

only feature the more articulate members who look good on camera and seem intelligent. But according to him, that's not reality. Most members are "clueless" and incapable of discussing issues on a substantive level, relying on handlers to tell them what to think and say. He went as far as to write that when members are on the floor, sans makeup and proper lighting, they look, "shifty." Talk about broad generalizations. At least Good Morning America anchorman, Charlie Gibson politely demurred. Charlie spent eight years covering Congress and found most members to be honest, hard-working men and woman interested in "doing the people's business." My thanks to Mr. Gibson for his judgment with which I heartily concur. Yet faced with Mr. Gibson's gentlemanly confrontation, Mr. Kessler insisted that Congress is a cesspool of corruption. In fact, Mr. Kessler was so sanctimoniously assured, he refused to admit he might have overstated his case just a bit.

While in Congress over the last twenty years, I've seen some members reap the rewards of inappropriate and even criminal acts. But those are the exceptions and far from the rule. For the most part, members of Congress are honest, dedicated, patriotic, hard working, competent legislators. In fact, most members love and respect this greatest of democratic institutions and would avoid bringing shame on this House at all costs. They are good people trying to do good things, be they conservative or liberal, Republican or Democrat.

Yet our televisions, radios and newspapers are saturated with detailed accounts of official misconduct. After all, good news is no news and people like Mr. Kessler, who only report the seedier side of life, profit by capturing the public's attention. Mr. Kessler knows that books in the "shocking real story" genre sell.

Kessler's sources include Capitol Hill police, Congressional staff and some members themselves, few if any quoted by name. Who would expect them to hurl salacious rumors in the clear light of public scrutiny? Instead, most chose to remain anonymous.

Kessler has been inside a lot over the last few years. He has been inside the FBI, inside the CIA, inside the White House—I wonder if he paid the admission price to get inside the Lincoln bedroom?

Perhaps Mr. Kessler should go outside for a change. He could take in a ballgame or play some golf. A little fresh air and sunshine might do him some good. It might even change his outlook on life. Then, he might conclude that in reality, the good people of the world—and that includes those in the United States Congress—far outnumber the bad.

I don't know what his next subject will be, but after his performance on ABC, perhaps the title of his next book should be "A View of the World—From Under a Rock" by Ron Kessler.

IN HONOR OF THE ADIRONDACK  
MUSEUM

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 23, 1997*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a respectful tribute to the Adirondack Museum as it celebrates its 40th anniversary documenting the Adirondack re-

gion's history and culture. The museum's wealth of knowledge enables its visitors to enjoy the entire region with increased understanding and appreciation.

Since its opening in 1957, the museum's collection has grown to include a large and varied assortment of books, maps, paintings, photographs, drawings, and prints. Seventy-five horse-drawn carriages, a private parlor rail car, a 1926 Lin tractor, a blacksmith shop, and the second largest collection of boats in the United States further enhance the museum's offerings.

In addition to its many exhibits, the Adirondack Museum runs educational programs aimed at teaching local residents, including thousands of children annually, about the relationship between the Adirondacks and its residents. Last summer, in a project sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, the museum collected oral histories and photographs for a folklore presentation about the forest experiences of women. Through educational undertakings such as this one, the Museum encourages and guides exploration of the culture and history of this majestic geographical area.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise with me in this tribute to the Adirondack Museum as it celebrates 40 years of enhancing and sharing the history and culture of the Adirondacks with the local community and visitors from around the world. The Adirondack Museum has played a central role in making the magnificent Adirondack Park what the New York Times, in 1864, called a Central Park for the world.

REGARDING INTERFERENCE OF  
EUROPEAN COMMISSION IN  
MERGER OF BOEING CO. AND  
MCDONNELL DOUGLAS

SPEECH OF

**HON. JIM McDERMOTT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 22, 1997*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Resolution 191. I am deeply concerned that the European Union might vote tomorrow to disapprove the Boeing-McDonnell Douglas merger and impose a multi-billion dollar fine on the Boeing company—a fine that would effectively shut Boeing out of the European market because it would be levied on payments to Boeing by European airlines.

In my view, Boeing has made numerous reasonable efforts to not only convince the European Commission that the merger is not anti-competitive, but also offered several options that should ease European concerns. Yet despite these efforts, the Commission has responded with extreme demands—including the transfer of patented technology and cancellation of existing sales contracts.

It would be unfortunate for the EU to use this proposed merger, as an attempt to improve Airbus's competitive position at Boeing's expense. If the Commission continues its obstructive course, the likely impact of a failed merger would result in the bankruptcy of McDonnell Douglas, the loss of 14,000 high-

technology jobs in Southern California, and the substantial devaluation of assets for those airlines that have McDonnell Douglas aircraft in their fleet.

Hopefully this scenario can be averted. With the passage of this resolution as well as the continued pressure by the Clinton administration, I am confident we can reach a favorable conclusion to this unfortunate trade dispute.

TRIBUTE TO NANCY BRUTON-  
MAREE

**HON. DAVID E. PRICE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 23, 1997*

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Nancy Bruton-Maree of Raleigh, NC. Mr. Speaker, Nancy will soon complete her year as national president of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists [AANA]. I am very pleased that one of North Carolina's own was tapped as the 1996-97 president of this prestigious national organization.

The AANA is the professional association that represent over 26,000 practicing CRNA. Founded in 1931, the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists is the professional association representing CRNA's nationwide. As you may know, certified registered nurse anesthetists administer more than 65 percent of the anesthetics given to patients each year in the United States. CRNA's provide anesthesia for all types of surgical cases. CRNA's are the sole anesthesia providers in 70 percent of rural hospitals, affording these medical facilities obstetrical, surgical, and trauma stabilization capabilities. They work in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered, including hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms; ambulatory surgical centers and the offices of dentists, podiatrists, and plastic surgeons.

Nancy received her bachelor of science degree from Guilford College in Greensboro, and her masters in science in anesthesia from Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem. She currently serves as the director of the Raleigh School of Nurse Anesthesia and has done so since 1990. She also serves as visiting assistant professor at the School of Nursing, at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. In addition she is a relief CRNA with Sanders and Associates in Wrightsville Beach.

Nancy has enjoyed an outstanding career and has been an anesthetist since 1974. She has been a program instructor, president of the North Carolina Association of Nurse Anesthetists, served on various AANA committees and its board of directors, and has earned the respect and admiration of her friends and colleagues both inside and outside of her profession. She has published various articles and spoken numerous times before various professional groups and societies.

I know that her husband Ben and son Scott take special pride in what Nancy has accomplished throughout her career. I congratulate Nancy on her year as president of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists and I am proud of her many accomplishments.

Congratulations Nancy.