

TRIBUTE TO LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL
GIRLS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 19, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding accomplishment of the Colorado Class 4A State Girls Basketball Championship Team, the Savages of Lamar High School. The championship game of March 7, 1998 was the culmination of a perfect 25-0 season.

There are many reasons this victory is so special for the team which hails from Lamar, an agricultural town of 8400 proud people in Colorado's Fourth Congressional District. They are proud of the fact that two of these fine athletes, Britt Hartshorn and Diane Dittburner, have been named "All-Americans." They are proud of the fact that their team had the strength and fortitude to overcome a 10-point deficit in the second half of the championship game. They are proud of Coach Dennis Bruns, who started the girls' basketball team in 1975 and has devoted the subsequent 23 years to the girls' athletic and academic excellence. They are proud of the fact that the Savages have won 96 of their last 100 games. But what makes them most proud of all is that this team has done what no other has—win four consecutive state championships.

This victory is an inspiration to all in high school athletics who strive for excellence and achievement. What these girls, from the plains of Colorado, have shown to all of us is that great talent and ability span across the state, the great state of Colorado and I ask the Congress to join me in congratulating these tremendous high school athletes and their dedicated Coach.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JOHN DONOHOO

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 19, 1998

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, Georgetown, Ohio lost one of its finest last week: Dr. John Donohoo—known to his many friends, neighbors and patients simply as "Dr. John."

Dr. John was an old-fashioned family doctor in the finest American tradition. Throughout the 37 years he practiced medicine, if you happened to be sick, he came to your home. His fee was whatever the patient could afford; sometimes it was cash, other times it was a chicken or maybe some homegrown produce. There aren't many like him left.

A Georgetown native, he served in World War II as a medical technician before receiving his undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Cincinnati. Dr. John dedicated a great deal of his time and leadership to the Brown County community. He served as a board member for Brown County Hospital; President of the Georgetown Exempted Village School District for nine years; and President of the Brown County Board of Health. He was also a member of the Georgetown Village Council; Chairman of the Brown County Courthouse Reconstruction Associa-

tion; and an elder and choir member of the Georgetown Presbyterian Church. He loved horses and helped to found the Brown County Charity Horse Show, as well as owning and operating Donohoo Stable for 28 years.

Dr. John gave so much to so many throughout Brown County, but he will be missed the most by his family: his beloved wife of 55 years, Betty Donohoo; his children J. Michael Donohoo, Deborah Durbin and Dr. Jeffrey Donohoo; his mother Mary Donohoo; and his four grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. John Donohoo represented the highest ideals of the medical profession. Throughout his life, he worked to make his community a better place to live. I salute his many contributions and offer my deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

CONGRATULATIONS TO REGINA
MORRISSEY

HON. ROBERT A. WEYGAND

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 19, 1998

Mr. WEYGAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Miss Regina Morrissey on the occasion of her 90th birthday, which she will celebrate on March 27, 1998. Miss Morrissey was born in Providence, Rhode Island on March 27, 1908 and has resided most of her life in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Miss Morrissey is a graduate of New Bedford High School. She received her college degree from Hyannis State Teachers College on Cape Cod. For 32 years Miss Morrissey taught elementary school in both the Fairhaven and New Bedford school systems. To hundreds of former pupils, she is known simply as "Aunt Reggie".

Miss Morrissey is a communicant of Saint James Catholic Church, is a member of New Bedford Women's Club, serving as the Chairman of Publicity, a member of the Executive Board, and the Committee for the Blind. She is a member of the Catholic Women's Club, the Saint James Women's Club, and the Saint James Senior Citizen's club. Miss Morrissey worked for many years on the Greater New Bedford concert Series.

Throughout her life, Miss Morrissey has been an inspiration to her students, her community, and her large extended family. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Miss Morrissey a very Happy Birthday, and congratulate her on her first 90 years.

IN HONOR OF MR. CARL VAIL OF
SOUTHOLD, LONG ISLAND, NY

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 19, 1998

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, rare is the occasion when one person so defines the character of a place, but I stand here today reflecting on just such a man, Mr. Carl Vail, of Southold, Long Island, New York. A man of great dignity and integrity, someone who held dear his Long Island home and served his country with special distinction, Carl Vail was someone that made you feel proud to be an

American. That is why it is with great sadness that I inform my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives of the passing of Carl Vail, at 102 years of age, on Thursday, March 12, 1998.

Born on August 12, 1895, Carl Vail lived his life as a reflection of the view that our national and familial legacy are gifts to nurture and pass on to our sons and daughters. The Vails are one of Long Island's and America's longest reigning families, having served and protected this land since the early 1700's. A Vail has fought in nearly every American conflict since the French and Indian War. Just last year, Carl discovered that he was a descendant of Christopher Vail who fought in the Revolutionary War. His own son Everett flew B-24s in World War II and his seven grandsons served during the Vietnam conflict.

That tradition of service and patriotism ran deep in Carl Vail, who left the family's Southold farm to join the U.S. Army in December of 1917 and served his country in World War I. Carl was wounded in combat a month before the war ended after an enemy mustard-gas attack in France's Argonne Forest. Due to lost paperwork and a modest regard for his own heroic service to our country, Carl did not receive his Purple Heart until 1982. Until he passed away, Carl Vail was one of two dozen surviving World War I veterans living in Suffolk County.

After courageously serving his country, Carl returned to Southold, where he and his brother started a Hupmobile franchise, the beginning of an automobile sales business that lasted nearly 70 years. Generations of East Enders purchased their cars from Vail Brothers in Southold, Vail Motors in Riverhead and Seavale Motors in Southampton, dealerships that sold 20 different makes of cars, from Packards to Hudsons to Model T Fords.

I am proud to have come to know Carl during my service as a Member of the Congress representing Brookhaven, Smithtown and the five East End towns of Suffolk County. Born and raised in the same East End community, I can tell you that Carl Vail was the epitome of Eastern Long Island: friendly, proud, independent-minded and loyal to the core of this place to which the Vail family was such an integral part.

Carl Vail was a spirited man who cared about our community and participated in it to the last hours of his 102 years. May God bless and keep him. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him and all who so dearly love the East End.

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CARL VAIL, WWI VETERAN, DIES

(By George DeWan)

The Vail family name is one of Long Island's oldest, and a Vail has fought in most of America's wars going back to the French and Indian War in the mid-1700s.

On Thursday, Carl Vail of Southold, who was gassed as an infantryman in France in World War I and was one of about two dozen surviving World War I veterans in Suffolk County, died at 102. He passed away at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Northport after an eight-month illness.

Vail was best known on the East End for the automobile dealerships he founded: Vail Brothers Inc. in Southold, Vail Motor Corp. in Riverhead and Seavale Motors in Southampton. He had sold 20 makes of cars—including Packard, Willys, Nash, Hudson, Maxwell and Model T Ford—and became one of the top dealers in eastern Suffolk.

Born in Peconic on Aug. 12, 1895, Vail was 22 when he was drafted in 1917. He was a farmer at the time, but was in love with the water. "I wanted to get in the Navy," he said in an interview with *Newsday* last year. "They said they'd take me only as a ship's cook." He didn't want to be a cook, so he went to the draft board in December, 1917.

Vail was a member of the Army's 77th, known as the Rainbow Division, which trained at Camp Upton in Brookhaven. He was hospitalized after an enemy mustard-gas attack in France's Argonne Forest in early October, 1918, a month before the war ended. After a number of governmental paperwork snafus, he was awarded the Purple Heart in 1982.

"My son, Everett, was a B-24 pilot in World War II," he has said. "He did 35 missions over Germany, and came home without a scratch. During the Vietnam War, I had seven grandsons in the service." Vail learned only last year that he was a descendant of Revolutionary War soldier Christopher Vail.

Vail first learned to drive in a 1905 Pierce Arrow, and cars became a hobby, then a business. In 1919, he and his brother got a Hupmobile franchise, the beginning of an automobile sales business that grew and grew, lasting until 1983, when he retired at 88.

"In '27 I bought an acre of potato land for \$8,000," he said. "We built a garage, and I built up a \$100,000 business in a little town."

"When World II started, most car dealers went out of business," Vail's grandson, Carl III, said yesterday. "He went out and bought a lot of cars. He once told me he was either going to go bankrupt or make a lot of money. After the war, he had a lot of cars, and he made a lot of money."

Vail helped found chapters of the American Legion in Mattituck and Southold. He was a life member of Eastern Long Island Hospital, a member of the Southold Universalist Church, the Southold Rotary Club and the East End Surf and Fishing Club.

Vail is survived by three children: Mary Hart of Southold, Virginia Bard of New York City and C. Everett Vail of Malabar, Fla.

Cremation was private. A memorial service will be held 3 p.m. Sunday, May 3, at the Universalist Church in Southold.

IN RECOGNITION OF BOOKS FOR KIDS

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 19, 1998

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues a very special program underway in my district, Books For Kids.

Now entering its fourth year, Books for Kids aims to collect 70,000 new or nearly new books for children ages 2–12 who have never owned a book of their own or who cannot afford to buy one.

As stated by Dr. Elizabeth Cappella, a confunder of Books for Kids, this program was established to help those children who can benefit the most by developing an early love of reading. That early love of reading can help them gain a major foundation for successful learning and living.

The Books for Kids drive has grown from an idea initiated in 1995 with the cooperation of The Buffalo News, United Way of Buffalo and Erie County, the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library, the Junior League of Buffalo, Inc.,

Buffalo State College's Project Flight and the 30th Congressional District to a successful community wide effort to promote literacy.

Mr. Speaker, today I would like to join with the entire Western New York community, to announce the start of the 1998 Books for Kids drive. I encourage my colleagues to join in similar programs in their Congressional Districts and strive to provide Books for Kids.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 19, 1998

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, next week this body will consider campaign finance reform. After a year and a half of work on this issue, by myself and many other members of Congress, I am hopeful that the result of our work is a meaningful bill that gets the big money out of the electoral process. I am afraid, however, that we may not see true reform.

An editorial in Saturday's *New York Times* may have foreshadowed the result of next week. "In order to quell a rebellion by Democrats and reform-minded Republicans, House Speaker Newt Gingrich promised that there would be a vote by the end of March on campaign finance reform. Now that the deadline is approaching, Mr. Gingrich is working hard to make sure the vote is rigged to come out the way he wants."

Mr. Speaker, I hope the *New York Times* is wrong. I hope that next week you will respond to the call of the public to fix our broken campaign finance system. I hope that next week we will finally have a chance to deliver true reform of our system and restore the public's faith in our democracy. Mr. Speaker, please don't let the people of my district down.

VOLUNTEERISM BY THE MERLE REED UNIT OF DELANO, CALIFORNIA

HON. CALVIN M. DOOLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 19, 1998

Mr. DOOLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the work of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #124, the Merle Reed Unit of Delano, California, for their remarkable and outstanding community service in the 20th District of California on October 25, 1997, "Make a Difference" Day in Delano truly did make a substantive difference in the lives and well-being of the people of Delano. Thirty-five members of the Merle Reed Unit worked that day on seven different projects designed to benefit the community in a wide range of ways.

They volunteered during the local Red Ribbon Week, promoting drug free awareness throughout the community. They collected yard sale items worth approximately \$4,280 to sell at their "Spring Day", the proceeds of which will be donated to the Salvation Army and local church organizations. The Unit ran a canned food drive for the Holidays, recycled 583 pounds of bottles to benefit Veterans projects, and ran a comprehensive clean-up of

the Auxiliary Post Hall, beautifying both the interior and exterior of the community center. Visits to the sick, local hospital volunteering and a joint luncheon for local Post Boys and Girls State participants rounded out an extremely beneficial day of service.

I commend the members of the Merle Reed Unit for their excellent commitment to bettering the community and the lives of those who live in it through public service, and am proud to be able to make this statement to honor just one of the many outstanding examples of service done everyday throughout this nation. I hope their fellow citizens will recognize the great work that the American Legion Auxiliary Unit had done, and continues to do, for the community, and will follow their admirable example.

REMARKS OF HIS EMINENCE BERNARD CARDINAL LAW ON CUBA

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 19, 1998

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to share with my colleagues the remarks of His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Law, Archbishop of Boston, on Friday, March 13, 1998. Cardinal Law participated as a speaker in a conference co-sponsored by the Inter-American Dialogue, the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, and the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies of Harvard University.

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
TALK ON CUBA, MARCH 13, 1998, BY BERNARD CARDINAL LAW

In preparing these remarks, I reviewed my correspondence file from persons who accompanied me to Cuba for the Pope's visit. Our direct flight from Boston to Havana might have established a record in itself! Every letter expressed appreciation for the opportunity to participate in a historic and profoundly moving event. Almost to a person there was the expressed desire to be of assistance to the Church in Cuba and to the Cuban people.

These pilgrims to Cuba included bishops, priests and sisters, and Catholic laity as well as Protestants and Jews. There were business leaders, bankers, doctors and a Health Care System President. There were heads of social service agencies and representatives of foundations. There were lawyers and judges, Congressmen, presidents of colleges, a law school dean and a university professor, and the editor of a national magazine. We were a wondrously diverse group, but we found unity in our conviction that the time is now for a change in U.S. policy towards Cuba.

Since returning from the Papal Visit, I have often been asked if I thought that change might now come to Cuba. The question misses the point that change has already come. An earlier barometer of change focused on the departure of Fidel Castro as the threshold for any substantive change. The events of the past year clearly demonstrate that that barometer simply does not work. The toothpaste is out of the tube, and Fidel Castro squeezed the tube.

Any blueprint for a change in policy which demands a change in leadership in another country is too rigid a starting point and depending on the means willing to be used to achieve that departure, could lack a moral claim. This is not to condone a dismal record