields a sharp sense of humor on their behalf. There are few categories that you can easily place ANDY into: he defies definition as easily as he skewers the foolish and prodigal. His care for his constituents and his independent thinking have brought him repeated reelection without the many trials and trappings of the typical campaign. And, like JOHN, ANDY has always put people before party.

Mr. Speaker, I have also been known to put my constituents before party or President, and with these two as role models, doing the right thing has been obvious and rewarding. As JOHN and ANDY know, putting Hoosiers first is not always easy in the face of partisan pressure, but the broad respect that these two men enjoy in Congress, and especially home in Indiana, is all the encouragement I need to vote for my district and my constituents first. Their lessons to me have been invaluable, and I will not soon forget the lessons and impressions that they have gifted me with as a Representative from Indiana.

Both ANDY and JOHN are men of great humor, a dedicated work ethic, and warm and deep compassion. They have valued family and friends above all, maintained dignity and decorum in all their doings, and brought the very best of Hoosier common sense to Washington. Congress will be the poorer for having lost these good friends and leaders, but Indiana will have them always. They have also left their reputations, integrity, and successful laws imprinted on this institution. It will be a better place to serve due to ANDY and JOHN's work. I am deeply proud to salute my friends and colleagues, here today, and I hope that ANDY and JOHN, and their families, know of my deep respect and lasting admiration.

WELCOMING THE BASIC TREATY BETWEEN HUNGARY AND ROMANIA

HON. LEE H. HAMILTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express strong support for the Treaty of Understanding, Cooperation, and Good-Neighborliness signed by the leaders of Hungary and Romania on September 16. This historic act will contribute significantly to the security and stability in Europe, particularly in Central Europe which traditionally has been plagued by territorial and ethnic disputes.

The negotiation and signing of this treaty is an important milestone in the process of historic reconciliation between Hungary and Romania. The treaty marks a firm commitment by the Governments and peoples of Hungary and Romania to respect each other's territorial integrity as well as the basic human rights of all their peoples' including the large ethnic Hungarian minority in Romania.

The willingness of the Governments of both countries finally to put to rest their past troubles caused by the presence of this large eth-

nic minority demonstrates their commitment to join the community of democratic nations in Europe.

We and our European allies must work together with the Governments of Hungary and Romania to ensure the free, fair, and full implementation of all the provisions of this treaty. It is essential that the critical elements of the treaty dealing with the protection of ethnic and linguistic rights be fully implemented and upheld at the local and regional as well as at the national levels.

The signing of this treaty is consistent with the principles of the partnership for peace and of the conditions which are guiding the process of the opening of NATO to new members. The study on NATO enlargement, adopted by the 16 NATO nations in September, 1995 states clearly that the resolution of ethnic and external territorial disputes will be an important factor in determining whether to invite a state to join the Alliance.

The signing of this historic treaty is a significant and welcome step in the building of a secure, stable, and unified Europe based upon shared democratic and humanitarian principles.

HONORING MS. E. JEAN GARY, AS- SISTANT CHIEF TRIAL COUNSEL FOR THE STATE BAR OF CALI- FORNIA AND OUTGOING PRESI- DENT OF CALIFORNIA WOMEN LAWYERS

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding woman who has made countless contributions to her community, to the legal profession, and to the State of California, Ms. E. Jean Gary. I honor Ms. Gary on the occasion of her stepping down after her 1-year term as president of the largest association of women lawyers in the country, the California Women Lawyers.

It should be noted that Ms. Gary's term was historic not only for all that she accomplished, but also because she was the first African-American to head California Women Lawyers.

Although she is completing her tenure as president of the California Women Lawyers, Ms. Gary is by no means slowing down. As of January of last year Ms. Gary took a new position as assistant chief trial counsel, working for the newly appointed State Bar Chief Trial Counsel. Prior to this position, Ms. Gary was chief assistant court counsel to the State Bar Court.

In addition to her responsibility associated with her job and with California Women Lawyers, Ms. Gary has been active in the Black Women Lawyers, the California Association of Black Lawyers, and the John M. Langston Bar Association. Through all of these groups, and through her teaching and lectures, Ms. Gary has promoted and given support to women, especially women of color, who hope to enter the legal profession.

Mr. Speaker, colleagues, I join the California Women Lawyers in saluting Ms. Gary and in applauding the years of dedicated service which she has given to countless women throughout the State of California. I also wish

her the best of luck in the years to come as she continues to serve as a mentor and an inspiration to women, to people of color, and to the any one who is interested in the legal profession. Ms. Gary will be saluted at a dinner on October 10, 1996, at an awards dinner which will be addressed by our Ambassador to the United Nations, Ms. Madeline Albright.

As I said earlier, I salute Ms. Gary and wish her the best of luck in her continuing efforts in the legal profession.

TRIBUTE TO HERB AND CHARLOTTE REED

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, one of the remarkable qualities of Indiana's First Congressional District is the harmony between its massive industries and its exquisite natural treasures. One of the northwest Indiana's jewels is the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore [IDNL] on the shores of Lake Michigan. Two outstanding individuals, who have dedicated their lives to successfully preserving the beauty of northwest Indiana, are Herb and Charlotte Reed. Herb and Charlotte are two of a select few people in the country to be named "American Heros" for their work to protect our national public lands.

Herb's direct involvement with the Indiana Dunes began in 1952, when he joined the Save the Dunes Council. Save the Dunes was formed to establish a dunes national park, as well as to preserve the Indiana Dunes, which were threatened by powerful political and economic interests trying to industrialize all of Indiana's Lake Michigan shoreline. As a result of the fine work of the Save the Dunes Council, the 5,800-acre Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore was established in 1966. Today, the park consists of approximately 15,000 acres, 2,182 of which are located in Indiana Dunes State Park and managed by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

In 1966, Charlotte joined the fight after Congress agreed to authorize the IDNL. She served as one of the very first park rangers and later became the Save the Dunes Council's first paid staffer. Since that time, Charlotte served as the Council's executive director from 1974 to 1992, and she currently serves as its assistant executive director.

Over the years, Herb and Charlotte have been actively involved in several other environmental organizations. In the late 1950's, Herb founded the Porter County Chapter of the Izaak Walton League, which is one of the region's strongest voices for environmental action. Charlotte is cofounder of the Hoosier Environmental Council.

Charlotte is a recipient of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's [IDEM] Environmental Impact Award. She was chosen for this honor as a result of her advocacy on behalf of environmental protection issues during IDEM's formative years. Herb and Charlotte have both been recognized by several organizations for their joint efforts to preserve our natural treasures. Awards bestowed upon them include the 1990 Gold Cup Award from the Hoosier Environmental Council, the 1991 Gold Cup Award from the Hoosier Sierra Club, and two industry-sponsored awards.

As a result of the Reeds' work, a State and national park will forever protect 15,000 acres of Indiana's dunes, home to giant sand dunes, river forests, prairie lands, and bogs. The national lakeshore contains 1,400 plant species—only four national parks contain more plant diversity.

Herb and Charlotte Reed are dear friends and successful environmental activists. I cannot say enough about this exalted couple. Their efforts to create the national lakeshore in Indiana will forever remain a large part of the history of Indiana's First Congressional District. It seems only fitting that Herb and Charlotte live in a cabin enveloped by the national lakeshore. It is from this vantage point that they fought their four-decade war for the dunes, while at the same time raised their five wonderful children.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Herb and Charlotte for their commitment and valiant efforts to protect and preserve the environment for generations to come. Herb and Charlotte Reed are, indeed, living legends.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN
ROBERT WALKER

HON. BUD SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a friend and colleague of mine who has served with distinction in this body for almost 20 years. The member, Mr. Speaker, who I speak of is the Honorable BOB WALKER of Pennsylvania.

BOB has earned a reputation in Congress as a leader with visionary ideas and strongly held conservative beliefs. His achievements as a Member of Congress are extensive and his influence on Pennsylvania and America will be felt long after he is gone from this body. Congressman WALKER is responsible for the Drug-Free Workplace Act, the Walker-Smith Taxpayer Debt Buy-Down Act, and the growth management study. As chairman of the House Science Committee, he has championed the Omnibus Space Commercialization Act, and has been a strong advocate of the scientific research which is so critical to the future of our Nation. BOB's tireless work on the Budget Committee has also distinguished him as a leader in the effort to reign in out-of-control Federal spending.

Since coming to Congress in 1977, BOB WALKER has proven himself as one of the most effective legislators in Congress. His accolades speak for themselves, and his opulent knowledge of the workings of this House and the issues that effect it, will be sorely missed on both sides of the aisle. Congressman WALKER is a man whose intelligence, class, integrity, and leadership have not only been beneficial to the people of Pennsylvania's 16th Congressional district, but to the country as a whole. Mr. Speaker, I am not only honored to have worked with BOB WALKER, But I am fortunate enough to call him my friend. At this time Mr. Speaker, I will close by wishing both BOB and his wife, Sue, the best of luck in whatever the future may hold for them.

TRIBUTE TO ANDY JACOBS

HON. TOM BEVILL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. BEVILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor ANDY JACOBS of Indiana for his fine service in the U.S. Congress. As you know, ANDY was first elected in 1964. While he was out of office one term from 1972 to 1974, he has the distinction of being one of our longest-serving Members.

I have enjoyed ANDY's friendship over the years. We have frequently walked and talked together on the way to vote. I appreciate his stories and his sense of humor.

ANDY is a unique individual. I respect him for having the utmost integrity and I know that everything he does is carefully considered and well-reasoned. He has made an excellent career in public service by representing the best interests of his constituents, his State and Nation.

ANDY, I wish you every success in your future endeavors. Your many contributions will always be remembered and appreciated.

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE
JOHN MYERS

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank our distinguished colleagues from the Indiana congressional delegation, Representatives LEE HAMILTON and DAN BURTON, for reserving this Special Order. We gather to pay tribute to the dean of the Indiana congressional delegation, JOHN MYERS, who is retiring at the end of this legislative session.

JOHN's retirement brings to a close a long and productive career in the Halls of Congress. For 30 years, he has represented the Seventh Congressional District of Indiana. His service to his constituents and this Nation has been exemplary. It has earned him our deepest respect and admiration.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to holding the post of dean of the Indiana congressional delegation, JOHN MYERS is the third most senior member of his party here in the Congress. He is a thoughtful and pragmatic lawmaker whose legislative record is a reflection of his strong commitment to public service. JOHN is a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee. He chairs the Energy and Water Development Subcommittee and serves as a member of the Agriculture and Military Construction Subcommittees. During his tenure, JOHN has also served on the House Ethics Committee and the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

Indiana's Seventh Congressional District has benefited as a result of JOHN's efforts. He has utilized his Appropriations Committee position to guarantee much-needed funding for flood control projects in his district. In addition, he has promoted scientific research at universities throughout Indiana. Throughout his career, JOHN MYERS has earned the reputation of a staunch fiscal conservative. He has voted against higher spending and opposed efforts to increase taxes.

Mr. Speaker, I have the greatest respect and admiration for JOHN MYERS. We have enjoyed a close friendship during our service together on the House Appropriations Committee and as former members of the Ethics Committee. JOHN is a man of the highest integrity and decency. He is also a gentleman and statesman. This has been demonstrated during the toughest committee deliberations and House floor debates. Throughout the deliberations, JOHN MYERS has been the voice of reason and compassion. For years, JOHN and I have had congressional offices across the hall from one another. I will miss his warm greetings during the course of the day and the special Indiana popcorn which my staff and I often enjoyed.

Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement, we pause to wish JOHN, his lovely wife, Carol Ann, and members of the Myers family our very best. JOHN MYERS is a credit to this institution. He leaves a legacy that will stand in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
BARBARA VUCANOVICH

HON. JIM LIGHTFOOT

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. LIGHTFOOT. Mr. Speaker, it has been my great honor to have served with my colleague from Nevada, Congresswoman BARBARA VUCANOVICH.

BARBARA was elected to Congress in 1982. She was the first woman elected to a Federal office from Nevada and she was the first Nevadan to serve in a leadership position in the U.S. House of Representatives. Those of us who serve with BARBARA in the House elected her to the position of Secretary for the House Republican Conference for the 104th Congress—a position which allowed her to help shape the direction of legislative policy.

I have had the great honor of serving with BARBARA on the Appropriations Committee, where she is known for her commonsense, integrity, and sound judgment. We have also stood side-by-side on a number of issues important to both of our States, as members of the Rural Health Care Coalition and the Congressional Sportsmen Caucus Foundation.

As Representative from the Second District of Nevada, BARBARA has served her district, State, and Nation well.

Mr. Speaker, it has been a great honor to have served with my good friend and colleague from Nevada, BARBARA VUCANOVICH.

TRIBUTE TO BOB MERKLE

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, September 28, 1996

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I take great pride in rising today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Bob Merkle, who is retiring later this year after a long and distinguished career as an official with the United Auto Workers Region 1 and as a dedicated community activist.

Walter Ruether, the great UAW leader, once said, "the most important thing in the world is to fight for the other guy."