

proposals in the area of crime and law enforcement. He was the creator of new divisions in the Attorney General's office to handle anti-trust, constitutional rights, consumer fraud and investment fraud problems.

As a justice on the California Supreme Court, he has authored many of the court's most important opinions and is a distinguished and sought-after author, lecturer and teacher nationally and internationally.

Earlier this year, Justice Mosk was honored by the California State Bar with the prestigious Bernard E. Witkin Medal. This award reads as follows: "Unfailing in courtesy, kindness and collegiality, Justice Mosk's modest demeanor belies the magnitude of his contributions to the development of California law."

That "magnitude of his contributions" was recently described in the Albany Law Review: "An institution, an icon, a trailblazer, a legal scholar, a constitutional guardian, a veritable living legend of the American judiciary, Justice Mosk has courageously and wisely labored for more than three decades as one of the most influential members in the history of one of the most influential tribunals in the western world."

I ask my colleagues now to join me in honoring Justice Mosk for his extraordinary contributions and achievements. I am extremely proud to celebrate his years of service to California and to the nation.

IN HONOR OF FR. GERALD KELLER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Father Keller's twenty-five years as Pastor of St. Adalbert Church. Father Keller has dedicated his life to serving his church and community. His love and caring have touched all those who know him.

Father Keller was appointed Pastor of St. Adalbert Parish on October 25, 1974. From this date on, he employed his deep faith and enthusiasm to meet whatever challenges awaited him. In addition to providing weekday and weekend masses, wedding and funeral liturgies, monthly baptisms, and annual communal anointing of the sick, Father Keller has introduced the program of Christ Renews his Parish, begun a Baptismal program for parents, chaplained the Southwest Hospital, and initiated the Spiritual Life Commission. Through the years since 1974 the Parish has also initiated Holy Hour on Saturday afternoons, retreats for parish youth, Vacation Bible School, separate Men's and Women's retreats, and parish missions. Through his selfless work and dedication, Father Keller has created a church abound with opportunities for spiritual growth.

Born on April 2, 1938, to John and Josephine Keller, Father Keller entered St. Gregory's Seminary in Cincinnati in September of 1956. On May 22, 1965 Father Keller was ordained. The following day he offered his first Mass at his home parish, Nativity of the B.V.M. Father Keller was later assigned to St. Matthew's Parish, and then to St. Barnabas, a larger suburban parish with greater demands, before joining St. Adalbert Church.

Looking back at the past twenty-five years, Father Keller finds that it has been a time of

change and growth for himself and for his parish. For his thirty-five years of priesthood, Father Keller has provided patience and listening to all those in need. His true depth of heart is apparent in his statement to his Congregation that, "I am more present to myself with you than when I am entirely alone." I urge all of my colleagues to please join me in honoring Father Keller's twenty-five years as Pastor of St. Adalbert Church.

TRIBUTE TO HAZEL WOLF

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2000

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a true leader and pioneer who touched the hearts of the people of Washington state. Hazel Wolf, who passed away on January 20, 2000, spent her 101 years as a passionate environmentalist, fervent human rights activist, and a fighter for the underdog. She is a shining example of a person with passion who truly made a contribution to life in the Pacific Northwest in the 20th Century.

Born in 1898 in British Columbia, Ms. Wolf led an extraordinary life. During the Depression, employed by the Works Project Administration, she set about unionizing workers. In 1979, she helped to organize the Indian Conservationist Conference. In 1990, Ms. Wolf met a Soviet delegation and held discussions which paved the way for the founding of the Leningrad Audubon Society. Like former President Jimmy Carter and Senator Dan Evans, she was sent as an observer to the 1990 Nicaraguan elections.

Ms. Wolf has played a prominent role in environmental efforts in local national and international arenas. In addition to co-founding the Seattle Audubon Society, where she worked as secretary for 26 years, she set up more than 20 other local chapters, like the Black Hills Audubon Society. Ms. Wolf was also the president of the Federation of Outdoor Clubs and editor of its magazine, *Outdoor West*, member of the National Audubon Society, the Sierra Club, Greenpeace, and the Earth Island Institute. Her endeavors to improve environmental safety in low income inner-city housing were through the Community Coalition for Environmental Justice, which she also co-founded.

Ms. Wolf was a recipient of a number of awards. These include the Washington State Department of Game's Award for services in protection of wildlife (1978); the State of Washington Environmental Excellence Award (1978); State University of New York's Sol Feinstein Award for her work with Seattle Audubon's Trailside Series of books on the Northwest; the National Audubon Society's Conservationist of the Year Award (1978); the Association of Biologists and Ecologists of Nicaragua's Award for nature conservation (1988); the People's Daily World's Newsmaker Award; and the Washington State Legislature Award for environmental work. The Women in Communications group bestowed her with their top honor, the Matrix Award for Women of Achievement.

Hazel Wolf made an indelible mark on our community, our environment and our heart.

She will be missed and I hope the Washington state community will work hard to continue the efforts for the causes she fought so hard for throughout her life.

2000 COLORADO BUSINESS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE, ED McVANEY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an inductee for the 2000 Colorado Business Hall of Fame, Mr. Ed McVaney.

Jointly produced by the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce and Junior Achievement, the Colorado Business Hall of Fame recognizes outstanding Colorado businesses and civic leaders from the past and present, publicizes the contributions of business leaders to our community and promotes the importance and value of the private enterprise system.

One of this year's inductees, Ed McVaney, is the cofounder and chairman of J.D. Edwards, a Denver-based software company that develops highly functional enterprise resource planning software to facilitate the operation and management of complex enterprises.

Ed McVaney graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1964 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. Ed began work as an operations research engineer and software specialist for Bell Systems while still in college. He earned an MBA from Rutgers University in 1966. He worked in the software area of Grant Thronton & Co. and Peat, Marwick Mitchell.

Mr. McVaney and his wife, Carole, have always been strong advocates of higher education. They have given generous donations to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The donation established the J.D. Edwards Honors Program for Computer Science and Management.

Mr. McVaney's contributions to the software industry as well as the Denver economy are unmatched. It is because of these contributions, his leadership and vision that Ed McVaney is so well-known and widely respected in Colorado.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to congratulate Mr. Ed McVaney and thank him for his commitment to his field and our community.

CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LATINO LEARNING CENTER

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2000

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Latino Learning Center and to express my appreciation to everyone associated with this wonderful organization. The Latino Learning Center was founded in November 1979 to provide employment and educational needs in our community and is governed by a 15-member

board of directors comprising of community, civic and corporate leaders. This mission of the Latino Learning Center is to see that all low-income people in Houston, specifically the residents of near East End and near North Side communities, have the opportunity for education and human support services.

Since its inception, the Latino Learning Center has dutifully provided these services and has positively impacted the lives of our citizens. The Latino Learning Center's success is widely known and has resulted in more than 6,000 individuals graduating from its training programs.

The Latino Learning Center has a very interesting history. It was established as a Texas nonprofit organization. It received a donation of land and buildings in 1981–82 from the Magnolia Business Center, Inc. Since the buildings were previously used as warehouses, significant renovation was necessary in order to upgrade the facility. The Latino Learning Center's founders embarked upon an aggressive fundraising campaign to secure the initial \$150,000 necessary for the renovation process.

As the result of the boards diligence, sufficient charitable gifts from the private sector were obtained to structurally transform the building and acquire adjacent parking space. Due to generous philanthropic participation of many Houstonians, private sector support and some public sector funds, the Latino Learning Center became an established reality. In July 1984, an open house ceremony was held and classes and community services began within the year.

Over the past 20 years, the Latino Learning Center has established strong ties with the community by serving as a Multipurpose center. The Latino Learning Center is utilized by many civic organizations including LULAC, the American GI Forum, the Mexican-American Sheriff's Organization, the Union of Hispanic METRO employees, the Hispanic Organization of Postal Employees—HOPE, and many others. It is also used to conduct meetings, plan events of benefit for the community, conduct community/media press conferences, and perform special events such as dispensing food baskets for the poor during the holiday season.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to congratulate the Latino Learning Center on its 20th anniversary, and I hope they remain in our community for many years to come. I also ask that my colleagues in the House join me in expressing our appreciation for the services and the commitment of everyone associated with this wonderful center.

IN HONOR OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Federation of India Community Associations of N.E. Ohio on the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Indian

Republic. On January 26, 1950, India proclaimed itself a sovereign nation governed by its own Constitution. Republic Day is celebrated on the 26th of January each year. It is a major national holiday in India celebrating the culmination of the Indian movement toward self-government that began on August 15, 1947, with India's Declaration of Independence. FICA has celebrated this important event with an annual dinner for over thirty years. Governor Robert Taft of Ohio recognized the significance of this day by proclaiming January 26, 2000 Republic of India day for Ohio.

India is a highly diverse country with more than fourteen major languages and at least as many distinct cultures. The Federation of India Community Associations is an umbrella organization for various Asian Indian groups throughout Northeast Ohio. For the past thirty years it has published *The Lotus*, a monthly community newspaper, and organized celebrations for major Indian holidays and festivals. FICA maintains the India Community Center in Cleveland Heights and supports community service to the more needy in the area. The Asian Indian community in Greater Cleveland contributes extensively to the economic, social and cultural richness of the area. Members' work in government, education, business, medicine, science, law and social service has created strong and lasting relationships with the entire community.

My fellow colleagues, join with me in congratulating this great cultural organization, along with all the people of India and Indian descent, on the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Republic of India.

TRIBUTE TO ILSE KAHN AND SUHAILA NASSER

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2000

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Ilse Kahn and Suhaila Nasser, who this year are receiving the Lifetime Commitment to Peace Award from the American Friends of Neve Shalom/Wahat Al-Salam Southern California Chapter. Ilse Kahn and Suhaila Nasser, who live in Southern California, have made their own outstanding contribution to the cause of peace and understanding in the Middle East. They embody the new spirit of reconciliation in the region.

A survivor of the Holocaust, Mrs. Kahn has worked tirelessly to bring together Arab and Jewish children in an environment of peace and friendship. She was one of the founders of the Southern California chapter of Neve Shalom/Wahat Al-Salam, the joint Palestinian/Jewish community in Israel. Mrs. Kahn has been active in the bilingual and bicultural nursery, kindergarten and primary school located in the community. Her efforts have helped a generation of Palestinian and Jewish children build strong ties and close relationships.

As busy as she is with the Southern California chapter, Mrs. Kahn somehow finds the time to be involved with other special causes, including LA's Best, an enrichment program for school age children in Watts. She is also a member of the League of Women Voters.

Suhaila Nasser, a Palestinian born in Jerusalem, immigrated to the United States in 1961. Despite living far from her native region, she has immersed herself in the task of providing medical assistance to the Palestinian people. In 1988, after undergoing a mastectomy, Mrs. Nasser formed the Palestinian Children's Relief Fund, a non-profit organization dedicated to securing medical treatment for suffering children.

Thanks to Mrs. Nasser's efforts, since 1990 more than 100 children have been brought to the United States for reconstructive surgery and specialized medical services. In addition, six teams of doctors from the United States, Italy, England, and Belgium have traveled to Jerusalem and the West Bank to operate on children.

I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Ilse Kahn and Suhaila Nasser, whose dedication to the plight of children living in the Middle East inspires us all. I salute them for their courage and commitment to a just cause.

HONORING RAY LITTLEFIELD

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to pause in remembrance of a man that will be missed by everyone that knew him, Mr. Ray Littlefield.

Raymond Littlefield was born in Houston, Texas on March 8, 1929, and passed away on November 26, 1999, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Mr. Littlefield served as a second lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve, past president of the North Austin Rotary Club, past president of Austin Woods and Water Club, past president of Austin Apartment Association, a member of the Association of General Contractors and a member of the American Institute of Architecture.

Mr. Littlefield moved to Pagosa Springs, Colorado in 1984. He was the founder, architect and developer of the Pine Ridge Extended Care Center. His experience and lifelong love of the Colorado Rockies and the Pagosa Springs area placed him in the unique position to recognize the need for a facility that cares for the elderly. Pine Ridge Extended Care Center became just that.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to pay tribute to Mr. Littlefield for all that he did in order to make Pagosa Springs a better community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHNNY ISAKSON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 1, 2000

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 2 and 3, I was unavoidably detained due to inclement weather. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on both bills.