

programs throughout our nation as well as Canada and Australia.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate that we honor the accomplishments of the Indian Teacher and Educational Personnel Program on the occasion of its 30th anniversary and honor the hard work and dedication of its graduates who have furthered education and served their community.

IN HONOR OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. PROCOP LADIES' GUILD

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the valuable services to the community which the St. Procop Ladies' Guild has provided throughout its 25 year history.

The organization, founded in September of 1975, prides itself on serving the needs of the local community. It has maintained an outstanding commitment to the achievement of this task. St. Procop Ladies' Guild organizes a wide range of fundraising events with the aim of invoking an atmosphere of community spirit and inclusivity. These events include monthly card parties, bake sales, craft shows, and pancake breakfasts.

Such events are designed with the aim of providing aid for the less fortunate members of our community. The parish organizes a weekly meal program for the needy. Their commitment to such noble causes should receive due recognition and respect. In addition, the parish organizes a variety of social and spiritual events which add immeasurably to the vibrancy and vitality of community life.

A community benefits when its residents reach out to one another, to lend a hand during a time of need. The enduring commitment of the St. Procop Ladies' Guild reflect the finest level of love and caring for their community. On behalf of the Greater Cleveland Community, I extend my sincere gratitude for their good works.

My fellow colleagues, I rise today in honor and recognition of the St. Procop Ladies' Guild and their valuable contribution to community life.

HONORING KEITH CLARK

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I ask for this moment to celebrate the life of Keith Clark. Keith was a model citizen and a highly respected educator in Grand Junction, Colorado. Keith left an indelible impression upon many he came in contact with and he will be deeply missed.

Keith grew up during the Great Depression where hard work wasn't an option, it was part of everyday life. Keith took these values to heart, serving his country with distinction in World War II as a B-52 pilot. After returning States side, Keith finished his formal education, an education that would ultimately lead

to a career that would have an immense impact upon thousands of Colorado's youth.

After receiving his education from Mesa State College, and his teaching certificate from the University of Northern Colorado, Keith began his illustrious teaching career. For nearly 30 years, he ensured that Grand Junction's youth understood the importance of knowledge and learning. His techniques and style were at times considered unconventional, but for many students, Keith's unorthodox approach sparked an intellectual curiosity that would remain with them for the rest of their life.

Larry Beckner summed up the incredible impact that Mr. Clark had upon his life in an article by Rachel Sauer in The Grand Junction Daily Sentinel: "He instilled in me the belief that whatever is out there, I can do it. That was the attitude that he had and the attitude I picked up from him." Keith taught students to realize the importance of life and how to appreciate it. He also helped young people to learn the value of being a student. Beckner also had this to say: "He turned me around from being just a person in school to being a student. He opened my eyes to community involvement, to political issues and he made me a student."

Keith Clark exemplified the ideals of what it means to be an American. He fought to protect this country's highest ideals during World War II and he worked tirelessly to promote the importance of a good education to his students. Both at home and abroad, Keith was a genuine American hero.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I would like to extend my condolences on behalf of the State of Colorado and the U.S. Congress to the family of a true American patriot, Keith Clark. Keith touched the lives of thousands of people. Though he is gone, his proud legacy will live on in the family, friends and students who were blessed to know him.

LITERACY INVOLVES FAMILIES TOGETHER ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2000

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Education and Workforce Committee, I rise in support of this family literacy measure, and to applaud the leadership of Chairman GOODLING as he finishes a long and distinguished career both on our committee and in this chamber.

I am particularly pleased to support the LIFT Act because earlier this year, an organization in my Congressional District received an award from the Secretary of Education proclaiming it as an outstanding program in adult literacy services.

The Chippewa Valley—Literacy Volunteers of America has been providing family literacy services in the Eau Claire area for nine years. In general, Even Start—Family Literacy programs provide "four legs" of support in helping families who face unique education challenges. Using Even Start—Family Literacy seed money, the Chippewa Valley Literacy Volunteers have been able to provide services for (1) early childhood, (2) adult education, (3) parenting education, and (4) parent and children relationships.

The community in which this group operates has a large Hmong population, who have been especially well-served by this program through both English-as-a-second-language classes and parent-child development assistance. The Chippewa Valley group has also been successful in assisting families move from welfare to work.

In fact, Wisconsin is home to a variety of such programs that have successfully used Even Start money as seed funding while developing funding mechanisms from local community sources as well as other federal programs.

Even Start provides the kind of services we should all like to see enacted in our communities; services that we as federal policy makers should be proud to assist. These are comprehensive, integrated efforts to help whole-families, and to assist the most needy in our communities reach self-fulfillment and self-sufficiency.

I am pleased Chairman GOODLING pursued bipartisan support for this bill in an effort to give our communities effective, useful resources to help families.

In closing, I must also say that I am pleased to have served with Chairman GOODLING on the Education and Workforce Committee. I always appreciate his fairness and no-nonsense approach to committee business. I hope this body as a whole will honor the legacy of my friend from Pennsylvania and strive to pass effective, quality education legislation.

A TRIBUTE TO KITTY CARLISLE HART

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2000

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, today I express my great admiration for Kitty Carlisle Hart, an extraordinary actress, singer, advocate, and community leader who this year celebrates her ninetieth birthday.

Kitty Carlisle Hart's contributions to the arts have been remarkable. She first appeared on Broadway in "Champagne Sec," made her debut with the Metropolitan Opera as Prince Orlofsky in "Die Fledermaus," "and starred in the American premiere of Benjamin Britten's "Rape of Lucretia."

Her career on film has been equally impressive, including roles in "A Night at the Opera," "She Loves Me Not," "Here Is My Heart," "Radio Days," and "Six Degrees of Separation."

Millions of Americans know and love Kitty Carlisle Hart from her fifteen year run as a witty and endearing, panelist on "To Tell The Truth." Her sparkling personality helped make that program a national phenomenon.

In New York, Kitty Carlisle Hart has distinguished herself as one of our most valuable citizens. She chaired the New York State Council on the Arts, which supports countless cultural activities, and worked with Nelson Rockefeller to expand opportunities for women. Kitty Carlisle Hart has also devoted her time and energy to a variety of educational institutions and museums, always infusing her work with a passion for the creative spirit.

For these efforts and many others, Kitty Carlisle Hart was awarded the National Medal of Arts by President George Bush in 1991.

Throughout her splendid life, Kitty Carlisle Hart has delighted audiences and inspired all Americans to value the arts. As she celebrates her ninetieth birthday in the company of friends, I am delighted to offer my heartfelt thanks and sincere admiration.

IN HONOR OF THE 140TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOLY NAME PARISH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 140th Anniversary of Holy Name Parish and its continued commitment to the well-being of the community.

Its establishment, on September 23, 1859, marked the beginning of a community in which tens of thousands were baptized and guided by the teachings of the Catholic Church. Throughout years of service it has truly represented a beacon of hope for the Harvard Broadway area. It has earned commendation of the highest order through its success in weaving the values of religion into the fabric of community life.

Holy Name's history has been one of remarkable service. From its humble beginnings serving the Irish immigrants who met at Patrick Potts' farmhouse for Sunday services, it has maintained a long and noble tradition of active participation in community life. Holy Name Parish has made a vital contribution to local education. It has provided tens of thousands of children with an exceptional education grounded in the values of faith, tradition and spirit. Holy Name established the first co-educational parochial school in Cleveland. The institution was early to recognize the true value of education for all, irrespective gender.

Its role in providing for the needy represents a true and honorable expression of human values. For the people of the Harvard and Broadway area, it has become a place in which their hopes and dreams may thrive and prosper. Clearly the great significance of such services must be duly honored.

With such a formidable history Holy Name's significant role in community life will continue to be as healthy and vibrant as ever in the new Millennium. My fellow colleagues, please stand with me in honoring the outstanding work of Holy Name Parish.

HONORING JOHN FREW

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2000

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to honor the considerable efforts of my friend, John Frew, during his accomplished tenure at Colorado Ski Country USA, the distinguished association that represents Colorado's ski industry. Recently, John announced that he was stepping down as its President and CEO. As John moves on, I would like to take this opportunity to thank and pay tribute to him for his dedicated service.

You don't have to know much about the great State of Colorado to know that skiing is

an important part of who we are, both economically and culturally. For years, Colorado Ski Country USA has been the unified voice of this important industry. And when this already highly regarded organization hired John Frew, that voice only got stronger.

Colorado Ski Country USA brought John in to strengthen the operation, increasing its visibility and stepping up its role in the public policy arena. As someone in that arena, Mr. Speaker, I can say without hesitation to John: mission accomplished. Under John's leadership, Colorado Ski Country USA has thrived and for that the entire State of Colorado is grateful.

It is with this that I say congratulations to John on his successful stint with Ski Country USA and wish him all the best as he returns to Brownstein, Hyatt & Farber P.C.A.

John, your community, state and nation are thankful for your service.

UNION BANK OF CALIFORNIA RECOGNIZED BY SECRETARY OF LABOR FOR EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY EFFORTS

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2000

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Union Bank of California on receiving the Secretary of Labor's Opportunity 2000 Award. This award is presented annually by the U.S. Labor department's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs to Federal contractors and public interest groups with exceptional equal employment opportunity programs. The Union Bank of California has been selected for its programs for hiring and promoting women, minorities and those with disabilities.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted that Labor Secretary Alexis M. Herman has recognized Union Bank of California for its efforts. I join her in commending Union Bank on this long history of service, and I congratulate the Bank and its officers on receiving the Opportunity 2000 award for outstanding leadership in its equal opportunity programs.

Mr. Speaker, since its founding in San Francisco on July 5, 1864, Union Bank has made it its business to be more than just a successful bank; it has sought to be an integral contributor in advancing our common interests. This sense of community service took its earliest form in developing the infrastructure and trade of the West coast in the late 19th century. Union Bank helped fund the completion of the coast-to-coast railroad; it invested in early exploration of Alaska leading to its purchase by the U.S.; it financed the building of California's first large-scale Central Valley irrigation project; and it negotiated trade between the United States and Japan. These achievements demonstrate that the Union Bank of California has, from the beginning, had its priorities rooted in the welfare of the public.

And, it is clear from its receiving the Opportunity 2000 award, that those priorities have not changed. Today, Mr. Speaker, Union Bank's commitment to a better future is founded in its belief in the value of a diverse workforce. This has literally shaped the entire nature of the company, from its board of direc-

tors to entry-level employees. Boasting 7 minorities out of 17 members on its board of directors, Union Bank has quadrupled the number of women and doubled the number of minorities since 1996. These efforts by Union Bank represent a unique commitment in corporate America that it makes both good business sense and good moral sense to strive for including all in employment opportunities.

Takahiro Moriguchi, President and CEO of Union Bank of California, expressed the Bank's enlightened view: "By searching for talent from among the disabled, both genders, veterans, all ethnic groups and all nationalities, we gain access to a pool of ideas, energy and creativity as wide and varied as the human race itself. I expect diversity will become even more important as the world gradually becomes a truly global marketplace." This type of leadership and this kind of vision have earned Union Bank the top position in Fortune Magazine's listing of "The 50 Best Companies for Asians, Blacks, and Hispanics."

Union Bank is clearly a trend setter, and I hope it can serve as inspiration and motivation to the rest of corporate America to realize how aggressively promoting equal employment opportunity programs is in the best interests of both corporate and non-corporate America.

Mr. Speaker, Union Bank has always been focused on the betterment of society, whether it be the development of the infrastructure and trade in the west or the development of equal opportunity programs that help unleash the talent of a workforce previously held back by discrimination. Union Bank should be commended for this dedication to social progress, and I congratulate the bank and its officers upon receiving Secretary of Labor Herman's Opportunities 2000 Award.

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF THE UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE

HON. CHARLES W. STENHOLM

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2000

Mr. STENHOLM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a group of men and women who, throughout the history of this great nation, have served valiantly during times of wars and peace. The U.S. Merchant Marine fleet and the people who crew it, are a critical component of the economic strength and national security of America. From the earliest days of the Revolutionary War, when Merchant ships carried goods to Colonial outposts, through recent operations in Yugoslavia, merchant sailors have sailed into harms way to provide support to the Armed Forces by carrying the equipment, supplies, and personnel necessary to maintain war efforts. Numerous members of the United States Merchant Marine have made the ultimate sacrifice to help secure peace and freedom. During World War II the Merchant Marine had the greatest percentage of lives lost of any military service, with the exception of the Marine Corps. Included in that loss were 142 cadet-midshipmen from the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

There are Merchant Mariners and Merchant Marine Veterans all across this great nation, even in the land-locked 17th District of Texas,