

University, for his tremendous accomplishments and many years of dedicated service, both to Wayne State University and to the larger community. I wish him much good fortune in his future endeavors, and hope that Wayne State University may find a new president who can build upon the legacy that David Adamany leaves behind.

A TRIBUTE TO DENTON WAITE

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 1997

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Denton Waite for his extraordinary bravery and distinguished service to our community. It is a great honor to recognize him as the Fire Fighter of the Year.

Denton comes from a family of firefighters where saving lives is a honor-held tradition passed down from generation to generation. Every day for the last 16 years Denton has gone into our community fighting fires from South Central Los Angeles to the San Fernando Valley, mastering high-rise fires and brush fires alike, at times putting himself at risk. It is for these selfless acts that our community comes together to honor Denton Waite.

In addition to excelling as an apparatus operator, Denton recognizes when it is necessary to go beyond the call of duty to control dangerous situations. During the 1992 Los Angeles riots he earned the Medal of Valor for his quick thinking and selfless actions extinguishing a major fire before it blew out of control.

It is because of Denton's heroic performances that the younger members of the department look up to him as a mentor. Denton utilizes his experience to teach other firefighters to react calmly to emergency situations so that they will not unnecessarily put their lives in danger. His experience combined with his well-crafted sense of teamwork undoubtedly influences younger firefighters and ultimately reflects well upon the Los Angeles Fire Department.

Today I join Denton's friends, family, and the city of Reseda in honoring him as the Fire Fighter of the Year.

TRIBUTE TO THE 1997 GRADUATES
RECOGNIZED BY THE CHALDEAN
FEDERATION OF AMERICA

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 1997

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate all the students being recognized by the Chaldean Federation of America at their annual commencement and scholarship program. The program will be held June 10 at the Mother of God Chaldean Church in Southfield, MI.

An umbrella organization of Chaldean churches and civic organizations, the Chaldean Federation of America devotes the majority of its efforts to education. The federation encourages Chaldean youth not only to remain in school, but to strive for academic

excellence and achievement. Almost 400 Chaldean students graduating from southeast Michigan high schools or colleges and universities will be recognized.

Individual success and the prosperity of America depend on education. It is truly encouraging to know that so many of these students, who in many cases are first generation Americans, are learning this lesson early. Because of their success, the Chaldean community, Michigan and the United States will all benefit.

I commend the graduating class of 1997 and encourage all the individuals involved to remain students for life. I wish all the graduates—our future leaders—continued success.

INTRODUCTION OF THE WELFARE
FLEXIBILITY ACT

HON. BILL ARCHER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 1997

Mr. ARCHER. Mr. Speaker, today I along with several of my colleagues are introducing the Welfare Flexibility Act.

During the 104th Congress, we passed and the President signed legislation "ending welfare as we know it." The principle of this legislation is to enable States to offer creative and innovative means for providing aid to citizens in need. Unfortunately, the President has blocked Texas' efforts to move forward with their reform proposal. A proposal that Deputy Secretary-Designate of Health and Human Services Kevin Thurme called innovative.

Therefore, I have introduced legislation that will permit any State to privately contract for the delivery of welfare benefits. In Texas, this legislation will have dramatic implications. Instead of beneficiaries traveling from agency to agency to enroll in various programs, they will now be able to "one-stop-shop" for all benefits.

Additionally, it is my understanding from Governor Bush that the Texas welfare proposal will save the State nearly \$10 million a month by eliminating unneeded and duplicative services. The Governor has committed these funds for providing health care to poor children; a goal I'm certain we all recognize as commendable.

I also believe that this legislation will benefit many other States that are seeking the opportunity to design a welfare system that will best serve their needs. Among them, Florida, Arizona, and Wisconsin are all attempting to move forward with innovative proposals. This legislation will give them the foundation they need to help their citizens in need.

In closing, I am disappointed that statutory change is required to give these States the ability to implement what I thought was the intent of the last Congress' actions. However, I am certain that we will be successful in passing this important bill and I look forward to having my colleagues, on both sides of the aisle, join me in support.

This legislation has been scored by the Congressional Budget Office as revenue neutral, and I submit a letter from CBO Director June E. O'Neill for the RECORD.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, May 22, 1997.

Hon. BILL ARCHER,

Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: At your request, CBO has reviewed a draft bill that would allow any state to use nongovernmental personnel in the determination of eligibility under the Medicaid, Food Stamp, and Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) programs. Although the bill could either increase or decrease spending for these programs, CBO estimates that it would have no net effect on federal spending compared with current law. Sincerely,

JUNE E. O'NEILL.

CONGRATULATING KENNETH
BURROUGH ON HIS INDUCTION
INTO THE SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC
CONFERENCE HALL OF FAME

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 1997

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mr. Kenneth Burrough, who will be inducted tomorrow into the Southwestern Athletic Conference [SWAC] Hall of Fame.

A native of Jacksonville, FL, Kenny graduated from William Raines High School in 1966. In every sport he participated, he excelled. In his senior year alone, Kenny received All-State honors in every sport and received 85 4-year college scholarships in football, basketball, and track. His teachers also remember him as a successful and hard working student. Kenny was a true student-athlete.

In the Fall of 1966, Kenny travelled to Houston, TX, to attend Texas Southern University [TSU] on scholarships for football and track and field. Playing for the Tiger football team, Kenny—also known as double zero ["00"]—won the team's most valuable freshman award.

His skill and talent as a wide receiver earned him the all-SWAC outstanding back and all-SWAC football awards as a sophomore as he led the conference in receptions and receiving yards. Later that same year, Kenny won all-conference honors in track and field as a member of the 440-meter relay team and the 100-meter dash.

In 1968, Kenny was honored as Texas Southern University's most valuable player by leading the football conference again in receptions and receiving yards and winning all-SWAC honors in the 440-meter relay and 100-meter dash. For his outstanding track and field efforts, Kenny received an invitation to the 1968 U.S. Track and Field Olympic Trials.

By Kenny's senior year, he was voted TSU's most valuable player, had earned All-SWAC honors, and received the All-American Award by the Sporting News and the Pittsburgh Courier. To finish off his incredible college career, Kenny played in the senior bowl and in the all-stars game against the Super Bowl Champion Kansas City Chiefs.

By 1970, Kenny had become one of the most coveted football players in America. Later that year, Kenny was selected by the