

grateful to John and Local 210 for spearheading this effort and for making this issue a priority for everyone.

John Cunningham's lasting legacy, however, is his deeply held belief in the importance of unions and the need for organized labor. He recognizes that it is only by sticking together that labor has been able to achieve all the reforms and benefits that have made the workplace safe and secure for workers and their families. Unions are as relevant and important today as they were when workers first began to organize in this country. It is the work and commitment of leaders like John Cunningham and organizations like Local 210 that keeps us all vigilant and dedicated to the continued improvement of the lives and working conditions of laborers in this country.

Again, it is my great pleasure to rise today to congratulate Local 210 on its 100th anniversary and to thank John Cunningham for 41 years of dedication and leadership.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SHELLY
MOORE, MISS TEEN USA

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 1997

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I am proud that a fine young woman from my district, Shelly Moore, has been chosen Miss Teen USA. This is a tremendous accomplishment and I want to congratulate Ms. Moore and wish her the very best as she serves as the main representative for young people all over the Nation.

I would like to call to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD an article and editorial from the Knoxville News Sentinel.

[From the Knoxville News Sentinel, Aug. 22, 1997]

NEW MISS TEEN USA WANTS TO USE TITLE TO BE STRONG ROLE MODEL

(By Nicole Pascoe)

Knox County teenager Shelly Moore said Thursday she is still on cloud nine after winning the 15th annual Miss Teen USA pageant, held at South Padre Island, Texas.

The 1997 South-Doyle graduate, daughter of Garland and Tammy Rhoden, was crowned Wednesday night and is taking home about \$150,000 in cash and prizes.

Moore, interviewed by phone while packing to return to Knoxville, said the experience was both exciting and unforgettable.

"It was a wonderful experience. I still can't believe I'm Miss Teen USA," she said. "I was just an average girl yesterday, and in my mind I still am, but it's very exciting."

Moore, 18, said as part of her title she will do a good deal of public speaking and traveling, mainly back and forth to Los Angeles. "I just want to be a good role model," said Moore.

JoAnna Lochen, Moore's cheerleading coach and a home economics teacher at South-Doyle, thinks Moore will have no trouble upholding her title.

"She's steps above anybody and she's a real strong leader. She has a very strong moral upbringing and belief in God," she said.

Lochen said she wasn't surprised that Moore was crowned Miss Teen USA. "She is who she says she is. She looks as beautiful in sweats with her hair pulled back as she did at the pageant," said Lochen.

Moore entered her first pageant one year ago. She claimed the title of Miss North Tennessee, and that led her to the state pageant, in which she also placed first.

Moore plans to enter the University of Tennessee for the second semester and will major in broadcasting. When asked at the pageant whom she would like to interview, she replied former University of Florida quarterback Danny Wuerffel, last year's Heisman trophy winner and now a backup quarterback with the New Orleans Saints.

[From the Knoxville News Sentinel, Aug. 25, 1997]

STAYING ON CLOUD NINE

KNOXVILLE GIRL CAPTURES A NATIONAL TITLE,
MISS TEEN USA CONTEST

Shelly Moore may never descend from cloud nine—and that's OK with us.

Moore, a 1997 graduate of South-Doyle High School and soon-to-be freshman at the University of Tennessee, won the 15th annual Miss Teen USA pageant held at South Padre Island, Texas. She is the daughter of Garland and Tammy Rhoden.

The experience was as exciting as it was unforgettable. "I was just an average girl yesterday," she said in an interview after she was crowned Wednesday, "and in my mind I still am, but it's very exciting."

The 18-year-old said she will be speaking and traveling a great deal as part of her title. She plans to enter UT for the second semester and will major in broadcasting. As Miss Teen USA, she will take home about \$150,000 in cash and prizes.

Moore entered her first pageant a year ago, claiming the title of Miss North Tennessee. That crown led to the state pageant, which she also won.

Her goal is to be a good role model. No problem there, say those who know her.

"She steps above anybody, and she's a real strong leader," says JoAnna Lochen, Moore's cheerleading coach and a home economics teacher at South-Doyle. "She has a very strong moral upbringing and belief in God."

Lochen also said she wasn't surprised that Moore was crowned Miss Teen USA. "She is who she says she is," Lochen said. "She looks as beautiful in sweats with her hair pulled back as she did at the pageant."

We hope the euphoria Shelly Moore is feeling right now never wears off. We offer our congratulations on winning the title and wish her all the best in the exciting year ahead.

TRIBUTE TO TOM KINARD

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 1997

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who has been a strong voice in his community for years. Tom Kinard. It is my pleasure to recognize Mr. Kinard today as he celebrates 10 years of broadcasting his show, Kinard n' Koffee, on WJMX-AM in Florence, SC. I have had the pleasure of being one of his guests on several occasions, and I join with all of his listeners in congratulating him for 10 years of outstanding broadcasts.

During the 10 years that Kinard n' Koffee has been broadcast, Mr. Kinard has received numerous awards for his unique style and commitment to his community. Among his accomplishments are six-time South Carolina Radio Personality of the Year, five-time Na-

tional Association of Broadcasters Marconi Finalist for Medium Market Radio Personality, and South Carolina Music and Entertainment Commission Personality of the Year. Mr. Kinard has also received the South Carolina Broadcaster's Association's highest honors for public service with The Richard M. Uray Public Service Award for Outstanding Service to the Community and the highest honor an on-air broadcaster can receive as recipient of the 1996 Master's Award. Among his numerous other awards, Mr. Kinard has been awarded the prestigious Order of the Palmetto, the State of South Carolina's highest honor.

Mr. Kinard's service to his community goes far beyond the radio show that so many hear every morning. He worked with numerous civic groups to aid local charities and promote education. Last winter, Mr. Kinard organized the Kinard-n-Koat drive to collect over 2,000 much needed coats for children and adults in the community. He had listeners send in over 100,000 Christmas cards through Kinard-N-Kristmas Kards for children in local hospitals, and he asked the community to help the soldiers of Desert Storm enjoy a small treat when over 5,000 gallons of Kool-Aid were sent to the Middle East. Mr. Kinard has also spread the holiday message to thousands in the southeast each year with his narrative presentation of "The Other Wise Man" He has given 30-40 presentations a year since 1976.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the Members of the House of Representatives join me in saluting Mr. Kinard who is not only a powerful radio voice in South Carolina, but a dedicated citizen in his community. I congratulate him on 10 years of Kinard n' Koffee and wish him Godspeed in his future endeavors.

WELFARE REFORM IS WORKING

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 1997

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, in 1996, more than 1.3 million people left the welfare rolls. And more than 650,000 of those left in just the last 4 months of the year—following the enactment of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act. This is truly a success. Former welfare recipients across the Nation, from San Diego to Atlanta to Boston, have touted our welfare reform bill as the best thing that ever could have happened to them. One former recipient even said, "My life is so much better. I feel better about myself." Another said, "This is the best thing I ever could've done for myself."

We are now witnessing the most dramatic decline in welfare caseloads in the 60-year history of welfare as a result of our efforts to change the mind-set surrounding welfare and to give States more flexibility to design their own programs. But to give credit where credit is due, States and communities across the country are well ahead of Washington. This is where the success stories are being created. And this is where the shift in attitude is taking place on a daily basis.

Mr. Speaker, as our Nation moves away from the failed welfare policies of the past, the role of Washington must be to give States the power and resources to begin moving people into self-sufficiency. We must encourage, promote and empower neighbors, charities,