

enforcement officers and fire fighters who die as federal employees.

Under current CSRS and FERS law, certain employees (i.e. air traffic controllers, fire fighters, law enforcement officers, and nuclear materials couriers) qualify for an immediate enhanced annuity if separated from service after reaching age 50 and completing 20 years of service. The enhanced annuity, however, requires that they make retirement contributions that are 0.5 percent higher than employees generally.

The legislation addresses an inequity that occurs when an employee in one of these occupations is forced to retire because of a disability, or is involuntarily separated (not for cause), before reaching age 50, the employee only receives a regular annuity (and not the enhanced annuity), even if he or she has had 20 years of service in the occupation.

The bill fixes this problem by providing the enhanced annuity to employees, who after 20 years of qualifying service, regardless of age, are forced to retire due to involuntary separation, or for disability. The measure also provides for a refund of the additional 0.5 percent retirement contribution, with interest, when employees in these occupations retire or die before attaining eligibility for the enhanced annuity.

By supporting this legislation, you support federal firefighters, law enforcement officers, and others, who work in these very demanding occupations.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS CHILD CARE CENTER ACT OF 1999

### HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 1999*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, today I have introduced a bill designed to ensure the continued ability of the Library of Congress to provide quality child care services to those who so ably serve that fine institution and other elements of the Legislative Branch, as well as to other federal government employees and private sector employees when space is available.

Similar to the general law applying to other federal child care facilities, this legislation would amend the Library of Congress Child Care Center's authorizing language to specify that the Center must have at least 50 percent of its enrollees from families of federal employees. The legislation also establishes priorities for enrollment in the Center: first priority would go to children (and grandchildren and dependents) of Library employees; second priority would go to children of other employees of the Legislative Branch; and third priority would go to children of employees of other federal agencies. Children of non-federal employees would then be admitted as space allows, subject to the 50 percent limit.

The 1991 law creating the Library's Child Care Center is ambiguous on the point of permitting the Center to admit children whose parents are employed outside of the Legislative Branch. The Library's General Counsel and the independent Library of Congress Child Care Association Board believe the clear authority provided in the bill I introduce today is

needed to continue the ability of the Library to provide affordable child care to Capitol Hill staff.

The proportion of Library and other Legislative Branch children enrolled in the Library's Child Care Center has steadily increased since the Center opened its doors in 1993. With nearly 50 percent of the Library's workforce becoming eligible for retirement by the year 2003, Library employees will have an even greater need for quality, convenient child care. Meanwhile, in order to remain self-sustaining, the Library's Center needs the same flexibility provided to other federal centers to admit a small proportion of children from families not employed by the federal government.

#### TRIBUTE TO ALEX AND SHIRLEY FAHN

### HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 1999*

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Alex and Shirley Fahn, of Sacramento, California.

Mr. Speaker, the Sacramento community, and especially the community of the Keneset Israel Torah Center understand why Alex and Shirley deserve our recognition and our heartfelt thanks.

These extraordinary individuals display the inspiration of the Talmud and serve as examples to those near them. Alex and Shirley show us by their faith and commitment that this kind of courage is possible and they surround us with their strength.

Perhaps the most remarkable example of Alex and Shirley's commitment to build in our community is their belief in the Keneset Israel Torah Center. Mr. Speaker, Alex and Shirley's work to take a dream and make it a reality touched so many people that they will be honored with a gala dinner in Sacramento later this week. I know I speak for those back home when I say that one evening of recognition could not possibly repay Alex and Shirley for their constant sacrifice.

The Talmud say, "Every blade of grass has an angel that bends over it and whispers, 'Grow, Grow.'" Alex and Shirley have been the angels of the Keneset Israel Torah Center—dedicating their time and enthusiasm to every aspect of creating the Center. Since the initial planning stages, they never hesitated to offer their home to host meetings and events. They served on the Center's Board of Directors and began a tradition of generosity by donating to the building fund and dedicating classrooms. This amazing couple unconsciously grew into a leadership position in the development and life of Keneset Israel.

We are grateful for Alex and Shirley's involvement as congregational and community leaders in a variety of organizations and capacities. Their leadership experience and personal integrity provide an example for the rest of us trying to navigate a true course.

Over the course of their service in Sacramento, Alex has served as president of both the Jewish Federation and Mosaic Law Congregation. Shirley has been active in the philanthropic sorority Theta Delta Xi.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for the constant contributions from Alex and Shirley Fahn and

their commitment to truly give all they can. It is with great pleasure that I honor them today and offer my most heartfelt gratitude and best wishes for the future.

#### TRIBUTE TO STANLEY "SKEETER" SHIELDS

### HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 12, 1999*

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, the citizens of East Tennessee are losing a true statesman. After 32 years of successful service, Stanley "Skeeter" Shields is retiring from his post as Mayor of the City of Maryville, Tennessee. Few people in the entire Nation have served one community for so long and with such dedication.

A lifelong member of the Blount County community, Skeeter Shields has spent his career making life better for the citizens of Maryville and indeed all of Blount County. After graduating from Maryville High School, he attended Maryville College and went on to graduate from the University of Tennessee.

Mayor Shields has a beautiful family. He and his wife, Mary Frances, have two wonderful children and three grandchildren. Those who know Skeeter know that he is a true family man.

Skeeter Shields has been a devout member of the First United Methodist Church for many years. In fact, he has taught Sunday school for 44 years and is the past Chairman of the Church Board.

Mayor Shields is a model public servant. He was a member of the Maryville School board for 12 years, helping to improve the lives of young people through the education process. He was elected to the Maryville City Council in 1955, and in 1967 he was elected Mayor. He has served in that position ever since.

During his tenure, Mayor Shields demonstrated the true potential of a public servant. He was instrumental in getting several large industries to establish facilities in the Maryville area. Additionally, he helped develop a regional wastewater treatment plant, three public parks, two fire station facilities, as well as many other things that have greatly benefitted the citizens of Maryville.

Throughout the last 32 years, Mayor Shields has worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for members of the Maryville and Blount County communities. I know that I join with everyone in East Tennessee in thanking Mayor Stanley "Skeeter" Shields for his outstanding service to this Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I have included a copy of a Resolution adopted by the Tennessee General Assembly honoring Mayor Shields that I would like to call to the attention of my fellow Members and other readers of the RECORD.

#### A RESOLUTION TO HONOR STANLEY SHIELDS, MAYOR OF MARYVILLE, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

Whereas, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should recognize those citizens who in their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion; and

Whereas, Stanley Shields is one such outstanding person who has served with alacrity and acuity as the Mayor of Maryville, Tennessee for 32 outstanding years; and