

SALUTE TO BLUE RIBBON
SCHOOLS

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 1998

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, this week the Department of Education announced the selection of 16 secondary schools to be presented the prestigious Blue Ribbon Schools Award. I am thrilled that two of these schools, Dana Hills High School and Santa Margarita Catholic High School, are in my district, and I would like to take this opportunity to applaud both of these schools for this achievement.

Blue Ribbon Schools are judged on the basis of being especially effective in meeting local, state, and national goals. These schools display the qualities of excellence that are necessary to prepare our children for the challenges of the next century.

Dana Hills and Santa Margarita have both reached a level of excellence and fully deserve the recognition they are receiving with the Blue Ribbon Award. Teachers, parents, volunteers and of course the students themselves must be congratulated for their efforts. Through exceptional academics, athletics, and after-school programs, Dana Hills and Santa Margarita have set themselves apart from other schools.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to stand here today to recognize these excellent academic institutions and I extend my congratulations to Dana Hills High School and Santa Margarita Catholic School.

TRIBUTE TO DR. LOUIE BAROZZI

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to make a special tribute to Dr. Louie Barozzi in honor of his retirement as the Director of International Programs and Student Services at San Jose State University.

He has brought a wealth of knowledge, sensitivity, charm, and service to the university and community in the 30 years he served at San Jose State—the only place he has ever worked, in fact.

Louie started at the university in 1968 as an Advisor at Large. On his way to becoming Director of International Programs and Student Services he served as Counselor in Counseling Services and Chair of the Academic Senate.

There are not enough adjectives to describe Louie Barozzi. Some of the most apt include kind, thoughtful, insightful, caring, sensitive, hard-working, conscientious, flexible, eternally optimistic, generous, wise, humorous, witty, sympathetic, and friendly.

Louie is always willing to lend a helping hand and make time for those in need. He has been a mentor to many, serving as a surrogate father to students and a wonderful father to his own children. His wonderful sense of humor has helped carry others through difficult situations, and his ability to convey wisdom without being imposing has served him and students well over the years.

Louie is a wonderful asset to San Jose State and our entire community, and I am proud to extend to him my most heartfelt good wishes in honor of his retirement.

ANDRE NICHOLSON, DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA WINNER, 1997-98 VFW
VOICE OF DEMOCRACY SCHOLAR-
SHIP COMPETITION

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its Ladies Auxiliary sponsor the Voice of Democracy audio-essay scholarship competition. The program is now in its 51st year and required high school student entrants to write and record a three to five minute essay and an announced patriotic theme. "My Voice in our Democracy" was this year's theme, and more than 100,000 students participated in the program nationwide.

Mr. Speaker, I am extremely proud to report to this body that Andre R. Nicholson, a senior at Ballou Senior High School has been named a National winner in the 1998 Voice of Democracy Program and recipient of the \$1,000 Department of Nevada and its ladies Auxiliary Scholarship Award. Andre is the son of Robin and Jane Nicholson and he plans a career in marketing. Andre participated in the program as a project of his government class. I am pleased to acknowledge his teacher Paul Charles and his principal Kenneth Jones, Ph.D.

Mr. Speaker, I submit for the reflection of the Members Andre Nicholson's award winning essay.

MY VOICE IN OUR DEMOCRACY

1997-98 VFW VOICE OF DEMOCRACY SCHOLARSHIP
COMPETITION

(By District of Columbia Winner, Andre
Nicholson)

Good afternoon Honorable Judges and members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

As a young man in high school, it is an honor and pleasure for me to participate in the VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program. I hope that not only my voice in our Democracy will be heard but other voices young and old, as we enter the twenty-first century.

In Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg address he states "that this government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth."

The basic premise of democracy cries out that each individual's worth and dignity must be recognized and respected by all of society at all times; regardless of race, religion, or station in life.

Dr. King once said he had a dream, and that dream was that one day this nation would live out the true meaning of its creed, we hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal.

The concepts of democracy go on to insist all men should be equal before the law and by way of opportunity; that the majority should rule restrained by minority rights. It also states that we must compromise to find a satisfactory solution and that the freedom of one individual should not infringe upon others.

This has been an experiment in government, and like all experiments it's been a

trial and error process, good time and bad times, sunshine and rain.

However, if we the people of the United States are to form a more perfect union; we must be willing to grow along spiritual lines. On the back of one of our most prize possession (the dollar bill) is the statement "In God We Trust". If we would try more diligently to seek and do God's will, we as human beings would exhibit more God-like characteristics such as honesty, consideration, tolerance, forgiveness, faith, patience and concerns for others.

By doing this I think the democratic process would run smoother and we would form a more perfect union.

Will my voice be heard in our Democracy? Yes, I believe that my voice, as well as other young adults will be heard. In order to have a unified democracy to improve our country, it is vital that the voices of the young and the old go together in order to make this a better world.

Too many individuals, such as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, put in countless hours of work in order for us to have a good constitution in a democratic society. We must continue and push hard. I know we can make it work.

I'd like to thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to participate in the VFW Scholarship Program and may God Bless you.

SPACE DAY

HON. GEORGE E. BROWN, JR.

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BROWN of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to briefly note that today, May 21st, is "Space Day". It is a day intended to celebrate humanity's accomplishments in space. It is also a day for using space exploration as a teaching aid for imparting the importance of science and mathematics education.

First established in 1997, Space Day draws on the efforts of some 34 organizations and individuals in both the private and public sectors. It features activities in schools and communities both across America and around the world, as well as events on the Worldwide Web.

As someone who has long believed in the importance of our space program and the benefits that it can deliver to all of our citizens, I want to offer my best wishes for a successful Space Day '98.

CONGRATULATIONS TO
PROFESSOR DAN GOLDRICH

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

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Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, we all had many teachers during our years of education. Some of them were more important than others in assisting our understanding of the world and our place in it. For me, Dan Goldrich was one of the very few who stood head and shoulders above the rest. He helped me develop my ability to think critically and defy conventional wisdom when necessary. He is credentialed as a Professor of Political