

with that decision by our voters by removing any conflict with federal law. I will do all I can to press for its speedy enactment.

HONORING DR. SHIRLEY KENNEDY

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to rise in tribute to the memory of a wonderful friend and resident of Santa Barbara, California, Dr. Shirley Kennedy. Dr. Kennedy passed away on January 20, 2003, leaving a void in the Santa Barbara community that will be felt by many.

Dr. Kennedy, a long-time resident of Santa Barbara, was well-known for her dedication to political, cultural, and social causes. Born in Chicago in 1926, Dr. Kennedy and her husband, Jim, moved to the Santa Barbara area in 1972. It did not take long for Dr. Kennedy to become a dynamic presence in the community. In 1986 Dr. Kennedy completed her doctorate at Claremont Graduate University and worked as a lecturer at UCSB, teaching classes in political science, black studies, and constitutional law. In addition to teaching, she was also involved in founding the Black Studies department, as well as the Black Cultural Festival which brings art, plays, and other exhibits to the university.

Dr. Kennedy was a devoted political activist as well. In 1988 she ran Rev. Jesse Jackson's local presidential campaign, and served as a delegate to the party's national convention. Dr. Kennedy has also dedicated countless hours of volunteer time to numerous local, state, and federal campaigns. She was a longtime member of the NAACP and created two local organizations, Not in Our Town and the Building Bridges Community Coalition, both dedicated to fighting racism and building tolerance.

In 2002, through the Building Bridges Coalition, Dr. Kennedy was able to bring an exhibit on a slave ship, the *Henrietta Marie*, to a local museum in Santa Barbara. This exhibit was visited by hundreds of local schoolchildren and residents, and brought a new understanding of the slave trade to thousands of people. It was her dedication to education and community involvement that made Dr. Kennedy such a special person and I am confident that her legacy will live on for many years to come.

The Santa Barbara community suffered a great loss with Dr. Kennedy's passing last month, yet because of her activism and involvement in the community Dr. Kennedy's spirit and teachings will remain among us forever. Dr. Kennedy was a wonderful woman and an inspiration to us all and I am fortunate that this special individual touched my life in so many ways.

HONORING ELIZABETH HESTER
RIDDLE

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Ms. Elizabeth Hester Riddle. Ms.

Riddle was born on November 29, 1902, on the Eastside of Chicago, Illinois. Born to William and Sarah Hester she is the oldest of 7 children and enjoys spending time with her remaining younger siblings Mary and Sally. Ms. Riddle has survived her husband Walter Riddle, son Robert Riddle, and her eldest grandson Robert Riddle, Jr. She is also the grandmother of Karen Appleson, Cindy Petro, and Allison Gunner, and the great-grandmother of two with more on the way.

As the Matriarch of the Hester family and known to her many nephews and nieces as "Aunt Bea", she is generous to a fault. Ms. Riddle has lived her 100 years of life on the Eastside of Chicago, Illinois as a proud American, committed Catholic and a lifetime member of the St. Francis de Sales Parish. She is known for her sharp mind, happy personality, and love of all her friends and family. So we wish her a Happy 100th Birthday and reflect on how she lived through a century of changes and a lifetime of memories as a model of charity and compassion and all around wonderful person.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BARBRA
REMMENGA

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I rise today to recognize Barbra Remmenga of Montrose, Colorado. Barbra is a guardian ad litem attorney who is appointed by the courts to represent the best interests of children involved in dependency and neglect proceedings. Recently, Barbra was named Guardian Ad Litem Attorney of the Year by the Colorado Court Appointed Special Advocates. In recognition of her success, I would like to pay tribute to Barbra's career and accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation.

Barbra has been serving as a guardian ad litem attorney for the Seventh Judicial District of Colorado for the past 11 years. She began her career as a social worker doing child protection casework when she realized the amount of difference she could make as an attorney fighting and defending those in need. Remmenga represents children of all ages in cases that involve physical abuse, neglect, and custody disputes. She views her job as a huge responsibility because she is representing such a vulnerable and defenseless segment of the population. In recognition of her commitment to children's well-being last December, Barbra was honored in Denver at the Seventh Annual CASA Training Conference for her outstanding service.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Barbra Remmenga before this body of Congress and this nation. Barbra has served her community with great honor and integrity. Barbra demonstrates genuine concern for the children she represents and always looks out for their best interest. Her commitment and dedication serve as an inspiration to us all, and it is an honor to represent such an outstanding Coloradan in this Congress. Keep up the good work, Barbra.

ON THE RETIREMENT OF MR.
EDWARD D. CASEY

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Edward D. Casey on his retirement from the Capital-Gazette Newspapers, and his election to the Maryland press association's hall of fame. I would also like to thank him for his years of service to our community.

For 30 years, Mr. Casey has been the editorial voice of the Capital. In March when he is officially inducted, he will join 35 other outstanding newspaper men and women who have been similarly honored over the years by the Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Press Association.

Mr. Casey is respected throughout Maryland for being a pioneer and effective advocate for the freedom of information project, especially during his service as president of the Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Press Association.

Prior to joining the Capital, Mr. Casey was editor of the Daily Advance in Dover, NJ for six years. He began working in newspapers as a sports editor in 1957 at the Binghamton Press in New York. He also worked as a sports editor for the Endicott Bulletin in New York and managing editor of the Binghamton Sun-Bulletin.

I congratulate Mr. Casey in his retirement, and I wish him every success in his future endeavors.

ASYLUM: AN IDEA IN SEARCH OF
A STRATEGY

HON. JAMES A. LEACH

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, below are two op-ed articles written on the subject of possible abdication and asylum for Saddam Hussein and his cohorts.

ASYLUM: AN IDEA IN SEARCH OF A STRATEGY
(By Representative James A. Leach)

Monday Hans Blix will present the report of the U.N. weapons inspectors in Iraq to the U.N. Security Council. Absent a surprise, the report is likely to offer a mixed judgment: no smoking gun, but no assumption that Saddam Hussein has sincerely cooperated with the inspectors or provided credible rationale for his nuclear program or convincing evidence of disarming once held bio-chemical weapons.

Tuesday evening the President will give his annual State of the Union address in which he will undoubtedly make his case for why the U.S. military may be called upon to intervene in Iraq—with or without further U.N. approval.

At this juncture there appears to be only one scenario which has the potential of being a win/win situation for America, the Iraqi people and the world community. That is for Saddam Hussein, his family and cohorts to abdicate power and accept asylum outside Iraq.

The possibility of such an outcome was implicitly contemplated by Secretary Rumsfeld last week when he said that the United