

The Special Olympics recognizes that even though some people may have a disability, it does not mean they cannot compete and succeed in sports. The participants in the Special Olympics are shining examples of what motivation, desire, commitment, and strength of will can mean. They never let the fact that they may not have two legs, or two arms stand in their way. They know that even if they are mentally challenged they can succeed at whatever they work hard at.

I think it especially appropriate that we are also considering the Individual with Disabilities Education Act today. Few other Federal laws have ever had such a profound impact on a group of our citizens. It is a testament to our Nation that we have chosen to guarantee all our disabled citizens a free and appropriate education.

Disabled people have always known that given the proper education they are able to contribute to society and lead fulfilling lives. For too long, nondisabled people thought differently. I am pleased that we have come so far—and hope that we will soon see the day that there are no impediments to full inclusion of the disabled in everyday life.

The participants have trained hard and long for their competitions, and I hope all of my colleagues will join me in congratulating them.

IN HONOR OF REV. LARRY D.
MCCUTCHEON

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 15, 1997

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Rev. Larry D. McCutcheon for his many contributions to the Florence, SC community.

Reverend McCutcheon came to Florence in 1990 to assume the pastorate of Cumberland United Methodist Church. Under his tenure, Cumberland Church has grown in membership and built a community outreach center to address a myriad of social, educational, and human needs.

A committed church leader, Reverend McCutcheon has held several important posts in the Methodist Church. Among these posts are: chairperson, South Carolina Annual Conference Health and Welfare Committee; dean, Ethnic Minority Local Church Pastor's School; and, registrar, South Carolina Annual Conference Pastors' Seminar. His affiliations include: Black Methodists for Church Renewal; Congregational Development Committee; and, the South Carolina Methodist Foundation.

In addition to his responsibilities as a church pastor, Reverend McCutcheon has been a community leader and has given tirelessly of his energy and time to numerous causes and organizations, including: president, Florence Area Religious Leaders; president, Florence County Democratic Party; and, vice-chairperson, Lighthouse Ministries. He is a member of many civic organizations, including: the NAACP; Partners in Education; the Mayor's Advisory Board; the United Way; Denmark Technical College Foundation; and, the United Negro College Fund.

Reverend McCutcheon will soon be departing Cumberland Church and the Florence community, and moving to Charleston, SC

where he will be district superintendent of the United Methodist Church. On May 18, 1997, Reverend McCutcheon will be honored by his church and the entire Florence community for his years of unselfish and untiring service. As the representative of the Sixth Congressional District of South Carolina, I join in saluting Reverend McCutcheon and wish him and his family godspeed and success in their new endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO EUGENE T. HORTON

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 15, 1997

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Eugene T. Horton, a dedicated educator who was taught social studies at the East Moriches School on Long Island for the past 33 years. When the school year ends this June, Gene will retire from the most noble of professions. As he departs, Gene leaves behind a proud legacy for the entire East Moriches community, a gift inspired by his love for history and a desire to impart that passion to each of his students.

A lifelong Long Islander, Gene Horton has given generously of himself to the East Moriches School, imparting his prodigious knowledge and love for history to his students. Rather than force the rote memorization of dates and facts, he brought his lessons to life, inspiring in his students his own abundant pride and expansive understanding of their American heritage.

Realizing that history is a living creature that should be experienced, Gene Horton organized an annual trip to our Nation's Capitol, providing his East Moriches students the opportunity to bear witness to America's own history as it unfolds. His enthusiasm for local history of his own Long Island community inspired many students to join him in developing the book "Strolling Through Old East Moriches." That pride in community extended outside the social studies classroom, inspiring many East Moriches residents to join him and his students in the now annual "Clean Up East Moriches" Earth Day project.

Gene Horton's love for local history has led to another career as an author and newspaper columnist. He has had three books on his home town of Blue Point published: "Blue Point Remembered" in 1982, "A History of Our Lady of the Snow Church" in 1985 and the "Centennial History of the Blue Point Fire Department" in 1990.

An admiring colleague offered this quote by the German philosopher Goethe to illustrate Gene's devotion to his profession and his students: "Happy the person who thinks of ancestors with pride, who likes to tell of their deeds and greatness, and rejoices to feel linked to the end of a goodly chain." As a teacher and American, Gene Horton is inextricably linked to that goodly chain, connecting him equally to those who founded and built this great Nation, and to the leaders of tomorrow to whom he has imparted his knowledge and affection for history.

So I rise, Mr. Speaker, to ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in honoring a man who has given so much to the children of East Moriches. Our Nation's

priceless heritage is truly cherished by the residents of this seaside community along Long Island's south shore, because for the past three decades its children have learned America's story from a gifted teacher whose love for story of his ancestor and a devotion to our American heritage links him forever to the goodly chain.

MOUNT VERNON LADIES' ASSOCIATION HOSTS WINE FESTIVAL

HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 15, 1997

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, congressional colleagues and friends in the U.S. wine industry, I rise today to commend the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association for hosting the first-ever Wine Festival and Sunset Tour of the historic Mount Vernon Mansion, home of our first President, George Washington, May 16, 17, and 18, 1997.

As the first vintner to have the honor of serving in our Nation's Congress since Thomas Jefferson and as the Toastmaster for the opening night of this 3-day event, I wish to announce that my office has been notified that, among the distinguished public planning to attend this event, both Gen. George Washington and Thomas Jefferson will be present.

Twelve of Virginia's award-winning wineries will be pouring samples of their finest wines. The special tour of the Mansion will offer a new special view of the Washington family's hospitality frequently enjoyed by friends, colleagues, and foreign leaders of the period, including a first-ever look at the Mansion's cellar where Washington stored his wines. The participating Old Dominion wineries in this event are Barbourville Vineyards & Historic Ruins, Chateau Morrisette, Gray Ghost Vineyards, Horton Cellars Winery, Ingleside Plantation Vineyards, Jefferson Vineyards, Lake Anna Winery, Oasis Winery, Prince Michel Vineyards, Tarara Vineyard & Winery, Williamsburg Winery Ltd., and Wintergreen Vineyards & Winery.

When George Washington was not meeting the call of the Nation in leading our Continental Army toward independence and the incomparable responsibilities of establishing our fledgling democratic institutions, he remained at heart an agriculturalist, interested in all sectors of farm economy.

Based on his own observations during his travels along the eastern seaboard of America "the spontaneous growth of the vine . . . bent under the weight of the ripe grapes," Washington was inspired to make repeated attempts at planting both native American vines and cuttings brought from Europe.

But, not unlike what Thomas Jefferson faced—the humidity of the region, lack of knowledge of vineyard management and the technology of dealing with pests and plant diseases, these attempts failed.

Our Nation had to wait some 200 years before the knowledge of modern viticulture and enology practices would allow the American wine industry to develop into one that is presently recognized internationally, with a strong competitive presence in the world market.

I wish to commend the work of Mount Vernon staffers, management, and the event's