

"To many people in Blount County and throughout the area, Bobbie was the chamber of commerce," chamber President and CEO Fred Forster said Wednesday. "She was the core of enthusiasm in this community for many years. Many of the things we enjoy here now are the fruits of her work over the years.

"All of us in the chamber family will miss her," Forster said.

Householder, 74, was a native of Knoxville. She and Glen, her husband of 56 years, moved to Blount County in 1952 and became the parents of two sons and a daughter.

Not long after the Householders' move to Blount County, she went to the Chamber of Commerce-United Way office, then located at the Maryville Municipal Building, to help out for a few days. Her volunteer work with the chamber led to a full-time job there, and she retired in 1994 after 33 years with the organization.

Early in her career with the chamber, the staff consisted of the executive director, a bookkeeper and Householder. She handled office responsibilities and coordinated chamber projects, including coordination of Blount County's United Way campaigns for 25 years.

By the end of her tenure with the chamber, Householder was vice president of the Blount County Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber Foundation and the Smoky Mountain Visitors Bureau, three of the four organizations under the Blount Partnership's administrative umbrella.

In addition to her other duties, Householder helped organize and coordinate Homecoming '86 for Blount County, the Adopt-A-School program, Leadership Blount and the Blount County Dogwood Arts Festival. She also was extremely active in the Maryville-Alcoa Jaycettes, an organization involved in initial promotion of tourism efforts.

She retired with the title of vice president of community development for the Blount County Chamber of Commerce.

Retirement did little to slow Householder, and her efforts to better her community were recognized when she received the 2001 Pride of Tennessee Award. The award is given to one person each year who has a history of community involvement.

Since 1994 she has served as president of the Friends of the Library, a member of the Keep Blount Beautiful Board of Directors, a member of the Blount County Bicentennial Committee, an officer with the Blount County Education Foundation, and co-chairman of the Blount County Millennium Committee.

Householder also served several years as chairman for the United Way of Blount County's Day of Caring and in other volunteer roles for United Way.

"She was a great lady with great ideas, but the best thing about Bobbie was that you could count on her," United Way Executive Director Sandra Davis said Wednesday.

"She was still recruiting United Way volunteers from her hospital bed as recently as last week," Davis said. "She was one of the best volunteers any nonprofit organization could ask for—always willing to go the extra mile."

Davis said she and Householder also shared an interest in activities through the Methodist church, not only at the local level but at the conference level as well. Her work in the church included service as communications coordinator for the Holston Conference United Methodist Women.

Householder was a member of Broadway United Methodist Church. Her pastor, the Rev. James Dougherty, will officiate at a celebration of her life at 8 p.m. Friday at the church. The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at the church.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Janet Householder of Louisville, KY, her son Alan Householder of Cosby, and her daughter and son-in-law, Glenda and Darrell Eastridge of Alcoa, grandchildren Cindy and Brian Householder of Louisville, Ky., and Jeff and Amy Eastridge of Alcoa. She is also survived by her sister, Grace Goode of Maryville, her brother, Richard Hubbs of Johnson City, and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests no flowers. Memorials may be made to Broadway United Methodist Church, to the Blount County Education Foundation, to Friends of the Library or to the United Way of Blount County.

#### A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING COLLEEN GEREK

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 26, 2002*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Colleen Gerek has been awarded the Rodney D. Hanson Memorial Scholarship for the 2002–03 academic year; and

Whereas, Colleen Gerek is a senior at Ohio University Eastern majoring in education; and Whereas, Colleen Gerek should be commended for her dedication and hard work; and Whereas, Colleen Gerek has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to meeting challenges in juggling work and classes with enthusiasm and confidence;

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in honoring and congratulating Colleen Gerek for her outstanding accomplishment.

#### HONORING FRANCES "BITSIE" CLARK ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE ARTS COUNCIL OF GREATER NEW HAVEN

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 26, 2002*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the New Haven community in extending my sincere congratulations to an outstanding member of our community and a dear friend, Frances "Bitsie" Clark, as she celebrates her retirement.

As the Executive Director of the Arts Council of Greater New Haven for the last twenty years, Bitsie has been the driving force behind the rejuvenation of New Haven's Arts community. Under her leadership, the Arts Council worked diligently, partnering with many local organizations to bring the magic of the arts to our community. During her tenure, I have had the opportunity to work with Bitsie on a variety of projects. Her commitment and dedication is unparalleled and I am in awe of her seemingly endless energy. The City of New Haven has been truly fortunate to have such an advocate.

The Arts Council has taken the lead in supporting cultural development throughout Southern Connecticut. Much of their success can be credited to Bitsie's vision of making New Haven the creative capitol of Connecticut. In the last two decades, we have wit-

nessed the completion of the Audubon Development project, which included the building of 55 Whitney Avenue, the Audubon Court condominium and retail complex and the Audubon Parking Garage; the construction of 70 Audubon Street which houses the offices of the Arts Council, the Community Foundation, and Artspace. We have seen the creation of programs and services like Women in the Arts Month, the African Caribbean Festival Commission, the Hearts for Life Aids benefit and the New Haven Inner City Cultural Development Program and many others—all of which were possible because of the support they received from the Arts Council.

The arts in any medium, play a vital role in all of our lives. They are not only a vehicle of expression, but a means by which our culture and traditions are passed from one generation to another. Bitsie embraced this idea and through her efforts many talented artists and creative individuals were able to realize their dreams—there is no greater gift.

Bitsie's tremendous work and many contributions have left an indelible mark on our community. It is with my deepest thanks and appreciation that I stand today to join the many friends, family, and community members who have gathered today to extend my very best wishes to Frances "Bitsie" Clark as she celebrates her retirement. We will not forget the difference her generosity and commitment have made.

#### CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATES FOR H.R. 5099

**HON. JAMES V. HANSEN**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 26, 2002*

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I request that the attached cost estimates for H.R. 5099 be submitted for the record under General Leave.

As you know, H.R. 5099 passed the House under suspension of the rules on Tuesday, September 24, 2002. At the time of passage, the Committee on Resources had not yet received a cost estimate for the Congressional Budget Office.

U.S. CONGRESS,  
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,  
*Washington, DC, September 24, 2002.*

HON. JAMES V. HANSEN,  
*Chairman, Committee on Resources,  
U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 5099, a bill to extend the periods of authorization for the Secretary of the Interior to implement capital construction projects associated with the endangered fish recovery implementation programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Julie Middleton.

Sincerely,  
BARRY B. ANDERSON,  
*(For Dan L. Crippen, Director).*

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