

name Ms. Rivers its sole permanent guest hostess.

A prolific writer, John Rivers has authored nine books, and for three years wrote a thrice-weekly syndicated column for the "Chicago Tribune." Joan Rivers' volumes have been invariably successful; her first book alone sold over four million copies. Ms. Rivers' 1986 autobiography reached number four on the "New York Times" bestseller list in only two weeks. The sequel, *Still Talking*, published in 1991, was a Book-of-the-Month selection.

Mindful of her incredible success, Joan Rivers has been a role model in her charitable deeds. Ms. Rivers played the voice of the Honest Boy's Mother for an audio version of *The Emperor's New Clothes* benefiting the Starbright Foundation. In 1982, Ms. Rivers was the first celebrity to call attention to the impending AIDS crisis when she hosted and headlined the first AIDS benefit. Along with many other contributions, Ms. Rivers has also participated in the "Comic Relief" fund-raiser to end homelessness.

I am delighted that the USO has chosen to honor Joan Rivers. I ask my fellow members of Congress to do likewise by joining me in tribute to this truly outstanding woman.

HONORING CAPTAIN KENT  
ROMINGER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2001*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Del Norte's Kent V. Rominger for his induction into the Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. The 44-year-old Colorado native is one of those lucky few that has had the privilege of traveling into the final frontier. I would like to thank him for all that he has done for the space program and to congratulate him on his introduction into the Hall of Fame.

Captain Rominger has served in the U.S. Navy since receiving his commission through the Aviation Reserve Officer Candidate Program in 1979. His Naval service included assignments with the Fighter Squadron Two aboard the USS Ranger and the USS Kitty Hawk and Fighter Squadron Two Hundred Eleven aboard the USS Nimitz. Kent is now a NASA Astronaut and Shuttle Commander. He is the first to have commanded two shuttle dockings with the International Space Station Alpha. He holds the record for the most earth orbits and the most time in space.

Kent has traveled into space five times and has logged over 1,500 hours in space. He has piloted the STS-73 in 1995, the STS-80 in 1996 and the STS-85 in 1997 and has served as crew commander twice, on the STS-96 in 1999 and STS-100 this year. His last mission, the STS-100 on the Space Shuttle Endeavour was on April 19. The mission involved installing the Space Stations robotic arm.

Mr. Speaker, Captain Kent Rominger is an American Hero. Many kids grow up dreaming that they will one day be an astronaut, Kent is living that dream. I would like Congress to join me in congratulating Kent on his achievements and wish him good luck on future missions to space.

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT OF  
2001

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 22, 2001*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1) to close the achievement gap with accountability, flexibility, and choice, so that no child is left behind:

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Chairman, Dr. James E. Shanley, President, American Indian Higher Education Consortium, urges us to support an amendment to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

AMERICAN INDIAN  
HIGHER EDUCATION CONSORTIUM,  
*Alexandria, VA, May 16, 2001.*

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,  
*Chairman, Education and the Workforce Committee, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

Hon. GEORGE MILLER,  
*Ranking Member, Education and the Workforce Committee, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN BOEHNER AND RANKING MEMBER MILLER: On behalf of the 32 Tribal Colleges and Universities, I am writing to request your support for an amendment that is being proposed in the Senate to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), S. 1. The amendment addresses a serious matter involving two tribally-controlled postsecondary vocational institutions, United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) and Crownpoint Institute of Technology (CIT).

It is our understanding that the House of Representative's ESEA reauthorization bill has already been reported from your committee, and consequently a similar amendment may not be offered. Therefore, we ask that consideration be given to rectifying this serious issue either through an amendment on the House Floor or during any Conference session that occurs with the Senate on the ESEA reauthorization bill.

CIT and UTTC were founded to provide much needed vocational education opportunities to the American Indian students in their respective tribal communities. Because these two institutions are not eligible to receive funding under the Tribally Controlled College or University Assistance Act and are vocational in nature, Section 117 of the Carl Perkins Act was created in 1990, to offer them a source of core operational support and is key to their existence.

The proposed Senate amendment (numbered 426) reaffirms the original intent of section 117, to provide institutional support for these two tribally controlled vocation institutions. While increased funding for Indian vocational education programs is greatly needed, section 117 is not the appropriate vehicle to address this funding disparity.

AIHEC directly advocated for the creation of section 117 and herein state our intent to do everything possible to continue to protect its original purpose.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of this serious issue. We look forward to working with you on this and other issues that impact our tribal colleges.

DR. JAMES E. SHANLEY,  
*President, AIHEC  
Board of Directors  
and Fort Peck Community College, Poplar, MT.*

IN HONOR OF CONGRESSMAN  
RALPH REGULA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2001*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my distinguished colleague in the Ohio Congressional Delegation, Congressman RALPH REGULA for dedicating more than 45 years in public service.

Congressman REGULA started his distinguished public career early in life as an Ohio State Representative in 1964 and then State Senator. He moved on to serve as a member of the United States House of Representative where he now serves as the Subcommittee Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

Before entering public life, Rep. REGULA served as a school teacher and principal with Stark County schools and later served on the Ohio Board of Education. Rep. REGULA recognizes the value of a good education and continues to support education on the federal level as the chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education. He has received many honors for his work in education such as the Stark State College of Technology Founder Award and is a trustee at Mount Union College. He has recently been inducted into the Ohio Federation of Independent Colleges Hall of Excellence.

Rep. REGULA has also been dedicated to advocating on behalf of the elderly as Co-Chair of the Older Americans Caucus. In 1994 he was recognized by the Administration on Aging as the first recipient of the Older Americans Month Congressional Award for his work such as extending flu shot coverage under Medicare and authoring legislation to provide coverage for preventative services to the elderly.

Rep. REGULA has been a friend and a colleague for many years. I have tremendous respect for him as a legislator. It gives me great pleasure to publicly recognize the achievements of Rep. REGULA.

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHARLES H. MILBY  
HIGH SCHOOL

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2001*

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Milby High School. This is a school in East End Houston named after Charles H. Milby who was an important advocate for the creation of the Houston Ship Channel.

Charles H. Milby was born in Indianola, Texas on August 29, 1852, the seventh and youngest child of William P. and Mary Y. Milby. Charles' father was a member of the Texas Congress from 1842 to 1844. Throughout his life, Charles H. Milby was always concerned about improving the economy and welfare of his community. He served as a member of the original committee that presented the U.S. Federal Government with the idea of

a deep-water port for Houston. Mr. Milby died on July 1925 and in 1926, Charles H. Milby High School was named in honor of his many contributions to the East End area.

In 1926, Milby High School opened its doors with 212 students and 13 teachers. Today Milby High School has over 3,000 students and is considered the oldest and largest school in the Houston Independent School District. With its proud colors of blue and gold, and its mascot of the fighting buffalo, Milby High School has educated hundreds of alumni veterans who fought in World War II, Vietnam, and the Korean War.

Today, Milby is known for their legendary basketball coach, Boyce Honea, class of 1959. He has been with the school for nearly 25 years, has won many district championships, and 9 victories in the annual 32-team J. C. Tournament. Their school spirit is also evident in their cheerleading squad which participates in yearly competitions and is sponsored by two national cheerleading companies. Most notable, however is Milby's Science and Engineering Magnet Program which attracts many students each year from all over Houston.

Mr. Speaker, in celebration of Milby's 75th Anniversary, there will be a 21-gun salute for the veterans and former students who died in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, on June 2 at 1601 Broadway. A 4-foot-by-16-foot granite memorial wall will be donated in their honor by the Milby Anniversary Alumni Association.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to congratulate Milby High School on its 75th Anniversary. I would also ask that my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating the dedicated teachers, administrators, some of whom are alumni, parents and students for 75 years of work and dedication to the East End and our Houston community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SANDER M. LEVIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2001*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent on Monday and missed rollcall votes No. 126 and 127. Had I been here I would have voted "yea" on both rollcall 126 and 127.

A TRIBUTE TO ALVIN M. PETERSEN: THE INSPIRATION BEHIND CAMPUS MINISTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2001*

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, today I want to pay tribute to Pastor Alvin M. Petersen and to the legacy he built: the Lutheran Student Center at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln (UNL).

Even though the University of Nebraska is not in my Congressional District and even though it is a long way from California, I want to honor Pastor Petersen, because he is the father of my Senior Legislative Assistant, a woman who has worked on my staff for almost twenty years.

This coming June 9th and 10th, a celebration will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska to commemorate the 50th birthday of the Lutheran Student Center and the work of "Pastor Pete", as he has been called for decades by the university students. Also honored are his wife, Edell, also known as "Mom Pete", who was an integral part of the Center, and the three subsequent pastors: Bruce Berggren, Roger Sasse, and the current pastor, Larry Meyer, who completed his seminary internship serving under Pastor Pete.

The Lutheran Campus Ministry at UNL was begun, with Pastor Pete at the helm, in 1940. Through his diligent efforts, money was raised to build the current building, which opened in 1951, in the center of the UNL campus. In 1958, a chapel was added to the original structure, and Mom Pete lovingly wove banners that still hang over the altar.

The Lutheran Student Center provides worship services, a place for students to belong and to matter in a large university setting, and a training ground for future pastors. The Center has the largest Evangelical Lutheran Church of American (ELCA) worshipping community on any state university campus in the nation.

The Sunday morning worship services and mid-week Vespers are at the heart of the ministry. Bible study, counseling, participation in the choir, fun and fellowship with movie nights, the spring break ski trip, retreats, volleyball and softball are all available to students.

In the past five years, an extensive renovation project was undertaken to bring the building into the 21st century. After \$400,000 was raised by Pastor Meyer, the current minister, so that there would be no debt, the Center has been updated, remodeled, and made completely accessible with the addition of an elevator. A new Outreach Program at Southeast Community College in Lincoln has begun, so that students at this community college also feel they are part of a campus ministry program.

The building—the Lutheran Student Center—is the symbol and the physical setting for a ministry that cannot be measured in words. Many a lonesome freshman has found friendships at the Center. Many students with counseling needs, or doubts, or problems have found help at the Center. Many couples have met and married at the Center. Many a faith has been strengthened through worship at the Center.

I am honored to pay tribute to the Lutheran Student Center and to a lifetime of work and love and concern by Pastor Pete—Pastor Alvin Petersen. One person truly can make a difference in this world!

IN HONOR OF REV. FR. DENNIS R. O'GRADY

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2001*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Rev. Fr. Dennis R. O'Grady on the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination as Priest, and also on his 20th Anniversary as Pastor of St. Michael's Church in Cleveland, Ohio.

Rev. O'Grady began his distinguished and proud career shortly after his Ordination on

May 20, 1961. In June of that same year he became the Assistant at St. Vincent Parish in Akron, Ohio where he spent five years before becoming Assistant at St. Michael's in June of 1966. Rev. O'Grady's honored service to the community continued by becoming a Member of the Diocesan Pastoral Team For the Spanish-speaking and serving in the Hispanic Ministry as Associate Pastor at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Cleveland, Ohio. Throughout his forty years of service, Rev. O'Grady has accomplished great feats within his religion. His tremendous faith and giving nature has brought hope and joy to the lives of thousands.

Mr. Speaker, Rev. O'Grady represents the very best of Cleveland, and his outstanding service to mankind deserves the highest of praise.

I ask my distinguished colleagues to join in rising to celebrate the incredible accomplishments of Rev. O'Grady, and honor his forty years of service to his church, his faith, and the community.

“HONORING COUNCILMAN GENE ‘IGGY’ GARISON”

**HON. GENE GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2001*

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Pasadena City Councilman Gene "Iggy" Garison and to thank him for his distinguished service. Councilman Garison was first elected to the Pasadena City Council in 1993, served as Mayor Pro Tem from 1996 to 1997 and is currently serving his fourth two-year term. He is a dedicated and committed public servant, and his constituents are fortunate to have him as their representative.

Councilman Garison was born in 1942 and has lived in Pasadena for nearly 30 years. Despite recent health problems, he continues to be a driving force in Pasadena. He has touched the lives of so many people and has made numerous civic contributions. As a small gesture of the communities appreciation, the San Jacinto Day Foundation recently decided that the city's annual Strawberry Festival would be dedicated to Iggy Garison.

As a member of the City Council, Garison has been responsible for many improvements in Pasadena. His accomplishments include the revitalization of North Pasadena, the Capitan Theatre and the Corrigan Center. During his tenure, he has worked hard to reduce crime and to improve the city's infrastructure, particularly streets, sidewalks and sewer lines. Councilman Garison has also promoted the demolition of abandoned and deteriorated structures and continues his efforts to reduce flooding.

Iggy Garison has always welcomed opportunities to be of service to his country and his community. He served in the United States Air Force and the Air National Guard. He was a valuable member of the Pasadena Police Department. He was a distinguished volunteer firefighter. And he was an investigator for Constable George Larkin.

Councilman Garison is a member of the Houston Fire Museum board, the San Jacinto Foundation, the American Legion, the Elks Lodge, the National Guard Association, the