

I have often spoke of the importance of volunteer work and the tremendous impact volunteers have on our communities. When I speak of the time and dedication that they give, I often think of all the good work Rose has done. A founder and past editor of the Bella Vista Reporter, Rose continues to write for the residential publication, ensuring that residents are informed about those issues most important to seniors. Rose has been the President of Bella Vista's 321 Club for over twenty years and she continues to volunteer as a courtesy caller—making several calls each morning to check on her friends and neighbors.

For the past thirty years, Rose has dedicated her energy and enthusiasm to giving a strong voice to the residents of Bella Vista and the elderly. In addition to her work at Bella Vista, Rose has also given her time to numerous local and State committees and service organizations. She continues to be an active member of the Committee on Aging for the State of Connecticut, the Committee Supporters of Hospice, and the Committee of the Elderly for the City of New Haven. Over the course of three decades, Rose has established herself as one of the most vocal advocates for Connecticut's elderly.

Rose is known throughout the City of New Haven for her work as Democratic Ward chair for New Haven's 13th Ward. Her vibrancy and fervor is contagious—exhibiting the energy and tenacity one would see in someone more than half her age. Rose's commitment to public service is undeniable and she has certainly left an indelible mark on the local political arena.

A mother of four, grandmother of three, and great-grandmother of three, I am continually in awe of the seemingly endless commitment and dedication Rose shows each day. I am proud to stand today and join her children, Penny, Peggy, Ernestine, and Susan, family, friends and community members in extending my sincere thanks and appreciation to Rose Sorrentino for her many contributions to our community. My warmest wishes for many more years of health and happiness. Happy birthday!

BOROUGH OF BUTLER
CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN
OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2001

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to offer congratulations to the Borough of Butler, of Morris County, New Jersey, which celebrates its centennial anniversary today.

Although known as Butler today, this community was originally called West Bloomingdale.

Nestled in the foothills of the Ramapo Mountains, West Bloomingdale was still a village until, in 1879, land speculators realized the economic opportunities that could come to this area along the banks of the Kakeout Brook and Pequannock River.

The growth of the community is directly linked to the development of the rubber industry in the area. In fact, the community honored the president of the American Rubber Company, Richard Butler, by naming its post office after him in 1881.

Through the efforts of Mr. Butler, the land was surveyed and the village streets were laid out. Mr. Butler also donated land for the early school and the churches within the community.

As an industrial community, Butler experienced extensive growth, both economically and socially. Factories were built, the population grew, freight and passenger train service thrived.

By an act of the New Jersey Legislature, Butler became incorporated on March 13, 1901.

Prominent in the continued development of the borough was the American Hard Rubber Company and the Pequannoc Rubber Company, which employed over 1,000 people. The relatively stable employment picture of these two plants contributed to the economic welfare of the community.

The Borough of Butler owned municipal services not possessed by many other towns of a like size in the country. The Butler Water Company and The Butler Electric Company have serviced Butler and surrounding communities since the early 1900's. In 1902 the Butler Volunteer Fire Department was formed. Law enforcement was handled under the Marshall system from 1901 until March 13, 1939 when the Butler Police Department was started. The borough has graciously funded the Butler Museum since 1976 so that its history can be retained.

A fire at the Pequannoc River Company in 1957 and the closure of the Amerace Corporation (American Hard Rubber Company) in 1974 brought an end to the heyday of the factories in Butler and the beginnings of the lovely town one sees today.

Butler's Centennial Celebration has its 7,200 residents reminiscing about its rich history and it has them looking forward to retaining Butler's "small town" quality, which serves as an attraction for small business' and industries.

The mayor and town council are beginning the next 100 years by revitalizing the borough with an attractive downtown area, by its continuing support of its schools, and by ongoing beautification programs for the borough park.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Borough of Butler on its 100th anniversary.

IN MEMORY OF SHERIFF GENE
DARNELL

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2001

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I inform the House of Representatives of the passing of my good friend Gene Darnell, a resident of Lexington, Missouri. He was 68.

Gene, a son of the late Ennis Mark and Hannah K. Elkins Darnell, was born in Dover, Missouri, on June 12, 1932. He married Leona "Onie" Clouse on March 6, 1954. Gene then served honorably and successfully in the United States Army. He was very proud of his service as a soldier.

Gene was a deputy sheriff for Lafayette County from 1959 to 1964. In 1964, he was elected Sheriff of Lafayette County, and he was reelected six additional times. Gene was

truly a unique and highly respected politician, a brilliant investigator, a masterful interrogator and a believable witness. He was founding member of the Missouri Rural Major Case Squad, and was Missouri Sheriff Pension Board Director. He was also a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy.

Mr. Speaker, Gene Darnell will be greatly missed by all who knew him. I know the Members of the House will join in extending heartfelt condolences to his family his wife Onie and his siblings, Fred Darnell, Kathryn Hayes and Mary Ann Mais.

INTRODUCTION OF THE TELEWORK
TAX INCENTIVE ACT

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2001

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill to provide a \$500 tax credit for telework. The purpose of my legislation is to provide an incentive to encourage more employers to consider telework for their employees. Telework should be a regular part of the 21st century workplace. The best part of telework is that it improves the quality of life for all.

Nearly 20 million Americans telework today, and according to experts, 40 percent of American jobs are compatible with telework. Telework reduces traffic congestion and air pollution. It reduces gas consumption and our dependency on foreign oil. Telework is good for families—working parents have flexibility to meet everyday demands. Telework provides people with disabilities greater job opportunities. Telework helps fill our nation's labor market shortage. It is also a good way for retirees to pick up part-time work.

Companies save significantly when they have a strong telecommuting program. At one national telecommunications company, nearly 25 percent of its employees work from home at least one day per week. The company found positive results in the way of fewer days of sick leave, better worker retention, higher productivity, and increased morale.

According to a George Mason University (Fairfax, VA) study, for every 1 percent of the Washington metropolitan region workforce that telecommutes, there is a 3 percent reduction in traffic delays. George Mason University completed another study which suggests that on Friday mornings there is a 2- to 4-percent drop in traffic volume in the Washington metro region, a so-called "Friday effect."

This is promising news because it means that with just a 1- to 2-percent increase in the number of commuters who leave their cars parked and instead telework just one or two days per week, we could get to the so-called "Friday effect" all week long.

Two years ago, I participated in Virginia Governor James Gilmore's telework task force. I want to take the opportunity to congratulate Governor Gilmore for his strong leadership and involvement in telework. The governor's task force made a number of recommendations to increase and promote telework. One recommendation was to establish a tax credit toward the purchase and installation of electronic and computer equipment that allow an employee to telework. For