

special imprint through his faith, his gifts, and his joy of life. While we mourn his passing, we also celebrate his memory. May he rest in peace.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE PINK LADIES

HON. SCOTT McINNS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today in order to recognize the Pink Ladies of Delta, Colorado. This group of women has been truly dedicated to serving their community through numerous volunteer efforts with the Delta County Memorial Hospital. I would like to pay tribute to their efforts before this body of Congress and this nation today.

Over 65 strong, the "Pink Ladies" get their name from their distinctive pink jackets. Some work cleaning the whirlpool tubs used by rehabilitational patients, others greet people at the visitor's desk or in the cafeteria, and others knit baby caps for newborns. By donating more than 16,000 hours in the past year, the Pink Ladies have helped the hospital save more than \$85,000. The ladies have also raised money to fund an annual scholarship for health care students, while also donating much-needed medical equipment.

Helping those in need is truly admirable work, and these women have taken on this work with passion and fervor. It is very inspirational to see a group of people who work this much in order to help others in their community, and I feel lucky to have the ability to honor these women who have worked so selflessly for such a long time.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize the Pink Ladies before this body of Congress and this nation for their dedication to their community hospital. Their volunteer efforts have truly been a wonderful benefit to not only the people of Delta County, but to the people of the State of Colorado as well.

HONORING WANDA LITTLE ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 2003

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension System and the New Haven community in honoring one of our most active and distinguished community members, Wanda Lee Little, on the occasion of her retirement after thirty-two years of dedicated service.

Throughout her lifetime, Wanda has dedicated herself to enriching the lives of young people. Through her efforts to develop working social programs and her work with several service organizations, she has changed the face of our community. Wanda's endless contributions to the Greater New Haven area have made a real difference—improving the quality of life for hundreds of children and their families.

Over her thirty-two year career with the UCONN Cooperative Extension System, Wanda was responsible for the initiation of several youth development programs as well as the successful application for several grants from the United States Department of Agriculture. Her outstanding leadership and good work has provided numerous opportunities to the city of New Haven and its residents.

By adapting the USDA's SuperSnackers Program to include youth and workforce development into the program, Wanda created a youth focused model in which young people are trained in a basic nutrition curriculum and then team teach in summer camp settings throughout New Haven. Through the 4-H Summer Nutrition Education Program, Wanda served as an educator and mentor for hundreds of children—often offering these young people their first job experience. The lessons and skills these young people brought away from this program have proven to be an invaluable asset as they continue in their academic and professional careers.

Wanda's dedication to our community extends far beyond her professional career. A founding member of the City Wide Youth Coalition of New Haven, Inc., a past member of the Board of Directors for the Special Olympics Committee, and host family for Guilford, Connecticut's A Better Chance Program, her unwavering commitment to serving the community has empowered women, families, and young people to improve themselves and their lives. Her generosity and compassion is truly unmatched.

Wanda's innumerable contributions and her strong message have left an indelible mark on our community. I am pleased to rise today to join her husband, Horace, their children, grandchildren, family, friends, and colleagues in extending my sincere congratulations and very best wishes to Wanda Lee Little as she celebrates her retirement from a lifetime of good work. My sincere congratulations and very best wishes for continued health and happiness.

TRIBUTE TO BRENDAN ANTHONY ROGERS

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 2003

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, a most joyous occasion has taken place for me that I want to share with you and my friends.

On December 23, 2002, my oldest son and his wife became the parents of my first grandson. Brendan Anthony Rogers became the only Rogers boy to be born in my parents' family and therefore the bearer of the name into the future. Brendan's parents, Anthony and Mindy, live in my hometown, Somerst, Kentucky.

Brendan's grandmother, my first wife, Shirley, passed away in 1995. She would be very proud, as am I, of this handsome, lively little guy.

Mr. Speaker, in the midst of the weighty issues with which we are faced in this body, my announcement of this bundle of joy is indeed a respite. However, for me, Brendan's arrival is, in itself, a weighty matter because he brings to me a sense of immortality, and I know all my colleagues can identify with that.

Mr. Speaker, I ask of you and all our colleagues, that you join me in wishing to Brendan Anthony Rogers, as he embarks on life, Godspeed!

TRIBUTE TO PAUL AND NADINE SHIRLEY

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 12, 2003

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, as Members of Congress, each of us has the privilege of representing countless numbers of constituents who work tirelessly to make their communities better. We meet these remarkable men and women every day, but often do not have the opportunity to highlight their contributions before the Nation.

Paul Shirley of Knoxville, Tennessee, is one such person, as was his late wife, Nadine. For more than 57 years of marriage this remarkable couple lived a life committed to sharing God's love with all those around them.

In November of last year, Nadine went to be with the Lord, but the example they set continues to be a standard matched by very few. Paul's dedication to changing lives around him has not slowed with Nadine's passing, and I know she is proud of his perseverance.

After graduating from the University of Tennessee in Business Administration, Paul began a career in the construction industry that continues today. From the very beginning Nadine played a key role in their business success.

Paul served as president of the Home Builder's Association of Greater Knoxville in 1962. He presently serves on the Board of Adjustments and Appeals for the City of Knoxville, a position he has held for 30 years. At each point of his professional career, Paul has always displayed the highest level of integrity and commitment to excellence.

It is, however, in the Shirleys' work together outside the business world that they found their most meaningful success. For almost 35 years, Paul and Nadine tirelessly worked to provide hundreds of children in the Knoxville area with a biblically based education surpassed academically only by the Christ-like love shown to each student.

In 1969, they, together with a dedicated group of parents, opened what was then known as West End Kindergarten. This soon expanded to become Knoxville Christian School and in 1975, the Shirleys donated 67 acres of land for what was to be the permanent campus of this growing school. Today, Knoxville Christian School provides a biblically based education to 108 students from Kindergarten through the ninth grade.

Paul served as president of the school until 1979, and both he and Nadine gave many years of service on the school's board of directors. Paul and Nadine's work, however, went far beyond what any job title implies, and their compassionate dedication to every child reached far beyond the classroom.

On February 20, 2003, those close to Knoxville Christian School came together to show their appreciation to Paul and to share in their memories of Nadine. As a small token of thanks for the impact this couple had on so many lives, Paul was presented with the