

pleasure to work with Mr. Burrus, as he consistently served the city in an unassuming, unselfish, and effective manner.

Mr. Burrus continues to dedicate his time, expertise, and leadership to his community. He serves on various boards and commissions including several health care boards, higher education committees, as well as metropolitan planning councils. He was the past chairman and treasurer of the Chicago Unit Board of Directors of the American Cancer Society. Mr. Burrus is also a current member and past Chairman of the Chicago Transit Authority.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Mr. Clark Burrus for the valuable leadership and knowledge he has contributed to his workplace and community. I would like to extend my best wishes for many more years of service to his community.

#### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

SPEECH OF

**HON. VIC FAZIO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 22, 1998*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4059) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment, and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes:

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of this bill and would like to commend the work of both the Chairman, Mr. PACKARD, and the Ranking Member, Mr. HEFNER. Further, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the work and friendship of Mr. HEFNER. He is truly one of our finest members and it has been my distinct honor to have served with him in this body. The Committee has done an outstanding job in crafting a bill which addresses both the military needs and quality of life concerns for the men and women in our armed services. Make no mistake, our military personnel deserve the best that we in Congress can offer, and this bill takes many of the necessary steps required to improve the quality of life for our military families. The focus this bill places on family housing, child development centers, medical facilities and treatment centers is critical if we are going to continually recruit and retain our best people. While this bill does not meet every deficiency in our military facilities, it continues the approach of budgeting for the highest priority needs of our armed services. Additionally, I believe it represents a firm commitment by this Congress to our men and women in uniform to continue our efforts to improve their living and working conditions.

Further, I would like to express my appreciation to the Committee for their quick response to fund the Continuous Processing Facility at Indian Head. As many of you know, an accidental explosion damaged a portion of this building in February. Although my funding request was unexpected, the Committee responded to this priority by providing funds for a facility which in the long run will be more efficient and flexible in meeting the Defense Department's energetics requirements. Lastly, I

would like to thank the Committee for supporting the Administration's request for the replacement of the Annealing Ovens Facility at Indian Head. This new facility will function in a more efficient fashion and address important environmental concerns in my district. Again, I thank the Chairman and Ranking Member, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

“DAY TO MAKE OUR VOICES  
HEARD”

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 23, 1998*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about the critical importance of union organizing in protecting working families. “The Day to Make Our Voices Heard” campaign highlights successful organizing drives and shows how they improve workers' standards of living and working conditions. The campaign focuses public attention on the many obstacles workers face in exercising their right to union representation. This week's events are especially important in building coalitions among workers, union leaders, as well as political and community leaders—coalitions that will hold up the example of responsible employers and build public pressure against employers who trample the right of their workers to organize.

In Northwest Indiana—the region I represent—and throughout our country, the opportunity to join a union means a guarantee that workers share in the benefits of increased productivity. The ability to join a union means that you will earn an average 34 percent more than a nonunion worker. The ability to join a union means that you are more likely to receive health benefits from your employer and higher quality benefits that will protect your family members in the case of a serious illness. The ability to join a union means that you are more likely to have a decent pension that will provide you and your spouse with a secure retirement. The ability to join a union means that you will have a greater say in how your workplace is run, which will lead to a safer and more productive workplace.

And what has protecting workers' ability to join unions meant to our country? Over the past century, America's unions have helped build the largest middle class in the history of the world. As we move into the next century, good union jobs will continue to be essential to building and maintaining communities that are strong both economically and socially.

Now you would think that the Congress would be doing everything it could to protect workers right to union representation. Sadly, that is not the case. Just this March, the Republican majority in the House pushed through legislation that would overturn a unanimous 1995 Supreme Court decision recognizing the right of all workers to seek employment, regardless of their membership in a union or their support for union representation in their new workplace. And every year, we see attempts in the Congress to cut funding for the National Labor Relations Board—the federal agency responsible for preventing unfair labor practices by employers and unions.

Mr. Speaker, it is high time that Members of the House make our voices heard in support

of union organizing efforts across the country. We owe this—higher wages, better benefits, safer workplaces—and much more to the working men and women of America.

A TRIBUTE TO MEGAN JOHNSTON-  
COX & IRENE SORENSON

**HON. JERRY LEWIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 23, 1998*

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention the fine achievement of Megan Johnston-Cox, an eighth grade student from Home Street Middle School in Bishop, California. Megan was a recent competitor in the National History Day Competition (June 14–18) at the University of Maryland. The competition, sponsored by the Constitutional Rights Foundation, involved students from across the United States who submitted essays on this year's theme: “Migration in History: People, Cultures, and Ideas.” In fact, Megan's project was selected for display at the National Archives branch office near the University of Maryland on June 17.

Megan qualified for the national competition by first winning California State History Day competitions at both the county and state levels. Her essay, entitled “Farm to Factory: The Migration of Yankee Women,” traced the migration of women from the farms to the textile mills in Lowell, Massachusetts. Megan also researched the impact and development of the textile industry in the United States.

Megan's outstanding accomplishments were undoubtedly guided by the leadership of her teacher, Mrs. Irene Sorenson. Irene is a past winner of the Richard Farrell Award from the Constitutional Rights Foundation which recognized her as the National History Day Teacher of Merit in 1995. Also in 1995, Irene sent another student, Will Baylies, to the National History Day competition. Clearly, the dedication of young students such as Megan and Will, and the guidance of teachers like Irene Sorenson, make our public school system the finest in the world.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me and our colleagues in recognizing Megan Johnston-Cox for her fine accomplishment. To say the least, her fine work is admired by all of us. I'd also like to commend Irene Sorenson for her fine leadership and her devotion to such remarkable educational standards. Students like Megan and instructors like Irene set a fine example for us all and it is only appropriate that the House pay tribute to them both today.

HONORING VIRGILIO AND ANGELA  
BORRELLI

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 23, 1998*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Virgilio and Angela Borrelli are celebrating fifty years of marriage. These two marvelous people met before Virgilio went off to serve his country in World War II. He returned in 1946 and began his courtship of Angela and on March 14, 1948 they were married in Saint Anthony's Church in Yonkers, New York.