

than 2,000 campus concerts, art exhibits, theatrical productions, guest lectures, sports concerts and other events in a year.

With an athletics program rivaled by few Division I-A schools, the University of Florida fields some of the most competitive teams in the country. UF scholar-athletes have dominated in every sporting arena, and it is evident from their dozens of national titles. I am proud of the University of Florida's athletic program and foresee continued success.

I also want to congratulate the University of Florida football team for an admirable season. Gator fans across the country should be excited for this program and their new coach, Ron Zook. Coach Zook has put together an outstanding staff, and I look forward to seeing them back on top of the SEC.

Academic institutions shoulder a great responsibility in the health and progress of local communities. They not only teach young people skills in order to succeed, but also intangible advantages like broad-mindedness and a sense of the world around them. Education is our best defense against hatred and poverty, which is why we must invest in institutions that have a proven record of success.

As any Member of this body would be, I am proud to represent one such institution. I congratulate the University of Florida and President Charles Young and wish the university long-lasting success. God bless.

CONGRATULATING MILWAUKIE, OREGON, ON ITS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BALLENGER). Pursuant to the order of the House of January 7, 2003, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. BLUMENAUER) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, amidst all the international drama and trauma, it is sometimes easy to forget that the primary goal of government is to provide a partnership where our communities can be livable and where our families are safe, healthy and economically secure. My hometown of Portland, Oregon, has received international acclaim as one of America's most livable cities, but actually, Mr. Speaker, ours is a region of two dozen livable communities. Under Oregon's unique land use system, each community is encouraged to develop its own special identity.

One of the unique places that deserves special attention is the city of Milwaukie, Oregon, as it now celebrates its centennial this month, an example that thousands of small communities across the country could look to. Milwaukie's hard-working citizens are keenly interested in making the next 100 years something that is even better.

The community of Milwaukie has played a key role in the history of our

State. The city was actually settled in 1840 and played a critical role in shipping up and down the Willamette River. The commerce from those docks served to link Willamette Valley's pioneers with goods from the Hudson's Bay Trading Company and beyond. Oregon's founder, Dr. John McLaughlin, often supervised commerce on those very docks when he visited from his nearby home. Today, Milwaukie is the second largest city in fast-growing Clackamas County. It serves the Portland region as a transportation hub, hosting the intersection of two State highways and two freight railroads. But it is how Milwaukie has approached the future that is intriguing to me.

In the latter part of the 1990s, this city looked at how they were going to join the region's light rail system. Some had serious questions about what it would do to their community and how it was going to be compatible with how they wanted to grow with the rest of the region. Instead of joining the region's light rail system at that point, they took time out to reflect how they should grow and relate to the surrounding communities. In the course of the next 5 years, the community carried out literally thousands of hours of community meetings. Some were informal. There were scores of neighborhood association meetings and workshops.

As a result of this searching and introspection, the community, its neighborhoods and elected leaders, including some who were the most skeptical of earlier plans, are now among the most active and aggressive advocates of rail coming to their town; and not only light rail, but they are also supporting an innovative commuter rail system serving Milwaukie, as well. They are looking at other ways to make their community livable.

Milwaukie, Oregon, like so many communities across the country, made decisions early in its career that cut off its waterfront from the community. It is inaccessible now because of a State highway that makes pedestrian and other access impossible. This beautiful and historic resource is now out of their reach, home only to a treatment plant. Milwaukie residents are now working to overcome this barrier to connect their historic waterfront and natural resource with the heart of their downtown.

Milwaukie, Oregon is an outstanding example of how a livable community grapples with issues of growth, transportation, development, its past and its future. It is a community that other cities can look to for inspiration, how people of strong and varying opinions sitting down and working through their issues together for the common good can make a city safer, healthier and more economically secure.

I, for one, am proud to represent the "City of Dogwoods" as it celebrates its centennial. Congratulations, Milwaukie, Oregon.

CONGRATULATING THE M. ENSEMBLE COMPANY FOR ITS UPCOMING "MEDAL OF HONOR THEATER PROJECT"

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 7, 2003, the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) is recognized during morning hour debates for 2 minutes.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the M. Ensemble Company for its upcoming "Medal of Honor Theater Project," which honors the life and service of the first black soldier ever awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism during the Vietnam War.

I would like to especially thank fellow Miamians Patricia E. Williams and Shirley Richardson who are cofounders of the M. Ensemble Company for all of their leadership and dedication to this praiseworthy organization. For more than 30 years, the theater company has been providing training and career-building opportunities for the south Florida community. This recognition is especially fitting as our country celebrates the countless African American contributions to our rich history.

Please join me in congratulating the M. Ensemble Company and its Medal of Honor project for its tremendous tribute to the cause of arts and learning for all.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 52 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. OTTER) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

O powerful and ever-living God, the lasting health of all who believe in You, hear our prayer on this World Day for the Sick.

In accepting our sufferings and our human limitations, Lord, You teach us the virtue of patience. We offer our prayers for our sick brothers and sisters, especially those who are near and dear to the Members of Congress.

On this special day we give You thanks for all those in health care ministry on every continent. Continue to call forth men and women of science and faith who will serve the weakest members of society as professionals in research, in medicine, and in health care. Sustain them and guide them

until that final moment when You bring Your people to glory in Your presence forever and ever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Florida (Mr. FEENEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. FEENEY of Florida led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO SUSAN B. ANTHONY

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, this month we celebrate the birthday of a great woman in the history of the United States, Susan B. Anthony.

Susan B. Anthony is known not only for her fight to gain women the right to vote, but also for her great courage in the stand against abortion. She was a feminist who fought tirelessly to protect the dignity of motherhood, which she believed to be an inherent right of all women.

Susan B. Anthony saw abortion as a grave offense against human dignity. I am proud to honor Susan B. Anthony for her dedication to the cause of life, and I hope that my colleagues will join me in this.

HONORING KAVI VYAS

(Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kavi Vyas, a senior at Rancho Alamitos High School in Garden Grove, for his achievements in both athletics and in community service.

Kavi was named the male recipient of the Fall CIF Spirit of Sport Award. The male and female recipients of this prestigious award are selected out of 1,200 nominated California high school athletes. The CIF Spirit Awards are given to student athletes who have demonstrated sportsmanship and who are leaders in their communities.

In addition to excelling in athletics and in the community, he is also active in his school as president of the Junior Statesmen of America, former vice

president of the National Honor Society, and is currently a member of the California Scholarship Federation.

I am very proud of Kavi. Accomplishing so much at such a young age is truly impressive, and I wish him continued success for the future.

CLONING

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, last year, we in the House of Representatives voted to ban all cloning of humans. Tinkering with human life the way some propose to do is unethical, immoral, and wrong. It would treat little human beings as commodities to be created, experimented on, used, and destroyed.

Of course, some people, like the Raelian cult, want to create clones and let them grow up. That too is wrong. There should be no cloning of humans at all.

Let me read what Ronald Reagan had to say about the sanctity of life: "Every legislator, every doctor, and every citizen needs to recognize that the real issue is whether to affirm and protect the sanctity of all human life, or to embrace a social ethic where some human lives are valued and others are not. As a Nation, we must choose between the sanctity of life ethic and the quality of life ethic."

Soon, Congress will be asked to choose between protecting some human lives and protecting all human lives. I pray we do the right thing.

TRIBUTE TO JUSTICE TAITAGUE

(Ms. BORDALLO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a 5-year-old girl from Guam. Her name is Justice Taitague, and she passed away Sunday evening.

Justice suffered from leukemia. Her best chance for life was a marrow transplant. Through the efforts of Dr. Thomas Shieh, president of the Guam Medical Society, and the Hawaiian Bone Marrow Donor Registry and the National Marrow Donor program, the first-ever marrow drive on Guam was held. This "Drive for Justice" registered 3,400 donors in 3 days.

Together with the people of Guam, I extend my deepest sympathy to the family of Justice Taitague. Our hearts and our prayers are with her parents, Lynn and Anthony.

National Donor Day is this Friday, Valentine's Day. There is still a critical need for donors from the Asian, Pacific Islander, and other minority communities. Give the gift of life. Join the registry. Because of Justice, many others will now have life.

HONORING JAY TAYLOR'S SERVICE TO MANCHESTER

(Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jay Taylor upon his retirement from the position of economic development director for the city of Manchester, New Hampshire.

Jay's tireless efforts to revitalize the Queen City's economic base have proved successful, as evidenced by Manchester's booming downtown and night life. Ten years ago, New Hampshire's largest city and financial center faced a deep recession and a bleak economic future. Today, Manchester boasts a new arena, an expanding airport, and a reenergized night life of new shops and restaurants due, in large part, to Jay's hard work.

Without Jay's guidance and keen business savvy, Manchester would not be the prosperous economic heart of New Hampshire that it is today. Manchester and the State of New Hampshire are fortunate to have dedicated individuals like Jay working to make this city and this State a great place to live and do business.

CHALLENGES FOR SECRETARY POWELL

(Mr. KIRK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, one of the challenges Secretary Powell faces is the growing isolation of Germany and France from their European allies.

NATO nations voted 16 to 3 to support the defense of Turkey, our democratic ally. I worry about Germany's growing anti-Turkish policy, first to oppose Turkey's EU membership and now to oppose defending the Turkish democracy.

I worry for France. Tens of thousands of Britons, Canadians, and Americans fought to free France. Now France stands for the principle that democracies should be distracted from dictators.

The French Government, one wag said, they are always there when they need you.

RECOGNIZING CROSSWINDS YOUTH SERVICES

(Mr. WELDON of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Crosswinds Youth Services, a nonprofit organization in my congressional district that has served Florida's Space Coast for the past 28 years.

Yesterday, February 10, Crosswinds Youth Services received the prestigious