

revenue neutral, permanent basis. I hope it will be.

HONORING GLEN STILLWELL OF
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. CHRISTOPHER COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 1999

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen, I rise today to honor Glen Stillwell, one of Orange County, California's finest and most generous philanthropists.

Glen, after a long and courageous struggle, recently succumbed to a terminal illness. He has left behind his lovely wife Dotti of 53 years, and a rich legacy of service and leadership in the community of Orange County. His charitable and selfless influence upon the McIntosh Center for the Disabled, the Providence Speech and Hearing Center, the Olive Crest Treatment Center for Abused Children, the Assistance League, the Orange County Performing Arts Center, and the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, allowed these much-needed institutions to thrive.

Glen Stillwell truly lived the American dream. He came to California at the end of the Great Depression and became a pioneer in the budding aerospace engineering industry—a California industry, that, with Glen's help, has become a world-leader. In time, through his own grit and determination, Glen built his own aerospace-manufacturing company, which under the example of his guidance, continues to flourish. But throughout his brilliant career, however, Glen always considered the upbringing of his two sons, Thomas and Richard, his most important calling.

Glen Stillwell was a visionary. He planted the seeds that ultimately became Chapman College and the world-renowned Orange County Performing Arts Center. He also had a passion for civic involvement, and his voice was often heard in the public arena on important issues of statecraft. Indeed, Glen was the best kind of patriot; he loved his country and he loved the community of Orange County, and he loved his family.

Orange County will miss Glen Stillwell, but will enjoy the fruits of his hard work and dedication for many generations to come.

EDUCATION FLEXIBILITY
PARTNERSHIP ACT OF 1999

SPEECH OF

HON. JENNIFER DUNN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 10, 1999

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 800) to provide for education flexibility partnerships:

Ms. DUNN. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to support the Education Flexibility Act. Republicans in the House are working on a bipartisan basis to put education back in the hands of local teachers and schools, and provide relief from federal regulations that only serve to stifle innovation in education.

H.R. 800 will give states and communities more decision-making flexibility. This flexibility

is crucial to ensure that schools can promote the best opportunities for our children so that they may reach their greatest learning potential. This bill also creates real, measurable accountability standards for teachers to encourage them to bring out the best in every child at school.

With the passage of the Ed-Flex, my home state of Washington will finally have the opportunity to utilize this flexibility when designing their education programs. Local districts and schools, such as Tahoma High School in Maple Valley, will have the flexibility to design a plan that works for Tahoma, not bureaucrats in Washington, DC. By broadening this plan from the original plan of 12 states to include the rest of the nation, we offer all states much needed relief from over-burdensome regulations.

The proof is in the reforms already begun by states that participated in the ed-flex pilot program. In both Texas and Maryland, Ed-Flex has enabled school districts in each state to improve the test scores of their poorest children. In return for greater flexibility, both states have produced solid academic results.

Ed-Flex is a program that works—for schools and for students. A Kent County, Maryland school with 60% of the students at the poverty level utilized ed-flex and now has the third highest test scores in the state for elementary schools. Parents of the students in this school know first hand the value of local flexibility. Their kids are improving their reading, writing, and math skills—some of the most important tools in life.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to think of the possibilities ed-flex can create in their home districts, to imagine how flexibility at the local level will stimulate new ideas and programs that will improve the quality of education for our children, and create opportunities for our teachers and educators to design plans that help our children reach their fullest potential. I ask my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING GLORIA B. CORLEY-
MCKOY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 1999

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Gloria B. Corley-McKoy for her exemplary community service and contribution to the Brooklyn Community.

Ms. Corley-McKoy has lived in the Brooklyn Community of East New York for the past 35 years. She was employed as a drug counselor by the Board of Education for 22 years and currently works as a community and project liaison for the AFSCME-AFL-CIO.

Although retired from her position at the Board of Education, Ms. Corley-McKoy continues her tireless advocacy on behalf of the children of New York. She currently serves as President of the Community School Board and President of the Boulevard Houses Tenant Association, a position she uses to advocate for improving the lives of children in the community.

Ms. Corely-McKoy is married to Jeffrey McKoy. She is a product of the New York Public School System. Her late son, Edward,

was a graduate of Community School District 19. Ms. Corley-McKoy comes from a loving family of eight sisters and 2 brothers. One of her sisters, Priscilla A. Wooten, serves on the City Council and Ms. Corley-McKoy played an instrumental role in her sister's election while serving as campaign manager.

Mr. Speaker, it is a considerable honor for me to speak about one of our community's most cherished leaders. I have known Gloria for several years, and I can think of no better role model for the community. America should be aware of the tireless, unselfish work of community leaders like Gloria B. Corley-McKoy.

IN HONOR OF LAVATUS V.
POWELL

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 11, 1999

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lavatus V. "Vate" Powell, a friend and community leader, who passed away on February 17, 1999.

Vate was known for his integrity, straightforwardness, and positive outlook on life. His life was centered around service to others.

Vate was born in Mississippi and graduated from Jackson State University in 1955. He earned his master of science degree in 1964 from Case Western Reserve University. He was a Cincinnati Public Schools teacher from 1955 to 1965.

He began his career with Procter & Gamble in 1965 as a systems analyst in the Data Processing Systems Department. He went on to hold positions in personnel, urban affairs, and public relations, before becoming public affairs manager. He went on to become vice president of Procter & Gamble's Ohio Government Relations Division, where he served until his retirement in 1997.

Vate was an extraordinary community volunteer. He served as president of the Andrew Jergens Foundation; chairman of Preserving Affordable Housing; chairman of the Purcell-Marian High School Foundation and a member of the Purcell-Marian board of trustees; trustee of the Cincinnati Museum Center; member of the Partners of Children's Defense Fund, and a director of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce. He served as co-founder and treasurer of the Black Male Coalition; Capitol Revival Task Force; chairman of the Cincinnati United Way Government Affairs Committee; and president of the Board of Trustees of Family Service of the Cincinnati area. He was an elder at Carmel Presbyterian Church.

In 1997, he received an Imagemaker Award from Applause magazine for his efforts to promote education. That same year, he was honored by the African American Leadership Network for his work with Procter & Gamble.

Vate was a warm and caring person who gave generously of his time and talents. Cincinnati was blessed to have him as a leading citizen. Many of us were blessed to have him as a friend.