

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF JAY B. BLOOM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF BRAND NEW DAY

### HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Jay B. Bloom, Executive Director of Brand New Day, Inc., for his outstanding contributions to community development and low-income housing. In appreciation of his service to the community, Brand New Day is honoring Mr. Bloom at its 15th Anniversary Celebration, entitled "Renewal of Our Commitment to Elizabethport."

A graduate of Columbia Law School, Jay B. Bloom has lived in and around New Jersey all his life. After law school, Mr. Bloom established a law practice specializing in real estate and municipal law. Four successful decades later, he retired.

With the knowledge and experience he gained through the years, and with the desire to help those in need, Mr. Bloom joined Brand New Day (BND), a charitable non-profit community development organization that provides affordable housing for community members in the Elizabethport area. BND acquires and rehabilitates existing structures and purchases land for the construction of new affordable housing developments. BND also sponsors and coordinates community outreach programs.

As the Executive Director of BND, Mr. Bloom developed and implemented a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization program. Under his leadership, BND has revitalized and constructed numerous rental units and homes for low-income community members.

Today, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Jay B. Bloom and Brand New Day for their unparalleled contributions to community development and for their generous and compassionate service to the residents of Elizabethport, New Jersey. As a community leader, Mr. Bloom is an inspiration to all of us.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NURSING FACILITY STAFFING IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2000

### HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to introduce legislation with Representative HENRY WAXMAN that focuses clear attention on the critical role that staffing plays in delivering quality care to the 1.6 million people—our parents, grandparents, siblings and spouses—whose fragile health requires them to live in nursing homes.

Policymakers and the public have heard stories for years about the high cost of poor care.

And most of us intuitively know that understaffing is a causal or contributing factor in the hundreds of sad tales of neglect and abuse that are identified and publicized each year.

The impetus for this legislation is both a recent HHS report on nursing facility staffing ratios and a local study conducted in my district that highlights the correlation between quality of care and staffing levels.

The "Nursing Facility Staffing Improvement Act of 2000" proposed a remedy for chronic understaffing in nursing homes: It directs state surveyors to conduct special staffing assessments in instances where they identify quality of care deficiencies that either cause actual harm, or that pose a risk of immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety.

If there is a finding that inadequate staffing has contributed to an actual harm or immediate jeopardy deficiency, the bill requires those facilities to submit corrective action plans within 30 days stipulating the number and type of additional nursing staff necessary to assure resident well-being. Facilities would then face tough scrutiny from state inspectors, who would check and enforce continued compliance during two interim staffing-only surveys that would occur before the next routine annual inspection. In the event that a facility was again found to have inadequate staffing during an interim survey, an additional two years of interim staffing surveys from that date forward would be triggered.

As a separate disclosure requirement, the HHS Secretary would make facility-specific staffing data available on the "Nursing Home Compare" website. The data, which would include total hours of care provided per shift by both licensed and unlicensed nursing staff could be reviewed by family members before placing their loved ones in a facility and aid them in making informed choices.

The legislation does not propose any new fines or penalties for inadequate staffing. Rather, it holds nursing homes responsible for providing consistently adequate levels of nurse staffing, which all experts tell us is the foundation of good medical and supportive care for medically complex, fragile people. It accomplishes this through a system of stepped-up scrutiny and public accountability.

The remedy we are proposing today will improve enforcement of those staffing standards that currently apply, as well as standards that are developed in the future.

This legislation will strengthen our federal oversight system. Under current law, many inspectors find it relatively difficult to document and defend appeals of citations of facility understaffing. This bill would change that by directing surveyors to analyze the role that staffing plays whenever there are serious quality deficiencies. And it will serve as a wake-up call for those facilities they try to control expenses by cutting back on the number and wages of nursing staff.

Last July, phase one of an important HHS staffing study, titled "Appropriateness of Minimum Nurse Staffing Ratios in Nursing Homes" was released. It is an important anal-

ysis for many reasons, and the first federal study of its kind. Its central findings is that most facilities are failing to staff at levels that guarantee good care.

In brief, HHS identified two levels of staffing—a "preferred minimum" staffing levels of 3.45 hours of nursing care for each resident each day, with 2 hours of this care providing by nursing assistants, 1 hour by a registered or licensed nurse, and 0.45 hours only by registered nurses. Quality of care in facilities that staffed above this level, the study concluded, was "improved across the board."

HHS also identified a lower "minimum" level of 2.95 hours of nursing care per resident day, with 2 hours of care provided by nursing assistants, 0.75 by registered or licensed nurses, and 0.20 hours only by registered nurses. Regrettably, more than 90% of facilities in the U.S. fall short of this standard today.

The agency's phase one study also shows that many states are acutely aware of staffing shortages in nursing facilities. Many have already moved to impose more stringent staffing requirements under their licensure authority, and some are taking up State legislation to set quantitative minimum staffing standards. California, for example, has a new law requiring all nursing facilities to provide at least 3.2 hours of resident care per day.

At the federal level, we are about a year away from having national recommendations on a minimum ratio requirements from phase two of HHS staffing analysis, which will help to shape future discussions and debate about how to go about establishing federal staffing standards.

The staffing shortages documented in HHS' national study are also reflected in many homes in my district. At my request, the Democratic staff of the House Government Reform Committee prepared an analysis of staffing levels in homes in my district. Titled "Nursing Home Staffing Levels in the 13th Congressional District," the report shows that 86%, or 25 facilities, did not meet HHS' preferred minimum staffing level of 3.45 hours of nursing care per resident day, while 55% did not meet the lower minimum level of 2.95 hours of nursing care.

Equally important, this congressional study looks at the annual surveys of these homes during their most recent annual inspections. Among those facilities that did not staff at preferred minimum levels, 68% were cited for a violation causing actual harm to residents. In contrast, homes that did not staff at preferred minimum levels had no violations causing actual harm. Clearly, staffing levels matter.

The findings of this congressional study and others like it, plus the implied cost of bringing nearly 16,480 nursing facilities throughout the country up to appropriate levels, are already the subject of considerable debate and discussion. In the next Congress, policymakers and stakeholders will begin to seriously grapple with the mechanics of translating HHS' future staffing recommendations into quantitative federal standards.

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In the interim, it is simply wrong to stand by and allow the current national epidemic of inadequate staffing to continue without intervention. The status quo means that nursing home residents will keep suffering adverse consequences in the form of poor care, or—in the most severe cases—neglect so profound that untimely death is the result.

For all of the reasons, I urge my colleagues to join me in support of the "Nursing Facility Staffing Improvement Act." It is a bill that I hope will find its way into next year's discussions on nursing home quality and accountability, and I invite any and all interested parties to comment.

HONORING CORPORAL MASON O.  
YARBROUGH

**HON. JO ANN EMERSON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and humility that I submit this tribute into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD about a true patriot and hero—Corporal Mason O. Yarbrough, United States Marine Corps, of Sikeston, Missouri. Corporal Yarbrough was part of an elite unit, the 2nd Marine Raider Battalion. This unit, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Evans F. Carlson during World War II was known as "Carlson's Raiders." As part of the baby boom generation, I owe a great deal of debt and gratitude to this brave warrior because it was his service and sacrifice that allowed all of us to grow up in a free society.

The year 1942 found our nation in grave danger, threatened by both Germany and Japan. Colonel Carlson and his Raiders undertook the second offensive operation of the war against Japan in August of 1942. After extensive training in weapons, hand-to-hand combat and the use of rubber boats, C and D companies of the Marine Raiders were sent to Midway Island. At Midway, they helped the Navy turn back a massive Japanese attack from June 3 through 6, 1942 in what would become the turning point of the Pacific War.

A and B companies of Carlson's Raiders, including Yarbrough of B company were earmarked by Adm. Chester Nimitz for an attack August 17, 1942 on Makin in the Gilbert Islands about 1,000 miles northeast of Guadalcanal. Their mission was to destroy the island's small Japanese seaplane base and its garrison, gain intelligence on the area and perhaps more importantly divert Japanese attention and troops from Guadalcanal and Tulagi in the Solomon Islands. There, U.S. troops had landed 10 days earlier to begin the major offensive of the Pacific War. The Japanese were pouring reinforcements into Guadalcanal and Nimitz was looking to a diversionary hit-and-run raid on Makin to ease the pressure.

The force of 220 Raiders arrived off Makin in the pre-dawn hours of August 17. They had been ferried from Pearl Harbor aboard the submarines Nautilus and Argonaut, which had stripped and reconfigured their torpedo compartments to make room for the marines. Unlike other units, this group did not have the luxury of naval gunfire support of Naval and Army Air Corps cover.

On August 17, 1942 (August 16 local time) fierce fighting ensued and Corporal Yarbrough on his twenty-first birthday was fatally struck down by enemy fire. On August 18, as survivors of "Carlson's Raiders" withdrew from the island to rendezvous with the waiting submarines, arrangements were made with a local village chief to bury the bodies of the fallen men.

Now, fifty-eight long years after Corporal Yarbrough's heroic action, his remains have been recovered. The Yarbrough family, together with the citizens of Sikeston, Missouri will bid him farewell with a service and burial on December 15, 2000. At 2:19 p.m. on that date, a moment of silence will be observed to honor all nineteen Marine Raiders whose remains were recovered from the Makin mission. This honor will also be extended to the nine Marine Raiders of the Makin raid whose remains are yet to be repatriated, as well as all the MIAs and KIAs from our great nation's wars.

HONORING RICHARD C. JOLLEY

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I wish to take this moment to recognize the remarkable life and significant achievements of a life-long New Castle resident and sheep rancher, Richard C. Jolley. Sadly, Dick lost his battle with cancer on November 19, 2000. While his family, friends and community remember the truly exceptional life of Dick, I, too, would like to pay tribute to this remarkable man and close personal friend.

Dick was a beloved native of New Castle, where his contributions to the community were many. A dedicated leader of his community, he was elected as a Garfield County Commissioner in 1976, serving during the oil shale boom in Western Colorado. His pragmatism assisted him in finding tough but fair solutions during negotiations with the oil companies, all the while working to see local interests were protected. He also tackled problems in the district attorney's office and worked through a proposal to build a local ski area. His term in elected office was marked by his honest, trustworthy nature and his ability to boil things down to the bottom line.

His life was one of distinction both professionally and in the realm of public service. After serving as a county commissioner, Dick was a leading force in founding the Regional Bank of Rifle, which was recently acquired by Wells Fargo. Dick had a keen business sense that was on full display during his time at the Regional Bank of Rifle.

Known for his sharp wit, a hallmark of Dick's personality was his ability to transfix an audience with his stories. Sporting a grin from ear to ear, he narrated knee-slapping tales that are nothing short of legendary.

Although his professional accomplishments will long be remembered and admired, most who knew him well will remember Dick Jolley, above all else, as a loving husband for 48 years, a devoted father of two sons and a proud grandfather of four grandchildren. At the end of his life, his grandchildren brought him endless joy.

Mr. Speaker, with Dick's passing, western Colorado has lost a great man and friend. However, Mr. Speaker, I am confident that, in spite of this profound loss, the family and friends of Dick Jolley can take solace in the knowledge that each is a better person for having known him. I know that I am.

It is with this that I pay tribute to the life of a man who exemplified the extraordinary characteristics of strength, dignity and sincerity. We will all miss him greatly.

IN RECOGNITION OF HENRY  
SANCHEZ

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Henry Sanchez for his years of dedicated service to the community of Bayonne, New Jersey. Today, Mr. Sanchez will be presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Bayonne Historical Society's annual Holiday Dinner Dance.

Henry Sanchez was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico and moved to New York as a child. In 1944, he joined the United States Navy and served in World War II. For his courageous service to our nation and the world, he was awarded medals from the governments of the United States, France, and Taiwan.

In 1950, Mr. Sanchez began work for the Bayonne Naval Supply Depot, later named the Military Ocean Terminal (MOT). Between 1950 and 1997, he served in leadership positions at MOT, and with the United States Air Force. These positions included Supervisory Transportation Assistant, Deputy Commander of the USAF's Water Port Logistics Office, and Deputy Director of the Personal Property Directorate at the Eastern Area Military Traffic Management Command.

In recognition of his hard work, dedication, and leadership, Mr. Sanchez has received many awards, including the U.S. Air Force Meritorious Civilian Medal and the Army Civilian Award for Humanitarian Service.

Mr. Sanchez has also selflessly given his time to many other important causes and organizations. He has served as member, chairman (1989), and Grand Marshal (2000) of the Bayonne Memorial Day Committee; Chair of the F.A. Mackenzie Post #165 of the American Legion blood bank; Post Commander of the Disabled American Veterans; member of Catholic War Veterans #1612; member of the board of directors of the United Way of Hudson County; Red Cross volunteer; local baseball and softball umpire; and recently, Commissioner of the Bayonne local Redevelopment Authority, which is responsible for redevelopment of the Military Ocean Terminal. He is also a parishioner of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church.

Mr. Sanchez has four children, ten grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Henry Sanchez for his years of exceptional service to country and community.

## TRIBUTE TO CHARLES REID ROSS

**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**OF NORTH CAROLINA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, one of the Titans of North Carolina's public education system, Charles Reid Ross, a pipe-smoking gentle man who left an indelible impression on the communities and state he served, died November 12, 2000, on his birthday. He was 93.

If anyone deserves to be characterized as a Renaissance man, Reid Ross earned that title. He was a teacher, school superintendent, civil rights hero, political leader, builder of schools and colleges, champion of putting art and music in schools, husband, father, friend to thousands. All were roles Reid Ross played to the hilt.

"He was very ready," his daughter, Sue Fields Ross, said of her father's death. "He wanted to have a big celebration. He felt very much that he has run the race."

"He loved a good funeral," Margaret Ross, a niece, said of her uncle. "He probably went to more funerals than anybody in North Carolina. He did it out of honor."

Arthur Ross III, a great-nephew who helped preach at the funeral, said that if his uncle could have attended the funeral, he would probably have done "a little politicking on the lawn," all on behalf of the Democratic party, and would have loved the music provided by a string quartet from the school named in his honor.

Ross began his teaching career on Hatteras Island when the only way of communicating with the island was by the mail boat. He went from there to spend 40 years in the schools of Lenoir County, Harnett County, and Fayetteville. He was superintendent of schools in Harnett County for 10 years before becoming superintendent in Fayetteville in 1951, a post he would hold until his retirement in 1971.

The times and man coincided when the civil rights revolution hit North Carolina. As The Fayetteville Observer said in an editorial at Ross' death, Ross "was an educational visionary. He instinctively knew when the public education system needed to go to be viable in the future. More important, he knew how to get it there, and had the personality to do it. That gift became crucial during the years of school integration. While many school systems in the South fumbled and stagnated, schools in Fayetteville kept moving forward. He pushed for buildings and for increased funding. Politically courageous at a time when schools had been separate and unequal, he insisted that spending had to be fair and equitable."

One observer of the period said: "Don't ever negotiate with a man who smokes a pipe. Between the packing and re-packing and the lighting and re-lighting, he's eventually going to get his way."

The Fayetteville newspaper went on to give Ross credit for shaping the response of other school superintendents across the state and the South.

"In fact, to look back at the best educational decisions made in the history of this community's schools is to look closely at Ross' career. It's his managed style that helped shape the standard of how school superintendents

should lead. It's his personality and insight that influenced educators throughout the state. It's the people he hired and the people he inspired who, long after he retired, continued to make lasting contributions to the betterment of public education."

Ross was responsible for building 12 schools during his years in Fayetteville. One high school named in his honor and exists today as Reid Ross Classical School.

During the period involved, Ross was also a power behind the scenes in the North Carolina Education Association, at that time the organization representing most of the white educators in the state. Ross' gentle advice and courage was deeply involved in the merger of NCEA and the North Carolina Teachers Association in 1970 into the present North Carolina Association of Educators. Quietly, firmly, without fanfare, he insisted that his colleagues do the right thing.

Ross' other contributions are numerous. He established sheltered works for the handicapped. He insisted that art and music had a place in the public school curriculum and eventually won that battle. He helped found the Fayetteville Industrial Education Center that became Fayetteville Technical College.

He started the first girls' basketball at Fayetteville High School. He served two terms as president of the High School Athletics Association, helping to put in place many of the policies that still prevail for high school sports.

Ross was a deacon and elder in Lillington Presbyterian Church. He was a charter member of the Lillington Rotary Club. And until his death, he was active in the Democratic Party and cared deeply about how the University of North of Carolina basketball team was doing.

Our state has lost one of its great educational leaders. A man in the same mold as the late Terry Sanford. A man who did his duty as he saw it for the good of the fellow men and women he loved.

As Ross' funeral, the Call to Worship was as he directed:

"The strife is over, the battle done. The victory of life is won. The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia."

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**HONORING MURRAY LENDER ON  
HIS 70TH BIRTHDAY**
**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**OF CONNECTICUT  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to a community leader, a philanthropist, a humanitarian, and a great friend, Murray Lender, on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

Murray's father, Harry Lender, introduced bagels to the people of this country. Murray continued that tradition as chairman of Lender's Bagel Bakery, the world's largest bagel bakery. He revolutionized the bagel industry when he began the process of freezing bagels in the late 1950s, bringing to life his father's dream of "a bagel on every table." His astute business sense was recognized by the National Frozen Food Association, which inducted him into the Frozen Food Hall of Fame, only the sixth person to be so honored. He also received the International Deli-Bakery Association's Hall of Fame Award and has

been selected Man of the Year by numerous industry associations. But these achievements are dwarfed by what Murray has done for the people of Greater New Haven, of Connecticut, and of this country through his myriad of philanthropic and humanitarian works.

Murray's efforts in New Haven have truly been exceptional. He and his family have given generously of their time and resources to Quinnipiac University. Murray was given the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1991. His family's efforts have provided students with a top-notch business program that allows students to benefit from the practical knowledge, business acumen, and impressive record of success that Murray and his family have achieved. In 1997, Murray was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from his alma mater, Quinnipiac College. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees of Quinnipiac, where his contributions to that institution continue. In addition, he serves as co-chair of the Yale University School of Medicine Cardiovascular Research Fund.

Murray has also had a tremendous impact on our community through his work with a variety of service organizations including the New Haven Jewish Community Center, the American Heart Association, the Leukemia Society of America and the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. While he built an incredibly successful business, Murray contributed not just money but, more notably, his time, to these worthy efforts.

Murray has also been an active member of our nation's Jewish community, participating in numerous events, contributing time and financial resources, and forwarding the cause of peace in the Middle East. The Anti-Defamation League has bestowed upon him its highest honor, the Torch of Liberty Award, in recognition of a profound record of public service.

In every way, Murray has been an outstanding citizen and community member. He serves as a role model to us all. He has had a profound effect on our community and our nation. I am honored to stand today and join his brother, Marvin; his children, Harris, Carl and Jay; along with other family members and friends; in wishing him many more years of health and happiness. HAPPY BIRTHDAY MURRAY!

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**TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF FORMER  
CONGRESSMAN HENRY B. GONZALEZ**

SPEECH OF

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2000*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise to pay tribute to the remarkable life and career of our trusted former colleague, the Honorable Henry Gonzalez of Texas. Dogged, brilliant, committed, indefatigable, a champion for the destitute—such was our Chairman of the Banking Committee. During my early years in the Congress, as a member of that committee, I had the great pleasure of serving with this able gentleman. He served in the tradition of Franklin Roosevelt, a man who believed in opportunity for all Americans and dedicated his life to that cause.

On the Banking Committee, his work in improving housing for people from all walks of life and incomes is legendary. In him ticked a strong democratic heart. Every corner of America is better because of his service. He stood up for human rights here at home and abroad, no matter what the cost. He was unflinching when he knew his cause was just.

Recently, as we broke ground for the dedication of the new World War II Memorial in our Nation's capital, I especially named Henry Gonzalez as a key figure in congressional efforts to pass legislation to bring that element to full life as a part of our Nation's history. He was a gentleman with many facets, and many concerns. He was a son of the World War II generation that preserved liberty for modern times, and his selfless dedication grew from that experience and his own humble beginnings. I include here those remarks for the RECORD.

In extending deepest sympathy to his family, including his son CHARLES who has succeeded him in this Congress, I am mindful that those of us who have been influenced by his great mind and soul have been lifted to service above self. May he rest in peace and the good works that he fashioned inspire others for generations to come. Truly he was a man both ahead of his time, and a pioneer to the future.

REMARKS BY THE HONORABLE MARCY KAPTUR  
AT WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL  
GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY, NOVEMBER 11,  
2000

Reverend Clergy, Mr. President, Honored Guests All. We, the children of freedom, on this first Veterans' Day of the new century, gather to offer highest tribute, long overdue, and our everlasting respect, gratitude, and love to Americans of the 20th century whose valor and sacrifice yielded the modern triumph of liberty over tyranny. This is a memorial not to a man but to a time and a people.

This is a long-anticipated day. It was 1937 when this Memorial was first conceived. As many have said, it has taken longer to build the Memorial than to fight the war. Today, with the support of Americans from all walks of life, our veterans service organizations and overwhelming, bipartisan support in Congress, the Memorial is a reality. I do not have the time to mention all the Members of Congress who deserve thanks for their contributions to this cause, but certain Members in particular must be recognized. Rep. Sonny Montgomery, now retired, a true champion of veterans in the House, and Senator Strom Thurmond, our unflinching advocate in the Senate, as well as Rep. Bill Clay, of Missouri and two retired Members, Rep. Henry Gonzalez and Senator John Glenn. At the end of World War I, the French poet Guillaume Apollinaire declaring himself "against forgetting" wrote of his fallen comrades: "You asked neither for glory nor for tears."

Five years ago, at the close of the 50th anniversary ceremonies for World War II, Americans consecrated this ground with soil from the resting places around the world of those who served and died on all fronts. We, too, declared ourselves against forgetting. We pledged then that America would honor and remember their selfless devotion on this Mall that commemorates democracy's march.

Apollinaire's words resonated again as E.B. Sledge reflected on the moment the Second World War ended: "... sitting in a stunned silence, we remembered our dead ... so many dead ... Except for a few widely scat-

tered shouts of joy, the survivors of the abyss sat hollow-eyed, trying to comprehend a world without war."

Yes. Individual acts by ordinary men and women in an extraordinary time—one exhausting skirmish, one determined attack, one valiant act of heroism, one digged determination to give your all, one heroic act after another—by the thousands—by the millions—bound our country together as it has not been since, bound the living to the dead in common purpose and in service to freedom, and to life.

As a Marine wrote about his company, "I cannot say too much for the men ... I have seen a spirit of brotherhood ... that goes with one foot here amid the friends we see, and the other foot there amid the friends we see no longer, and one foot is as steady as the other."

Today we break ground. It is only fitting that the event that reshaped the modern world in the 20th century and marked our nation's emergence from isolationism to the leader of the free world be commemorated on this site.

Our work will not be complete until the light from the central sculpture of the Memorial intersects the shadow cast by the Washington Monument across the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool and the struggles for freedom of the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries converge in one moment.

Here freedom will shine. She will shine.

This Memorial honors those still living who served abroad and on the home front and also those lost—the nearly 300,000 Americans who died in combat, and those millions who survived the war but who have since passed away. Among that number I count my inspired constituent Roger Durbin of Berkey, Ohio, a letter carrier who fought bravely with the Army's 101st Armored Division in the Battle of the Bulge and who, because he could not forget, asked me in 1987 why there was no memorial in our nation's Capitol to which he could bring his grandchildren. Roger is with us spiritually today. To help us remember him and his contribution to America, we have with us a delegation from his American Legion Post, the Joseph Diehn Post in Sylvania, Ohio, and his beloved family, his widow Marian his granddaughter, Melissa, an art historian and member of the World War II Memorial Advisory Board.

This is a memorial to heroic sacrifice. It is also a memorial for the living—positioned between the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial—to remember how freedom in the 20th century was preserved for ensuing generations.

Poet Keith Douglas died in foreign combat in 1944 at age 24. In predicting his own end, he wrote about what he called time's wrong-way telescope, and how he thought it might simplify him as people looked back at him over the distance of years. "Through that lens," he demanded, "see if I seem/substance or nothing; of the world/deserving mention, or charitable oblivion ... ." And then he ended with the request, "Remember me when I am dead/and simplify me when I'm dead." What a strange and striking charge that is!

And yet here today we pledge that as the World War II Memorial is built, through the simplifying elements of stone, water, and light. There will be no charitable oblivion. America will not forget. The world will not forget. When we as a people can no longer remember the complicated individuals who walked in freedom's march—a husband, a sister, a friend, a brother, and uncle, a father—when those individuals become simplified in histories and in family stories, still when future generations journey to this holy place, America will not forget. Freedom's children will not forget.

NEW JERSEY URBANIZED PEAK  
FLOW MANAGEMENT RESEARCH

**HON. ROBERT MENEDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. MENEDEZ. Mr. Speaker, today, I speak regarding a matter of great importance to my district and the entire State of New Jersey. New Jersey is confronted with an array of complex challenges related to the environment and economic development. However, one issue in particular, the overdevelopment of land, had become especially concerning because of the impact it is having on our watersheds and floodplains, as well as its resulting impact on economic activity.

As many of my colleagues already know, this past August vast parts of northern New Jersey were devastated by flooding caused by severe rainfall. The resulting natural disaster threatened countless homes, bridges and roads, not to mention the health, safety and welfare of area residents. This flooding resulted in millions of dollars of damage, and area residents are still fighting to restore some degree of normalcy to their lives.

While the threat of future floods continues to plague the region, one new Jersey institution is taking concrete steps to prevent another catastrophe. The New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) has been studying the challenges posed by flooding and stormwater flows for some time, and is interested in forming a multi-agency federal partnership to continue this important research.

NJIT is one of our state's premier research institutions and is uniquely equipped to carry out this critical stormwater research. The university has a long and distinguished tradition of responding to difficult public policy challenges such as environmental emissions standards, aircraft noise, traffic congestion, and alternative energy. More broadly, NJIT has demonstrated an institutional ability to direct its intellectual resources to the examination of problems beyond academia, and its commitment to research allows it to serve as a resource for unbiased technological information and analysis.

An excellent opportunity for NJIT to partner with the federal government and solve the difficult problem of flood control has presented itself in the 2000 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). The final version of this important legislation includes a provision directing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to develop and implement a stormwater flood control project in New Jersey and report back to Congress within three years on its progress. While the Corps of Engineers is familiar with this problem at the national level, it does not have the firsthand knowledge and experience in New Jersey that NJIT has accrued in its 119 years of service to the people of my district and state. Including NJIT's expertise and experience in this research effort is a logical step and would greatly benefit the Army Corps, as well as significantly improve the project's chances of success.

Therefore, I urge the New York District of the Corps of Engineers to work closely with my office and NJIT to ensure the university's full participation in this study. By working together, we can create a nexus between the considerable flood control expertise of the

Army Corps and NJIT, and finally solve this difficult problem for the people of New Jersey. I hope my colleagues will support my efforts in this regard.

HONORING THE SAINT ANDREW'S SOCIETY ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to rise today to pay tribute to the Saint Andrew's Society, an extraordinary institution in my hometown of New Haven, Connecticut as they celebrate their 100th Anniversary.

Founded in November of 1900, the Saint Andrew's Society quickly became an essential part of our community. In the century since, the group has grown dramatically while retaining its character as an active local force and preserver of tradition. In fact, earlier this year, as a tribute to their invaluable presence in the New Haven community, I was pleased to designate St. Andrew's Society as one of our Local Legacies for the Library of Congress' Bicentennial Project.

The members of the St. Andrew society have assumed a critical responsibility—maintaining the Italian heritage that thousands of Greater New Haven residents share. Members meet each month in an effort to lead the historic Wooster Square neighborhood that is the focus for Italian-Americans in New Haven. For as long as I can remember, St. Andrew's has played such an important role in forging the bonds of our community. Some of my fondest memories are of the times that I have spent with the people of St. Andrew's. Each year, St. Andrew's keeps our community spirit alive by organizing an annual feast where we celebrate our traditions, history and culture, bringing memories of "the old days" back for all of us. It is through efforts such as these that we renew our history and help pass it along.

The generosity of the St. Andrew's Society members extends far beyond our tight-knit community. Over the last century, members have raised millions of dollars to preserve some of our most treasured monuments—St. Michael's Church, New Haven's oldest Italian Church and the ninth-century Amalfi Cathedral in Italy. It is through such efforts that we remember our history, celebrate our friendships, and continue to strengthen the bonds of our community.

Forged through the bonds of family, St. Andrew's Society now includes fifth and sixth generation members and while none of the founding members are with us today, their decedents continue to be active in the society. The invaluable contributions of the Saint Andrew's Society are still apparent today as we gather to celebrate their centennial anniversary. It is with great pride that I stand today to extend my deepest thanks and warmest congratulations to the members of the Saint Andrew Society on their 100th Anniversary.

DEATH OF MRS. FLOSSIE PARKER BARBER

**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Flossie Parker Barber died November 15, 2000, after a life that spanned 91 years. She was my fifth grade teacher. She was also the major influence that took a poor farm boy from Johnston County, described to him the wonderful world he would be entering, and then motivated him to set goals that were beyond his wildest dreams.

She did not know the meaning of the word, "can't," and she instilled that philosophy in her students.

Every individual should have the opportunity to sit before a teacher of the dedication Mrs. Barber displayed. In her 34 years of teaching at the old Cleveland Union School, she was fair and honest with all her students. But she would accept from each nothing less than all the excellence each was capable of providing.

She was never too busy to help a student; she loved us openly and with devotion; and she is, to me, the epitome of what constitutes a good teacher. She described to her students the better world she wanted, and ever since those days in the fifth grade, we have been attempting to build that world for her. Mrs. Barber gave truth to the old adage that a good teacher's influence never stops, that teachers affect eternity by the influence they have on their students.

I was lucky to have Mrs. Barber for a teacher. I was luckier still that she became my friend and advisor when I became an adult.

Mrs. Barber was a graduate of East Carolina Teachers College, now East Carolina University and was always a strong supporter of the school.

Mrs. Barber was the widow of Percy D. Barber. She is survived by one son, Robert W. Barber and his wife, Elizabeth T. Barber of Clayton. She left two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral service for Mrs. Barber was held at her church, Oakland Presbyterian, on November 17. Mrs. Barber had requested the following, "A Teacher's Prayer," be part of her final ceremony. The prayer is by James J. Metcalf and is presented here:

"I wanted to teach my students how,

"To live this life on earth;

"To face its struggles and its strike,

"And improve their worth.

"Not just the lesson in the book,

"Or how the rivers flow;

"But how to choose the proper path,

"Wherever they may go.

"To understand eternal truth,

"And know the right from wrong;

"And gather all the beauty of,

"A flower and a song.

"For if I helped the world to grow,

"In wisdom and in grace;

"Then I shall feel that I have won,

"And I have filled my place.

"And so I ask your guidance, God,

"That I have done my part;

"For character and confidence.

"And happiness and heart."

We shall miss this remarkable woman, who even now is undoubtedly organizing and teaching all the young angels.

RECOGNIZING SECOND LIEUTENANT KEVIN R. WHITE

**HON. JO ANN EMERSON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations to Second Lieutenant Kevin R. White on the occasion of his graduation from Officers Training School. This is a considerable achievement, which I am proud to command to the attention of Congress.

Lieutenant White is no stranger to hard work and high achievements. Before graduating from Officers Training School, as an enlisted man he worked toward no less than four different degrees. First he attended and graduated from Georgia Military College in 1989. He then went on to attend the Community College of the Air Force, where he received a degree in Metals Technology in 1991. After that he continued his education by graduating in 1996 from Wayland Baptist University with a B.S. in Occupations Education and graduating from La Verne University in 1999 with a Masters degree in Organizational Management.

Throughout his career in the military and in academia, Lieutenant White received a number of awards and honors. He was awarded two Air Force Commendation Medals and one Air Force Achievement Medal. Lieutenant White was named the Third Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Noncommissioned Officer of the Year in 1997 and the Third Equipment Maintenance Squadron Noncommissioned Officer of the 4th quarter in 1997. While fulfilling his military duties, Lieutenant White also excelled in his studies, making the President's list at Wayland Baptist University in 1996.

In addition to excelling in the Air Force and working toward a top notch education, Lieutenant White was busy fulfilling many military assignments overseas, such as completing a remote tour of Keflavik, Iceland from 1991 to 1992. Additionally, he spent over 9 years overseas in different countries, including Thailand, Iceland, Singapore, Japan, Norway, and Saudi Arabia. Lieutenant White also found time amidst his many responsibilities to volunteer to be a Big Brother while in Alaska. In fact, he received the Big Brother, Big Sister of the Year Award in 1997. Currently, Lieutenant White takes time out of his busy schedule to coach bowling for participants in the Special Olympics.

Lieutenant White has served his community and his country with great distinction. I am honored to pay tribute to his achievements and to recognize his efforts to build a better, stronger America.

HONORING THE LIBERTY SCIENCE CENTER

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I bring to your attention one of the premier science museums in the nation, the Liberty Science Center (LSC) in Jersey City, New Jersey.

The LSC has a unique mission to serve as an innovative, "hands-on" learning resource

for the lifelong exploration of nature, humanity and technology. Its mission is to promote informed stewardship and lifelong interactive learning of the world for all ages. The staff members have extensive backgrounds in science and technology education. They work closely with regional school districts and educators in order to fulfill their goal of bringing the enjoyment of scientific discovery to children.

The LSC has recently initiated a unique, visionary "Partnership Program" with 28 at-risk school districts in New Jersey. This program provides students with a challenging inquiry-based learning experience aligned with New Jersey State Core Curriculum Standards, as well as teacher training and opportunities that encourage the whole family to get involved in the education process. Since the Partnership's inception during the 1998-1999 school year, student participation has increased from 45,000 to 160,000. The New Jersey State Legislature has already appropriated \$6 million to support expansion of the Partnership Program making the Science Center and the State of New Jersey a model for other partnerships between public school systems and private institutions everywhere in the United States.

The LSC aims to complete a major infrastructure expansion project by the year 2005, so that even more at-risk students and families can reap the benefits of hands-on scientific learning. The museum seeks to emerge as a landmark destination in the region offering experiences that significantly advance the reach and impact of a complete science education both onsite, offsite and online. With this proposed expansion, LSC intends to provide an indispensable public service and remain broadly involved in the growth of Jersey City's diverse urban neighborhood as it begins a renaissance.

I would like to call upon my distinguished colleagues to join with me in the next session of Congress to make the expansion of the LSC a priority on our legislative agendas.

Our most precious resource is our children. Providing them with exciting educational opportunities to expand their horizons should always be a top priority of our nation's leaders, and I hope to continue this important work with my colleagues in the 107th Congress.

HONORING TOM CAMERLO

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to recognize an outstanding citizen, Tom Camerlo of Florence, CO. Tom has recently been named an inductee into the Colorado Agricultural Hall of Fame. It has been Tom's devoted leadership to the dairy farming community that has helped him to earn this distinguished honor. At this time I would like to pay tribute to Tom for his many personal accomplishments and numerous contributions to his community and profession.

Tom attended Florence High School before enrolling at Colorado State University where he began a course of study that would prepare him for what has become a truly impressive career. He received his Bachelor of

Science degree in General Agriculture and has used this knowledge to help benefit dairy farmers all over the country. Along with his education at Colorado State University, Tom also used his leadership as a Captain in the U.S. Army to benefit his community and State.

Tom has used his natural ability to lead along with his knowledge of agriculture to help further such organizations as the Mountain Empire Dairymen's Association, the United Dairy Industry Association, and the Dairy Promotion Federation Association, all in which he served in the capacity of president. Tom is also a current board and executive committee member of the National Milk Producers Federation and serves as president of the National Milk Producer's Federation, a position he has held for over a decade.

Tom's remarkable dedication to the farming industry has also earned him a number of different awards. The awards include Livestock Leader's Award from Colorado State University, the National Cooperative Statesmanship Award from the American Institute of Cooperation and he has been named Colorado Livestock Producer of the Year. Among his greatest accomplishments have been being appointed to the Colorado Agricultural Development Committee and the Presidential Advisory Committee on Trade Policy and Negotiations.

Tom, for the past six years, has been an active member of the Board of Directors for First National Bank of Florence, serving as Chairman for four years. He has also been an active member of School Board RE-2J for almost a decade and has served as president for four years. In addition to these impressive roles in his community he is also part of the Florence Elks Lodge, Lions Club, VFW, Chamber of Commerce and St. Benedict's Catholic Church.

Tom has worked very hard to help the farming community and his many accomplishments are widely admired in the dairy farming industry. He has earned the respect of this body and on behalf of the State of Colorado and the U.S. Congress I would like to congratulate Tom on this distinguished honor. I wish him the very best in his future endeavors.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY MAKES HISTORY BY PROVIDING HEALTH COVERAGE FOR ALL CHILDREN

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, Santa Clara County in California has just made history by approving a plan to provide health coverage for all of the estimated 70,000 uninsured children in the county. Unwilling to wait for national and state officials to respond to the problem, the county has obtained funding from a variety of diverse sources to ensure that children receive the health care coverage they need, starting January 2, 2001.

The county will streamline application forms, aggressively conduct outreach, and enroll the approximately 50,000 children who qualify for state and federally funded programs. For the other 20,000 children who don't qualify for existing government assistance, the county will pay the majority of their health insurance premiums.

Not only will Santa Clara County's children be guaranteed health coverage, but also they will be guaranteed comprehensive coverage. Currently, children can obtain access to health care through Medicaid, State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), and the private sector. Often, the health coverage varies widely. Under Santa Clara County's program though, all children up to the age 19 will be guaranteed comprehensive coverage of a range of services, including vision, dental, and medical care.

I want to commend Santa Clara County for being the first in the nation to set its sights on covering all children with health insurance. The county has proactively found a solution to our nation's pressing problem of the uninsured and has built partnerships with diverse groups to achieve coverage for all children.

I hope that other counties, states, and the federal government will follow Santa Clara County's lead. With over 10 million uninsured children in this country, the problem faced by Santa Clara County is one that is faced by numerous counties across America. This year, I introduced H.R. 4390, the MediKids Health Insurance Act to provide health coverage for every child in the country. It would provide a health care safety net for uninsured children by guaranteeing access to comprehensive medical care.

MediKids, which builds on our successful experience with Medicare, is one approach to ensuring coverage for all children in the nation. There are alternative approaches that build on other existing programs, similar to the new effort being undertaken by Santa Clara County. I hope everyone in Congress can join in continuing our efforts to expand coverage to our nation's uninsured children. Passage of the SCHIP program in 1997 has certainly moved us forward, but much more needs to be done.

All of our nation's children deserve a healthy start in life. For the children living in Santa Clara County, they should now get precisely that.

RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF THE GOLD STAR WIVES CHAPTER OF COLUMBUS, GA

**HON. MAC COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, our nation is blessed by many veterans organizations including the Veterans of Foreign War and the American Legion. These organizations honor the living veterans and the deceased for their service to our country. But I would like, at this point, to remind the House of another veterans group which keeps alive the memory of veterans. The Gold Star Wives of America is a national organization composed of the spouses of men either killed in action, or who died as a result of an injury or disease incurred while on duty.

The Chattahoochee Chapter of the Gold Star Wives of America has been particularly active. Thirty years ago, they began setting out flags on Columbus' Victory Drive on holidays honoring our veterans. This is one of the city's finest sights, with the star spangled banner waving on both sides of the avenue.

Mrs. Wanda Funderburk, the Chattahoochee Gold Star Wives Club's president, says the other veterans groups help them place 120 flags along this road. They do this twice a year, and sometimes more often.

The Chattahoochee Gold Star Wives became the first chapter in the organization to place a monument in a veterans cemetery when it erected a monument on the Fort Mitchell, Alabama veterans cemetery's Walk of Honor.

Mr. Funderburk has been with the Gold Star Wives since 1985, when her husband, a Korean War veteran died. She is one of 80 fine women who are keeping the spirit of patriotism and the memory of our veterans' sacrifices alive in Columbus, Georgia.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Funderburk describes her chapter as: "We have a really nice bunch of ladies and we still believe in honoring what our husbands did, and not only our husbands, but all veterans, regardless of race, creed or color, or religion. We think there is no better way to honor our men than to raise the flag."

"I'm like a child, whenever I drive down Victory Drive and see those flags, I still get tears in my eyes," she said the other day.

That is not being a child, that is being a patriot.

TRIBUTE TO BANGOR DAILY NEWS  
COLUMNIST JOHN DAY

**HON. JOHN ELIAS BALDACCI**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. BALDACCI. Mr. Speaker, earlier this month, the long-time Washington correspondent for the Bangor Daily News retired. John Day worked for my hometown newspaper for nearly 40 years. During a distinguished career in which he filed more than 15,000 news stories, he covered municipal government in Bangor and state government in Maine's capital city of Augusta. Since 1978, John has reported on Federal issues from Washington. In that same year, he was chosen Maine Journalist of the Year by the Maine Press Association—the first time a reporter had been selected.

In addition to reporting on some of the most important national issues of the past two decades—including early, insightful stories about the Iran-Contra matter—John Day has delivered more than 1,700 opinion columns which have provided a unique perspective on the American political scene.

Knowledgeable and aggressive, John Day shared a wealth of information with generations of Bangor Daily News readers. Whether they appreciated John's viewpoint or not, they always knew where he stood. Never shy about saying what was on his mind, John inevitably gave readers something to consider.

As a Member of Congress, I have become better acquainted with John and have enjoyed the experience. John covered my father as a City Councilor in Bangor during the early part of his newspaper career in the 1960's, and concluded it covering myself and the other Members of Maine's congressional delegation at the start of a new century.

As John starts a new chapter in his life, I wish him the very best. My hometown newspaper will certainly be less colorful and it will never be the same.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. CARMELA  
ASCOLESE KARNOUTSOS

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Carmela Ascolese Karnoutsos for her dedicated service to the community of Bayonne, NJ, and for her exceptional contributions to the field of women's history. Today, Dr. Karnoutsos will be presented with the Volunteer of the Year Award at the Bayonne Historical Society's annual Holiday Dinner Dance.

Dr. Karnoutsos graduated Magna Cum Laude from Jersey City University and received her Master's Degree and Ph.D. at New York University. She is currently Professor of History at New Jersey City University (NJCU), specializing in women's history and new Jersey history. She is the author of *New Jersey Women: A History of their Status, Roles and Images* (1997). At NJCU, Dr. Karnoutsos has served as the Chair of the History Department, as Chair of the Intercollegiate Athletic Council, and as a member of numerous committees, including the General Studies Coordinating Committee.

Dr. Karnoutsos is a charter member of Bayonne Historical Society, Inc., and has been a trustee since its founding in 1990. She has spoken at many of the society's programs and events, edited and contributed articles regarding the city of Bayonne, and recently developed the society's web sight. In addition, she recently became a member of the Bayonne's Historical Preservation Commission, which was formed in 1999.

As an important authority on the history of New Jersey, Dr. Karnoutsos presented the keynote address at the 125th anniversary of Bayonne in 1994; served as the moderator of the city's mayoral debate in 1998; and appeared in the video "What is a Freeholder? An evaluation of the Role of County Government."

Because of her dedication to the history of New Jersey women, Dr. Karnoutsos has made great contributions to the Women's Project of New Jersey, Inc., as associate editor of its publication *Past and Promise: Lives of New Jersey Women* (1990), and as a member of its editorial board.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Carmela Ascolese Karnoutsos for her exceptional contributions to the history of women and New Jersey, and for her selfless service to her community and country.

IN COMMEMORATION OF JEROME  
M. MILLER

**HON. PETER DEUTSCH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a dear friend and a loyal and devoted member of the Lauderhill, Florida community, Mr. Jerome "Jerry" M. Miller. Sadly, Jerry Miller passed away on November 1, 2000 and his guiding presence in the Inverrary community will be greatly missed.

After moving to South Florida in 1974, Jerry Miller took an active role in ensuring that the City of Lauderhill, and in particular the Inverrary community, remained a beautiful and harmonious residential area where residents could enjoy their picturesque surroundings. Jerry worked hard to ensure that as South Florida grew, Lauderhill and Inverrary would remain a pleasant and desirable place for people to live. Jerry served on several city boards where he consistently advocated for positive and aesthetically pleasing development. Similarly, as the President of the Inverrary Association, Jerry accepted nothing less than top rate planning which would enhance and improve the beauty and spirit of his community.

In one of his last great projects, Jerry took the lead in the conceptual and physical development of the Inverrary Meditation Park. These serene gardens filled with exotic fauna, chirping birds, and tropical fish ponds have become a centerpiece of the community. Here residents come to reflect on their thoughts, talk with their neighbors and enjoy the tranquility of their tropical surroundings. In this peaceful park, as in the hearts of those who knew him, the spirit of Jerry Miller's care and commitment to his community will forever be remembered.

TRIBUTE TO BETTY ANN  
DITTEMORE

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I take this moment to recognize the accomplished life and admirable career of Betty Ann Dittmore. Betty, a former Colorado State representative, recently passed on at age 81. While her friends and family mourn her passing, I would like to take this opportunity to honor a truly amazing lawmaker—a woman who encompassed profound strength in all realms of life.

After campaigning using her initials (B.A.D.) as a slogan, Betty was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives in 1968, becoming the first woman from Arapahoe County to be elected to the state legislature. While serving in office from 1968 to 1978, Betty engaged in one of Colorado's fiercest battles: passing Colorado's first comprehensive planning law, a feat that would not have been possible without her wit and tenacity. Throughout her time in office, she successfully climbed in leadership positions serving as minority whip and later as majority leader.

She was instrumental in creating the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority, an authority that has become eminently successful in assisting the state's poor and elderly in finding reasonably priced homes. In 1980, she became an Arapahoe County Commissioner, where she was able to bring the same experience and expertise to the Board of County Commissioners that she brought to the legislature.

Mr. Speaker, there are few people in Colorado's proud history who have served as zealously and wholeheartedly as Betty. Her career was a model that every official in elected office, including myself, should seek to emulate. I know I speak for the state of Colorado when

I say she will be greatly missed. However, the mark that she left will not be soon forgotten.

GEN. JUSKOWIAK'S REMARKS  
BEAR REPEATING

HON. MAC COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, I was privileged recently to hear Major General Terry Juskowiak speak about the role of the soldier in the United States. I was impressed by what he had to say, and would like to submit his remarks in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

It is truly an honor for me to be here today and to participate in this luncheon honoring Veterans—past and present.

Do we have any Jeff Foxworthy fans here? Let me do a take off on Jeff and say . . .

You might be a veteran if:

Your spouse responds to "hooah" and understands what it means regardless of the context you present it in.

You might be a veteran if . . . when you go camping, you ridicule other campers for setting up their tent down wind and down slope of the latrine.

You might be a veteran if . . . you still have an urge to line up your shoes under your bed.

Or . . . your two-year old calls everyone in BDUs "daddy." You might be a veteran if . . . when your kids are too noisy, you announce "at ease!"

You might be a veteran if . . . you've seen the movie "Patton" enough times to memorize his speech.

Or . . . cable news is your favorite program. The History channel is your next favorite.

You might be a veteran if . . . you ruin movies for everyone around you by pointing out the unrealistic military scenes.

And the biggest indicator you might be a veteran is

. . . if you understood and related to this list!!!

In a little over a week, our nation will observe Veterans Day. To some Americans, it will be viewed simply as a day off from work; a day to kick back and relax.

We all would be wise to instead recognize it as a significant national holiday . . . a day where we pause and honor all veterans who have served to fight for and protect the freedoms we enjoy—to enjoy our prosperity and our freedom to be able to kick back and relax.

As George Orwell wrote. "We sleep safely in our beds because rough men stand ready in the night to visit violence on those who would do us harm."

If you like your freedoms—thank a veteran.

I would ask the Veterans with us here today to please stand up. Ladies and gentlemen, let's recognize these distinguished individuals.

Let's pause for a moment and seriously reflect on just what is a veteran.

Some veterans bear visible signs of their service; a missing limb, a jagged scar, a certain look in the eye.

Others may carry the evidence inside of them, a pin holding a bone together, a piece of shrapnel in the leg—or perhaps another sort of inner steel. The soul's ally forged in the refinery of adversity.

Except in parades, however, the men and women who have served their country and kept it safe, wear no badge or emblem. You can't tell a vet just by looking.

Most veterans live quietly and anonymously among us. They are our grandparents to some, parents to other's, brothers and sisters to many.

Just who is a veteran? A veteran might be the elderly gentleman at the supermarket—palsied now and aggravatingly slow—who helped liberate a Nazi death camp in WWII and who wishes all day long that his wife were still alive to hold him when the nightmares come.

He is the retiring businessman whose co-workers never guessed that behind his quiet demeanor is the hero of four hours of exquisite bravery against near impossible odds—50 years ago, in the bitter cold, near the 38th parallel of Korea.

She—or he—is the nurse who fought against futility and went to sleep sobbing every night for a solid year in the heat of Vietnam.

He is the cop on the beat who spent six months in Saudi Arabia sweating two gallons a day making sure armored personnel carriers didn't run out of fuel.

He is the POW who went away one person and came back another—or didn't come back at all.

He—or she—is the person who served in the garrisons and training fields of our country. Who did not deploy, but served in ways that don't grab headlines. Who kept on doing what we are paid to do—training soldiers. And who played a critical role in caring for the families left behind.

A veteran is the three anonymous heroes in The Tomb of the Unknowns, whose presence at the Arlington National Cemetery must forever preserve the memory of all the anonymous heroes whose valor dies unrecognized with them on the battlefield, or the ocean's sunless depths.

Or close to home, a vet is a 22-year-old sailor named Cherone Gunn, who left his aunt and uncle's house (Mr. and Mrs. Taylor) in Rex, GA to join the Navy, serve his country and get some experience. But instead, while serving aboard the U.S.S. *Cole*, was killed in the prime of his life by a senseless terrorist act.

A veteran is an ordinary and yet extraordinary human being. A person who offered some of his life's most vital years in the service of our country, and who sacrificed his ambitions, and all too often his life, so others would not have to sacrifice theirs.

A veteran is a soldier, sailor, airman or marine. A citizen—a "regular guy or gal" who answered our country's call to service.

A veteran is America's sword against the darkness, the embodiment of the finest, greatest testimony on behalf of the finest, greatest nation ever known.

A veteran is an American citizen who also embodies the words of Oliver Wendell Holmes:

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

Because a veteran sees service to our country as an affair of the heart.

I'd like to share with you for a minute a short poem whose authorship is unknown. It is entitled "It's the Soldier!" But it speaks to all service members . . . to all service members of this magnificently free country:

It's the Soldier!

When the country has been in need, it has Always Been The Soldier!

It's the soldier, not the newspaper which has given us

the freedom of the press—

It's the soldier not the poet, who has given us the freedom of speech—

It's the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us the freedom to demonstrate—

It's the soldier, who salutes the flag, and serves under the flag—

It's the soldier whose coffin is draped with the flag,

Who allows the protester to burn the flag— And, it's the soldier who is called upon to defend our way of life!

Millions of Americans have served this country since the days of the American Revolution. Many have made the ultimate sacrifice. And many are buried at Arlington or a host of other national and private cemeteries at home and abroad.

The road we have traveled to get to where the world is today was made possible by the sacrifices of our veterans, and their families.

So remember, each time you see someone who has served our country, just lean over and say "Thank you." That is all most people need, and in most cases, it will mean more than any medal they could have been awarded.

I keep a poem with me when I am deployed. At home, it also sits on my desk. Its author is a Vietnam veteran, George L. Skypeck.

George's poem reminds me of how proud I am of my profession. I'd like to share it with you. It has special meaning to me—I'm sure it will to our veterans and their families as we pause to honor them on this special occasion:

I was that which others did not want to be. I went where others feared to go, and did what others failed to do.

I asked nothing from those who gave nothing and reluctantly accepted the thought of eternal loneliness . . . should I fail.

I have seen the face of terror, felt the stinging cold of fear, and enjoyed the sweet taste of a moment's love.

I have cried, pained and hoped . . . but most of all,

I have lived times others would say were best forgotten.

At least someday I will be able to say that I was proud of what I was . . . A Soldier.

On behalf of a very grateful nation, I thank all veterans and their families for their sacrifices and their service.

Americans can sleep safely at night. And Americans owe you an eternal debt of gratitude.

THE IMMIGRANT'S JOURNAL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the publication that has been making a significant contribution to the immigrant community in Brooklyn—The Immigrant's Journal.

The Immigrant's Journal is a widely read and widely distributed newspaper in New York City, dealing with immigration and related issues facing the 2 million immigrants living in New York City. In the pages of the Immigrant's Journal, one will find articles on immigration, family matters, real estate, the criminal justice system and the political system. With the vast array of immigration related legislative proposals before Congress, and the multiple problems facing immigrants in the processing of their visas, it is indisputable that this journal represents an idea whose time has come. Apart from its purely informational mission, the Journal seeks to correct and change the misleading stereotypes which some native-

born Americans may have of the immigrant community. It seeks to document the positive achievements which immigrants have made in the field of entrepreneurial activity, culture, and politics.

Mr. Speaker, I recall that thirty years ago, many parts of Brooklyn were in a state of urban decay and economic stagnation. People were moving out of the area, businesses were closing and many homes were either abandoned or placed in the market. After the massive influx of immigrants in the 1970's, there has been an economic transformation in Central Brooklyn. New businesses have been erected, buildings have been rehabilitated, and thousands of homes been purchased. The pulsating rhythms of reggae and soca have become part of a new musical genre and the Labor Day Carnival in Eastern Parkway has become the largest block party in North America.

Caribbean immigrants have not only contributed to entrepreneurial activity and culture, they have made a significant contribution to the political culture of our city. The first Black Assemblyman in our borough, the Honorable Bertram Baker, was from the Caribbean. So were our first Black female Congressperson, the Honorable Shirley Chisolm, and the dean of political strategists, the Honorable Dr. Wesley McHolder. The first Black Borough President of Manhattan, the Hon. Hulan Jack was from the Caribbean and the Chief Judge of the Federal Court in the southern district, the Hon. Constance Baker Mottley.

Mr. Speaker, immigrants have made a glorious contribution to the rich tapestry and multi-cultural quilt that we call the American heritage. It is a story that needs to be told, and this newspaper, the Immigrant's Journal, is one of the publications that seek to recount this American saga in a clear and eloquent language.

WORLD FLIGHT 2000: AN  
EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEY

**HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to this chamber's attention a remarkable odyssey that will come to its successful conclusion on December 15: World Flight 2000.

In 1996, high school students Daniel Dominquez and Christopher Wall dreamt of becoming the youngest individuals ever to circumnavigate the globe. Just four years later, that dream is on the verge of reality. Supported by a spectacular team of coordinators, these two young pilots are about to finish a two-month flight around the world in their plane, the Dreamcatcher.

There is a great deal more than just the youth of the pilots, however, that makes this accomplishment extraordinary. The World Flight 2000 team has gone to great lengths to make their trip a learning experience for children all over the world. Their website, [www.worldflight2000.com](http://www.worldflight2000.com), includes daily logs from the crew, dozens of photographs from their trip, and an up-to-the-minute live tracking screen to follow the plane. At every stop, World Flight 2000 meets with as many school-

children as possible to talk about their dream, their trip, and the exotic places they have seen. Students were encouraged to e-mail the pilots with questions throughout the trip, which they answered en route.

Dreamcatcher and her crew took off from Rochester, New York on September 12 and stopped in Maine and Canada before striking out across the Atlantic Ocean. Since then, stops have included Spain, Greece, Egypt, Oman, Thailand, Australia, Vanuatu, and American Samoa. For each place Dreamcatcher visits, the World Flight 2000 website lists a host of information, ranging from customs to environment to government to recipes.

The trip has been filled with challenges. Beyond the expected issues of weather and maintenance, the crew has had to deal with troublesome control towers, flight plan glitches, and illness. Yet they have come through all of these problems with, as they say, flying colors.

I am proud to claim virtually the entire World Flight 2000 team as my constituents. Pilot Dan Dominquez is a senior at the University of Rochester, where he studies economics. Pilot Chris Wall is a 21-year-old junior at Rice University, majoring in electrical engineering. Flight photographer Jesse Weisz graduated from the University of Rochester with an Honors Major in Film. International Director/Coordinator Jenni Powers is a 21-year of recent graduate of the University of Rochester, where she obtained her International Relations degree. Local publicist John Galbraith has donated hundreds of hours to coordinate press, marketing, and corporate sponsorship. Dozens of local volunteers have been inspired to get involved, helping with everything from public relations to rehabilitation of the aircraft.

Mr. Speaker, these young people are out there achieving something that most adults would never undertake simply because the prospect is so daunting. Yet they have managed to conquer not only the practical, financial, logistical, and other hurdles, but the entire globe as well.

I invite my colleagues to join me in saluting World Flight 2000 for proving to us all that, "Anything is possible if you just dream!" Welcome home, Dreamcatcher!

TRIBUTE TO MRS. LENA ROBERTA  
MURRELL WHITE

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute the cherished American tradition of motherhood. That tradition is exemplified in an extraordinary mother by the name of Mrs. Lena Roberta Murrell White. Daughter, Sister, Wife, Mother and Friend. Mrs. Lena White has been and is all of these and more. She was daughter Lena growing up in the farming country of North Carolina. Younger sister in a large brood she was a shining light in that big family. She was wife to James E. Murrell and bore him nine children, raising them all in love and happiness while working harder than any three people. After his passing she was wife to James White and took his children as her own, loving and protecting them. And every-

where she has gone there are a host of friends eager for her return. From the streets, hedges and rows of Greenville, North Carolina through the well kept manicured lawns of Wilmington, Delaware to the hustle and bustle of Camden, New Jersey, her friends are legion. Now in her eightieth year she can reach out to a large family of adoring children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She continues as an example to us all of living a life in harmony with God. We love her and always shall, and today we honor her in this place through this body for length of days.

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE  
CHARLES CANADY

**HON. JOE SCARBOROUGH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. SCARBOROUGH. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to my colleague from the 12th Congressional District of our great State of Florida, Representative CHARLES CANADY.

CHARLES has a long and illustrious record for serving the district that he calls home. Born and raised in Lakeland, he went on to obtain his education from Yale. After graduating in 1979, he returned home to become a practicing attorney in Polk County, where he worked before running for Congress.

From 1984 to 1990, he served in the Florida House of Representatives, where he was honored as the Most Effective First Term Legislator. During that time he worked to reduce the role of government in the lives of Florida's citizens by helping pass major reform legislation. CHARLES also worked to strengthen Florida's laws on criminal justice, serving as Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee for Criminal Justice and as a member of the Crime Prevention and Law Enforcement Study Commission. He was elected House Majority Whip from 1986 to 1988.

I have had the pleasure to serve with CHARLES on the Judiciary Committee where we have worked to make our judicial system stronger. He knows the law, thinks pragmatically, and is one of the hardest workers I have ever come across.

CHARLES has not only been one of the most productive and effective legislators in this House, he has also been extremely dedicated to each and every one of his constituents back home. His constituent outreach program is proof of his commitment, and I am sure there are many people in Florida's twelfth district that will miss his tireless service, diligence, enthusiasm, and dedication.

To the detriment of this House, CHARLES, a staunch supporter of term limits, promised during his campaign in 1992 to serve no more than four consecutive terms. The twelfth district, the State of Florida, and indeed the entire United States can be proud of CHARLES CANADY. His tenure here in the House is highlighted with many accomplishments and is eternal evidence that CHARLES is the consummate statesman. I thank CHARLES for his service and his friendship, and I wish him and Jennifer many years of happiness in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF GERMAINE  
ORVILLE "JERRY" KOOIMAN

**HON. PETER HOEKSTRA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the work of one of my staffers in Michigan, Germaine Orville "Jerry" Kooiman, who is leaving my office after eight solid years of service.

Jerry has been a member of my staff since I first joined Congress in 1993, working as my Director of Constituent Services for nearly all of that time. Jerry is the person in my district offices who made sure the trains ran on time and made sure that the constituents of Michigan's Second Congressional District were being served.

Since 1995, Jerry has juggled this job with the task of being a Kent County Commissioner, ably representing the county's 16th District in his hometown of Grand Rapids. During his tenure on the county Board, Jerry has served as Chairman of the Kent County Board of Public Works and Vice Chairman of the county's Legislative and Human Resources Committee.

A native of Waupun, Wisconsin, Jerry's adult life has been dedicated to public service. After graduating from Calvin College with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science in 1984, Jerry initially worked as a campaign worker then as a district staff assistant to Congressman Paul Henry through 1992 before joining my office. In all, Jerry has been a conscientious Congressional staffer for 16 years.

However, our loss is Michigan's gain. In January, Jerry will embark on the next phase of his life as an elected state legislator, representing the 75th District in Michigan's House of Representatives. I have no doubt that he will take the many skills that he has developed over the past two decades and use them to serve his constituents and the entire state of Michigan with the highest standards.

Thank you, Jerry, for all your hard work and good advice. I wish you the best success as you move on to the state Capitol in Lansing.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE JAMES  
DAKEN

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, with great respect, gratitude, but sadness, I enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the life story of Mr. James Daken, one of the most accomplished city managers in our nation, who died earlier this year in Peoria, Illinois.

For those of us who knew Jim as City Manager for the City of Toledo, there is no question his professionalism and leadership remain with us even until today. He served our community honorably, beginning in 1967, and then moved to Peoria in 1979 to continue his work building America's midwestern heritage. For certain, it was Toledo's loss and Peoria's gain.

I can remember Jim as the type of manager that would compliment other city employees, even beginning staffers in low level positions.

He was a team builder and lifted public administration to a higher level in our community, for which we remain grateful always.

To his wife, children, and family, may I officially extend deepest sympathy coupled with true admiration for a superb public servant who moved America forward in the 20th century.

[From the Blade, Toledo, OH, July 12, 2000]

EX-TOLEDOAN SET U.S. RECORD AS CITY  
MANAGER

James B. Daken of Peoria, Ill., a former Toledo city manager who was America's youngest manager of a major city when he took the job at age 29, died of lung cancer Monday in his home. He was 58.

In 1971, the International City Management Association named him one of its 10 outstanding young men.

Mr. Daken, who was born, raised, and educated in Cincinnati, came to Toledo in July, 1967, when he took the job of assistant city manager. He was promoted to city manager in March, 1971, and held the post until October, 1976, when he moved to Hartford, Conn., to become its city manager.

Former Mayor Harry Kessler credited Mr. Daken with being "largely responsible for the success I had as mayor. He and [the late] Frank Pizza did the most. I was questioned seriously about hiring a 29-year-old as city manager, but Jim was a 29-year-old going on 39 years old or 49."

Under the city charter at the time, city council selected the city manager from candidates recommended by the mayor.

Mr. Kessler said after he became mayor, he organized a citizens committee to study municipal government to help city officials identify problems and possible fixes.

"More than 90 per cent of the committee's recommendations were adopted," Mr. Kessler said. "Jim Daken was responsible for organizing the recommendations of the committee so that they could be made into ordinances that would pass council's scrutiny."

Ohio Supreme Court Justice Andy Douglas said he was a member of the Toledo council committee that selected Mr. Daken for the city manager's job.

"His major contribution was bringing stillness to troubled waters," Justice Douglas said. "He inherited a number of cumbersome, difficult, and complicated matters, and he provided solutions generally acceptable to all."

Expansion of Toledo's water and sewer services to outside communities in Lucas and Wood counties was a priority with Justice Douglas as a councilman, and he credited Mr. Daken with helping the city to achieve those sales.

"The only thing the city makes money on is the sale of water," Justice Douglas said. "I think the city's water-pumping capacity was increased from about 140 to 160 million gallons a day, and there are plans to raise that to more than 200 million gallons. He was directly involved in bringing that about."

Former Toledo Councilwoman Carol Pietrykowski said she was chairwoman of the council committee that hired Mr. Daken. She noted that "Jim came in and made a presentation, very professionally, and I was impressed with it. Whatever Jim did, he did well."

Later, Mr. Daken as city manager impressed Mrs. Pietrykowski again with his ability to explain to each council member complicated legislation that was coming before council.

"He was the most communicative and the easiest city manager to work with while I was on council," Mrs. Pietrykowski said. "When there was an issue, he would come to

every councilman. He would answer every question we had. And he was very fair with the city council's office staff."

Mrs. Pietrykowski added that Mr. Daken "knew who he worked for. It was city council in those days."

J. Michael Porter, a former city manager, said that when he was Toledo's director of natural

Mr. Porter added that Mr. Daken was a "professional's professional. He believed in the city-manager system and did everything he could to enhance the profession."

Mr. Daken was city manager in Peoria from 1979 to 1987 and was vice president of the Foster and Gallagher, Inc., mail order and telemarketing firm in Peoria from 1987 to 1996. He was executive director of the Peoria Historical Society from 1997 to 1999, when he took his most recent job as Peoria County administrator.

His daughter, Amy, described him as a very intelligent and just person who "had a lot of integrity. I think he just really tried the hardest to do what he truly believed was right. He had a very strong sense of social justice and civil rights: He always stood for people who were oppressed and always thought about them."

She added that he recently told her a story about his trip to Peoria just before he became city manager there.

"The first thing he said was, 'Show me the slums, because that's what the state of the city is,'" she said.

He also recently refused to get a higher pay increase than the people working for the county under him, she said.

Raised in Cincinnati where he finished high school, Mr. Daken held a bachelor's in political science and a master's in public administration from the University of Cincinnati. In 1964, he began his career as a student intern for the city of Cincinnati. He later worked as a budget analyst for the city of Cincinnati until the city of Toledo hired him as its assistant manager.

Mr. Daken was a member of Toledo's Downtown Kiwanis, Old Newsboys Good-fellow Association, American Society for Public Administration; Children's International Summer Villages Association and YMCA, Peoria Rotary Club, where he was president in 1997, and the Peoria Symphony, for which he was a longtime member of the board.

Surviving are his wife, Peggy; daughters, Amy and Sarah, and sons, Russ and Kevin.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. tomorrow in St. Vincent de Paul Church, Peoria. Visitation will be after 4 p.m. today in Wright and Salmon Mortuary, Peoria.

The family request tributes to a charity of the donor's choice.

TRIBUTE TO SILVIA RILEY

**HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a longtime staff member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, Silvia Riley. She came to the House of Representatives 35 years ago to work in a Member's personal office, Clement Zablocky. In January 1970, she joined what was then

the Education and Labor Committee as a secretary. In 1977, her title changed to staff assistant, and the following year she was promoted to Minority Clerk. Three years ago, Silvia's title changed again, and she became the Financial Administrator.

No matter what her title has been, Silvia's role has remained constant. She is one of the pillars of the committee, ensuring that administrative functions run smoothly. Silvia Riley is the person who orients new staff members, and she is the last person departing staff members see, to turn in their keys.

Silvia has always handled all aspects of her work in an exemplary fashion. The committee has passed its annual reconciliation by the General Accounting Office with flying colors for as long as Silvia has been the Financial Administrator.

Silvia has served under six Republican Ranking Members and one Republican Chairman. Throughout her tenure, she has exhibited an extraordinary personal commitment to the committee. One of her most memorable challenges occurred when Republicans became the Majority after the 1994 elections. Silvia was at work on New Year's Day, preparing space and materials for the Republican Majority staff.

Silvia has always been there for the Members and staff, whether it's problems with supplies or guidance on where to turn for special requests. Whenever a major project needs additional volunteers, Silvia is always the first to sign up.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, I, too will be retiring at the end of this Congress. I am very fortunate to have had my 26 years here coincide with Silvia Riley's. Members and staff join me in wishing her all the best as she leaves the committee to devote time to her family, particularly her mother. They are fortunate to get her back, and the committee was lucky to have her on board for 31 years.

IN RECOGNITION OF JACOB HEILVEIL, TONY VOLPONENTEST AND JENNIFER BUTCHER, U.S. PARALYMPIC TEAM ATHLETES

**HON. JAY INSLEE**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I recognize these members of the U.S. Paralympic team. These extraordinary athletes have overcome great barriers to achieve athletic feats among their peers.

These athletes have recently competed at the Paralympic Games in Sydney, Australia, one of the most elite multi-disability sports competitions. They have contended with a record setting 3,824 athletes from over 120 countries.

Jacob Heilveil, from Bothell, has competed in several sports including basketball and notably as a marathoner. Born in Korea, Jacob contracted polio and was left with residual paralysis and the determination to succeed. In Sydney, he raced as part of the men's wheelchair relay and in the marathon. racing in the paraplegic classification, he finished the marathon course in 1 hour, 36 minutes and 6 seconds.

Tony Volpentest, from Mountlake Terrace, is the current world record holder in the 200-

meter sprint with a time of 23.07 seconds. He competed in his first Paralympics in 1992 and has been returning successfully since then. In 1996, he won two gold medals and broke both world and Paralympic records. His time for the 100-meters, 11.36 seconds, is barely behind the time for able-bodied athletes, 9.86 seconds. Tony was born without hands or feet, but that has not stopped him from setting new records and frequently beating able-bodied athletes at numerous other races. Tony's grandfather, Sam Volpentest, a Tri-Cities leader, justifiably expresses his pride in Tony's accomplishments.

Jennifer Butcher came to these games as her first international competition. She participated in several swimming events: the 200-meter individual medley, 100-meter breaststroke and 50-meter freestyle. Jennifer, an Issaquah native, left Sydney with a bronze medal in the women's visually impaired class of the 100-meter freestyle. At home in Portland, she works at a school for the blind.

Mr. Speaker, I commend these athletes for their determination, hard work and incredible success. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting their fine example of sportsmanship and success on the international stage.

AMERICAN HOMEOWNERSHIP AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2000

SPEECH OF

**HON. KEN BENTSEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2000*

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 6540, important legislation that removes barriers to housing affordability and encourages homeownership for low and moderate-income Americans.

H.R. 6540 incorporates much of H.R. 1776, a comprehensive housing bill that I cosponsored and which House passed overwhelmingly in April 2000 with my support. The most far-reaching provision of this bill would extend down payment assistance to low and moderate income families, under the Section 8 Program. Specifically, H.R. 6540 would vest local housing authorities with the power to provide a single grant for down payment assistance in the purchase of a home, moving families who receive Section 8 housing rental assistance into the realm of "homeowners". I support H.R. 6540 because it not only broadens the availability of affordable housing choice for many deserving American families, it also removes the disincentives to the production and availability of affordable housing programs.

H.R. 6540 provides for the establishment of a FHA down-payment formula by which lenders and borrowers calculate the amount of down-payment required for an FHA loan, dramatically improving the operation of the Federal Housing Administration's single-family program. This technical correction improves FHA administrative efficiency and provides the home buying industry and their customers a readily comprehensible tool for calculating the down-payment for an FHA loan.

As a member of the House Banking Committee, I strongly support provisions in H.R. 6540 that will make technical corrections and

clarifications to the Homeowners Protection Act. This law ensures that homeowners have the right to cancel their Private Mortgage Insurance (PMI) on their home mortgages once the homeowner attains a certain level of equity in the home (usually 22%, but in some cases 20%). This measure clarifies that PMI cancellation rights for adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs) are based on the amortization schedule that is currently in effect. This provision ensures that consumers get full benefit of any adjustments that have been made based upon recent calculations. Moreover, under this provision, consumers with a "good payment history" will be given the explicit right to cancel their PMI, removing any existing ambiguity about this term. I strongly believe that these corrective provisions improve consumer protections and substantially improve the Homeowners Protection Act.

With respect to consumer protections, H.R. 6540 would provide elderly homeowners with additional measures to refinance their reverse mortgages while establishing protections to shield them from fraud and abuse. I am pleased that senior citizens in Texas' 25th District, who have only recently been given the "green light" from HUD to take out reverse mortgages, would be allowed to refinance these federally-insured home equity conversion mortgages under this provision of H.R. 6540. This provision would enable seniors to obtain loans up to the higher FHA loan limits, enacted in 1998. I am also pleased that this measure orders HUD to prohibit broker fees, limit origination fees for refinanced reverse mortgages and, in cases where loan proceeds are used for the costs of long-term medical care insurance, instructs HUD to waive the up-front mortgage insurance premium.

As the Ranking Democrat on the House Budget Committee's Housing and Infrastructure Task Force, I am especially pleased to support this legislation because it includes a section dealing with prevention of fraud in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) 203(k) home acquisition and rehabilitation program. I have been working on this specific issue for several years, and with the assistance of my colleague RICK LAZIO, the U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO) agreed to review and investigate HUD's Title I program in 1998. The Title I program, the oldest government housing program, provides low-income homeowners with government backed loans of up to \$25,000 to finance personal home repairs, with the money distributed directly to the contractor. I know of too many cases where unscrupulous contractors have targeted low-income homeowners, convinced them to take out large home repair loans, and then failed to perform the contracted work.

As a Congressman from the Houston area, this issue has particular resonance. In recent years, several investigative news reports in Houston have uncovered cases where unscrupulous contractors used this government's guaranteed FHA loan program to defraud homeowners in and around my district. Many of these homeowners are elderly and live on fixed incomes and had been the victim of shady contractors who provided shoddy or incomplete work. Many of these elderly homeowners were forced into default, and the taxpayers were left holding the bill. I am pleased that this legislation includes important provisions to strengthen the anti-fraud provision in the guaranteed FHA program.

Finally, with all that is good in H.R. 5640, I am, however, disappointed that it abandons a key provision of H.R. 1776 which would make available a 1% down FHA mortgage loan for qualified teachers, police, fire fighters and municipal employers when purchasing a home in the community they serve. Congressional Budget Office estimates show that, over a five-year period, this provision would provide 125,000 new loans, helping rebuild and strengthen neighborhoods.

I urge my colleagues to open and expand the opportunity of homeownership by supporting this important bi-partisan legislation.

TRIBUTE TO LARS-ERIK NELSON

**HON. PETER T. KING**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, together with so many Americans—particularly New Yorkers—I was deeply saddened by the tragic and untimely passing of Lars-Erik Nelson. Lars was a uniquely gifted journalist of unsurpassed integrity and courage.

I will be eternally grateful that I was able to call Lars my friend—for he was a friend in every sense of the word. Whether it was discussing the issues of the day, demonstrating concern for someone else's health problems or giving an encouraging word, Lars was always there.

Although he had every right to do so, Lars never took himself seriously. Very simply, it was always a delight to be in his company. When my wife Rosemary was in Washington, she and I would enjoy getting together with Lars and his wife Mary for dinner. Lars was raconteur, gourmet and wine connoisseur. What better way could there be to spend an evening? Just several days before he died, Lars and I were trying to schedule dinner in the upcoming week. It was not meant to be.

I will cherish personal memories of Lars. Sitting with him at my first Gridiron Dinner. Meeting with him and Gerry Adams in Washington during a key moment in the Irish Peace Process. Having lunch with him in the House Dining Room and listening to his calm reflections during the impeachment debate. His writing an overly complimentary blurb for a novel I wrote.

But mostly I will remember a man who was a true giant as a journalist and a friend—a man of innate decency. A man who will be sorely missed by any who had the opportunity to know him.

May he rest in peace.

TRIBUTE TO BOB MURPHY

**HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Bob Murphy, publisher of the Hamilton Journal-News, of Hamilton, Ohio, the largest newspaper in my District.

For more than four decades, Bob has been in the business of keeping citizens informed about what's happening in their community, country, and the world around them. He has

been in the newspaper business for more than 42 years and has been publisher of the Journal-News since January 1, 1994. Before that, he was publisher of the Middletown Journal, another newspaper in the 8th District, from October 1981 through December 1993, when he was appointed to his current post.

Before coming to Middletown in 1981, Bob had been publisher of the Times-West Virginian in Fairmont, West Virginia, for three years. Before that, he had been general manager of the Dominion-Post in Morgantown, West Virginia, for six years.

Bob started in the newspaper business in the late 1950s in his hometown, Bayonne, New Jersey, with the Bayonne Times. He worked there for 13 years, seven of them as vice president and general manager.

Educated in local schools in Bayonne, Bob went on to Cornell University on a Teagle Scholarship. He graduated with a degree in economics and later received an MBA in personnel administration from New York University.

He served in the Army for two years, most of that time in Munich, Germany, with the Counter Intelligence Corps. Bob and his wife, Mary Jane, have six children.

I have known Bob Murphy for a long time. You always know where you stand with him—a trait that has won my respect and that of countless others during his long career. Bob's commitment to bringing the news accurately, fairly, and comprehensively is reflected in the legacy of success he leaves behind. I am honored to stand before the House today to pay tribute to Bob Murphy as our community says thanks and bids good luck to a dedicated public servant.

COMMEMORATING THE FAMINE OF  
1932-33

**HON. BOB SCHAFFER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, on November 18, 2000, more than 1,500 participants gathered in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City to commemorate the 67th Anniversary of the 1932-1933 Ukrainian Famine.

Unlike other famines, this was not caused by a lack of food. Instead, Joseph Stalin created the famine by confiscating all of Ukraine's crops and withholding it from the people. The Kremlin intended to destroy the spirit of the Ukrainian peasants by starving them to death. Moscow perceived Ukraine's cultural renaissance as a threat to a Russo-Centric Soviet rule and therefore enacted the famine to crush their nationalism in a most brutal manner.

Peasants in Ukraine could not escape these horrible conditions. An internal passport system prevented them from crossing the border into Russia or the Belarusian republic, where there was no famine. In Ukrainian regions such as Poltava and Kharkiv, people died in their homes or collapsed on the street. Animals were consumed, even the bark disappeared from the trees.

The death toll from the 1932-1933 famine is estimated between seven and ten million victims. No real record exists. However, studies show at the height of the famine, Ukrainian villagers were dying at the rate of 25,000 per

day, 1,000 per hour, and 17 per minute. At the same time, the Soviet regime was unloading 1.7 million tons of grain on Western markets.

Ukraine has paid a high price for its independence and freedom and this famine symbolizes one of the horrors of the old soviet system.

IN SUPPORT OF S. 1972 AND S. 2594

**HON. DIANA DeGETTE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 1972, legislation to convey to the town of Dolores, Colorado the site of Joe Rowell Park, and S. 2594, legislation to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to contract with the Mancos, Colorado water conservancy district to use its water facilities.

Mr. Speaker, Joe Rowell Park in Dolores, Colorado is a focal point of the community. This 24-acre park provides the Town of Dolores with a place for baseball and soccer games, a playground and a restful, beautiful spot for recreation. The property is currently owned by the United States Forest Service and leased to the Town of Dolores, which has invested over \$400,000 to improve Joe Rowell Park. This investment created the only lit baseball and softball fields in the Forest Service's inventory. However, the leasing arrangement has caused management difficulties for both parties involved. As a result, the Forest Service determined that Joe Rowell Park is suitable for conveyance into non-federal ownership by the Town of Dolores. I commend my colleague, Senator WAYNE ALLARD for offering this legislation to streamline the management of this important park in Dolores, Colorado and support the passage of this bill.

I also rise in strong support of S. 2594, legislation that would authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to contract with the Mancos, Colorado water conservancy district to use the Mancos project facilities to store and wheel non-project water for irrigation and domestic, municipal and industrial uses.

This legislation would allow the Mancos, Colorado water conservancy district to continue to contract to carry non-project water, which has become a normal operational procedure at the facility. Using Mancos' excess capacity encourages more efficient water management on project lands and more flexible use of the project's facilities.

I am pleased to support this legislation.

TRIBUTE TO GALE VAN HOY

**HON. NICK LAMPSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Mr. Gale Van Hoy, the current executive secretary of the Texas State Building and Construction Trades Council. Mr. Van Hoy will retire on December 31, 2000, and I thought it fitting to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a mention of his contributions to Texas. He has served the working men and women of Texas well, and I thank him for that.

Mr. Van Hoy has represented the interests of 50,000 skilled construction workers from across the state of Texas before labor, political and business leaders on a local, state and national level. He has worked to secure jobs, equal opportunity, fair wages and benefits, and on-the-job safety and health protection for members. Gale has been active in the labor movement throughout his entire adult life, serving as a member of the AFL-CIO, on the Oversight Committee of the Capitol Preservation Project, and serving on the National Advisory Committee that had oversight on the conduct of an OSHA-funded study of contract workers' safety in the U.S. petrochemical industry.

The former mayor of Houston, Kathryn Whitmire, even declared October 22, 1983 as Gale E. Van Hoy Day—what an honor!

Today I want to recognize Gale Van Hoy's great service to the people of Texas, and to this Nation, and to thank him, on behalf of the Ninth Congressional District for his 40 years of dedication.

#### TRIBUTE TO JOHN T. GARNJOST

### HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of John T. Garnjost who became the 53rd American to receive the Olympic Order from the International Olympic Committee. On September 6, 2000 Mr. Garnjost traveled to Taipei Taiwan where he received the award for his contributions to the development of rowing in Chinese Taipei.

The Olympic Order is "the supreme individual honor accorded" by the IOC. It was created in 1974 and is awarded to any person who has illustrated the Olympic Ideal through his action, has achieved remarkable merit in the sporting world, or has rendered outstanding services to the Olympic cause, either through his own personal achievement or his contribution to the development of sport.

Mr. Garnjost was introduced to rowing during his college days at Columbia University where he decided to explore the sport as an official. Mr. Garnjost has been a rowing official in the United States since 1960, and was licensed as an international official in 1970. He officiated at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta in 1996 and has worked at the World Championships. Domestically, he has worked at the Olympic Trials and the U.S. Nationals.

As the president of Bristol Meyers (Taiwan) from 1983 to 1989, he lived in the country and began introducing rowing in Taipei. 1983 marked the first rowing demonstration at the annual Dragon Boat Festival in Taiwan. As an advisor to the Chinese Taipei Amateur Rowing Association, Mr. Garnjost served as a delegate to the 1983 International Rowing Federation (FISA) Congress in Duisburg, Germany, where Chinese Taipei's application for membership was approved.

Real progress was made in 1985 when FISA President Thomi Keller inspected the Tung Shan River as a possible rowing site. Today, there is an internationally proven rowing course, two FISA umpires and rowers throughout the country.

Since the early days of rowing in Taipei, Mr. Garnjost has worked the Asian Rowing Cham-

pionships in 1997. He also helped establish the annual I-Lan International Collegiate Invitational Regatta for crews from nine countries, helped bring the sport to two of Taiwan's major universities and was also instrumental in helping get significant funding for equipment.

Thirteen years ago few in Taiwan knew of rowing as a sport. Today most of the nation can say they know the sport thanks to John Garnjost. He has been referred to as the "Father of Rowing" in Taiwan. His recent award and dedication to the sport and the people of Taiwan is a true testament to this title.

#### HONORING DOROTHY LIND

### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Ms. Dorothy Lind for her 12 years of dedicated service to the people of Napa County, California and the surrounding region. Ms. Lind retired on November 24, 2000 from an exceptional career as Chief Executive Officer of the Napa Valley Exposition.

Dorothy Lind was raised in Seattle, Washington and moved to California in the early 1970's. She began her professional career conducting early intervention for severely disabled infants. In the late 70's she was selected to direct health education programs for the Bay Area March of Dimes, overseeing medical and research grants. In 1983 Ms. Lind made another career change by accepting a position as Manager of the Tulare County Fair. Her success in this position was remarkable; she doubled the Fair's budget in just four years and was selected as Tulare County's "Woman of the Year" in 1988.

Her achievements in Tulare gave Ms. Lind the opportunity to lead the Napa Valley Exposition. As CEO her duties involved not only organizing events for a major public facility but also building links with government, community, and business groups. One highlight of her exceptional leadership in this capacity was the creation of the "Bingo Emporium", a partnership that raises over \$1 million annually for many Napa County non-profit organizations and school programs.

While the Expo is host to several major public events throughout the year, the highlight of the Expo's calendar is the five-day Napa Town and Country Fair in August. A defining characteristic of her stewardship of this event was a commitment to reflect the changing face of the Oxbow Neighborhood, recognizing that fairs (in her words), "can either become a major positive force in their neighborhood for good things or become the blight that causes the neighborhood to decline." During her tenure the Expo was named as the pilot fair for the California Fair System's Re-Invention Program which was designed to re-focus community connections and entrepreneurial business interactions for fairgrounds statewide.

Dorothy Lind's contributions to the city of Napa are equally impressive. She has served as President of the Napa Rotary Club (the first woman to fill that position) and is a member of the Napa River Coalition, the Downtown Merchants Association, the Napa County Land Trust, and the Napa Valley Leadership Council. Through these organizations she has facili-

tated partnerships that have been invaluable in fostering commercial prosperity in the City of Napa.

In addition to her considerable public successes, Ms. Lind is also a proud mother of two sons: Rob, a promising local wine maker and Scott, a rising Bay-area dot.com star. Ms. Lind will also soon be a grandmother.

Mr. Speaker, it has been my great honor to represent Ms. Dorothy Lind first as her State Senator and now as her Congressman. Clearly, her life has been one of great public service, dedication and commitment. For these reasons, it is necessary that we honor this woman for her distinguished service to the people of Napa County, California.

#### COMMENDING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE FURTHERANCE OF JEWISH EDUCATION

### HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to the National Committee for the Furtherance of Jewish Education, which will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary on Sunday, December 10, 2000, at an affair in Manhattan, New York.

The National Committee for the Furtherance of Jewish Education was founded in 1940 by the late Lubavicher Rebbe Joseph I. Schneerson. It was continued under Rebbe Menachem Mendel Schneerson. Both Grand Rebbes lived through pogroms, two world wars, the rise of communism, the holocaust and tremendous personal challenges. But their idealism, learning, and faith shone through it all and inspired millions.

The Rebbes fled war-torn Poland to establish the Lubavitcher movement in the United States. Not only were they the spiritual leaders of the Lubavicher Chasidim, but they were also revered and respected as great scholars and teachers by Jews and non-Jews around the world. Indeed, their work still lights the learning and daily mitzvos of Jews everywhere. Through the many manifestations of their energy and vision, and most of all their profound commitment to the importance of Jewish thought, belief and ethics, the Rebbes made an incalculable contribution to the spiritual lives of all people.

In 1940, during the darkest days for Jews, Rebbe Joseph Schneerson dedicated himself to revitalizing Judaism, and in particular to inspiring American Jewry, by nurturing the Jewish soul and fostering "Yiddishkeit". The Rebbe reasoned that only through learning and education would Jewish faith and Jewish life flourish. The Rebbe's idealism, learning, and his faith shone through it all and he inspired millions to love their Jewish culture, history and traditions.

The Committee for the Furtherance of Jewish Education (NCFJE), is today the strongest in its history. Under the administrative leadership of Rabbi Jacob J. Hecht, the NCFJE is known as the "organization with a heart", with dedicated people willing to work tirelessly to help all Jews, regardless of their affiliation, with much needed education and social programs to help in both their spiritual and physical needs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating NCFJE on the occasion of its 60th Anniversary, and wish it continued success and many great mitzvah's in the future.

HONORING LOS ALAMOS  
NATIONAL BANK

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, last month Los Alamos National Bank was presented the prominent Baldrige Award. This superior bank deserves congressional recognition as well.

I share an extreme sense of pride in knowing that one of New Mexico's own, and a business in my Third Congressional District, has received this highly coveted and prestigious recognition. What makes this award so special is that it represents excellence in every aspect. Quality improvement is an evolutionary process, and those businesses and organizations that commit themselves to this endeavor are investing not only in themselves, but in those they serve. Los Alamos National Bank by virtue of your involvement in quality New Mexico, deserve to be applauded for seeking out the knowledge and training to raise the bar for your customers, your clients, my constituents and our community.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit for the RECORD this article for the New Mexican recognizing the Los Alamos National Bank. I would also urge all my colleagues to congratulate the fine employees of this establishment.

LOS ALAMOS BANK WINS PRESTIGIOUS  
NATIONAL AWARD

(By Bob Quick)

A very unbanklike cheer resounded in Los Alamos National Bank this week when employees learned the bank was one of four winners nationwide of the prestigious 2000 Malcom Baldrige National Quality Award.

The bank, which has 167 employees and assets of \$660 million, won in the small-business category. LANB has offices in Los Alamos, White Rock and Santa Fe.

It was the first time a bank has won the award, according to a statement from the U.S. Commerce Department. The department and the White House officially released information about the award Tuesday.

"I heard there was a loud cheer throughout the building" when news of the award reached employees, said Steve Wells, president of LANB. "We were extremely happy for our people and for our community and for New Mexico. We know we have high standards to live up to now. We have to make sure we're worthy of our crown."

"The Malcom Baldrige National Quality Award recognizes organizations that play a major role in energizing our nation's economy, competitiveness and quality of life," President Bill Clinton said in a statement from the White House. "If we are going to keep our economy growing and our country moving forward, we need as a nation to follow the example of Baldrige winners."

Congress established the Malcom Baldrige National Quality Award, named after a former secretary of commerce, in 1987 to enhance the competitiveness of U.S. businesses by promoting quality awareness, according to the statement.

Since 1988, only 41 organizations have received the award. The National Institute of Standards manages the program.

The award is given to businesses that have shown achievements and improvements in the areas of leadership, strategic planning, customer and market focus, information and analysis, human-resource focus, process-management and business results, the Commerce Department statement said.

"We would have felt great if we had lost the Baldrige award," Wells said. "It's like making it to the Super Bowl in our opinion."

The bank won the award for a number of quality and business-performance achievements, according to the statement from the White House.

One of them was domination of its market area. The bank since 1998 filed 80 percent of all mortgage loans in Los Alamos County and 9 percent of such loans in Santa Fe County. The bank opened its Santa Fe branch in mid-1999 and already has \$115 million in assets, Wells said.

And in a survey, 80 percent of the bank's customers said they were "very satisfied" with the service they received, the statement said.

During the Cerro Grande fire that ravaged Los Alamos earlier this year, destroying hundreds of homes, the bank moved its entire operation overnight to its Santa Fe branch.

As a result, services was not interrupted.

Following the fire, the bank offered zero-percent interest to anyone in the community affected by the fire.

It also eliminated overdraft charges and late fees, the statement said.

Wells said the bank was particularly proud of its efficiency ratio, which is a proportion the bank uses to measure employee productivity.

A lower number is better. LANB's efficiency ratio is 49 percent, while the best of its competitors have ratios above 60 percent, the statement said.

"One of the ways we will survive as an independent community bank is our ability to compete with the supranational and supranational banks," Wells said. "We've got to be able to compete with the Wal-Marts of the world."

The bank's efficiency ratio, he continued, "is a tremendous accomplishment by our people, our systems and our technology. There's no productivity without hard work."

Other achievements of the bank included high employee satisfaction and low employee turnover, thanks in part to a stock-ownership plan and an employee profit-sharing plan.

LANB in 1999 received Quality New Mexico's highest award, the Zia Award. In 1997 and 1998, the bank received the organization's Roadrunner Award.

Quality New Mexico "is the one that encouraged us to stretch ourselves to see how we would come out against the best in the country," Wells said.

The three other Baldrige Award winners were Dana Corp.-Spicer Driveshaft Division in Toledo, Ohio (manufacturing); Karlee Co. Inc., Garland, Texas (manufacturing); and Operations Management International Greenwood Village, Colo. (service).

HONORING ROBERT W. GROSS

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 7, 2000

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, today I offer my sincere congratulations to Robert W. Gross, Ph.D., E.W.E., on his retirement from the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Val-

ley Water District. For sixteen years, Bob Gross has provided distinguished service to the Santa Clara Valley Water District and the residents of Santa Clara County. His hard-work and commitment to the job helped to produce numerous successes for the District and the County. I am honored to have been able to work with him over the years. He will, indeed, be missed.

Bob began his public service as an advisor to the United States Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco Division. Working in the flood control division for ten years, Bob tackled a myriad of flood control issues that face the Bay-Delta region, garnering a reputation for thoroughness and energetic diligence. In addition to his service in the Corps of Engineers, Bob also served a community advisor to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, helping to establish the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge which consists of more than 25,000 acres of protected waters and wildlife habitat. Bob also served as an advisor to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation on the important Central Valley Project.

Building on these experiences Bob brought his knowledge and skills to Santa Clara, where he ran for, and won, five elections to the Santa Clara Valley Water District's Board of Directors. Representing District 3—a district that encompasses one fifth of the entire population of Santa Clara County and Silicon Valley—Bob worked hard to meet the water supply and flood protection needs of the County's residents. As a member of the Board of Directors, Bob was responsible for helping shape the direction that the District has taken with respect to water policy over the past sixteen years. He was directly involved in many notable and important actions and issues, including the following: MTBE contamination, groundwater recharge, wastewater recycling, and CALFED. Bob served as the District's representative to the South Bay Recycling Project where he worked closely with the City of San Jose and the Bureau of Reclamation, and he also served as the District's representative to the City of San Jose on nonpoint wetland mitigation issues.

During his tenure, Bob provided valuable service by reviewing and analyzing state water laws and regulations. As the District representative to the WaterReuse Association of California, Bob served as the Board's liaison and represented the interests of the District. Bob also represented the WaterReuse Association in a number of capacities, including most notably as the State Chairperson for the Potable Committee and a member of the Education Subcommittee. As a member of the Potable Subcommittee, he participated in the preparation of a news media presentation on the safe use of potable water and helped write a public information recycling brochure as a member of the Education Subcommittee. In addition, through his work with the Education Subcommittee, Bob worked closely with the California Department of Fish and Game to create an aquatic and environmental education program for disadvantaged youth. He also represented the WaterReuse Association at numerous conferences and seminars and served as a co-chair for a technical symposium on planned surface water augmentation using advanced treated recycled water and health standards. In 1995, in light of this work and for his outstanding service to the WaterReuse Association, he was awarded a certificate of recognition for personal contributions.

In addition to his work with the WaterReuse Association, Bob was also active with many other associations and organizations, including the following: the Association of California Water Agencies, California Groundwater Association, National Groundwater Protection Council, National Water Resources Association, American Water Works Association, the California Water Education Foundation, ALERT—the California Flood Control Association, the California Association of Sanitation Agencies, American Desalting Association, Water Environment Federation, California Water Pollution Control Association, and the California WaterReuse Association. Bob's personal contributions to these organizations was also noteworthy. In recognition of his hard work, Bob was nominated in 1996 for the Athalie Richardson Irvine Clark Prize sponsored by the National Water Research Institute. To be nominated by his peers for this award is a true honor to the contributions and dedication of Bob Gross.

Although, Bob achieved significant successes through his work and involvement with the Santa Clara Valley Water District, the WaterReuse Association, the Corps of Engineers, and numerous other organizations, he also compiled an impressive record of personal and academic studies, projects, and papers on water issues. After earning a Bachelor of Science degree from San Jose State University, a Master of Sciences degree in aquaculture from Nova College International Campus, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental and Water Engineering from Nova College Europe, Bob served as an advisor for fifteen years to the Board of Fellows at the University of Santa Clara, and was an adjunct faculty member at Fareslston and Nova College. Bob has conducted studies on the impact of human pollution on water supplies and wildlife habitat, and he issued a summary paper on the ecological engineering multipurpose facility. On water purification issues, Bob wrote summary papers on recycling wastewater for potable use in San Jose, the reorganization of Santa Clara Valley Water District, and finally on a merger of all water producing agencies.

And, in addition to all of his many years of hard work, service and commitment to water issues, Bob has also been honored in other areas as well. Perhaps most notably, Bob was the recipient of the Commendation Ribbon with Pendant from the Secretary of the Army for Meritorious Service in Korea. Bob has also long been a supporter of the Boy Scouts of America, serving as a member of the Board of Directors and District Chairperson. In recognition of his tremendous accomplishments and service to the Boy Scouts of America, Bob was awarded the Silver Beaver Award, one of Scouting's highest honors.

Bob Gross has posted an exceptional record of achievement and success. He has served his country and his community tirelessly for many years. It is, Mr. Speaker, truly a privilege to recognize Robert Gross for the outstanding contributions that he has made to the Santa Clara Valley Water District and the people of Santa Clara County. I am grateful for his service and wish him all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

TRIBUTE IN MEMORY OF FORMER  
CONGRESSMAN HENRY B. GON-  
ZALEZ

SPEECH OF

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 5, 2000*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a remarkable man and true American patriot, former Congressman Henry B. Gonzalez. He passed away on November 28, 2000 at the age of 84, after 37 years of dedicated service in the House of Representatives.

"Henry B," as his friends affectionately called him, was first elected to Congress in 1961, becoming the first person of Mexican-American heritage to represent Texas in the House. A well-known champion of the poor and the downtrodden, Henry B. fiercely defended his principles and was unafraid to stand up against the powerful from the moment he was sworn into office. To this day, his constituents in San Antonio and thousands of people across the country continue to reap the benefits of this courageous fight for safe and affordable housing.

An unabashed pioneer for populism, Henry B. was perhaps best known for his prominent position on the Banking Committee, and its Chairman for three terms. He used his leadership role on the committee to help repair the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., monitor the activities of the Federal Reserve System and pass numerous pieces of legislation aimed at cleaning up the savings and loan scandal.

Henry B. began his legendary political career shortly after his admirable service in World War II, when he was elected to the San Antonio City Council. In 1957, he reached the Texas Senate where he made a name for himself with a 22-hour filibuster to block legislation that would have reinforced school segregation policies. Henry B.'s reputation as a staunch defender of civil rights stayed with him throughout his career in the House, spanning nearly four decades.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me today in remembering the Honorable Henry B. Gonzalez. Henry B. truly set a standard by which all Members of Congress can be measured, and he will be sorely missed by everyone in this body who had the pleasure of working with him. His honor, his vision, and his passion for equality will live forever in the hearts of all those whom he touched. I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt condolences to Representative CHARLIE GONZALEZ and his family during this extremely difficult time.

TRIBUTE TO MS. YVONNE A.  
GRIFFIN

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to an outstanding federal government employee, Ms. Yvonne A. Griffin. On January 4, 2001, Ms. Griffin will retire from the United States General Services Administration after a distinguished 28 year career marked by dedication,

commitment to service and a superb work ethic.

A native of San Francisco, Yvonne began her government service in April 1971, as an "intermittent:" GS-4 clerk-Steno for the General Services Administration's Space Management Division. In 1975 she began working in GSA's Federal Supply Service where she served as a Secretary, Administrative Assistant and Administrative Officer to the Regional Commissioner.

Yvonne joined the Public Buildings Service in 1980 as a Program Analyst. In 1984, she made an important career move to the field of Property Management. She served as the Property Manager in Reno, Nevada where she worked until 1987. In April 1987, Yvonne came to Oakland, California as the East Bay Property Manager. Housed in leased space at 1333 Broadway in Downtown Oakland, Yvonne and her staff were responsible for numerous federal properties, including the Alameda Federal Center, the U.S. Geological Survey complex in Menlo Park, the United States Court of Appeals in San Francisco, the San Jose Federal Building and the John F. Shea Federal Building in Santa Rosa. More importantly, she was actively involved in the construction of what was to become the Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building and has served as Senior Property Manager to the present day.

In architectural terms, buildings are said to have "footprints"—the physical outline of the ground they cover. Since its opening in 1993, the Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building has had a "footprint": covering far more than physical space. Thanks to Yvonne, the building's footprint has extended to the East Bay community at large. "1301 Clay Street" is an address that has come to represent a spectacular gathering place always open to people of diverse philosophies. Following Yvonne's lead, the GSA staff have focused on making the people who, in fact, own this exquisite structure feel welcome and respected.

Under Yvonne's management, the Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building, has won numerous awards, the most prestigious being the 1997-98 Building Owners and Managers Association International Government Building of the Year, and the 2000 Energy Star Designation.

The daughter of French immigrants, Yvonne inherited both an affinity for hard work and a devotion to family. Her daughters, Michelle and Suzanne Griffin, and her grandsons McKinley and Cameron Parker, are the stars in her life's constellation. As she ends her federal career, she takes with her our appreciation, respect and warmest best wishes for a happy retirement with those she loves.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE  
VICENTE CEPEDA BERNARDO,  
MAYOR OF YONA

**HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, as elected public officials, we know the hard work and the personal sacrifices it takes to earn the trust and mandate of our constituencies. In my home island of Guam, there are no elected officials who are closer to their constituencies,

or work harder in their behalf, even after an election, than our village Mayors. Prior to 1990, the title of these public servants was changed from commissioner to mayor, but their role in the villages did not change, and our dependence upon them, especially during typhoons and village-wide activities, did not diminish over the years.

Guam is a small place with a relatively small population, and our people are not far removed from their elected officials—myself included. This intimacy, and the expectation of direct and immediate access, is especially true of our Mayors. They are called upon in a multitude of ways—often to address problems having little or nothing to do with the delivery of community service, but to assist with private, familial matters. Whether it is to accept representative membership on a task force to address an island-wide youth problem, dropping out of school, for example, or helping Mr. and Mrs. Villager talk to their son Johnny into staying in school, village Mayors are expected to attend personally to village matters, large or small. This is the case of the Honorable Vicente Cepeda Bernardo, the Mayor of Yona, my home village.

In a few weeks, Mayor Bernardo will leave office after having served for many years. More than simply being one of my constituents, Mayor Bernardo is a long-time neighbor and friend. I am one of his constituents. Like my fellow villagers, I turn to Mayor Bernardo to address problems in Yona.

It would be too easy to let Mayor Bernardo's record of accomplishments speak in his behalf. The streets he named in honor of Yona's fallen military sons and those residents deserving of the recognition are numerous indeed. The capitol improvement projects he pushed for—the street lights, five hydrants, pump stations and water lines, the police koban, the village gymnasium, the village library, the paved roads and more—now benefit Yona and the rest of the island. The many, many community activities that he spearheaded earned praise for the whole village. But as extensive as it is, Mayor Bernardo's list of accomplishments does not convey how well he knew and understood the people of his village. It does not convey his deep and abiding love for his neighbors or how much he had given of himself over the years. I am privileged, as his constituent, neighbor and friend, to commend him for his achievements and to thank him for the many, many hours he has

contributed beyond the regular eight-hour, five-day work-week.

As his constituent, my family and I have benefited in countless ways from his devotion to duty and his responsiveness to the needs of the village. I worked with him when I was the President of the Parent Teachers Organization at M.U. Lujan. Lorraine, my wife, worked with him on many community projects and served with him as an appointed member of the Mayor's Community Council. Our entire family worked with him on other community projects and he performed his duties with dignity and with the attention to the needs of his community exemplified his public service.

I join Mayor Bernardo's family, relatives, friends and fellow neighbors in acknowledging his service to the community of Yona and to Guam. On behalf of the people of Guam, I proudly congratulate him for successfully taking on one of the most challenging and demanding public offices in Guam. And as a fellow public servant, I send my warmest and most grateful *si Yu'os ma'ase*. *Maolek todo i che'cho'-mu, amigo-hu, para i benifisium todo i toatao Guam. Ma sen agrede si setbisium-mu* (thank you very much. The work you have done on behalf of the people of Guam has been outstanding. The people of Guam truly appreciate your services).

#### HONORING MARILYN CULPEPPER

#### HON. SONNY CALLAHAN

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 7, 2000*

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Marilyn Culpepper for her dedication to the health and well being of Monroe County, Alabama, citizens.

Marilyn Culpepper was appointed to the Monroe County Hospital Board in July 1996 and elected its chairwoman by unanimous vote of the board a few months later. She served as chairwoman from 1997 to 2000. Mrs. Culpepper has since moved to Mobile, and I wish her well as she takes on new challenges.

A native of Grove Hill, Alabama, Mrs. Culpepper is a 1980 graduate of the University of West Alabama (formerly Livingston University) and was the recipient of that school's Alumni of the Year Award in 1996.

Over the years, she has had several successful careers and civic achievements. In

1986, at age 27, she was elected to the Sumter County Board of Education. She was elected a second time in 1988 and served with distinction until moving to Monroe County in 1991.

In Monroe County, Marilyn Culpepper served first as associate editor, then managing editor of the award-winning weekly newspaper, *The Monroe Journal*. She also distinguished herself through community service in several capacities. To name a few, she was president and/or board member of the Monroeville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Monroe County Public Education Foundation, and the Monroeville Kiwanis Club (where she was the first woman elected as "Kiwanian of the Year"). She also served as a volunteer for the Monroe County Heritage Museums, and for the Alabama Writers Symposium during their inaugural year. In addition, she served in Israel as the representative of the Monroe County Commission and the Monroeville Area Chamber of Commerce during performances of "To Kill a Mockingbird." Manifesting her talent, Mrs. Culpepper is a two-time recipient of the Alabama Medical Association's Douglas L. Cannon Recognition for Excellence in Medical Journalism.

As editor of *The Monroe Journal* and, later, economic developer for Monroe County from 1997–2000 and as chairwoman of the Monroe County Hospital Board, Mrs. Culpepper was an advocate for accessible health care for all citizens regardless of age, social or economic status. She was a driving force behind expansion of hospital services and creation of a rural health clinic in Monroe County.

Under Mrs. Culpepper's leadership, the hospital in Monroeville embarked on a major expansion and construction project, the creation of a cancer-treatment center and the development of a diabetes support program. She also oversaw the creation of the Monroe Health Foundation and has been a contributor to the foundation.

Today, Mrs. Culpepper serves as executive director of the Historic Mobile Preservation Society. Her commitment to community development—preservation, education, and innovation in enriching the lives of all citizens continues. She is committed to developing a regional network of cultural, civic and humanitarian efforts to benefit all residents of south Alabama and continues to be a friend to Monroe County and Monroe County Hospital in this endeavor.