

LOCAL BUSINESSMAN, TIM JONES, NAMED "CITIZEN OF THE YEAR" BY THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 14, 2000

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it comes as no surprise to the citizens of Carroll County, that one of their own, Tim Jones, has been singled out for the distinctive honor of being named the "Citizen of the Year," by the Carroll County Emergency Management Association of Georgia (EMAG).

Tim's long record of community involvement, and his outstanding contribution to improving response to emergency situations in this county, were spotlighted by EMA Director Tim Padgett, who has first hand experience of Jones' outstanding service which garnered him the top spot in the state.

I am proud to note that Tim is a personal friend, and that Carroll County and the Seventh Congressional District are fortunate indeed to have this civic-minded citizen as a friend to all. I am proud today to rise in congratulations to Tim Jones, as one of America's top citizens, and as the very best in the field of emergency management.

HONORING WORLD WAR II VETERAN, CLAUD WALKER GARNER JR.

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

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Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to pause and remember the life of a World War II veteran. Claud Walker Garner Jr. passed away on January 17, 2000.

Claud was born on April 30, 1920 in Goodnight, Texas. He joined the Army in 1937. As a Tech Sergeant with the Third Engineer Battalion, he served in Normandy, France, Rhineland and Ardennes Campaign. For his bravery and outstanding dedication, Claud was decorated with the Croix de Guerre, the silver star for service above and beyond the call of duty, four bronze service stars and the good conduct medal. Claud was honorably discharged on June 11, 1945.

Claud and his wife, Bernice, lived in Colorado for many years where Claud worked in the construction industry. He was the construction superintendent on the Cody, Wyoming Buffalo Bill Museum project.

Friends always were in abundance in Claud's life. He was a man of his word, highly principled and completely honest. When a friend needed someone to lean on, Claud was always there. Claud loved his wife and children and was a great husband and father. He will be missed by all who knew him.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to offer this tribute in honor of Claud Walker Garner Jr. He was a great American who fought on behalf of America's freedom.

RECOGNIZING THE SUPER BOWL CHAMPION, LONGMEADOW HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the unprecedented accomplishments of the 1999 Longmeadow High School football team. Longmeadow became the first Western Massachusetts team to win three straight titles. The Lancers captured the Division II Super Bowl with a 36-21 victory over Shrewsbury.

Longmeadow could not have asked for a better beginning as they scored on all five possessions in the first half. Running back Winston McGregor led the way with 162 yards rushing and three touchdowns. Quarterback Justin Vincent was impressive with 118 yards passing, and the Lancer defense shut out their opponents in the fourth quarter. As always, credit must be given to the linemen who gave Vincent the time to pick apart the Shrewsbury defense and McGregor the holes through which to run.

Longmeadow Head Coach Alex Rotsko has built an impressive program at Longmeadow. The Lancers, having now won three Super Bowls in a row, will be the odds on favorite in the coming season. Despite losing leaders like McGregor and Ryan McCarthy to graduation, Coach Rotsko will have his charges ready to defend their title once more, a situation with which the Lancers are intimately familiar.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud and honored to congratulate the 1999 Longmeadow High School football team. Winning a title once is something to be remembered, but winning three in a row is the start of a dynasty. I wish Coach Rotsko and his Lancers the best of luck in the 2000 season, as they return once again to defend their Super Bowl title.

The Longmeadow High School football team is as follows: Colin Murphy, Sam Harris, Lee Cotton, Drew Sheehan, Tim Walsh, Justin Vincent, Tanner Williams, Dan McKenna, Mike Haberman, Justin Kent, Winston McGregor, Brian Wright, Jason Chew, Rob Shoen, David Singer, Ryan McCarthy, Steve Leone, Tom Meehan, Andrew Dikan, Ryan Devine, John Liro-Hudson, Ryan Horrigan, Brian Hubbard, Jeremy Stambovsky, Jayson Stambovsky, Ryan Foss, John Stewart, Mike Gallant, Brian Harr, Nat Brown, Luke Jenne, P.J. Ryan, Brian Askin, Mark Drost, Dan Mandell, Paul Collins, Andy Krill, Chris Nuzzo, Dan Richton, Jeff Viamari, Brian Dean, Mike Klein, Mike Bazos, Chris Basile, Chris Santa, Kevin Miller, Dan Lewis, Doug Hill, Mike Roche, Kevin Berte, Joe Mujalli, Josh Eldridge, Mike Viamari, Marcus Gaines, Jason Weinstein, Phil Casper, Josh Kurland, Bobby Goodwin, and Dan Morris. The Coaches are: Alex Rotsko, Andy Drummy, Nick St. George, James Crawford, Craig Epstein, Doug Cropper, Shane Biggins, Mike Tanner, and Devron McCummings.

TRIBUTE TO HARVEY J. McDONALD, JR.

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 14, 2000

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of fellow Kansas Citian, Harvey J. McDonald, Jr., who lost his battle with cancer early this year. The passing of this exceptional man leaves us with a great sense of sadness and grief. Harvey, or "Bud" as his friends called him, will best be remembered for his integrity and loyalty to others.

Harvey graduated from Southwest High School in 1973 where he played football for the Southwest Indians who won the State championship during his senior year. A proud member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union No. 124 for 20 years, Harvey demonstrated an outstanding commitment as a representative and advocate for union concerns. Harvey also influenced the lives of many of Kansas City's youth as a Raytown Little League coach. His driving motivation was present in everything he did.

Harvey was cherished and loved by all of his friends and family and will be sorely missed. He was truly an inspiration for all who knew him and were touched by his dedicated spirit. Loyalty, kindness, and integrity were hallmarks of his character. Along with many others from our region and across the Nation, I mourn the death of this outstanding man.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in extending sympathy to his wife—Esther, son—Matthew, and the entire McDonald family.

TRIBUTE TO THE SUMMERVILLE NEWS

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 14, 2000

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend a publication that, for the past 114 years, has exemplified the important role filled by community newspapers in cities and towns across America. The City of Summerville is located in Chattooga County, in the Seventh District of Georgia. This rural county of approximately 25,000 residents, is home to "The Summerville News." Just last month, the Summerville News started into its 115th year of service to Chattooga County and the surrounding area of northwest Georgia. The newspaper is the oldest consumer business in the county. It started with presses fed with paper a single sheet at a time, by hand, to larger letterpress, and then to offset presses that run 16,000 papers an hour.

Over the years, the Summerville News has come a long way. O.J. Espy bought into the News around 1906, and purchased the entire newspaper about five years later, in 1911. After his death, his son, D.T. Espy, bought out all of his siblings (there were quite a few) to become sole owner. He, in turn, sold to his four sons, Bill, Don, David, and Gene, in 1968. Since that time, Bill and Don have died and a fourth generation is part owner, with others working at the plant. Greg Espy, son of Don,

is part owner; Tracy Espy, son of David, and Jason Espy, son of Gene, are all working with the News to print a product of which the entire county can be proud and look forward to every Thursday.

In thanking the community for 114 years of friendship, Editor Gene Espy wrote: "In a way, a community newspaper is the community. It is the news of the people in that community and what they have accomplished, failed to accomplish, and hope to accomplish. We take the task of publishing the Summerville News seriously. It is important to us and we hope it is important to our readers and advertisers and the community itself."

The Summerville News is to be congratulated on its 114 years of dedication and service to the citizens of Chattooga County. Babies have been born, dear citizens have died, world leaders have come and gone, wars have been fought and won, businesses have opened and closed, many left the farms to find employment in other cities, technology continues to advance, and still our community thrives. Through it all, the citizens of Chattooga County continue to count on The Summerville News for local, state and national news; every week, every year, every generation. Thank goodness.

HONORING MARK ACHEN UPON HIS
RETIREMENT

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 14, 2000

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize a man who has dedicated over 16 years of his life to the City of Grand Junction, Colorado. Mark Achen has given immeasurably and made great personal sacrifices to ensure Grand Junction's health and well-being.

Since 1984, Mark has been the City Manager of Grand Junction and has seen the city grow and prosper. Working with seven different city council members who each had a different agenda and policy perspective was no small chore. Mark's calm demeanor stood out amid contentious debate over Grand Junction's numerous issues, including still, annexation policy in the late 1980's and into the 1990's. He was a reservoir of institutional knowledge during negotiations to end a long-running dispute between the city and Mesa County over the Persigo Wash Wastewater Treatment Plant. Achen brought the city from economic devastation to incredible increases in sales tax revenues.

Leaving the position of City Manager will enable Mark to spend more time reading, hiking, climbing, fishing and boating. Above all, Mark will get to spend more time with his family and friends.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to offer this tribute and say thank you to, my friend, Mark Achen. He is a man that has given selflessly for many years to make Grand Junction the wonderful city it is today.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
MR. HARRY C. PASINI

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 14, 2000

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I commend the following article to my colleagues:

Whereas, Mr. Pasini having been selected for Senior Executive Service, United States Army, has served as a Department of Defense Employee for thirty-two years; and,

Whereas, Mr. Pasini's untiring and dedicated service to his profession has resulted in his appointment to Senior Executive Service; and,

Whereas, Mr. Pasini was instrumental in the fielding of several new Army weapon systems and as a result of his professionalism, steadfast dedication, expertise, interpersonal skills and personal commitment to the Department of Defense, Mr. Pasini has been able to place the most advanced and capable weapons systems in the hands of our nation's soldiers; and,

Whereas, the Members of Congress, with a real sense of gratitude and pride, join me in commending Mr. Harry C. Pasini for his appointment to Senior Executive Service.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH J. WOOD

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 14, 2000

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man whose life has benefited all members of the automotive and aerospace industries, Joseph J. Wood. Mr. Wood will soon be retiring from the United Automobile, Aerospace Agricultural Implementation Workers of America (UAW). For nearly forty years, Mr. Wood has worked tirelessly to ensure the fair and just treatment of union members in several fields of business.

Joseph J. Wood is an International Representative with the UAW working from his home base in Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Wood began his career with the Union while employed with Boeing Helicopters located in my district of Ridley Township, Pennsylvania.

He was hired by the Boeing Helicopters Division in March of 1960 after receiving an Honorable Discharge from the Marine Corps. He became active within UAW Local 1069 and rose through the union's leadership as Shop Steward, Committeeman, Shop Chairman and then was elected President. In 1985 the UAW International Union appointed Mr. Wood to serve on the UAW National Aerospace Staff to service Local 1069 (Boeing Helicopters Division), Bell Textron Helicopter local unions 218 and 317 and GE Local 647. Mr. Wood's efforts brought out successful contract negotiations between both sides. Throughout his career, Mr. Wood's representation of working families has always been exemplary.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in a tribute to Joseph J. Wood for his selfless dedication to his community and his country. I congratulate Joe, and I know his family must be very proud of his years of dedicated service.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL
COMMISSION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 8, 2000

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a few moments to highlight the importance of a bill we further considered on the floor today, H.R. 1451, the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Act.

This bill originally passed the House by a vote of 411-2 on October 4, 1999. It was amended by the Senate in November and brought back to the House with minor changes to the commission's composition.

Let me begin by thanking the bill's sponsor, the gentleman from Illinois, Mr. LAHOOD, and the gentlelady from Illinois (Mrs. BIGGERT) for their willingness to work with me to include representation from the states of Indiana and Kentucky on the Commission to be formed by this bill.

Indiana and Kentucky played significant roles in the life and development of Abraham Lincoln, and I very much appreciate my colleagues' recognition of this history and their openness to including citizen members from each of these states on the Commission.

I am pleased that the changes made by the Senate to the composition of the commission did not include a fundamental I have been fighting for: the appropriate representation on the commission from each of the states claiming Lincoln as its citizen.

While Abe Lincoln is America's 16th president, he rose from humble roots deeply embedded in all three Midwestern states. In my mind, it is only right that the governors of all three states select citizens to sit on the commission established by this bill.

The commission will commemorate the bicentennial of President Lincoln's birth in 1809, which took place in Hodgenville, KY.

At the age of 7, young Abe Lincoln moved to Southern Indiana, and the family moved to Illinois in 1830. As the National Park Service points out at the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, he spent fourteen of the most formative years of his life and grew from youth to manhood in the State of Indiana. His mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, is buried at the site. And even today, what is probably the largest private Lincoln Museum in America is in Fort Wayne, IN, in my district.

Thomas Lincoln moved the family to an 80 acre farm in Perry County, Indiana after the crops had failed in Kentucky due to unusually cold weather. He bought the land at what even then was the bargain price of three dollars an acre.

Just days before, Indiana had become the 19th state in the union. The land was still wild and untamed. President Lincoln later recalled that he had "never passed through a harder experience" than traveling through the woods and brush between the ferry landing on the Ohio river and his Indiana homesite. This observation speaks volumes about the nature of the Hoosier frontier.

The family quickly settled into the log cabin with which we are all so familiar from our earliest history lessons. Tom Lincoln worked as a cask maker. Abe Lincoln worked hard during the days clearing the land, working with the