

the boards of Direct Relief, Planned Parenthood, League of Women Voters, NAACP, UCSB Music Affiliates, the Santa Barbara Music Club, the Youth Symphony, and the Student Aid and Pillsbury Committees of the Santa Barbara Foundation. Ms. Clark has additionally found time to serve on the Fund for Santa Barbara's first grants committee, and donates her time as a Botanic Garden docent. She is also a supporter of the Family Service Agency, the Transition House, Girls Inc., Girl Scouts of Tres Condados, Casa Serena's Oliver House, and the Women's Economic Ventures. Indeed, it is difficult to imagine Santa Barbara without Carnzu Clark's presence!

I am so pleased to be able to honor Ms. Clark, as she is truly a unique individual. She is justly deserving of the ADL's Distinguished Community Service award, and I am so proud to represent a citizen of her caliber in Congress.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2001*

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, due to a commitment in my district on Thursday, November 15, 2001, I was unable to cast my floor vote on rollcall number 444. That vote was on Suspending the Rules and Passing as Amended H.R. 2887, the Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act.

Had I been present for the vote, and having weighed the voices of support from people and institutions I respect, including the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote 444.

IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN ROBERT  
DUNCAN

### HON. DAVID D. PHELPS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2001*

Mr. PHELPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize one of my district's leaders in aviation. After twenty-one years of service, Captain Robert Duncan (USN, Ret.) will let his term as Commissioner of the Williamson County Airport Authority expire at the end of the year.

Through involvement with the Illinois Public Airports Associations and the American Association of Airport Executives, Captain Duncan has been an active member of the board throughout his tenure. Captain Duncan consistently dedicated his time and effort toward the growth and development of Williamson County Regional Airport. Captain Duncan's efforts have contributed to the maintenance and promotion of the region's commercial air service, as well as the expansion of the airport business park. His work also aided the overall development of the airport into a facility which now creates an annual economic impact of over ten million dollars.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I say congratulations to Captain Duncan on his retirement. Due to his hard work and years of service, it is clear that Captain Duncan is a true asset to Southern Illinois.

IN SUPPORT OF THE WESTFIELD  
WORKS WONDERS DAY IN EN-  
FIELD, CONNECTICUT

### HON. NANCY L. JOHNSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2001*

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the citizens and businesses in my district who take part in the "Westfield Works Wonders" program.

For the past four years, the Westfield Shoppingtown in Enfield, Connecticut, has joined with her sister facilities in Meriden, Trumbull and Milford to raise funds to help Connecticut's schools, hospitals and charities. The efforts of thousands of volunteers have resulted in more than \$1.2 million in funds for Connecticut's worthy institutions.

For a \$5 ticket price, participants get to attend an after hours shopping event to kick off the holiday season. Their tickets entitle them to special discounts, in-store promotions, major prize giveaways, entertainment, refreshments, free photos with Santa and complementary gift-wrapping.

Most of all, ticket-holders and volunteers alike all know that their contribution and participation in this event helps to strengthen their neighborhoods and bring people together in the Holiday spirit. It is for this reason that November 18th is recognized "Westfield Works Wonders Day" in Enfield, Connecticut.

#### RECOGNIZING RON VARGAS

### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2001*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ron Vargas for receiving the Friends of Agricultural Extension Farm Advisor Award.

Ron is the Madera County Farm Advisor and County Director. The award is to honor his work in the area of Cotton Weed Management. He and his fellow investigator, Tulare County Farm Advisor Steve Wright, began a research program in 1989 to develop a method to control nightshade through the use of methane sodium. The results of their research allowed growers to significantly reduce their hand hoeing costs.

Vargas has done a great deal of research on herbicides. This research includes cotton's tolerance to a DuPont broadleaf herbicide and an evaluation of Transgenic Herbicide Tolerant cotton varieties. Vargas is currently focusing his research on the integration of herbicide tolerant cottons, as well as traditional herbicides, into a conservation tillage system. His early findings have shown a significant cost reduction for cotton farmers. His findings are particularly important to the California cotton industry in today's economically challenged environment.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Ron Vargas for his Farm Advisor Award presented by the Friends of Agriculture Extension. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Ron Vargas many more years of continued success.

DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL  
ENGLISH ACT

### HON. BOB STUMP

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2001*

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reintroduce the Declaration of Official Language Act, legislation I have introduced in the past two Congresses. This legislation establishes English as the official language of the U.S. government, requires that naturalization ceremonies be conducted solely in English, repeals the federal bilingual education requirements and repeals bilingual voting requirements.

Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, the previous administration advanced policies contributing to our nation's growing language problem. One of the most glaring examples is that under the Clinton Administration the Immigration and Naturalization Service held its first mass naturalization ceremony conducted in a language other than English. Only Congressional and public outcry prevented far more citizenship ceremonies segregated by language choice.

Perhaps the most egregious of the Clinton Administration's language policies was the issuance of Executive Order 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency." Executive Order 13166 potentially requires every recipient of federal funds to provide a translation into any language spoken anywhere in the world, currently 6,800 languages, at a moment's notice.

Broken down, this means that every state, county, and municipal government, any university or college, and anyone that accepts federal money could face a costly "language discrimination" lawsuit at any moment. This burdensome executive order imposes a costly mandate on federal agencies and the potential cost to the American public is frankly astronomical.

While America has been enriched by the contributions of people from all over the world, no one benefits if we cannot communicate with one another. One nation, united by a common language, is a gift that should not be taken for granted. However, in the United States, it is now possible for a person to vote, apply for welfare, and to demand official government documents and translation services without learning a word of English.

Mr. Speaker, poll after poll consistently suggests that Americans support English as America's official language. The Declaration of Official Language Act is intended to restore the place of English in our government, our voting booths and our public schools.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this common sense legislation.

LEGISLATION TO DESIGNATE THE  
RICH GUADAGNO VISITORS CEN-  
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### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2001*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to honor the memory of one of my constituents who