

didn't match his crazy hours, his ability to count votes or his understanding of the art of the deal, they'd be subjected to eruptions from the Burton volcano.

Throughout his career, in fact, the biggest obstacle to Burton's success was his rage. That he accomplished as much as he did was due in part to Sala. The late John Jacobs, whose 1995 biography of Burton, "A Rage for Justice," is one of the great political biographies of the past quarter-century, reported that Sala was Phil's confidante, co-strategist and champion, but that was only the beginning. "She cleaned up his messes," Jacobs wrote, "soothing and placating those he insulted or abused. She alone could intervene in a conversation to shut him up."

Phil Burton was first elected to the House in 1964. In his 19 years as a congressman—he died of a ruptured aorta in 1983—he was responsible for the legislation that established Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for the aged, blind and disabled; created black-lung compensation for coal miners; increased the minimum wage; made strikers eligible for food stamps; greatly expanded the size and number of national parks; and abolished the House Un-American Activities Committee. More broadly, he broke the power of the old Dixiecrat barons in the House by subjecting committee chairmanships to secret ballot elections within the Democratic caucus. He engineered reapportionments of California that were greatly to his party's benefit, and he steered contributions to the Democratic candidates who needed them most.

When he died, Sala succeeded him in a special election. Just four years later, in January 1987, Sala herself lay dying of cancer. She asked Phil's brother, John Burton, who had represented an adjoining congressional district in San Francisco, to come to the hospital and told him that she wanted "Nancy" to succeed her. For a moment, John Burton was unsure which Nancy she was referring to, but as she explained to family and friends at her bedside, the woman in question was the former California Democratic Party chair Nancy Pelosi.

Pelosi had been associated with the Burtons since shortly after she and her husband had moved to San Francisco in the years when Phil's star was rising. The Pelosis had a large, attractive house, and the first thing she recalls Phil saying to her was, "We'll use this for fundraisers." But Phil's appreciation of Pelosi wasn't confined to her abilities as a hostess. He saw in her a commitment to progressive values and a clear political sense of how to turn those values into laws. When John stepped down from Congress in 1982, Phil asked Pelosi to stand for election to replace him, but she declined, saying her children were too young. Five years later, Sala, on her deathbed, evidently saw in Pelosi the same qualities that Phil had seen.

This time, her children older, Pelosi said yes, and in April she won a squeaker of a special election.

In the House, Pelosi has continually sought the counsel of another Burton protégé, George Miller, whose district is right across the Bay from hers. Appointed early on to a seat on the Appropriations Committee, she demonstrated, says the committee's new chairman, Wisconsin's David Obey, that she was "operational"—a Burton word meaning able to steer difficult measures to enactment.

When the Newt Gingrich Republicans swept to power in 1994, political almanac authors Michael Barone and Grant Ujifusa termed it "the collapse of the House that Phil Burton built." Nancy Pelosi, as smooth as Phil Burton was rough, is far more open to openness in the legislative process than her sometimes secretive mentor was. Politically, she understands the limits of the pos-

sible and that she can expand them only as far as the American people are willing to go. But she also knows that the American people want Congress to do any number of things that were stubbornly, and, in the end, suicidally resisted by the now-collapsed house that Newt Gingrich built.

The Burtonistas—with different causes and methods for a new era, to be sure—are back. Score two for you, Sala.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF JUDGE JACK HUGHES

#### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 29, 2007*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask for the attention of the House today to pay recognition to Judge Jack Hughes, a highly respected public servant who is retiring from 19 years of service. Currently, Judge Hughes presides as Circuit Judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit in Anniston, Alabama.

Judge Hughes has served our nation in a number of important capacities. Prior to graduating from the Birmingham School of Law in 1983, Judge Hughes served our Nation in the United States Army, as well as in a law enforcement capacity at the Anniston Police Department. After earning his law degree, he has worked in both private practice and has served as the Presiding Judge for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, and Presiding Family Court Judge.

Our great Nation is made stronger by those who serve the common good. Jack Hughes has served his community and his Nation well, and for that we all extend to him our most hearty thanks. I salute Judge Hughes on this important occasion, and congratulate him on his service to the legal field and to our community.

#### RECOGNIZES ROBERT CLEMENT ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

#### HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 29, 2007*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert "Bob" Clement on the occasion of his retirement. A dedicated public servant for more than 40 years, Bob worked for many years in law enforcement and customs inspection, eventually finishing his career leading a youth mentoring program in New York City.

Bob began his career in government service when he entered the Army in December, 1963. Serving 6 years in the U.S. Army, including 2 years in Vietnam, Bob was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for ground action. Honorably discharged from the Army in April, 1970, Bob left with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Entering civilian government service in November 1970 as an original member of the Air Marshal Program, Bob served there throughout the 3 year pilot program commission. He then became a U.S. Customs Inspector, where in addition to the normal duties of a

Customs Officer he volunteered in 1991 for the colateral duty of serving as the advisor for a youth program sponsored by U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The program is known as Law Enforcement Exploring and may be sponsored by any Federal, State or local law enforcement agency. The program is open to young men and women, ages 14 to 21. Throughout the U.S. there are over 20,000 youth involved with this program. In the Greater New York Area there are over 4,000 explorers.

As the leader in youth law enforcement mentoring, Bob has been recognized by various governmental agencies for his dedication and hard work. Bob has twice been awarded the coveted Commissioner of Customs Award, twice named the Advisor of the Year in the Greater New York area, and awarded the title of Partner in Education for his contributions of leadership, expertise, service, and support to the youth in the New York City public school system. Finally, Bob was named the first ever recipient of the National Advisor of the Year Award in 2004.

Madam Speaker, Bob Clement has worked a lifetime helping others. His commitment to protecting our borders and to mentoring our children is to be commended. This Congress should take this moment to honor Bob on the occasion of his retirement and thank him for his service to our children and to our Nation.

#### A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF GEORGE H. CARDINET, JR.

#### HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 29, 2007*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, it was with great sadness that I learned of the passing of George Cardinet on January 19, 2007. California has lost a tireless leader whose many contributions as an outspoken advocate for trails and open space will be remembered and revered by the citizens of Contra Costa County and all who knew him.

George Cardinet was born on April 8, 1909, in San Francisco, California, to George H. Cardinet, co-founder of the Cardinet Candy Company, and Mary de Sales Cardinet. George succeeded his father as President of the company, and retired as a candy maker but his passion has long been for horses and trails and open space.

In 1940 George bought a ranch in Concord, California, which backed up to Mt. Diablo and began forging trails in what is now Mt. Diablo State Park. Each of the single-track trails on the eastern slope of the mountain was hand-built by George and his fellow horsemen. George was an avid equestrian and for 65 years worked tirelessly as an advocate for the preservation of public parks and the development of riding and hiking trails.

There are more than 200 miles of trails throughout the East Bay that Cardinet helped build. George was one of the leaders of the California State Trails Plan and his trail development in Contra Costa County served as a model for the California State Riding and Hiking Trails Act of 1945, and the California Recreational Trails Act of 1974. In 1968 he was instrumental in drafting the National Trails Act,

and was invited to the bill signing by President Lyndon Johnson. George insisted on the inclusion of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail into the National Trails Act as a sister trail to the Appalachian Trail in the east.

George Cardinet initiated the establishment of the Juan Bautista De Anza National Historic Trail which was secured by law in 1990. He worked on the management plan and was Chairman of the Board of Amigos De Anza support group for the trail. He was honored at the American Trails Conference in November, 1998, by John Horsly, Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation, for his initiative in organizing an international relay on horseback to highlight the De Anza Trail. Later under George's leadership, the De Anza Trail was designated a Millennium Trail and he was again invited to the White House. In appreciation of his efforts, First Lady Hillary Clinton presented him with a certificate that stated, in part, "Cardinet's leadership will play an important role in achieving the goal of a nationwide network of trails that preserve open spaces, interpret history and culture, and promote alternative transportation routes as well as recreation and tourism."

George Cardinet worked with the East Bay Regional Park District to annex portions of Contra Costa County with the park district to establish trail links between East Bay Regional Parks and Mt. Diablo State Park. For his longstanding and sustained advocacy of trails, George has become known as the Father of California Trails by the California State Horsemen's Association, and the Grandfather of the Juan Bautista de Anza Historic Trail as well as the Grandfather of National Trails by the National Park Service.

Mr. Cardinet is survived by a brother, Walter M. Cardinet of Auburn, a son, Dr. George H. Cardinet III and daughter-in-law, Claudia Cardinet of Winters; and daughters Maureen Casteel and Michele Tomasulo and sons-in-law, Gary Casteel and Anthony Tomasulo, all of Concord.

Madam Speaker, because of George Cardinet's countless contributions as an open space and trail advocate, it is appropriate for us to honor him today.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE OF  
JALESSA CLEMENTS

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 29, 2007*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, Ms. Jaleesa Clements, a 16-year-old constituent of mine from Tuskegee, Alabama, tragically passed away recently.

According to those who knew her, Jaleesa was a highly intelligent young woman with a bright future. At school, she was recognized for her accomplishments as Miss Tuskegee Institute Middle School. Jaleesa had many talents, and also dedicated her time to serving in the Booker T. Washington High School Marching Aristocrats, where she served as the Majorette Captain. She was also a young woman with a strong faith, and contributed to her community by being an active member of St. James AME Church in Tuskegee, Alabama.

It is a tragedy indeed that a young person filled with such promise was taken from us at

such an early age. She will be missed dearly. On this mournful occasion, I ask that we all remember Jaleesa, and pray for her loved ones, her family, and her community as they grieve for her passing.

RECOGNIZING HJALMA E. JOHNSON OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA

**HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 29, 2007*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Hjalma E. Johnson, the recipient of the 4TH Annual Lincoln Heritage Award presented by the East Pasco Political Club. This prestigious award was established to recognize an outstanding community member for his or her commitment to the principles practiced and espoused by Abraham Lincoln, as well as for their humanitarian services to the community and to Pasco County.

An unassuming country boy whose reputation precedes him in the global marketplace, Mr. Johnson is President of Investment Advisors, Inc., and Triple J. Ranch, Inc. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of Hyde Park Capital's Advisory Board, Moore, Clayton LLC, a London based merchant bank and Crews Banking Corp., Wauchula, Fl. He is also a past President of the Florida Bankers Association and the American Bankers Association.

Mr. Johnson graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor's in Industrial Engineering with High Honors in 1958. A U.S. Army veteran, Mr. Johnson served as a Counter-Intelligence Officer at the U.S. Army's European Headquarters in Heidelberg, Germany. He received a Juris Doctorate from Birmingham School of Law in 1965, is a member of the Alabama Bar, and is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court. He is a 1968 graduate of the Stonier Graduate School of Banking, Rutgers University. In addition, he served on the University of Florida's Warrington College of Business Advisory Council and is the immediate past President of the University of Florida Gator Boosters.

A former Chairman of the Trustees of Saint Leo University, St. Leo, FL, Mr. Johnson served on the Salvation Army Service Committee, was inducted into the Tampa Bay Business Hall of Fame, and was a board member of the Fannie Mae National Advisory Council.

Mr. Johnson recently celebrated his fiftieth wedding anniversary with his high school sweetheart, Laura. Their son, Len, is a practicing attorney in Dade City, FL, where he resides with his wife, Nancy. Mr. Johnson's grandson, Brock, is a senior at the University of Florida, and his granddaughter, Paige, is a freshman at the University of Alabama.

Madam Speaker, Hjalma Johnson is well known for his compassion for others and for his commitment and passion to his community and profession. I am proud to honor him as an exemplary executive, husband, father and grandfather in Florida's 5th Congressional District, and as the 2007 recipient of the Lincoln Heritage Award from the East Pasco Political Club.

HONORING ROGER CARTER, NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE RURITAN CLUB

**HON. DAVID DAVIS**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 29, 2007*

Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Roger Carter, a resident of the First Congressional District of Tennessee, who has recently been elected one of 7 National Directors for the Ruritan Club.

Roger Carter led the ticket in votes by garnering 503 of 666 ballots issued at the 76th Annual Ruritan National Convention held in Louisville, Kentucky.

Roger Carter is a member of the Ottway Ruritan Club where he has served as President, Vice President, Board of Directors and all Service Committees. The awards he has received: Club Ruritan of the Year, Outstanding President's Award, National President's Golden Key Award, and National President's VIP Award. He also has received the Tom Downing Fellow the highest award that a member can receive.

Roger Carter has served as President and Vice President of the Greene County Council of Ruritans.

Roger Carter is a resident of Afton, Tennessee, where he and Kimberly, his wife reside.

Roger Carter is a Transportation Technician 1 Roadway Inspector for the Tennessee Department of Transportation.

Roger also is a member of: Greeneville Optimist Club, United Volunteer Fire Department, Greeneville Moose Lodge #692, Greene County Agriculture Advisory Committee and Union Freewill Baptist Church.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my fellow members to join me in honoring Roger Carter, a true servant of community, whose commitment and unwavering determination continue to make a lasting impact all throughout East Tennessee.

RETIREMENT OF MR. RICHARD J. CONNELLY OF THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 29, 2007*

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Mr. Richard J. Connelly. Having served his country for more than 38 years, he retired from the Federal Government on January 3, 2007. His record of achievement during this period reflects great credit upon himself and upon the organizations with which he has served.

Mr. Connelly is a member of the Senior Executive Service and has received numerous awards over his career including a 2003 Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive. Beginning his Federal career as an Army Signal Officer in 1968, Mr. Connelly joined the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) in 1972 as a management intern in the budget office. In 1986, he was appointed to the Senior Executive Service and was named the chief of the