

Quinton Sells, age 14, has won an Outstanding Boxer Award, was Gulf Association Silver Glove Champion, Texas State Silver Glove Champion, Regional Silver Glove Champion and National Silver Glove Champion all in one year, 1998. In addition to his physical prowess, Mr. Sells has been recognized by his peers for his intellect, having been voted Outstanding Student at Martin Luther King Middle School.

K'lon Spencer, age 13, has won 9 Outstanding Boxer awards. In 1997, Mr. Spencer was Gulf Association Silver Glove, Golden Glove and Junior Olympic Champion. The next year he was Texas State Silver Glove, Golden Glove and Junior Olympic Champion. That same year he also won the Junior National Golden Glove Championship.

Jordan Burton III, age 13, has won two Outstanding Boxer Awards. He was the Gulf Association Silver Glove, Golden Glove and Junior Olympic Champion in 1997. He is the Texas State Silver Glove, Golden Glove and Junior Olympic Champion for 1998.

Cymone Kearney, age 12, was Gulf Association Silver Glove Champion, Texas State Silver Glove Champion, Regional Silver Glove Champion and National Silver Glove Champion in 1998. Mr. Kearney is also the Junior National Olympic Champion.

Bryant Thomas, age 12, is the Gulf Association Golden Glove, Silver Glove and Junior Olympic Champion of 1998, the Texas State Golden Glove Champion and the runner-up National Silver Glove Champion of the same year.

These young men, whom we praise for their individual prowess, are also part of a team. The Beaumont Police Activities League provides a safe, supportive environment in which all young people are encouraged to succeed. The boxing team was started in September 1996. Since then, they have competed in more than 300 bouts with a team record of 176 wins and 142 losses. They are sanctioned by USA Boxing and have won 8 team championships. This gym alone has produced 5 National Champions, a credit to their coaching as much as individual talent. The coaches have volunteered their time and invested themselves wholeheartedly in the program. Coach Lee Wheeler went so far as to trade his Harley-Davidson motorcycle in order to purchase a van to transport the team across the country.

I applaud these six young men for their dedication, fortitude and spirit. I thank them for showing us the courage that exists within us all. And I wish them luck in all of their future endeavors both inside and outside the ring.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. VINCE SNOWBARGER

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 5, 1998*

Mr. SNOWBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on Friday October 2, and missed Roll Call votes number 477, 478, and 479. Had I been present, I would have voted Yes on Roll Call 477, to approve the Journal of the previous day; I would have voted No on Roll Call 478 to recommit the Conference Report on H.R. 4101; and I would have voted Yes on Roll Call 479 to agree to the Con-

ference Report on H.R. 4101. I ask unanimous consent that my positions on these votes be so noted.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO HARRY AND NANCY E. ROTHROCK, JR., FOR THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

### HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 5, 1998*

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, on September 5, 1998, Harry and Nancy E. Rothrock, Jr., of High Point, North Carolina celebrated a special day in their lives—their Golden Wedding Anniversary. It is with great pride and personal interest that I congratulate them on this special occasion.

In this day and age when fewer couples can claim fifty years of marriage, Harry and Nancy Rothrock are the exception to the rule. For they have based their long lasting relationship on open communications, a personal commitment to one another, and genuine love. From 1948 to 1998, they experienced many ups and downs, and many trials and tribulations, but I know they would both say it has been well worth it.

Harry and Nancy met at High Point College in 1946 where they were active in many campus activities. Harry was a baseball and basketball star, while Nancy was the "May Day Queen" and a cheerleader. Rumor has it that it took Harry three attempts before Nancy would go out on a date with him, but, in the end, it was "love at first sight."

Their marriage has been complemented with four children—Nancy, Jr., Alan, John and Doug—and three grandchildren—Abbey, Darus, and Elizabeth. The family celebrated the anniversary with a private dinner and were joined by Nancy's sister, Mrs. Betsy (George S.) Bouldin.

Again, I want to send my sincerest congratulations and heart felt wishes to Harry and Nancy Rothrock on celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

#### DR. JON LARSON INAUGURATED

### HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 5, 1998*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Jon H. Larson, a distinguished educator who is joining our community in Northeastern Pennsylvania. On October 10, 1998, Dr. Larson will be inaugurated as the fifth president of the Luzerne County Community College, located in my hometown of Nanticoke.

Dr. Larson was most recently Vice-President for Administration and Dean of Institutional Services of the Frederick Community College in Frederick, Maryland. During his tenure at Frederick, he was also a research associate at the University of Maryland. Prior to that experience, Dr. Larson served in several administrative and teaching positions at Berkshire Community College in Massachusetts.

Dr. Larson had numerous successes in Maryland, having served as the founding co-

chair of the Maryland Community College Technology Council and the founding chair of the Maryland Community College Facilities Planners Council. He chaired a campaign that quadrupled capital funding for 18 colleges and was instrumental in the resource development and grant funding aspects of a \$34 million capital improvements program.

Always active in the community, Dr. Larson served in leadership capacity of the Kiwanis, Norwich University Club, and the Frederick County Chamber of Commerce. He also served as community representative for the Bio Whittaker Animal Care and Use Committee, chair of the Frederick County CETA Planning Council, and chair of the Lee, Massachusetts Planning Board.

Dr. Larson has been a member of the Society for College and University Planning, the AACC National Council for Research and Planning, and several other professional organizations. Since moving to Northeastern Pennsylvania, Dr. Larson has continued his community involvement by joining the Kirby Center Board of Directors and co-chairing the education committee of the United Way of Wyoming Valley.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have the opportunity to join with the community in welcoming Dr. Larson and his wife, Judy, to Northeastern Pennsylvania. Since his recent arrival, Dr. Larson has already provided a clear vision for the mission of the Luzerne County Community College in the new millennium.

#### AFRICA SEEDS OF HOPE ACT OF 1998

SPEECH OF

### HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 28, 1998*

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mrs. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 4283, the Africa Seeds of Hope Act of 1998.

There are important signs of human progress in Africa. Life expectancy has increased, the infant mortality rate decreased by nearly 50%, we have seen sharp increases in educational advancement. Despite these advances, however, hunger and poverty still remain worse in Africa than on any other continent in the world.

The Africa Seeds of Hope Act promotes sustainable growth and development in Sub-Saharan Africa while at the same time helping the agriculture community. This bill would also improve food security for children, women and needy households, and improve the agricultural productivity and incomes of the rural poor. Agriculture is the largest source of revenue in most Sub-Saharan African economies. It is safe to say, that unless the agricultural industries improve, many Sub-Saharan African countries will continue to economically deteriorate.

The Africa Seeds of Hope Act has been endorsed by over two-hundred agricultural and humanitarian organizations with experiences in Africa.

By dedicating resources aimed at agricultural research, financing rural area farms and food security, this bi-partisan legislation would work in tandem with our new trade initiatives