

gratified to note that the nation's horseracing industry, which is of such great importance to the Commonwealth of Kentucky, shared in our nation's ceremonies of remembrance on September 11. Yesterday, all across the country, our racetracks, owners, trainers and jockeys all stood together to remember what happened a year ago and to honor those who were lost and those who showed such great courage in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks.

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association requested that all racetracks operating on September 11 cease normal business operations to share in a 10-minute, nationally simulcast observance at 4:10 p.m. Eastern Time. All across the country, there was no racing or related activity at any NTRA-member facilities during the brief, dignified and patriotic service which included a flag ceremony, a moment of silence, the singing of the National Anthem and a video tribute.

The nationwide ceremony allowed racing and its fans to remember September 11 together, even though they were at many different locations, because the observance was broadcast via simulcast to many different facilities from Del Mar Thoroughbred Track in California. It was hosted by Emmy Award-winning broadcaster Dick Enberg.

This observance was the culmination of a year-long effort by the racing industry to raise funds for individuals and families devastated by the attacks. Over the past year, members of the international Thoroughbred horseracing community, including tracks, horse owners, trainers, grooms, jockeys and veterinarians, have contributed more than \$12 million to assist the families of those lost on September 11.

I am proud that the American racing and breeding industry has responded so patriotically to our nation's ordeal and assisted so many Americans hurt by those tragic attacks.

#### RECOGNIZING FOURTEEN YEARS OF TYRANNY IN BURMA

### HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2002*

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the fourteen year anniversary of the mislabeled State Peace and Development Council's brutal takeover of power in Burma. In addition, I commend Nobel Peace Prize laureate Daw Aung San Suu Kyi for her continued strength and leadership during this period of repression and illegitimacy in Burma.

After legitimately winning Burma's 1990 election, Suu Kyi was placed under house arrest in Rangoon. Recently, she was released from house arrest, however, nearly 1,500 political prisoners remain in Burmese prisons for their peaceable opposition to the SPDC's illegitimate rule. Meanwhile, as many as one million Burmese citizens, many of whom are children, are forced to build roads, military installations, and railroads for the junta.

Over thirty percent of Burma's children are malnourished, yet the illegitimate SPDC regime continues to spend billions of dollars on military equipment purchased from China and Russia. The SPDC regime fails to provide any substantial assistance for critical health care

and educational programs in Burma, yet it continues to amass a dangerous military arsenal.

Burma is a country of peaceful, intelligent and freedom-loving citizens, yet the brutal ruling junta has spent the last fourteen years crushing the will of the people. I join my colleagues in recognizing the fourteen year anniversary of the SPDC's hostile military takeover, and I commend Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's continued efforts to fight for freedom, democracy, and human rights.

IN MEMORY OF JAMES B. WIGLE

### HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2002*

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to memorialize James B. Wigle, who died Monday September 9, 2002.

His family, friends, community and industry have suffered a significant loss. Jim Wigle was an extraordinary man in many ways and has permanently left his mark. Today, I would like to honor James B. Wigle's career as a pioneer in the insurance industry, a philanthropic community leader, and his extraordinary efforts with the Morgan Horse Association and Institute.

Jim Wigle graduated from the University of Toronto in 1936 with a degree in Business Administration and later received his degree as a Chartered Life Underwriter from American University. He spent his entire career in the insurance industry, except for five years when he served as an officer in the Royal Canadian Artillery during World War II.

In 1946 Mr. Wigle came to California while working for the Occidental Life Company and later at The Travelers Insurance Company where he recognized the opportunities in the insurance distribution sector. After becoming an insurance representative, he wrote his first association group case in 1951 and began to specialize in this segment of the market, thus becoming one of the country's pioneers in insurance mass marketing through associations such as the American Legion Insurance Trust. To this end, in 1956 he formed Association Group Insurance Administrators. Today, AGIA has offices in California, Arizona, Minnesota, and Washington, D.C. AGIA ranks at the forefront of the independently-owned association group insurance broker-administrators in the United States. Mr. Wigle served as President and Chief Executive Officer until January 1, 1986, and then continued to be actively involved in the business as Chairman of the Board and Chief Financial Officer.

AGIA is a significant employer in the Santa Barbara and Carpinteria communities and participated in the funding of several community events over the years. Jim Wigle was always known as a loving, generous, and thoughtful person.

Jim participated in numerous local association programs over the years and served nationally as the President of both the American Morgan Horse Association and the American Morgan Horse Institute. He was responsible for raising the funds necessary to establish the Morgan Horse Museum and new permanent home for the AMHA in Shelburne, Vermont. His efforts were recognized, when he was

named the 1978 Morgan Horse Man of the year honoree and 1990 Morgan Horse Hall of Fame honoree.

His determination, vitality, boundless energy and dedication will be missed, but despite his absence, Jim Wigle will continue to serve as an inspiration and as a role model to the many people who knew his indomitable spirit.

RECOGNIZING MR. MARTIN ORTIZ

### HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

### HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 19, 2002*

Mrs. NAPOLITANO and Ms. HILDA SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, we are extremely proud to rise today to honor a very special man—Mr. Martin Ortiz, founding Director of Whittier College's Center of Mexican American Affairs in Whittier, California.

Mr. Ortiz served our community for more than 40 years and retired leaving a foundation upon which the next generation of Latino students will strive to embrace their diversity as leaders, professionals, and contributors to their community. In recognition of Mr. Ortiz's devotion to the college and the community at large, he was named Director Emeritus and was given the opportunity to serve as a consultant to Whittier College.

Mr. Ortiz has a long litany of accomplishments, which speak to his sense of duty and responsibility to the community. As the founding director of Whittier College's Center of Mexican American Affairs, Mr. Ortiz served as a mentor to thousands of students, many of whom are the first in their families to attend college. His work contributed significantly to making Whittier College one of the most diverse liberal arts colleges in the country. Furthermore, Dr. Ortiz's leadership in diversity issues shaped the ethos of Whittier College in significant ways.

Mr. Ortiz has received many honors for his work, including recognition from the California Legislature for his dedication to the students and the community served by Whittier College. He also received the Recognition Award from the Personnel Management Association of Aztlan, National Board, for his promotion of employment opportunities for minority youth, and a Distinguished Service Award from the U.S. Department of Education. The college's organization Alianza de Los Amigos elected him to its Hall of Fame, and a \$1.5 million endowed scholarship has been established at Whittier in his honor.

Throughout his career, Mr. Ortiz has served as a consultant and advisor to many organizations. He has been a consultant to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and has served on many community and professional associations including the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission, the Task Force on Improving Community Relations, the California Council of Criminal Justice, and the National Hispanic Task Force, Social Security Administration.

Mr. Speaker, we invite our colleagues to join us in saluting Mr. Martin Ortiz for his selfless and untiring efforts on behalf of Latino students. His devotion to his work and his commitment to others has earned him the love