

Furthermore, surpluses have consequences that can be every bit as salutary as those provided by tax reductions or expanded government programs. Surpluses add to national saving, boost domestic investment and thereby raise, by small but important amounts, productivity, economic growth and incomes. If surpluses are allowed to develop, interest rates will be reduced, and the federal debt will be reduced, and the federal debt will begin to shrink. As a consequence, the portion of the federal budget devoted to debt service—currently one out of every seven dollars—will shrink, leaving more for real priorities.

Having probably achieved a balanced overall budget—an objective that seemed to be unattainable only a few years ago—it is time to shift the focus of the policy debate to balancing the non-Social Security budget and restructuring Social Security and Medicare for the long term. If these objectives can be achieved, Rip van Winkle won't find when he next wakes up a nation in which either retirees are scrimping by on inadequate social insurance benefits or workers are unduly burdened supporting the aged.

#### TRIBUTE TO MILKEN FAMILY FOUNDATION NATIONAL EDUCATOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

##### HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 7, 1997*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two of my constituents who have been honored by receiving the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award. These constituents are Mr. Linard McCloud from Charleston, SC, and Mrs. Thomasenia J. Benson of Orangeburg, SC.

Mr. Linard McCloud is the band conductor at Burke High School in Charleston. He has been the band director at his alma mater for almost 20 years. During his tenure at Burke, the Burke High School band has improved to a grade V concert level band. The band has received no less than an excellent rating in the past five concert festivals with most of the on-stage music receiving superior ratings.

Under Mr. McCloud's direction, the Burke High School band has performed for the Prince of Wales, recorded an ETV production on the percussion ensemble, filmed a local commercial, marched in two Mardi Gras parades, and performed for several college football games. In addition, the band has toured Canada three times and will travel to New Orleans in the spring.

Aside from his excellent leadership as band director, Mr. McCloud has given tirelessly to his students and the music community. He has been credited with obtaining over 100 scholarships for his students. He also serves as the president of the Charleston County Band Director's Association, and is a member of the Florida A&M University summer band camp staff, Kappa Kappa Psi music fraternity, and Alpha Kappa Mu honor society. He has received community service awards from Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, and Phi Beta Sigma fraternities. He is also a senior trustee and lifelong member of Morris Brown AME Church.

Mrs. Thomasenia J. Benson, who also received the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award, is currently in her second

year as principal at Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School in Orangeburg, SC.

Mrs. Benson, a native of the Pee Dee area of South Carolina, received a bachelor of science degree from Benedict College in Columbia, SC. She received a master's degree in education and credits in counseling and secondary administration from the University of South Carolina, also in Columbia.

Mrs. Benson began her career as an educator by teaching U.S. history and psychology for 12 years at Batesburg-Leesville High School. From there, she taught social studies for 4 years at Irmo Middle School. Next, she served as assistant principal at Irmo Middle School. From there, Mrs. Benson became the assistant principal at W.A. Perry Middle School in Columbia for 3 years. Prior to becoming principal of Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School, she was principal at William J. Clark Middle School, also in Orangeburg, for 3 years. Mrs. Benson's commitment to education is illustrated through almost three decades of service to the students of South Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, these two South Carolina educators are among 150 of the Nation's most distinguished educators to be awarded the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award. Along with the \$25,000 financial award, they will receive educational resources through the powerful network for over 1,000 previous recipients of this prestigious award. This year's recipients were chosen, among other criteria, for their achievement in developing innovative educational curricula, programs and/or teaching methods; outstanding ability to instill in students character and self-confidence; and commitment to professional development.

As two of this year's winners, both Mr. McCloud and Mrs. Benson will be sent to Los Angeles in June 1998 for the annual Milken Family Foundation National Education Conference. Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in paying tribute to these two distinguished educators from my district as I am so proud to have them represent both the Sixth Congressional District and the State of South Carolina.

#### CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

##### HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 7, 1997*

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, today is a sad day for supporters of campaign finance reform. The U.S. Senate failed to pass the McCain-Feingold campaign finance bill. A majority of the Senate, 53 Members, supported this bill. However they were seven votes short of ending a filibuster by those who are satisfied with the status quo.

The amendment supporters included 45 Democrats and 8 Republicans. This bipartisan show of support is an encouraging sign and it reflects the growing momentum for passage of campaign finance reform. It is unfortunate that a majority of the Members in the Senate cannot pass such an important piece of legislation. I hope that the leadership of the Senate will see the wisdom of allowing reconsideration of the McCain-Feingold bill.

However, at least the members of the Senate were allowed a vote on campaign finance

reform. In the House we haven't been given the opportunity to vote on any bill. With the effort in the Senate stalled now is the time for the House to take up this issue. Mr. Speaker, let's put our partisan differences aside and allow a vote on meaningful campaign finance reform.

#### IN HONOR OF ST. INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

##### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 7, 1997*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate St. Innocent Orthodox Church on the consecration of its new church structure in Olmsted Township, OH.

Fourteen years ago, a coalition of dedicated Orthodox Christians from a variety of ethnic backgrounds came together to practice their faith in a common language. These early members began holding biweekly services in the Community Room of Great Northern Mall and established committees to determine the growth and direction of the new parish. St. Innocent was chosen as the patron saint because the zeal of the missionary, who taught the Orthodox Christian Faith across North America and Alaska, would be an inspiration to the members of the new church.

In 1984, the members of St. Innocent began holding services in a rented chapel in Westlake. Members established a church school program for children and adults and weekly Bible studies. The church is also very active in outreach to the surrounding community. A program to provide food and support to St. Herman's House of Hospitality receives continued support. In addition, money from an extra collection each month is donated to charitable organizations or to families in need. Each Christmas, the parish supports at least one family in the community with gifts, food, financial assistance, and love.

St. Innocent welcomes the diversity of its parish and combines the many ethnic traditions into its services. I am confident that the growing parish family will flourish, and that the many services and activities it sponsors will multiply in the new church facility in Olmsted Township.

#### EDEL JENSEN PETERSEN: YWCA TRIBUTE TO WOMEN

##### HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 7, 1997*

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I rise today to recognize and honor Edell Jensen Petersen, who will receive on October 10, 1997, the YWCA Tribute to Women Award for a lifetime of volunteer work in Lincoln, NE.

Born in 1910, Edell has been described as a woman ahead of her time. It was quite an accomplishment at the time for her, a woman, to go to college. She taught school, both in Iowa and Nebraska, in the elementary grades and in special education. She married in 1936 and is the mother of Sharon Edell Schultze, my senior legislative assistant and a member