

country. I have visited Taiwan in the past and during my visit, I was struck with the industriousness of the people and, particularly, with their heartfelt embrace of democracy. I am proud to count among my friends many of the Taiwanese Government officials, business leaders, and ordinary citizens that I met during my all-too-brief visit. The Taiwanese have created a society that is characterized by a vibrant culture, hardworking people, and a burgeoning economy.

All of the positive developments in Taiwan today are directly attributable to the commitment of the Taiwanese people to democratic government and democratic principles. While Taiwan cannot claim over 200 years of experience with democratic government as we in the United States can, Taiwan's relatively young democracy has demonstrated resilience and vitality in the face of enormous external and internal pressures. As to those pressures, we are all aware of the tension between Taiwan and the People's Republic of China related to the issue of reunification. Additionally, like any country experiencing rapid economic growth, there are increased pressures brought to bear on the societal fabric by the unique changes such growth creates.

A significant amount of credit for the stability and economic growth that Taiwan is experiencing should go to President Lee Teng-hui—who will be celebrating his first anniversary in office on May 20—and his administration. Among other things, through his leadership of Taiwan, President Lee has fostered an economic environment that stimulates technological and industrial innovation. He has also set a course for Taiwan that is moving the country closer to the goal of reconciliation and reunification with mainland China. He is to be commended for his leadership of Taiwan. In closing, therefore, I applaud the people and Government of Taiwan for persevering in their pursuit of democracy and free enterprise.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BYRAN  
HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL FED  
CHALLENGE CHAMPIONS

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 8, 1997*

Mr. BRADY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize six students from Bryan High School who competed in the National Fed Challenge sponsored by the Federal Reserve System. These students claimed the National Fed Challenge title for Bryan High for the second consecutive year. Team members include Jesse Dyer, C.W. Faulkner, Sarah Henry, William Scarmardo, Sarah Stasny, and William Strawser. They were coached by teachers Laura Wagner and Janyce Kinley.

The Fed Challenge competition seeks to increase students's knowledge and understanding of economics, monetary policy, and the role of the Federal Reserve in the national economy. Competition requires six-member teams to research and analyze economic policy and present recommendations to a panel of judges at a mock meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee.

The Bryan High School team won the championship in Washington, DC, on May 1, 1997, competing against teams from other Federal

Reserve districts. Judges for the national title event included Alice Rivlin, vice chair, Board of Governors; Donald L. Kohn, director of monetary affairs, Board of Governors; and Al Broadus, president, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.

I congratulate the students for their hard work and dedication. Their commitment to academic excellence is a tribute to Bryan High School, their families, and the State of Texas. I am confident that these fine students will grow to become solid citizens and community leaders.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOE DUDLEY

**HON. RICHARD BURR**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 8, 1997*

Mr. BURR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish a happy 60th birthday tomorrow to a great entrepreneur and humanitarian, Mr. Joe Louis Dudley, Sr. Joe was born the fifth of seven children on May 9, 1937 to Gilmer L. and Clara Yeates Dudley in Aurora, NC. In his 60 years, Joe overcame many obstacles to become the president and CEO of Dudley Products, Inc., one of the world's largest manufacturers and distributors of ethnic hair care products, and to serve as a role model for all youth wanting to succeed in their own business.

As a child, Joe suffered from a speech impediment and was labeled mentally retarded, but through hard work and his mother's strong encouragement, he surpassed everyone's expectations. It was at North Carolina A & T University that Joe got his start in the beauty industry. He invested \$10 in a Fuller products sales kit and made his way through college. During his summer vacation in 1960, he worked for Fuller in Brooklyn, NY where he met his wife, Eunice, who was also working her way through college. Upon graduation, they moved to New York where they worked for 5 years.

In 1967, Joe and Eunice Dudley returned to North Carolina, and 2 years later, they opened their own business with beauty products they made in the family kitchen. Today, Dudley Products has grown to be one of the most successful businesses of its kind—making Joe Dudley a millionaire by the age of 40. He employs 475 people and markets his products in 40 States. Joe and Eunice also founded the Dudley Cosmetology University in Kernersville, NC. It currently operates 16 beauty schools including one here in Washington, DC.

But, I am not here today to wish Joe Dudley a happy birthday just because he is a successful businessman. He has also dedicated himself to sharing his success with the community. He chaired the Direct Selling Association's Inner City Program which is designed to help inner city youths combat joblessness and also serves on the board of trustees of his alma mater North Carolina A & T University. He and his wife have been honored by the city of Kernersville, NC, as the First Citizens of the Year, and President Bush honored them with the 467th Point of Light for establishing the Dudley Fellows Program which, along with the Dudley Ladies Program, provides mentors to high school students. In addition, Joe's company awards 32 full scholarships annually to

N.C. A & T University and Bennett College in Greensboro, NC. Joe, however, does not limit his giving nature to just North Carolina. In 1992, Dudley Products established the Resurrection to Beauty Fund to help cosmetologists rebuild businesses destroyed in the Los Angeles riot.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, it is easy to see why Joe Louis Dudley, Sr. deserves this special happy birthday wish on his 60th birthday. He has used his success to help others achieve the American dream who may not otherwise be able to make it. Through their support of educational programs, he and his wife continue to dedicate themselves to insuring that future generations have the knowledge and skills necessary to achieve great things for our community and our country. So, Joe Dudley, for your selflessness and dedication, we wish you a happy 60th birthday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 8, 1997*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, when the House voted on House Resolution 93, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the Consumer Price Index. I was unavoidably detained, and could not record my vote on this important resolution. The Consumer Price Index is appropriately monitored by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. I would like the record to reflect that I would have voted in the affirmative on this resolution.

ON PAUL SPATHOLT'S  
ATTAINMENT OF EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 8, 1997*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Paul Spatholt of Fairview Park, OH, who will be honored this month for his recent attainment of Eagle Scout.

The attainment of Eagle Scout is a high and rare honor requiring years of dedication to self-improvement, hard work, and the community. Each Eagle Scout must earn 21 merit badges, 12 of which are required, including badges in: lifesaving; first aid; citizenship in the community; citizenship in the nation; citizenship in the world; personal management of time and money; family life; environmental science; and camping.

In addition to acquiring and proving proficiency in those and other skills, an Eagle Scout must hold leadership positions within the troop where he learns to earn the respect and hear the criticism of those he leads.

The Eagle Scout must live by the Scouting law, which holds that he must be: trustworthy, loyal, brave, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, clean, and reverent.

And the Eagle Scout must complete an Eagle project, which he must plan, finance, and evaluate on his own. It is no wonder that only 2 percent of all boys entering Scouting achieve this rank.

Paul's Eagle project involved the refurbishment of the press box at Fairview Park High