

whatever they think will gain them votes with the electorate.

I am weary of bureaucrats, whether in government, business, unions, education, etc., who make mountains out of molehills, who make life difficult for individuals and for those who can make things happen, who add absolutely nothing to our society or economy, and whose main function is to ensure the continuation of their jobs, and only give lip service to what their purpose is supposed to be.

I am weary of people who expect governments to solve every problem we have, not thinking enough to realize that individuals on the local level can solve problems faster, better and more economically than any government.

I am weary of those whose main desire in life is to control the lives of others and tell them what to do, who will use and manipulate anyone or anything that will help them achieve that end, and who want to invade every aspect of our lives.

I am weary of increasing taxes with no end in sight, and of politicians who raise taxes for a specific purpose and then use the revenue for whatever is expedient or for the "current crisis."

I am weary of media biases that are unbalanced, sometimes are not factual, emphasize irrelevant items, and do so self-righteously; and of news "reporting" that too often consists of sound bites of emotion that are supposed to be news or fact.

I am weary of emotional, immoral, vulgar and violent trash in books, on television and in the movies, of those who try to promote pornography as art, and of hearing vulgar language almost everywhere and then being expected to consider it "normal."

I am weary of lawyers who represent unpopular people or causes, claiming high-minded reasons for doing so, but whose real reason is greed and/or publicity; and of lawyers who zealously encourage lawsuits over trivial matters for their own avarice.

I am weary of judges who ignore the law and let criminals free to terrorize citizens again.

I am weary of protesters who trample the rights of others while claiming they represent a higher cause; who shout down speakers, but insist on their right to be heard.

I am weary of people who insist on their "rights" but refuse responsibility for their actions.

I am weary of so many people who are eager to take offense when no offense was intended.

I am weary of "political correctness" that amplifies trivia to appear to be "momentous" and ignores major and important problems.

I am weary of unions who trample on the rights of those who don't agree with them, and sometimes on the rights of those they are supposed to represent.

I am weary of "educators" who don't educate, who don't teach basics, and who don't teach unchanging truths and facts, but instead teach the latest man-made philosophy, which is modified regularly. And then claim "it's not my fault" because we don't have enough money, or the classes are too large, or on and on ad nauseam.

I am weary of hearing about greedy sports "stars" who demand more money, provide less skill, do not have basic moral values (or at least the sense to keep quiet about it), and are pathetic "heroes" for our youth to emulate.

I am weary of so many who want to maintain the status quo even though it obviously has not worked, does not work, and will not work.

I am weary of increasing welfare costs and decreasing effectiveness.

I am weary of religious leaders who are really frustrated politicians and who meddle in issues that are outside their expertise, at localities where they will not be affected by the results.

I am a weary American who does want men and women who are honest, ethical and moral, and who have the integrity to lead our government at all levels, to run businesses, educational institutions, unions, etc., and to set an example for adults and children to follow.

I am a weary American who is grateful to live in this country where there really is more right than wrong, and where there really are more good people than bad.

TRIBUTE TO DAN SCHWALA

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 11, 1998

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Dan Schwala for his outstanding commitment to our community. Both as a successful businessman and as an avid supporter of charitable projects, he has used his intelligence and charisma to distinguish himself as a man of valor.

Dan's dedication to work with the St. Joseph Center has helped them to provide empowering opportunities to low income and homeless men, women, and children for over two decades. The Center is a nonprofit community agency that assists approximately 12,000 people yearly through its eleven programs. St. Joseph Center's mission is to be a caring presence in the neighborhood, attentive to the changing survival needs of the poor and marginalized members of our country. Dan's efforts certainly have helped to continue to change the lives of others.

After the untimely death of the St. Joseph Center's Event Chair, John Gorski, after whom the Center's Community Service Award is named, Dan Schwala stepped into the pivotal role as dinner and auction chair of their single most important event of the year.

With his wife, Denise Hart, he has for the third year provided the leadership, enthusiasm and management to ensure that the St. Joseph Center's 1998 event is their most successful ever.

From his position as the Senior Vice President of Paine Webber, Inc., and his commitment to Saint Monica's Parish in Santa Monica, California, he provides tireless direction in this most important community effort to recognize those who are being honored by the St. Joseph Center.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join me in honoring Dan Schwala. He is a role model for the citizens of our community.