

service in these organizations, Mayor Pastrick has worked to improve the lives of the residents of East Chicago, as well as the lives of all Northwest Indiana residents.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. Donald S. Powers and Mayor Robert Pastrick as they receive the Pillar of the Community Award for their work on behalf of St. Catherine Hospital. Through their dedication and hard work, the citizens of Northwest Indiana have access to the best medical facilities and services possible. I am proud to represent them in Congress.

RECOGNIZING KIMBERLY MARLIN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kimberly Marlin, a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of America, and in earning the most prestigious honor of the Gold Award.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest achievement attainable in girl scouting. To earn the Gold Award, a scout must complete five requirements, all of which promote community service, personal and spiritual growth, positive values, and leadership skills. The requirements include: (1) earning four interest project patches, each of which requires seven activities that center on skill building, technology, service projects, and career exploration, (2) earning the career exploration pin, which involves researching careers, writing resumes, and planning a career fair or trip, (3) earning the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, which requires a minimum of 30 hours of work using leadership skills, (4) designing a self-development plan that requires assessment of ability to interact with others and prioritize values, participation for a minimum of 15 hours in a community service project, and development of a plan to promote girl scouting, and (5) spending a minimum of 50 hours planning and implementing a Girl Scout Gold Award Project that has a positive lasting impact on the community.

For her Gold Award Project, Kimberly organized a lending library at Colbern Road Baptist Church.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kimberly Marlin for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of America and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

FOR THE LOVE OF TEACHING—A TRIBUTE TO REMARKABLE DORIS DUNLAP DARDEN

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2003

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Doris Dunlap Darden, an educator who has devoted 50 years of service to the St. Louis Public School District. She has dedi-

cated her life to enabling children to attain quality education and providing opportunities that help students realize their abilities and achieve their highest goals.

She began her commendable teaching career in 1953 and has worked diligently to level the educational playing field for at-risk youth in low-income neighborhoods throughout the city of St. Louis. Darden has encouraged hundreds of children by setting high expectations and implementing programs for students to gain leadership and communications skills necessary to succeed in life. She has been committed to reaching both the students and their parents with her educational outreach. Darden impressively took the initiative to create "Home, School and Community," a program which introduced students to local and national newsmakers and celebrities. This innovative program allows famous guest speakers to encourage students to achieve academic excellence, while their parents attended informative workshops and seminars.

Darden solidly believes that all children deserve a high quality education regardless of their socioeconomic status. As a tutor, early in her career, she took note of the way wealthy parents trained their children and introduced those same learning techniques to inner city students. Darden found that her efforts helped raise both the productivity level and esteem of children who would otherwise might have been cast off by society.

In addition to her unwavering commitment to teaching, Darden has selflessly allotted time for community service. She had dedicated numerous hours to working with the Colored Women's Association, National Association of University Women, Tot's N' Teens, various city-wide committees and Leadership for Teachers.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great privilege that I recognize Doris Dunlap Darden to today before Congress. This extraordinary woman strongly believes that every child has the capacity to learn and deserves a chance to express that capacity through life goals. In 50 years, Darden has influentially touched the lives of thousands of young people in classrooms and throughout the St. Louis community. She has a stellar record of demonstrating compassion in the classroom. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring a treasured member of the St. Louis community, Doris Dunlap Darden.

HONORING MR. LARRY WALSTON

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2003

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Larry Walston of Hopkinsville, KY, for his hard work and dedication on behalf of our Nation's veterans.

Mr. Walston has worked tirelessly to document the service of veterans who were interred without proper ceremony or marker. In conjunction with officials from the Commonwealth of Kentucky, he has obtained the military service records of nearly 300 civil war veterans buried in Riverside Cemetery in Hopkinsville. These soldiers were interred without stones. The documentation he helped collect was used to order individual markers from the

Department of Veterans Affairs. With the assistance of member of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans and others, these markers were then placed in the cemetery.

Mr. Walston served our country as a member of the United States Navy and a veterans of the Vietnam War. He is a professor at Hopkinsville Community College and a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Military Order of the Stars and Bars, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and many other community service organizations. He is assisting in making application for military monuments to be certified under the Kentucky Military Heritage Act.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent Larry Walston in my district. I extend my thanks to him for all efforts on behalf of so many deserving veterans, and I am proud to bring his accomplishments to the attention of this House.

TRIBUTE TO THE CP FEDERAL CREDIT UNION OF JACKSON, MICHIGAN

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2003

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michigan's Federal Credit Unions for their efforts to improve financial services for their members. I would like to especially commend CP Federal Credit Union for their efforts to improve literacy among young people in Jackson, MI.

Today they will receive the 2002 National Desjardins Youth Financial Education Award for their good work. The award is named for the founder of the North American credit union movement, a man who promoted the idea of educating youth and providing them with in-school savings accounts.

For the last 10 years the CP Federal Credit Union, under the leadership of President and CEO John Crist, put Desjardins' words into action and worked with schools throughout Jackson County to help our youth understand how to spend, save, and budget money. Each week presenters travel to area schools to teach students from Kindergarten to High School about money. In addition to their informative and entertaining presentations they also connect schools with local business people who talk to the students about finances.

Their education did not stop there. The CP Federal Credit Union also operates 31 student-run credit unions. Students have an opportunity to volunteer and learn to post transactions and balance a cash drawer. Currently, 320 student volunteers participate in the program. In addition, the program employs five youth representatives who give presentations and meet with teachers and principals to discuss youth financial literacy. Thanks to their efforts 31 schools will include personal finance as part of their curriculums next year.

Finally, the CP Federal Credit Union offers the "Great Expectations" savings account for students. They encourage students to save for college, their first car, or their first house. Students are required to make a deposit of at least \$10 per month into their savings account to be eligible for savings incentives such as cash bonuses or loan discounts. Rather than

just educate students about saving money, the CP Federal Credit Union takes it a step further and provides students the means to do so.

The impact of this program on the lives of young people in Jackson is immeasurable. More schools have committed to teaching personal finance in their classrooms than ever before; 674 presentations were given during the 2001–2002 school year and 15,000 students were reached. Due to the efforts of these good people and others around the state, Michigan rates No. 1 out of all the States where credit unions are working with youth. Michigan also tops the list in the number of presentations given nearly half of which were given by the CP Federal Credit Union.

I commend John Crist and all the employees of the CP Federal Credit Union for their commitment to youth and their efforts to prepare our students for the future. I hope that you will all join me in congratulating them for earning the 2002 National Desjardins Youth Financial Education Award.

TRIBUTE TO MR. AND MRS.
HUTCHINS

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2003

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Winnie Hollis Hutchins and John Lee Hutchins on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Married on March 18, 1953 in Newark, New Jersey, Mr. and Mrs. Hutchins have made New Jersey their home. During their marriage they have striven to promote strong ideals of family, education, and community service to their five daughters, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Through both their church and independent community activism, Mr. and Mrs. Hutchins have devoted time to strengthening our community and to enriching the lives of all of those with whom they have come into contact. As they gather on March 14, 2003, to celebrate this wonderful occasion with family and friends, they set an example to those around them to the wonderful gifts that life has to offer.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure that my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives join me today as I congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Hutchins on this joyous occasion and wish them health and happiness as they continue their journey together.

RECOGNIZING ELIZABETH RAINE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Elizabeth Raine, a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of America, Troop 1444, and in earning the most prestigious honor of the Gold Award.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest achievement attainable in Girl Scouting. To

earn the Gold Award, a Scout must complete five requirements, all of which promote community service, personal and spiritual growth, positive values, and leadership skills. The requirements include: (1) Earning four interest project patches, each of which requires seven activities that center on skill building, technology, service projects, and career exploration; (2) earning the Career Exploration Pin, which involves researching careers, writing resumes, and planning a career fair or trip; (3) earning the senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, which requires a minimum of 30 hours of work using leadership skills; (4) designing a self-development plan that requires assessment of ability to interact with others and prioritize values, participation for a minimum of 15 hours in a community service project, and development of a plan to promote girl scouting; and (5) spending a minimum of 50 hours planning and implementing a Girl Scout Gold Award project that has a positive lasting impact on the community.

For her Gold Award project, Elizabeth taught science classes to younger children.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Elizabeth Raine for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of America and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

TRIBUTE TO TOM HIGGINS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2003

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sincerity and enthusiasm that I wish to congratulate a distinguished member of the First Congressional District of Indiana. Mr. Tom Higgins has been a fixture of the Northwest Indiana community since his radio career began in 1955. The Communicators of Northwest Indiana will deservedly honor him on Thursday, February 20, 2003 as a salute to his dedicated service, and to congratulate him on his retirement. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Scholarship Fund of the Communicators of Northwest Indiana.

Mr. Speaker, Tom Higgins carried a passion for broadcasting throughout his educational career at Indiana University, where he earned a degree in Radio Journalism in 1955. During this time in Bloomington, Tom worked at WFIU as a news and scriptwriter, on-air personality, and news director. He also found an outlet for his talents at WTTS, where he hosted a weekly program. It was at Indiana University where Tom began to pursue his interest in radio and television journalism, and he was able to hone and perfect his talents while at this prestigious university.

After graduating from Indiana University, Tom began his broadcasting career at WLOI radio station in LaPorte, Indiana. After a tour in the military, he returned to Northwest Indiana in 1957 and began working at WWCA in Gary. Tom not only blessed the citizens of Gary with his talents, but he also worked part time at WAKE in Valparaiso, Indiana, eventually calling football games for Valparaiso University. He later returned full time to WWCA, where he used his talents in various positions, including announcer, air personality, producer, and station manager, until July 1983. During

his tenure at WWCA, Tom developed a four station network to expand an existing live radio show named "Third Tuesday", which aired with a live audience, orchestra, and notable guests, for two years.

Mr. Speaker, station managers in Northwest Indiana recognized the talent that Tom possessed for broadcasting in radio and, because of this strong background, provided him an opportunity to pursue a television career in 1967. He served as the play-by-play announcer for the regional telecast of the Indiana State High School Basketball Tourney for six years. During his work for the Senior Little League World Series, Tom was given the opportunity to broadcast games that were featured in Delaware, California, Aruba, and Taiwan, as well as locally. He also worked as the play-by-play announcer for the Indiana All-Star football game in 1982.

In search of a new challenge, Tom joined the staff at Indiana University Northwest in Gary as the Director of Community Relations and development in 1984. He was eventually named the Director of Alumni Relations, a position he successfully held for sixteen years. During that time, Tom was quickly asked to return to the broadcasting business. He worked part time at WWJY-FM in Crown Point, and later tackled the additional responsibility of co-anchor of a new television news hour at WYIN. Tom recalls an extensive period of time where he would work the morning shift at WWJY, direct the Alumni Affairs office during the workday, and co-host the Indiana Nightly Report each day. It is this work ethic and dedication on which the people of Northwest Indiana pride themselves, and it allowed Tom to achieve the success that he has enjoyed.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating Mr. Tom Higgins for an outstanding career, not only in broadcast journalism, but in service to his community. Tom's leadership and passion for his career are to be commended, and his professional absence from the Northwest Indiana community will surely be missed.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF LUTHERAN SCHOOLS

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2003

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, as a graduate of a Lutheran elementary school and an individual well-acquainted with the many first-rate Lutheran educational institutions in his congressional district, today this Member introduced a resolution congratulating Lutheran schools, students, parents, teachers, administrators, and congregations across the nation for their ongoing contributions to education.

This Member is proud of the Lutheran schools in the First Congressional District of Nebraska and those throughout the nation which deliver high-quality educational opportunities and challenge students to reach their full academic and spiritual potential.

Not only are Lutheran schools known for their academic quality, but for their ability to aid moral development. These institutions provide spiritual guidance to students, instilling fundamental values that are crucial to personal development. Through their education,