

through advocating our common interests we can effectively contribute to the spread of the values that have been proclaimed so many times by outstanding American politicians within the walls of this historic building.

In conclusion, please allow me to use this opportunity to gratefully thank the American people and their leaders for the steady support they have given to Hungary to achieve as much as possible under the present international circumstances. I am sure if we build upon the legacy of St. Stephen and Lajos Kossuth, Hungary can again join the democratic community of nations.

IN TRIBUTE TO FIRE FIGHTER  
JOSEPH DUPEE

**HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 1, 1998*

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I sadly rise today in tribute to one of my community's heroes, Joseph Dupee. A loving father, devoted husband, a Christian servant, and protector of communities are all fitting descriptions of Joseph Dupee. Unfortunately, I rise today because Joseph Dupee paid the ultimate price of duty in service to his community, in his life. On March 8, 1998, Captain Joseph Dupee died in the line of duty. His colleagues all admit that no other honor is more befitting a fire fighter than to give your life to save another.

However, today is not a day to remember Joseph Dupee's death, but rather one to remember his life. And what a life it was, Mr. Speaker. Born February 25, 1960 in Burbank, CA, Joseph Charles Dupee was one of six children of Anna Shaffer. He grew up in Simi Valley and graduated from Simi Valley High School. As early as ten years old, Joe knew he wanted to be a fireman and was "hanging out" at his local station. In 1977, he fulfilled his dream by joining the Ventura Fire Department as a volunteer cadet. In 1981, he graduated from the drill tower and officially began a distinguished 17-year career with the Los Angeles Fire Department. In 1986, Joe was promoted to engineer and served in that position for ten years.

While as impressive as his stellar performance was in his career, his personal life was incomplete until he met the love of his life, Julie, in April of 1991. Through Julie's inspiration, Joe became a disciple of our Lord and joined the Grace Community Church later that very year. After a two year courtship, the two were married and later blessed with two wonderful sons, Lucas Joseph and Caleb Benjamin.

Joe continued to serve the Lord through many avenues, including driving a bus for the handicapped to attend church, playing guitar for Bible study, and general ministry. His faith was so strong that he was overheard telling a friend after a fellow fireman had fallen in the line of duty that he had no fear of death for the Lord has better plans for us all.

While our community has lost a hero, father, husband, leader, and friend, *heaven* has gained a trusted ally. We will miss Joe and the hard work that exemplified his performance, but we applaud him for the work that he did in service to his community. To his wife, Julie, and his two sons, Lucas and Caleb, we hope

that you may find peace in knowing the appreciation your community has for Joe's devotion to us.

Let me end, Mr. Speaker, with the Fire Fighters Prayer:

When called to duty  
Wherever flames may rage  
Give me strength to save a life  
Whatever their age.

Help me embrace a child  
Before it is too late  
To save an older person  
From the horror of that fate  
Enable me to be alert and  
Hear the weakest shout,  
To quickly and efficiently  
Put that fire out

I want to fill my calling  
And give the best in me  
To guard my every neighbor  
And protect his property  
If according to your will  
I must lose my life . . .  
Oh bless with your protecting hand  
My children and my wife.

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TION

**HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 1, 1998*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dumont Printing of Fresno, Harris Ranch Inn of Coalinga, WestAmerica Bank-Sanger Branch, Evangelical Free Church of Fresno, The Clovis Independent of Clovis, David & Sons of Fresno, Giannini Packaging Corporation of Dinuba, Producers Dairy of Fresno, Costco Wholesale of Clovis, and Claude Laval Corporation of Fresno for being honored by the Fresno Compact for their dedication to helping students prepare for the increasing demands of society and the work place.

The Fresno Compact is a coalition of community leaders and the area's public schools, committed to a long-term effort to improve achievement levels and skills of young people who leave our schools. Formation of the Compact was initiated in 1990 by businesses and the Fresno Chamber of Commerce, who's members were concerned about the difficulty of finding young workers equipped to succeed in entry level jobs. The members were also concerned about the problems young people have in supporting a family, finding satisfactory work and contributing positively to the economy. Schools and the community leaders then joined businesses in organizing the compact. The compact is now involved in coordinating various initiatives by its members, including business participation with the schools. The mission of the Compact is to focus community-wide efforts on preparing students for the increasing demands of society and the workplace.

This year the Compact has honored ten businesses in Fresno County that have been

nominated by the schools for their outstanding contributions to classroom learning. These businesses have contributed everything from time and money to human resources and expertise. Some of the businesses are quite large and some are quite small, but each one shares a common goal—to get involved in Fresno County's education system! In every case, the result is a lasting partnership that has touched the lives of kids.

Harris Ranch Inn and Restaurant was nominated by Coalinga High School and Middle School. Harris Ranch personnel have taught Coalinga High School students about economics and marketing. Students have participated in mock interviews with Harris Ranch employees to help prepare them for the world of work. Each year during celebrations and fund raising events, Harris Ranch provides students and parent organizations with necessary supplies and materials. Harris Ranch also creates a positive learning climate in the schools by providing a monthly recognition dinner for employees.

The Giannini packaging corporation of Dinuba, in conjunction with the Trembley family foundation has invested in the area of technology in the Clay Joint Elementary School District. The offices of the foundation, Leroy Giannini Jr., and Jim Burnett has invested over \$150,000 in equipment and materials. In 1993, they began installing 27' TVs, VCRs, cable boxes, personal computers, and printers in each classroom, including the Library. The TVs are networked together enabling instructional TV programming and distance learning.

The WestAmerica Bank of Sanger has been one of the primary catalysts for the successful career preparation program anchored at Sanger High School. WestAmerica employees have been active members of the advisory committee for the Sanger High School Business Department for the past seven years. As a part of the Fresno Chamber of Commerce Employment Competency Program, WestAmerica Bank has been a key business partner. Manager Donna Silva has devoted one to two days a month for instruction, student assessment, and curriculum development focusing on employment competency skills needed for entry-level success in the workplace.

Evangelical Free church in Fresno offers yet another unique partnership that links people from throughout the community to Ernie Pyle Elementary School. Each Year, individuals from the church congregation volunteer to read with first and second graders. This happens as often as three times a week. The Ernie Pyle staff believes children have become much more confident and it has shown in their reading ability.

Dumont Printing Company has been an active partner with Fresno's oldest high school, Fresno High School, since 1994. The owners, Larry and Susan Early, provide visible support for the highly successful marketing academy. As a direct result of the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Early, students as well as teachers have received complimentary tickets to cultural events including ballets, symphonies, and local museums. Dumont assists with curriculum development, field trips, mentors and guest speakers.

The dedicated professionals from the Clovis Independent have personally dedicated their