

I rise today to speak of Mrs. Ingerborg, "beautiful daughter", Agatha—"the good, the kind", Cartier Henry, who was above all else a mother, to her nine wonderful children who have learned from her to dedicate their lives to caring and serving. She also "mothered" everyone who grew up in Gallows Bay, in the Seventh Day Adventist Church, her grands, great-grands and countless others.

Ingerborg Cartier Henry was born to Eugenie Phaire Cartier and Valdemar Cartier on February 6, 1911 on the island of St. Croix. She was educated under both the Danish and American public school systems.

She joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1929, when she was baptized by Pastor C. G. van Putten. On December 21, 1932, she married Irvin Henry. To this union, nine children were born.

Mrs. Henry was an excellent cook, pastry maker and baker. Some people still talk about her black bread. She loved to entertain, camp, and travel. In the early hours of the morning of March 28, 2003, she quietly passed to her rest in her home in Gallows Bay where she resided for 61 years.

Mrs. Henry, Miss Inger, Mother Henry, Cousin Inger, Auntie Borg, Borgie, Mother will be greatly missed. We will always cherish her memory. Her husband, her children and all of us call her blessed. May she rest in eternal peace.

HONORING JACK ECKERD ON HIS
90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jack Eckerd, a man who has dedicated his life to public service as he celebrates his 90th birthday.

Jack Eckerd's life is a testament to what one can achieve with hard work, dedication, and perseverance.

After flying air cargo flights for the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, Mr. Eckerd opened a now well known chain of drug stores in the Tampa Bay area. These stores, named after their founder, were the first self-service drugstores in Florida. Many of the concepts he instituted at his stores, such as senior citizen discounts and two-for-one photo processing, have become standard practice in drugstores across the country.

Jack Eckerd's story is more than that of veteran, successful businessman, and devoted husband to his wife, Ruth. Mr. Eckerd quickly became involved in his community after founding Eckerd drugstores. He contributed his time, talents and money to help organizations such as the YMCA, United Way, and Morton Plant Hospital in my congressional district in Clearwater, Florida. He also founded, in 1968, Eckerd Youth Alternatives, an organization dedicated to finding innovative solutions to help troubled youths. Eckerd Youth Alternatives, which he considers his proudest accomplishment, today is one of the nation's leading and most respected programs for troubled young people.

Jack Eckerd ran for the U.S. Senate in 1974 and later co-chaired former Florida Governor Ruben Askew's study on management and ef-

iciency, which found more than \$100 million in state budget waste. President Gerald Ford appointed Mr. Eckerd to head the General Services Administration from 1975 to 1977. President Ford, commenting on Mr. Eckerd's tenure, said "Jack ran GSA cleaner than a hound's tooth." He later was appointed by then Governor and now Senator BOB GRAHAM—the man who defeated him in his Senate race—as chairman of the board of Prison Rehabilitative Industries, a state program to provide jobs and skills to inmates and to make such institutions self-supporting. Since his retirement in 1996, Jack Eckerd has remained involved in his community.

Mr. Eckerd's financial generosity is legendary. He and his family have given millions of dollars through the years to improve education, promote the arts, and encourage the health and well-being of our fellow citizens. Jack Eckerd has received many awards for his public service and philanthropy over the years. The greatest honor he can receive, however, is to know that he has had a profoundly positive impact on those whose lives he has touched.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to thank Jack Eckerd for his life's work and congratulate him as he celebrates his 90th birthday on May 16. I wish him and his family many years of continued health and happiness.

CONCERNING THE OUTBREAK OF
SEVERE ACUTE RESPIRATORY
SYNDROME (SARS) IN TAIWAN

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my concern about the outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) in Taiwan. Despite the World Health Organization's categorization of the disease as "a worldwide health threat," it has refused to help Taiwan during this time of need.

What the WHO has failed to realize is that "worldwide health threats" do not remain neatly behind political borders. Taiwan may not yet be a member of the WHO or a recognized independent state by some countries, but that does not make SARS any less of a threat to the Taiwanese people.

This crisis underlines the need for Taiwan to be granted observer status in the WHO, much like their status in the World Trade Organization. Global health risks must be addressed wherever they may occur and regardless of the political environments surrounding them. We should not expose the Taiwanese people to unnecessary health risks simply because their status in some intergovernmental organizations is uncertain.

I urge my colleagues to remain outspoken in their support of Taiwan's bid to gain observer status in the WHO so that dangerous diseases like SARS may be battled wherever they occur.

THE LEGACY OF DAVID BLOOM

HON. HENRY BONILLA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Mr. BONILLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the legacy of NBC's David Bloom. All across America as people mourn the loss of life among our men and women in uniform, we also mourn the loss of David. Over the years he touched so many lives with his dramatic, cutting-edge reporting.

Prior to my time in the U.S. Congress I spent 15 years in the broadcast news business. Today my wife continues in that field. The two of us watch television news reporters with a special eye. David was in a league of his own. He always brought a flair, an insight, an extra dimension to his stories that made you feel the impact. There were times it felt like you had been on a roller coaster after watching his reports. And you always felt better informed.

David always set the standard for covering breaking news whether it was the Clinton scandal or the current war. Just when you thought it was impossible to break new ground in broadcast news, David would do it. His Bloommobile rides through Iraq put Americans on the edge of their seats each night. No other reports on television compared to his. Viewers were better served because they got to feel the peril of our troops and the ruggedness they experienced. I remember discussing his reports at the dinner table with family and friends. All agreed his work was the best and couldn't wait to see his next report. David was a rare talent.

David's now in a different place. I'm sure he's trying to figure out a way to get a satellite signal set up so he can send us another report. We wish he had a way to reach us. It would be the most incredible moment ever on television. Appropriately, it would carry his name.

TRIBUTE TO MR. MURRAY
SISSELMAN: "MISTER EDU-
CATION" IN MIAMI-DADE COUN-
TY

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, March 11, 2003, our country lost a true giant in the profession of teaching our children.

Murray Sisselman was a man of great intellect, poise and determination. As President of the United Teachers of Dade for over a quarter century, he was an innovator who played a key role in the operations and policies of the nation's fourth largest school system, helping our schools adapt to a changing workplace, a changing economy, and an influx of immigrants from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua and dozens of other countries.

A native New Yorker, Murray Sisselman came to Miami in December, 1949. He attended the University of Miami for his undergraduate studies, and continued his graduate studies at NOVA University, where he received a Master of Science Degree as an Educational Specialist.