

in 1976 at the age of 27. In 1980, she was elected to the Florida Senate where in 1996 she became the first woman ever elected as President of the Florida Senate. In 2000 she became the first senator ever to be elected to two consecutive terms as Senate President. Senators trusted Toni. The House leadership trusted Toni and the voters trusted Toni.

She was also the first woman Minority Leader in either house of the legislature serving two terms, from 1983–84 and from 1986–88 while in the Senate.

A former fifth-grade teacher, Toni was a strong champion of education issues in the Senate and earned a reputation as such. Toni instilled in every senator that there were no “Ds” or “Rs” in TEAM.

I am proud to say she’s the Lieutenant Governor of my state and I know Florida is lucky to have her. Congratulations, Toni.

SUPPORTING WORKERS

HON. SHERROD BROWN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the courage and strength of legal immigrant workers who immigrated to the United States to make life better. Throughout their struggles, they were filled with the promised optimism and freedom inherent in the American dream.

Today marks the two year anniversary of a unique American struggle. On March 19, 2001, Chinese Daily News workers, mostly immigrants from Taiwan, voted to select The Newspaper Guild of the Communications Workers of America to represent them for purposes of collective bargaining and to help them develop a more cohesive voice at work. I commend the tireless efforts of these workers as they continue to wrestle the overwhelming resources of a foreign employer committed to silencing their voices and thwarting their right to organize under U.S. labor law. This is unacceptable.

Foreign employers should not be given leeway to further erode the organizing rights of U.S. workers. Chinese Daily News employees put their faith in America and in U.S. labor law. At this pivotal juncture in our history, we should recognize the faith and allegiance of those legal immigrants who subscribe to our rule of law. These workers deserve our support. I urge management of the Chinese Daily News to sit down with the affected workers and immediately settle their differences.

REMEMBERING WILMA MUSGROVE

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, pioneer aviation wife and South Dade avocado farmer, Wilma “Billie” Musgrove, died on March 6th in the arms of her son at the age of 86 after suffering several strokes. Born of Dutch parents in Holland, Michigan, she celebrated Tulip Time and the sand dunes and beaches of Lake Michigan. She caught the eye of aviator

Lester E. Musgrove and married him when she was 16 years old. She followed her barnstorming husband across the United States to air shows, wing walker exhibitions, air races and crop-dusting jobs. While Lester served in the U.S. Army Air Corps at the start of WWII, Billie raised their son, Bob, in Grand Rapids and worked their new property in South Dade.

After the war, the couple started their Redland avocado grove and they watched Bob grow to become a pilot. Billie purchased an air boat to hunt in the Everglades and enjoyed preparing feasts from her catches for family and friends.

Billie had a great love of the organ and piano which led her to entertain at Sunniland’s Flame Restaurant and Homestead’s Capri Restaurant with big band era favorites. A great joy was her immediate past presidency of South Florida’s Organ Belles club and Light Aircraft Flyer’s Association. Travels around the world added to her wonderful life.

Billie touched many lives and leaves great memories with those who were fortunate to know her. She will be sorely missed but always remembered with love. My heartfelt sympathies go out to her family for their tremendous loss.

THE CITIZEN AND THE CONSTITUTION PROGRAM

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to inform my colleagues that on April 26, 2003, more than 1,200 students from across the United States will visit Washington, DC, to compete in the national finals of the We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution program. This educational program is developed specifically to teach young people more about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights and is administered by the Center for Civic Education. The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education by an act of Congress.

I am proud to announce that the class from Indiana Area High School from Indiana will represent the state of Pennsylvania in this national event. These young scholars have worked conscientiously to reach the national finals by participating at local and statewide competitions. As a result of their experience they have gained a deep knowledge and understanding of the fundamental principles and values of our constitutional democracy.

The 3-day We the People national competition is modeled after hearings in the United States Congress. The hearings consist of oral presentations by high school students before a panel of adult judges on constitutional topics. The students are given an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge while they evaluate, take, and defend positions on relevant historical and contemporary issues. Their testimony is followed by a period of questioning by the judges who probe the students’ depth of understanding and ability to apply their constitutional knowledge.

The We the People program provides curricular materials at upper elementary, middle, and high school levels. The curriculum not only enhances students’ understanding of the institutions of American constitutional democ-

racy, it also helps them identify the contemporary relevance of the Constitution and Bill of Rights. Critical thinking exercises, problem-solving activities, and cooperative learning techniques help develop participatory skills necessary for students to become active, responsible citizens.

The class from Indiana Area High School is currently preparing for their participation in the national competition in Washington, DC. It is inspiring to see these young people advocate the fundamental ideals and principles of our government, ideas that identify us as a people and bind us together as a nation. It is important for future generations to understand these values and principles which we hold as standards in our endeavor to preserve and realize the promise of our constitutional democracy. I wish these young “constitutional experts” the best of luck as they participate in the We the People national finals.

SUPPORT RANCHER DROUGHT TAX RELIEF

HON. BARBARA CUBIN

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

Mrs. CUBIN. Mr. Speaker, our Tax Code is unfairly penalizing livestock producers during the present drought that is affecting a large area of this great country. Under current law, ranchers who were forced to sell their cattle because of the drought are limited to a time period of just 2 years before they either have to pay taxes on that sale—or buy new livestock—even though the drought persists. The problem is, we are now in the third year of this drought, and there’s no end in sight—experts have called this the worst drought in a century in many parts of the West, including my home, Wyoming. In fact, it is so bad out West that we had a city in Wyoming actually run out of water last summer. If the cities are out of water, imagine how hard it is for ranchers to raise their livestock on drought-ravaged land.

A good first step to help drought-stricken ranchers is to extend the period of time we allow for them to weather the drought. That’s why I support the McClinnis amendment in H.R. 1308, the Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act of 2003, which would allow ranchers an additional 2 years to either replace their herd or pay a capital gains tax. The impact on the Treasury would be small, but the impact on Wyoming ranchers is huge. It is the difference between sinking and swimming. The 2-year limit in current law is unworkable in our present situation and serves as a disincentive to those who raise this valuable commodity that feeds millions of people. A poorly designed Tax Code should not force these small business men and women to choose between closing their doors or paying their tax bill.

Mr. Speaker, these are desperate times for our agricultural community, and they demand our attention. This change can provide hope to those who are on the verge of closing the barn doors for good. I yield back the balance of my time.