

a time when we are asking all Americans to join in the effort to balance the Federal budget.

Although I have long admired Mr. Sinatra's talent and enjoyed his work, I do not believe this is an appropriate use of \$30,000 of tax money—an amount higher than the per capita personal income in my district.

THE CITY OF DUBOIS, 125 YEARS
OF HISTORY AND VITALITY

HON. BUD SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 6, 1997

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 125th anniversary of the founding of one of the great cities in my congressional district, the city of DuBois in Clearfield County, PA.

DuBois is a prosperous community, rich in history and spirit. Located on a scenic plateau at the top of the Allegheny Mountains where the Eastern Continental Divide marks the flow of its waters, the DuBois region first attracted Native Americans who used its rich forestry and streams for hunting and fishing. The land became open to settlement after the Indian purchase of 1783. John Rumbarger purchased 250 acres in 1865, and he later laid out the town site in 1872. About the same time, John DuBois constructed his lumber mills, and by 1876 the name of the town was changed to DuBois. His lumber operation flourished because of the area's dense virgin timber, numerous streams, and easy access to the railroads. Shortly after the mills opened, coal veins were discovered in the west end of town. DuBois lumber and coal, along with Titusville oil, became the principal freight for the railroad for many years. In the words of resident historian Jason Gray, "It was the lumbering that started DuBois and it was mining and railroading that kept it moving."

DuBois has continued to prosper over the past 125 years, by virtue of its prime location and its people's strong work ethic. The town has remained an attractive location for business and industry, continuing in its historical role as a commercial center because of its proximity to Interstate 80 and PA Routes 119 and 219. The DuBois-Jefferson County Airport is also located nearby and serves as a gateway to Pittsburgh and other international airports. Though ideally located for such industries as trucking and interstate commerce, the area has also become a solid leader in such major industries as powdered metals, glass, and meter and spring manufacturing.

Nevertheless, there is more to a town than its commerce and economy. A community's character is also vital to those seeking an exceptional quality of life. True to form, DuBois does not disappoint in this category either. The beauty and serenity of the surrounding hills truly make it an ideal place to live. Each season distinctly enhances the town's natural beauty, whether it be the colorful fall foliage or the peaceful blanket of winter's snow. Recreation and other activities abound within the area. Ethnic festivals, parades, fireman's fairs, church suppers, and youths sports are embraced by the community as a whole and evoke a sense of hometown atmosphere to native residents and newcomers alike. Visitors

are not viewed as strangers as is so often the case today, but treated as family. I know this from personal experience for the residents have gone out of their way to make me feel at home during each of my visits.

Mr. Speaker, I am indeed privileged to serve such a idyllic and distinguished community. I urge you and all of our colleagues to join me in wishing the citizens of DuBois a very happy 125th anniversary with positive outlook for another 125 years of continued growth and prosperity.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT R. SMITH

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 6, 1997

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Robert R. Smith, of Morgan Hill, CA, who will be honored May 31, 1997, by the Santa Clara Valley Water District and others on the occasion of his retirement. I ask that you and the other Members of this distinguished body join me to pay special tribute to his important achievements in the area of water management.

Bob has been helping to manage the Santa Clara Valley Water District's Water Utility Enterprise over the last 7 years, which includes design, construction and operations programs involving groundwater recharge, importation of water from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the State of California, water treatment and reclamation. His contributions to western water management span a career of over 33 years, 15 of which have been in management at the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

A native of Michigan, Bob is a graduate of Michigan Technological University. He began his career at the Los Angeles County Flood Control and Water Conservation District in a variety of civil engineering positions in the areas of hydraulics and project management. During the course of his distinguished career, Bob served as superintendent of the water operations and maintenance at the northern Colorado Water Conservancy District and manager/district engineer at the Monterey County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, before joining Santa Clara Valley Water District. Bob first served as flood control manager at Santa Clara then was appointed in 1990 as assistant general manager of the water utility.

Bob Smith's leadership has been central to the successes the district has achieved in addressing the flood control needs and water supply challenges of Santa Clara County. His expertise and thoughtful approach to both management and technical issues continue to manifest themselves in the breadth and quality of the district's programs and projects.

Bob Smith provided a major contribution to the successful implementation of the district's ongoing planning, design, and construction of its \$500 million flood control program featuring Federal assistance from both the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Federal Natural Resources Conservation Service. He worked closely in negotiations with numerous Government agencies, and in collaborative discussions with State and Federal agencies in developing district solutions. His work with the district's congressional delegation over the years set the tone and standard for an emerg-

ing new era of cooperation and Federal involvement in our county. His vision and personal efforts in the establishment of State and Federal water policy at the administrative and legislative levels have been tremendous, including his participation in the resolution of the diverse issues relative to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta.

Bob Smith epitomizes the best of a public agency executive. The high regard in which he is held throughout the California water resources establishment and in private industry marks Bob as one of our most effective and respected water leaders. He is known throughout the State for his technical expertise and insightful leadership. He has inspired and mentored many executives, and is a highly respected role model for many young managers.

Mr. Speaker, one of Bob Smith's best qualities is his love and tremendous support for his family. Bob and Lolly and their children Leeanne and her husband Fred, and Robbin and her husband Oke, have built a warm family life in Morgan Hill and now the grandchildren Merideth, Miranda, and Conner are nearby, which makes life that much sweeter. While Bob and Lolly will now have more time to spend with family at their second home in Montana, we hope we can call on Bob in the future to seek his counsel on water policy matters. He will be missed tremendously at the district and in the county and State water circles. Please join me in wishing Bob and his family well and in thanking him for his outstanding service to the district and to the community.

IN HONOR OF NINIAN SMART

HON. WALTER H. CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 6, 1997

Mr. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, as the world becomes smaller, and as globalization becomes more and more a fact of life, it behooves us to know as much as we can about a multiplicity of cultures and the religious traditions that inform them. Today, May 6, 1997, the University of California, Santa Barbara, is celebrating Ninian Smart Day to recognize the extraordinary achievements of one of its faculty members in stimulating, extending and deepening cultural and religious understanding.

During a lifetime of service to academic communities on virtually every continent on the globe, Professor Smart has worked proficiently and diligently to increase knowledge about the nature and function of religion in human experience. Professor Smart is the only person to have served as a department chair in exemplary universities in both the United States (the University of California) and in England (Lancaster University). In addition, he has probably trained more Ph.D.'s serving throughout the world than any other scholar. And the books he has written, together with his television documentaries, have been widely acknowledged and highly praised. Mr. Speaker, Ninian Smart's contribution to scholarship as well as his personal contribution to increased religious understanding is truly remarkable.

On this day, his 70th birthday, greetings will come his way not only from appreciative colleagues and students within the United States,