

and that we can never adequately express our thanks to those who could not return to us.

THE RETIREMENT OF DEAN SMITH

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 1997

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, in March I stood before the House to honor Dean Smith for winning more games than any other coach in the history of college basketball. I stand again today to honor him in his retirement.

In his 36 years of coaching at the University of North Carolina, he has stressed academics and winning the right way. He has demanded that the game be played well. He is a teacher. And he has always given back to our community. I first knew him in my student days in the 1960's as an active churchman and champion of racial justice. Throughout his career, he has remained humble in the face of overwhelming achievement—always sharing the credit with others and vigorously staying clear of the spotlight. It is with great pride that I rise today to shine that spotlight on the accomplishments of a remarkable man.

Dean Smith is a monument to coaching excellence: 879 victories, 2 national championships, 11 trips to the Final Four, 27 straight 20-victory seasons. At North Carolina, he has coached 30 All-Americans. However, his excellence goes beyond this impressive record. He enjoys the loyalty of fans and the devotion of his players. Michael Jordan thinks of his former coach as "a second father." Indeed, Smith is the patriarch of an extended basketball family. In the weeks since his retirement, members of that family—the former players Smith touched and the fans to whom Smith brought so much joy—have been struck by mixed emotions.

We support his decision and wish him happiness in his retirement. Yet part of us wants him to stay forever. Hand-made signs hang in the storefronts and dorms of Chapel Hill begging Smith not to go. He is a legend that has brought pride and distinction to the University of North Carolina.

His presence in college basketball is best described by a comment made by Coach Jim Valvano moments after his North Carolina State Wolfpack won the national championship in 1983. Valvano remarked: "This'll be really big news back home. Unless Dean Smith retires tomorrow. * * *"

Mr. Speaker, I come from a state where college basketball loyalties assume fanatical proportions. But competing allegiances aside, we can all recognize Dean Smith's unparalleled success on the court, his devotion to his players, and his fundamental decency as a human being. We wish him well.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO DR. LAWRENCE H. EINHORN, INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 1997

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Lawrence H. Einhorn of the Indiana University School of Medicine at Indianapolis was recently awarded the 1997 International Citizen of the Year Award by the International Center. Dr. Einhorn, a highly distinguished professor of medicine has demonstrated unparalleled expertise in cancer education, research and treatment. The award distinguished Dr. Einhorn for his contribution in the world in concert with medicine, government, sports, community service, research, culture, education and business.

His renowned success was made in the creation of chemotherapy treatment to cure disseminated testis cancer in 1974. This method led to a remarkable reduction in what had been a devastating disease. In partnership with Dr. John P. Donahue at the School of Medicine, 95 percent of those afflicted with testis cancer that are treated at a major medical clinic survive.

Dr. Einhorn's dedication to medicine can also be seen in his previous achievements. Besides being chairman of numerous cancer study groups, clinical associations and serving as associate editor for several medical journals, he has received awards and shared his knowledge throughout America and the world. Not only has he accepted the highest honors from the American Association for Cancer Research and the American Society of Clinical Oncology, he also won the French Jacquillat Award.

We have all benefitted from Dr. Einhorn's research, commitment and accomplishments in the fight against cancer. I am pleased to congratulate him on his most recent honor, as it adds to the host of other awards he has won. I am confident that this recognition will serve as one of many along his career.

We are most proud of Dr. Einhorn and his successful endeavors in behalf of patients now and in the future.

FAST-TRACK TRADE AUTHORITY

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 1997

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that President Clinton and Speaker GINGRICH have decided not to ask for a vote on fast track trade authority in 1997. I strongly opposed fast track authority. Fast track paves the way for trade agreements which would continue a disturbing trend in America: we used to make products in this country and export these superior goods abroad; but now, American companies use foreign labor in foreign countries to make the products they sell here. This legislation fails to address human rights, food safety, environmental regulations, or protect American workers. This, Mr. Speaker, is the worst kind of public policy.

Presumably, one of the main reasons for fast track authority is to expand the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). After 3 years, NAFTA has cost hundreds of thousands of American jobs and failed to improve environmental conditions along the Mexican border. I did not support NAFTA then, and I will not support expanding it now.

In light of recent cases of contaminated strawberries, raspberries, and beef, consumers are growing more concerned with the safety of the food we eat. Food-borne illness is on the rise around the world in part because of the "globalization" of the food supply. Imported food is over three times more likely to be contaminated with illegal pesticide residues than food grown in the United States. Stronger proconsumer language in any fast track legislation would correct this oversight, however, the provisions of the proposed fast track authority would have greatly restricted the United States' ability to protect the public from unsafe food.

I believe that trade agreements should be subject to moral and ethical standards. There are 1.3 billion people around the world living on less than \$1 a day. The proposed fast track legislation did not include provisions to reduce child labor or decrease poverty and inequity throughout the developing world. U.S. trade policies and negotiations should seek to change this reality.

This proposal also failed to address necessary environmental standards. Since the passage of NAFTA, the degradation of the environment along our border with Mexico has escalated. By not requiring other nations to increase their environmental standards, we are putting American products, which are subject to stronger environmental rules, at a disadvantage in the competitive marketplace.

Labor rights have been a primary U.S. trade negotiating objectives since the 1988 Omnibus Trade Act. Unfortunately, this proposal provided absolutely no protection for American workers. NAFTA resulted in a loss of almost 17,000 jobs in Illinois and 420,000 jobs nationwide. Workers have reduced bargaining power under this agreement as employers use threats of moving jobs to lower wage-paying nations in order to lower worker contract demands. Unlike fast track authority that has existed in the past, this fast track proposal actually limited the labor provisions a trade agreement can address. There is no doubt about it: this proposal would have hurt American workers.

CITY OF HOPE NATIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 1997

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of an important initiative being developed by City of Hope National Medical Center in Duarte, CA. A nationally recognized leader in the research and treatment of cancer, City of Hope proposes to implement a demonstration of a combined Bone Marrow Transplantation/Radioimmunotherapy [BMT/RI] research and treatment program, dedicated to maximizing the effectiveness of BMT/RI therapy in curing cancer.

Today, one of the most effective treatments in the fight against cancer is Bone Marrow Transplantation. In the United States today, approximately 25,000 patients receive bone marrow transplants as curative treatment for diseases such as lymphoma, leukemia, breast cancer and ovarian cancer. That figure is expected to increase by 30 percent annually, as physicians and researchers learn more about how these debilitating and fatal diseases can be cured with aggressive transplant therapy. In addition, BMT therapy is also being actively explored as a means of conferring resistance to fatal viral infections, including HIV and also for the amelioration of chronic disorders of the immune system such as multiple sclerosis.

The City of Hope National Medical Center and Beckman Research Institute is one of the advanced BMT and stem cell treatment and research centers in the world. Presently, City of Hope is the largest provider of BMT services in California, as well as the largest provider of BMT services to Hispanic Americans in the United States. Innovative research and development at City of Hope led to recent improvements in BMT technology which have resulted in a dramatic shift of therapy from the inpatient to the outpatient setting. This shift has produced significant savings in the cost of health care services and has increased patient access to this lifesaving technology. Complementing its BMT program, City of Hope has the premier Radio-immunotherapy program in the nation. The design, synthesis and production of reagent grade radio labelled smaller antibodies used in initial clinical trials have successfully demonstrated improved efficacy in targeting tumor cells. These synthetic molecules are now ready to be used to selectively deliver deadly radioactivity to cancer cells through out the body with low toxicity as part of curative bone marrow transplantation.

The development of curative BMT/RI therapy is expected to lead to clear increases in cancer survivability rates and is expected to greatly reduce the pain experienced by cancer patients while tempering the often severe side effects of current therapy. Because the majority of BMT/RI therapy will be rendered in an outpatient setting, its development is consistent with the goal of achieving meaningful medical breakthroughs without a concomitant exorbitant cost.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the efforts of City of Hope National Medical Center to develop this cutting edge treatment for cancer patients and pledge to support their efforts to win Federal funding for this critical demonstration when Congress returns in January. It is my firm belief that such an investment would demonstrate critical support by the Federal Government for a much needed and valuable research and treatment program that could have a curative effect on many forms of cancer which affect American lives daily.

HONORING RUTH CALVERT
FITZGERALD

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 1997

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ruth Calvert Fitzgerald, the president and CEO of the Will County Chamber of Com-

merce in Joliet, Illinois as she resigns from her position of twelve years. Ruth is relocating to California with her husband, Joe, in pursuit of her passion to design jewelry.

Ruth made a decision in 1985 to leave her position in Spartanburg, South Carolina to take on the task of rebuilding a badly damaged local economy in Will County, Illinois. Ruth has an uncanny ability to forge relationships with people, setting the foundation on which to build the alliance and networks necessary for progress. Solidifying a ring of support from local government officials, community leaders, and private citizens, Ruth engineered an economic recovery program which serves as a model for any community working to rebuild. Ruth has stressed the Joliet and Will County communities away from impending economic destruction to become what is now the fastest growing county in Illinois.

With Ruth at the helm, Will County has seen 1000 new businesses locate in Will County. In addition, 300 existing companies have expanded their operations, creating a net increase of 45,000 new jobs. Under Ruth's leadership, the Will County Center for Economic Development has positioned itself as a major force both locally and nationally. Overseeing the largest privately funded economic development program over attempted in Illinois, Ruth has amassed quite a list of highlights for the Will County CED. While being named one of our nations top ten economic development groups by the Industrial Development Research Council, the Will County CED engineered efforts to pass local school referendums, launched a global marketing campaign, created Will County's first comprehensive shelter for the homeless, and created the Will County Chamber of Commerce as a vehicle to impact public policy.

Our community is dearly indebted to Ruth and will benefit from her hard work and successes for many generations. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Ruth for her vision to believe in our community when many turned their backs, her ability to take an idea from conception to completion and most certainly for the honorable way in which she has conducted herself. I wish Ruth and her family all the best life can provide as she begins another chapter in her success story. Laguna Niguel, California is gaining a tremendous servant.

THE DEATH TAX RELIEF ACT

HON. MAX SANDLIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 1997

Mr. SANDLIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation that will improve the prospects of every family owned and operated farm, ranch, and business in America. These small family farms and businesses are the backbone of the Texas economy, and the estate tax, often called the death tax, threatens their continued existence. It is time to end this tax—and my bill does just that.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates that farmers' and ranchers' estates are six times more likely to face estate taxes than others estates. In my travels around the 19 counties of the First Congressional District, evidence of the accuracy of this estimation pours forth. At nearly every stop I make, I

hear horror stories from family members who were forced to sell all or part of the family farm just to pay estate taxes.

The death tax represents 1 percent of the Federal tax revenues. However, the impact to the taxpayers is far from insignificant. Not only does this punitive tax cause financial problems for families who are forced to sell property that has been in the family for generations or businesses built over a lifetime, but also local economies feel the impact as jobs disappear and businesses close. Clearly, the social and economic costs of the estate tax far outweigh the revenue it provides for the Federal Government.

The time has come to end this ill conceived tax. The tax that was originally intended to break up huge family estates now inhibits the passage of 70 percent of family businesses from one generation to the next. We took meaningful steps to reduce the burden of death taxes on family farms and small businesses this year in the Taxpayer Relief Act. The next step is to completely eliminate it and free families from this burden forever.

IN HONOR OF ERNIE ANDERSON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 1997

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of Ernie Anderson, a beloved television personality in the city of Cleveland.

During the 1960's, Ghouardi, a character created by Anderson, hosted Friday night horror movies on Cleveland's Channel 8. The Friday night movie immediately succeeded and regularly drew a larger audience than Johnny Carson and Steve Allen combined. Ghouardi also became a cult figure in Cleveland by entertaining thousands of people every week. Through mocking grade-Z horror movies and injecting himself onto the screen to shout at characters and join in the action, Ernie Anderson created a legacy of quality entertainment and humor that television personalities still strive to uphold today.

Ernie Anderson eventually moved to California, where he gained national recognition as the man with the golden throat. After acting and performing a comedy routine with Tim Conway, Ernie became ABC's network announcer. During his time with ABC, Ernie's credits ranged from "The Love Boat" to "Roots" and "The Winds of War."

Throughout the years, Ernie Anderson's distinctive and trailblazing style of entertainment brought joy and happiness to millions of individuals across the country. My fellow colleagues, please join me in remembering Ernie Anderson.

RECOGNITION OF JIMMY K.
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HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 1997

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Jimmy K. Melver as the Northeast