

memorializes the President and the Congress of the United States during the First Session of the 106th Congress to take action necessary to honor our country's moral obligation to provide these Filipino veterans with the military benefits that they deserve, including, but not limited to, holding related hearings, and acting favorably on legislation pertaining to granting full veterans benefits to Filipino veterans of the United States Armed Forces; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of the Assembly transmit a copy of this resolution to the President and the Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

CONSENT OF CONGRESS TO THE  
CHICKASAW TRAIL ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT COMPACT

**HON. ED BRYANT**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 4, 1999*

Mr. BRYANT. Mr. Speaker, as we move into the 21st Century, there is a need in our rural communities to find new revenue sources to keep up with the constant changes of our high-tech and booming business community.

This scenario rings true in many areas of rural Tennessee. Several of the counties within the seventh-district are doing what they can to attract businesses to their communities to provide jobs and revenue to help their counties, cities, and towns grow in the new century.

That is what we have in front of us today. The Chickasaw Trail Economic Development Compact gives Congressional consent to an interstate compact between Tennessee and Mississippi that will promote interstate cooperation and economic development in an area straddling Fayette County, Tennessee and Marshall County, Mississippi.

Under the bill, the Chickasaw Compact would conduct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing an industrial park in this area. Should that study turn out to be favorable, the states would then negotiate a new compact implementing the details needed to establish a 4,000 to 5,000 acre industrial park. This location is adjacent to metro Memphis, which is shot of available land for future industrial growth, and it is hoped that the development would attract sophisticated high technology industries to the area.

The compact has already established a board of directors representing the two states, the two counties and the private sector. Financial support from local, state and federal sources have allowed the project to proceed with an initial feasibility study.

COMMEMORATE THE PASSING OF  
ROBERT LAWRENCE RUMSEY

**HON. GARY G. MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 4, 1999*

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on this sad occasion to commemorate someone very dear to me, my father-in-law, Robert Lawrence Rumsey.

Robert passed away peacefully in his sleep at the age of 85 on January 28, 1999 at his home in Glendora, California. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Evelyn Rumsey; his sister Dorothy Lawrence; his three daughters and two sons-in-law, Charles and Judy Nichols of Huntington Beach; Loretta Rojas of Pomona; my wife, Cathy, and me.

He will be deeply missed by his seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and one great great-grandchild.

Robert was born in Chicago, Illinois in 1913 to Silas and Nellie Rumsey. When he was five years old, he moved to Los Angeles, California. In 1930, Robert graduated from Manual Arts High School and soon thereafter moved to Detroit, Michigan where he met his beautiful wife Evelyn. The two were married on August 21, 1934. Robert then attended the Ford Motor Company Trade School and graduated with honors. He proceeded to become a master Tool and Die Maker and Mold Maker.

In 1941, Robert and Evelyn moved to Southern California and in 1947 began building their home in Glendora. For many years, Robert worked for United Engravers in Los Angeles.

Services were held on Monday, February 1, 1999 at Oakdale Memorial Park in Glendora, California.

You will be greatly missed.

COMMEMORATING THE CORNER-  
STONE CEREMONY FOR JOHN A.  
O'CONNELL TECHNICAL HIGH  
SCHOOL

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 4, 1999*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Cornerstone Ceremony for John A. O'Connell Technical High School in San Francisco.

In 1989 the Loma Prieta earthquake virtually destroyed the facilities at John A. O'Connell Technical High School, and forced them to relocate the school temporarily for a period of ten years. In the year 2000 the John A. O'Connell Technical High School will return to its former site and a new building structure in the Mission District of San Francisco. John A. O'Connell Technical High School will be the first San Francisco public school of the Millennium. Its curriculum will be revised to reflect the role of technology for today's classrooms and workplaces as its focus moves from a traditional trade school to a school emphasizing a curriculum that will embody a "school to career" principle.

On May 10, 1999, the Cornerstone Ceremony for John A. O'Connell Technical High School will be hosted by officers of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of California. It is a true reflection of our diversity of interests to bring together so many organizations in support of public education. The Masons have a rich tradition of serving our communities, particularly education, and we are grateful for their support over these many years. The man whose name we honor today—John O'Connell—served the San Francisco community as its labor leader for almost half a century as a founder of the Teamsters Union and the San Francisco Labor Council.

Their extraordinary vision and commitment bring us once again to the doorsteps of a new center for education and learning in the Mission District.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Congress, let us join in celebrating our continued support for public education by commending the leaders and representatives of the San Francisco Mission District community, labor community, and Masonic Lodges and organizations and other individuals who have contributed to this historic occasion.

DALLAS COWBOYS OWNER JERRY  
JONES

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 4, 1999*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, many of us are aware of the contributions that Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones has made to the sport of football. His focus on excellence in sportmanship and successful stewardship of the Dallas Cowboys will be forever cemented in the history of the game.

However, Mr. Jones has also made a significant contribution to the history of our country and the ideas of Thomas Jefferson, the third President of the United States, who drafted the Declaration of Independence.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Jones along with his wife Gene, donated \$1 million to a Library of Congress program that is currently rebuilding Thomas Jefferson's personal book collection that was lost in a fire.

This gracious gift allows the Library of Congress to obtain lost copies of books destroyed in 1851. It will be a labor and financially intensive undertaking that will be helped by Mr. Jones's assistance.

Cicero once said that "to be ignorant of the past is to remain a child." Mr. Speaker, the donation by Mr. Jones will assure that we will be able to hold onto history and be less ignorant of it, while being wiser.

Thomas Jefferson was not only the drafter of the Declaration of Independence and U.S. President, he was also an enlightened thinker whose ideas helped us build this country and guide her through dark times. His ideas and thoughts were shaped and influenced by books.

It is appropriate that the gift from Mr. and Mrs. Jones will help restore Jefferson's rare books as he helped found the Library of Congress.

As this country still wrestles with issues of equality and freedom well into the 21st century, it is incumbent upon us to refer to the high-minded ideals of our Founding Fathers. The \$1 million donation to the Library of Congress will help this country locate those books and remind us of our collective vision and history.

On behalf of the residents of the 30th Congressional District and all Americans, I would like to thank Jerry and Gene Jones for their donation to the Library of Congress. For me, this also represents their service to our country, support of democratic ideas and persevering history.