equal of those just north of it in Wake County, home of the state's Capital City. Mr. Beasley was a key advisor at this consolidation took place, moving in a principal of one of the new schools, Western Harnett High School, when it opened in 1977.

Quiet, well liked by students, and a curriculum and instruction specialist, Mr. Beasley ran Western Harnett High School for 10 eventfully years before being appointed assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction in the Central Office in 1987. His focus began countywide as the school system evolved from rural to urban. With the retirement of Superintendent Ivo Wortman in 1994, Mr. Beasley was handed the reins of leadership for the Harnett County system.

Mr. Beasley's terms as assistant superintendent and superintendent coincided with a decided push for education excellence on the part of North Carolina and its school systems. A testing and accountability system that has made the state an education leader in the nation was instituted in 1990 after the state dropped to the bottom of the nation in the SAT rankings in 1989. SAT average scores began a run upward in 1990 and have led the Nation in improvement. In addition, the state's scores on the National assessment of Educational Progress have been among the nation's best.

Harnett County schools have responded well to this accountability demand. Under Mr. Beasley's direction, the average SAT scores have improved dramatically, this year topping the state's average. Writing scores of 4th graders are above the state average, and test scores across the board show that Harnett County students have responded to the need to work harder, score higher, and prepare themselves better for the technologically complex world in which they will live.

Harnett County has invested more than $77 million in new schools and school improvements during Mr. Beasley's tenure as superintendent. He has shown himself to be an effective voice for school improvement, to be a public servant our leaders trust and admire, and to be a visionary man who knows what our county can and should become.

It has been said that an elementary teacher may touch up to 1,000 students over a lifetime of teaching, that a high school teacher may influence 3,000, that a high school principal may impact perhaps 10,000 individuals. Bobby Beasley has served in each of these capacities—one after the other. He has gone on take the awesome responsibility of running an entire system at a critical time in the life of Harnett County and been intimately successful.

It has been said that a man and his times must coincide if great progress is to result. This quiet man who believed in the students he taught and those who attended the schools he administered was in harmony with what was needed.

And Harnett County was better in the past—and will be eminently better in the future—because of Bobby Beasley's efforts.

HONORING FATHER PHILIP J. CASCIA OF PROSPECT, CONNECTICUT

HON. JAMES H. MALONEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2000

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the remarkable contributions made by Father Philip J. Cascia of Prospect, CT, in the important cause of world peace. In setting up Intersport USA, a non-profit sports exchange program, he has for over a decade played a prominent role in promoting friendly relations between the people of the United States and those of other nations around the globe.

Father Philip J. Cascia was born in Springfield, MA, in 1951, later moving to Connecticut where he graduated from St. Thomas High School in Bloomfield. After his college education and theological training in Maryland, Father Cascia returned to Connecticut where in 1977, he was ordained as a Catholic priest for the Archdiocese of Hartford. His early assignments took him to Waterbury and Prospect, and in 1985 Father Cascia became the spiritual director at Sacred Heart High School in Waterbury. During this period Father Cascia's dedication to his local communities led to the establishment of a soup kitchen, a homeless shelter, a thrift store, and an affordable housing program. It is a mark of his leadership that all of these community services remain active to this day.

It was during his time at Sacred Heart that Father Cascia took the wrestling team that he had established for inner-city children at the school to the former Soviet Union. As the first trip of its kind, the initiative earned national recognition in both America and the USSR, as well as the attention of President Reagan, whose encouragement inspired Father Cascia to establish Intersport USA. Expanding the program, Father Cascia has taken his youth athlete exchange programs to China, Vietnam, South Africa, and Cuba, and is now working to organize programs with Libya, North Korea, and Japan. Many of Intersport's programs have evolved into regular exchange visits.

Intersport USA has profoundly shaped the experiences of young athletes, allowing them to mingle freely with their counterparts from other countries, both competitively and socially. Father Cascia continues to be at the forefront of this work, fostering mutual respect among all participants, and allowing goodwill to replace ignorance and hostility.

Through this sports-based diplomacy, Father Cascia has acted as a tireless ambassador for peace, laying the foundations for friendlier relations between America and the countries in which he has visited. One example was his visit in 1990 to Hanoi, where at the entrance to the sports arena, the Vietnamese Government raised the American flag for the first time ever in that city. He has not only met his stated goal of ''plant(ing) the seed of peace and understanding in the minds and hearts of young athletes,'' but has also helped secure a more peaceful future for America's citizens. Mr. Speaker, I welcome you and the House of Representatives joining with me today in commending Father Cascia on his work and on his success in promoting greater understanding between nations around the world.

SUSAN KLINE NAMED RECIPIENT OF THE 18TH ANNUAL KODIMOH BROTHERHOOD HUMANITARIAN AWARD

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2000

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity today to honor my constituent, Ms. Susan Kline, who on Tuesday, June 20th will be named the recipient of the Kodimoh Brotherhood Humanitarian Award by Congregation Kodimoh in Springfield, Massachusetts.

It was 18 years ago when Max Gruber, Kodimoh past president, established the Kodimoh Brotherhood Humanitarian award. The purpose of this award is to honor persons in the community who have distinguished themselves for their outstanding commitment and service to worthy causes.

This year, Susan Kline, past president of Kodimoh and long-time member of the Executive Board, has been selected to receive this distinguished honor.

Ms. Kline is an active volunteer and lifetime member of the Kodimoh Sisterhood. She is a trustee of the Harold Grinspoon Supporting Foundation and is president of the board of the Resource Center for Jewish Education. Ms. Kline also serves on the board of the Greater Springfield Jewish Federation and is a member of its Community Planning Committee.

Susan Kline serves as a board member of Spectrum Home Health Care, and is involved in Hadassah and other women's organizations. She is an avid tennis player and is president of the Field Club of Longmeadow.

A native of Auburn, Maine, Susan Kline was educated at Harvard University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in modern European History and Literature and a Master of Arts in Teaching. She and her husband Edward live in Longmeadow. They have two grown daughters, Judith and Elinor.

I would like to take this opportunity today to congratulate both Susan Kline upon receiving this honor and Congregation Kodimoh for one more year of honoring and instilling the ever so important notion of community and national service.

COLORADO STATE SENATOR DAVID WATTENBERG

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take this moment to recognize the career of one of Colorado's leading statesmen, State Senator Dave Wattenberg. In doing so, I would like to honor this individual who, for so many years, has exemplified the notion of public service and civic duty. It is clear that Senator Wattenberg's dynamic leadership will be greatly missed and difficult to replace.

Elected to the Colorado Senate in 1984, he served as the chairman of the Agriculture, Natural Resources, Energy Committee. Dave also served on the Business Affairs and the

Labor Committees. He sponsored bills on things such as, horse racing, water issues, mining, transportation and tort reform. His main focus was on agriculture, water, ranching issues and banking issues.

Senator Wattenberg received many honors. In 1989 and 1990, he received the Legislator of the Year from CACI. In 1988 he received awards from Colorado Ski Country USA, and the Consulting Engineers Council. He was also honored with the NFIB Guardian of Small Business award.

This year marked the end of Senator Wattenberg's tenure in elected office. His career embodied the citizen-legislator ideal and was a model that every official in elected office should seek to emulate. The citizens of Colorado owe Senator Wattenberg a debt of gratitude and I wish him well.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2000

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, due to a previously scheduled family event, I missed rollcall votes Nos. 207–210. Had I been present, I would have voted: Rollcall No. 207—''yea''; rollcall No. 208—''no''; rollcall No. 209—''no''; rollcall No. 210—''yea.''

INTRODUCING A HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PLACEMENT OF THE CHIEF WASHAKIE STATUE IN STATUARY HALL LOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL

HON. BARBARA CUBIN

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2000

Mrs. CUBIN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to present to the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives a concurrent resolution providing for the placement of the Chief Washakie statue in Statuary Hall located in the U.S. Capitol.

As the resolution states, Chief Washakie, leader of the Eastern Shoshone Tribe, contributed greatly to the settlement of the west by allowing the Oregon and Mormon trails to pass through Shoshone lands.

Chief Washakie was well known as a distinguished leader and a stately warrior who bravely defended the Shoshone and their allies. Additionally, Chief Washakie was the only chief to be awarded a full military funeral.

On behalf of the people of Wyoming I am proud to put forth this legislation providing this commemoration of one of the State's most celebrated names.

REMEMBERING THE PRICE OF FREEDOM

HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2000

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, on this Memorial Day, as on similar days in years past, we remember the contributions of the millions of men and women who served in our Armed Forces. It is also a day to instill in younger Americans the tradition of honoring those who died in service to their country.

This year we commemorate two important events—the 50th anniversary of the Korean war and the 25th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam war. These anniversaries remind us of how important it is to remember our history and to honor those who died to protect our future.

Memorial Day is a time for new generations to learn about the price America has paid to preserve freedom and lead other nations to democracy. Those of us who lived through the cold war have a responsibility to educate our children and grandchildren about the dangers still present in the world—and the need to maintain defenses strong enough to deter potential adversaries.

The words ''freedom'' and ''democracy'' are most often used to explain why members of our Armed Forces gave their lives to defend our country. And in far-off places such as Bosnia and South Korea, American men and women are still fighting for these principles.

There are no words to adequately describe the supreme sacrifice made by brave Americans who died in service to this Nation. But we can demonstrate our deep respect for them—and their families—by remembering their struggle.

Each of us has an obligation to honor the sacrifices of those who have worn the uniform of our Armed Forces. On Memorial Day, take time to remember that our freedom was paid for in blood on battlefields around the world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2000

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I am not recorded on rollcall votes 211, 212, and 213. Had I been present, I would have voted ''aye'' on H.R. 3852, a bill extending the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in Alabama; ''aye'' on S. 1236, a bill extending the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in Idaho; and ''aye'' on H. Con. Res. 302, which provides for a national moment of remembrance to honor men and women who died in pursuit of freedom and peace.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CASS BALLENGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2000

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, May 22, 2000, I missed rollcall votes 211 (H.R. 3852) and 212 (S. 1236). Had I been present I would have voted ''yea'' on both.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE JOSEPHINE BARNETT LACKEY

HON. CHARLES W. ''CHIP'' PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2000

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, my heart is heavy and saddened today at the passing of Mrs. Josephine Barnett Lackey, affectionately known as ''Miss Jo'', who passed away unexpectedly on Sunday May 14, 2000, at the St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville, TN, after suffering cardiac arrest. ''Miss Jo'', a constituent of mine from Forest, Mississippi, was the wife of Jimmy Lackey, owner of Lackey Home Center in Forest, and one of the more prominent Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders, and Exhibitors in our state. Her death was untimely, and has certainly shocked and devastated the Forest community.

''Miss Jo'' grew up in the Standing Pine community in Leake County, and graduated from Walnut Grove High School. She graduated from Delta State University with a degree in Elementary Education in the spring of 1950, and shortly thereafter moved to Forest where she taught in the Forest School System. She and Mr. Lackey were married in 1953, and on July 12, 2000, they would have celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary. For more than 50 years, she was a resident of Forest.

''Miss Jo'' delighted in meeting, greeting and helping people. That was her hallmark. That is why the Gift and Bridal Registery Shop she operated in the Lackey Home Center was such a fascination and delight to her. She loved being with people, and offering suggestions that would make their life happier and enjoyable. Sid Salter, editor-publisher of the Scott County Times, summed it up real well when he said in his May 17, 2000, editorial, Josephine Lackey, ''there are few homes in Forest that don't have a piece of fine crystal or china hand chosen by Jo Lackey as a gift. For rich and poor alike, she gave her best advice and treated every customer at Lackey Home Center as a friend.''

''Miss Jo'' was president of the Forest Garden Club, and was a member of the Hontokalo Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a member of the Forest Baptist Church and was a substitute Sunday School teacher. Her love and faith in God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, was most evident in the two scripture passages that were used by her Pastor Reverend Gordon Sansing, and her former Pastor Sonny Adkins as the text for their remarks at her funeral. The passages were: Psalms 71:17–18 ''O God, thou has taught me from my youth; and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works. Now that I am old and greyheaded, O God forsake me not, until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come'', and Proverbs 3:5–6 ''Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct thy paths.''

Again, quoting Sid Salter, ''Josephine Barnett Lackey was—by every rational measure of mind, body and spirit—a beautiful, elegant woman. Blessed with the beauty nature gave her as a young woman, Josephine Lackey merited the still beautiful face of a faithful wife,