

rise in support of H.R. 4608 and urge my colleagues to join me in voting for the "Robert J. Dole Department of Veterans Affairs Medical and Regional Office Center Designation Act."

Most Americans know Senator Dole's heroic story: He was born and raised in the Heartland of Russell, Kansas. In 1942, he faithfully responded to his country's call to war, and was critically injured in combat. It took three years and nine operations for him to rehabilitate. He strengthened his injured arm, but had to learn how to write again with his left hand, as the doctors could not rebuild the excessive damage done by the Nazi machine gun fire. After the war and while still completing his law degree at Washburn Municipal University, he began his long and distinguished career in public service. He served as a Kansas state legislator, Russell County attorney, four-time member of the US House of Representatives, a five-time US Senator, the Republican National Committee Chairman, the 1976 Vice-Presidential nominee, and culminated his career as the 1996 Republican Presidential nominee.

But Bob Dole's political achievements provide only a partial measure of the man. Twice elected Majority Leader, Senator Dole served for twelve years, the longest serving Senate leader of the Republican Party. He epitomized President Reagan's immortal words, "The title of Leader is not just a job title; it's a description of the man." Even after he ended his public service, he remains a community leader, engaged in projects such as National World War II Memorial, Co-chairing a scholarship fund to aid families of heroes and victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, and campaigns for Republican candidates across the country.

I have had the distinct honor of working with and getting to know Bob Dole. In fact, he was one of my best supporters in my first race for Congress against an 18-year incumbent. Not many people other than my family and friends thought we had a chance to win that race—but Senator Dole did. Or at least he did a good job of pretending. I wouldn't have had enough money for television ads in the crucial last week of our successful 1994 campaign were it not for then soon to be Majority leader Bob Dole. When I did get to Congress in 1995, Senator Dole was a mentor and an outstanding example of how a member of Congress should fight for his state while working in the best interests of the country.

It is due to Bob Dole's extraordinary contributions as a leader, a veteran, public servant, and staunch defender of national defense that the designation of the Wichita VA Center as the Robert J. Dole Department of Veterans Affairs Medical and Regional Center is so appropriate. Please join me in a congressional salute to this great American patriot."

TRIBUTE TO REV. DR. STERLING
LEE JONES 32ND PASTORAL AN-
NIVERSARY MOUNT ZION MIS-
SIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2002

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, as the congregation of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church gathered together on Sunday, April 28,

2002, they celebrated the 32nd Pastoral Anniversary of Rev. Dr. Sterling Lee Jones. A life-long leader and devoted pastor, Rev. Jones has truly demonstrated his commitment to advancing the mission of Mount Zion across southeastern Michigan. As the members and friends of Rev. Jones gathered to celebrate this special anniversary, they paid tribute to his outstanding years of activism, leadership, and faith.

Preaching the Gospel for over 37 years, Rev. Jones has led the congregation of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church for 32 glorious years. As his message and ministry has been received throughout the United States, he has shown a special dedication to making a positive difference in the lives of others. To those who know Rev. Jones best, "to hear Pastor Jones preach the gospel of Christ, to hear him teach the gospel of Christ and to hear him sing the gospel of Christ, is to know that he is chosen by Christ and is anointed by Him to do his will."

With a passion for learning and the firm belief in education, and as the key to advancement, Rev. Jones has been an active force in educating his community as well as providing outreach services for those in need. Working on projects like the Youth Department, and the "Artie Lee Bins-Jones Honor Roll", Rev. Jones has organized many programs for the youth and implemented a program encouraging higher education through annual tours to colleges and universities throughout the South. Building a multi-million dollar edifice and with plans to build a senior citizens complex and a gym for the youth, Rev. Jones's distinguished service and outstanding dedication to improving the lives of people through faith will continue to serve as an example to communities across this nation.

I applaud Rev. Jones for his leadership, commitment, and service, and I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting him for his exemplary years of faith and service.

GULFSTREAM GOODWILL
INDUSTRIES 35TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MARK FOLEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2002

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a special organization that helps disabled and other disadvantaged members of our community.

In 1902, a Methodist minister from Boston, Reverend Edgar J. Helms, started a movement to help people with disabilities and other barriers to employment become working members of our community.

Throughout 2002, Goodwill Industries is celebrating its 100th anniversary making amazing progress by helping those in need.

As a former board member and President of the Gulfstream Goodwill, which is celebrating its 35th anniversary, I was able to witness first hand the great work Goodwill does for our community.

Like the national organization, Gulfstream Goodwill Industries serves disabled members of our community by helping them become intricate and productive working members. Gulfstream's mission—to empower people through work—ensures those in need are of-

fered working opportunities and the possibility of self-sufficiency and independence.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Goodwill and Gulfstream Goodwill the happiest of anniversaries. May its success continue and strive for perfection like it has over the past century.

IN HONOR OF THE RECIPIENTS OF
DELAWARE'S FOSTER PARENTS
OF THE YEAR AWARD, LAW-
RENCE AND NORISA JACOBS

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 21, 2002

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Delaware Foster Parents of the Year, Lawrence and Norisa Jacobs of Georgetown, Delaware. Through their commitment to caring for children, they have welcomed eleven foster children into their home since 1997. Along with their two birth children and six current foster children, their home is a welcome, and active, atmosphere for the challenges of a family of ten.

Foster parents add stability to a child's life which leads to fewer emotional, behavioral and social problems for children that may not have otherwise had the necessary family love and direction. These children deserve the best chance we can give them, and the Jacobs have proven their dedication to giving all of their children the optimal chance to develop into emotionally healthy adults.

Mr. Speaker, through the years, the Jacobs have lovingly and unselfishly contributed every day to the lives of their children. It is appropriate that we take a moment to honor them.

The contributions of Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs are undeniably worthy of recognition and cannot be commended enough. I am proud to stand here today recognizing them as not only Delaware's Foster Parents of the Year, but also as nominees for National Foster Parents of the Year.

VETERANS' MAJOR MEDICAL FA-
CILITIES CONSTRUCTION ACT OF
2002

SPEECH OF

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2002

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4514, the Veterans' Major Medical Facility Construction Act, H.R. 4015, the Jobs for Veterans Act, and H.R. 4085, the Veterans Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act.

Next week, millions of Americans will take off and gather together with family and friends to pay tribute to the men and women of our armed forces and their loved ones who sacrificed so much to defend our precious liberties. Well over 1 million men and women have given their lives in service to our country. These people answered their country's call to serve—in the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, the First and Second World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Bosnia, Operation Enduring Freedom, and in many small, but important military actions around the globe. For